

THE MESSENGER

March 2005

Building Bridges To The Families Of Mulberry, Leading Them To Christ And Christian Commitment

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 Pastoral Care Craig Overman
 Music Director Angie Schilling
 Pianist Esther Creamer
 Custodian: Sarah Wilson
 Admin. Asst.: Chris Gipson
 Nursery: Wendy Simon
 Wee Blessings Preschool:
 Director: Sarah Wilson
 Teacher: Sarah Wilson
 Assistant: Mary Kay Finnerty

Traditional Worship: 8:45 am
 Sunday School: 10:00 am
 Blue Jean Service: 11:00 am

Bible Study: Tuesdays @ 7 pm &
 Wednesdays @ 10 am & 2 pm

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**NEWSLETTER
 DEADLINE IS THE 15TH
 OF EACH MONTH.**

From The Pastor

Monday evening, February 14th, the Ad Board agreed to purchase a new copy machine. The total cost for our new machine will be around \$6,000. Our church makes around 6,500 copies per month. Our last machine lasted us 10 years but is now obsolete. If you would like to donate to this worthy project, make your check to MUMC and put "copy machine" in the left-hand corner.

Pastor Tom

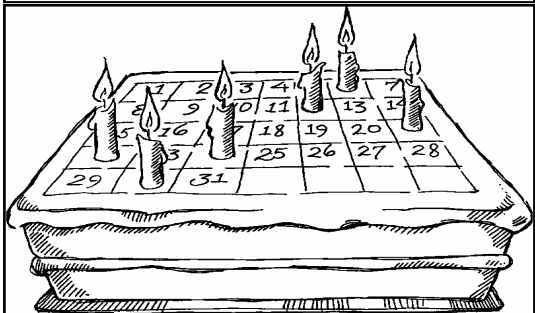


Space For Rent

Abba's Place is available for your next Family Reunion, Birthday Party or any special event you may have coming up. There is no charge for Church members in good standing. However, the Church would be overjoyed to accept a financial donation to cover the expenses of maintaining Abba's. Simply contact Chris at the Church office to arrange for rental.

March Birthdays

Ask Freida



**Birthdays
This Month**

- 3/5.....Jerry Seager
- 3/6.....Roger Lewis
- 3/12.....Mary Fultz
- 3/12.....Shelly Surber
- 3/13.....Suzie Kelsey
- 3/14.....Tom Simon, Jr.
- 3/15.....Chris Waugh
- 3/17.....Craig Seager
- 3/18.....Carl Timmons
- 3/20.....Jim Huffer
- 3/28.....Jeff Dellinger
- 3/29.....Myron Chezem
- 3/30.....Freida Weber
- 3/31.....Michelle Albitz



Dear Freida,
I feel like I should go on a mission trip, but I'm not sure. Should I?
Signed,
Uncertain in Mulberry.

Dear Uncertain,
Yes, you should go. This could change your life. Plus, trust your gut. Think about how much money you have, they will think you are rich!

Sincerely,
Freida

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Matt & Sandy Waninger! God brought them two new baby boys February 9th, 2005.

Vitals

Benjamin Matthew, born Feb. 9th @ 5:17 pm, 4lbs 15 oz., 18 3/4 inches long. His names together mean "My right hand son, gift from God". Nathaniel Thomas, born Feb. 9th @ 5:44 pm, 4 lbs. 8oz., 18 inches long. His names together mean "The Lord has provided a double blessing".

God bless Mother, Father and babies!

Ministry Assistants

Meetings & Events

Traditional Service

Communion Steward: Marlene Boyd

Acolyte: Tess Wilson

Greeters:

- 6 Wayne & Jane Leak
- 13 JC & Coralee Judge
- 20 Randy & Rita Cornell
- 27 Dan & Dania Remaly & Family

Worship Leaders: 6th & 13th-Barb Seager
20th & 27th-Coralee Judge

Praying for The Pastor (8:30 am)

- 6 Cheryl Overman
- 13 Rita Cornell & Helen Hann
- 20 Wayne Walker
- 27 Mary Lou Clendenning

Blue Jean Service

Children's Church

- 6 Sarah Wilson
- 13 Beth Newhart
- 20 Elaine Simon
- 27 Vicki Hastings

Greeters:

- 6 Jim & Janice Dyer
- 13 Terry & Terri Lenahan & Family
- 20 Ed, Janet & Valerie Fisher
- 27 Vince, Deb & Kelsey Schutz

- 3rd** UMW 7 pm @ the Church
- 14th** Administrative Board 7 pm @ the Church
- 27th** Corporate Prayer @ the Church 6 pm

Weekly Calendar

- Sun:** 8:45 am Traditional Service
- 10 am Sunday School
- 11 am Blue Jean Service
- 4:30 pm Youth @ the Church
- Mon:** 6:30 am Men's Bible Study/
Breakfast @ the Corner Restaurant
- Tues:** 5:30 am Women's Bible Study
- 9 am Craft Ladies @ the Church
- 7 pm Bible Study @ the Church
- 8 pm AA Meeting-Church Basement
- Wed:** 10 am Bible Study @ the Church
- 2 pm Bible Study @ the Villa
- Sat:** 7 am Men's Bible Study/
Breakfast **2nd & 4th Saturday each month.**

Thank You!

Dear UMW Ladies,

Thank you so very much for the Albitz/Waninger Baby Shower. It was so much fun to share the day with our church family! The generosity shown by everyone was just overwhelming. We cannot put into words how much our church family means to us! Thank you for the many gifts for the

Waninger Boys!

In Christ,

Sandy & Matt Waninger

MUMC Vital Signs

	General Fund Income	Weekly Required Income
Jan. 2	\$4,390	\$3,404
Attendance 149		
Jan. 9	\$2,962	\$3,404
Attendance 103		
Jan. 16	\$3,965	\$3,404
Attendance 171		
Jan. 23	\$2,706	\$3,404
Attendance 155		
Jan. 30	\$4,523	\$3,404
Attendance 144		
Feb. 6	\$3,334	\$3,404
Attendance 150		

6 Week Offering Ave. \$3,646
 6 Week Attendance Ave. 145



Thank You

Many thanks to ALL who helped with the Community Club Dinner! Those who provided salads were: Janet Fisher, Mary Fultz, Crysta Kas, Barbara Lee and Sandy Seager. Cookie makers were: Sandy Reddix, Wendy Simon, Lori Thies and Pat Weber. A special thanks to Cindi Cullom who decorated the tables, Claudia Timmons who set them and to Cathy & John Harden and Wilma & Jerry Fultz who put the chairs and tables away. Our servers were: Dale & Nancy Girtman, Dick Howe, Sharon Maish, Carol Nagy and Tom & Elaine Simon.

You are appreciated!

United Methodist Women

Clinton County Church Women United

The Clinton County Church Women “World Day Of Prayer” will be held on March 5th in the Wesley Manor Chapel at 1:30 pm. The Worship Service for this has been written by women of Poland. Father Borawski, who is from Poland, and some of the women from St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Frankfort, will present the program entitled: “Let Our Light Shine”. This is open to every denomination of church women. Men are also encouraged to attend this special service.

Wee Blessings News

February has been a very busy and short month with much sickness. We have had low attendance for most of the month. I hope everyone gets to feeling (and staying) better. Spring is just around the corner-knowing this might make us all feel better.

The four year old class has done an awesome job with their names! I am so proud of what they have accomplished since we started practicing. A lot of this came from home. Way to go Parents! The kids are so proud to show us their practice papers. Their Valentine Party was on Monday, February 14th. What a great party. Thank you to those who donated and/or stayed to help. These parents are F-A-N-T-A-S-T-I-C.

The three year old class had their Valentine Day Party early (Friday, February 11th), but they still had a great party. What neat treats they received. These parents are G-R-E-A-T! Thanks to all who donated and/or stayed to help. They will begin their numbers in March. NOTE: If you are missing a child's jacket (boys, size 4/5) please check the coat rack for Wee Blessings. It has been here a long time. It is a jean jacket with burgundy fleece interior, Faded Glory brand.

Also, we are in need of baby wet wipes. Any donations would be helpful. Antibacterial are the best--Thank you.

Smile-God loves you!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wilson

UMW

The February meeting of the UMW was a fun evening of eating out at Jim Dandy's and then attending the Frankfort Civic Theater. Sixteen members and guests were given an inside glimpse of what happens when a successful comedy team who parted ways 11 years prior are urged to just "one more time" present their routine. The "Sunshine Boys" is about renewing friendships and realizing that the partners have more in common now than they thought. Ironically, they will once again be together and doing their show biz as a sideline entertainment. Those attending were: Betty Campbell, Esther Creamer, Janie Garriott, Helen Hann, Vicki Hastings, Becky & Jim Humrickhouse, Julia & Steve Percy, Dan & Dania Remaly, Barb Seager, Wendy & Matt Simon, Jean Sutton and Elaine Walden.

MULBERRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES

PRESENT: Jerry Fultz, Ryan Turner, Craig Cheryl & Erin Overman, Rita Cornell, Chris Gipson, Jim Cul-lom, Coralee Judge, Wilma Howe, Barb Seager, John Harden, Pastor Tom Hoehner, Sherry Gouvan, Myron Chezem and Recording Secretary, Sarah Wilson.

Jerry read from the Book of Romans and started the meeting with his agenda. He brought up the idea of publishing the minutes in the newsletter. This will start this month. Sarah will type them up and give them to Chris.

Minutes were approved as read.

BRIDGE BUILDERS: Sent 72 cards in December and in January, 42 cards were sent. In December, \$12.98 was spent and in January, \$12.77 was spent.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Been having 7-10 kids. They have been talking about the Book of Hebrews and Love this month.

MISSIONS: Collecting money for the tsunami relief efforts-have raised \$421.00. Some of this money has been forwarded on. Getting ready for the new year's projects. Will have the Easter breakfast and the Mission trip this summer. Balance-\$368.68.

WORSHIP: January 9th was the Taking Down of the Greens. Will start having meetings after second service. Planning the Beach Party and a new pictorial. Will have an Acolyte lunch. Need tutoring for Communion Stewards.

PASTOR PARISH: No Report

TRUSTEES: Basement furnace was repaired. The glass is loose in the Sanctuary doors. Chris will look into this. The taxes are fixed. Abba's will be fixed in the Spring. Will replace the linoleum at the back door and fix the linoleum in the girl's downstairs bathroom. Will clearly mark the bottom step into the basement (from the bathrooms). Insurance has gone up. Not a lot of money coming in for Trustees. Do not have the extra to give for the copier. Sign at Abba's will go up in the Spring. Fixed bathroom light at the Parsonage.

FINANCE: The General Fund Balance: \$3,692.41. Organ Fund Balance: \$296.56. New Building Fund Balance: \$9,844.98. Working on the Audit.

PASTORAL CARE: Craig is trying to visit everyone in first service at least once. Then he will start with the second service.

MULBERRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES cont.

MEMORIALS: In January, a withdrawal for \$359.48 was taken out for the new speakers for the Nursery and the basement.

UMM: No report

UMW: The first meeting will be in March. The meeting will be Sarah Thies talking about her mission trip. There will be a women's retreat in the summer in Crawfordsville. Sixteen UMW and their guests went out to dinner and to the theatre last Thursday.

YOUTH: Started a new Sr. High Sunday School class. Do not have a classroom to meet in. They can use the Faith room if no one is in there. We are running out of room for classes to meet. There were 27 kids at the Lock-in at Abba's. Have five more Purdue ballgames to work at. These will pay for the trip to Cedar Point.

Kid's Club: K-3rd grade are studying the Book of Psalms. Had Valentine night where the kids made valentines for the residents at the Mulberry Lutheran Home. Abba's Kid's Club made Valentines for the people at the Share and Care Center.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: No report

WEE BLESSINGS: Both classes had their Valentines Day Parties. A lot of sickness so there has been low attendance. We now have the Money Police to watch for people who get behind in their fees. Payments are coming in much better this year.

AUDIO VISUAL: The new speakers are great! Looking at getting a new laptop and monitor for the Choir loft.

OLD NEWS: The Copier Committee went to Lafayette Copier to get more information on purchase and lease prices (these quotes are attached to the original minutes). The approximate cost for the copier that the committee had in mind will be \$6,000.00. A motion was made by Ryan that Chris call Lafayette Copier and ask them if we can have a 30 day free trial for the e-studio 450 copier and will make a decision after these 30 days. Also would like 90 days same as cash so we can raise the money. Pastor Tom seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed. This copier has to be purchased soon because parts for the one in the office will soon be obsolete and it is not working properly. A \$500.00 donation from the Audio Visual Committee was given. Anyone or any committees may also make donation for this machine. We are paying \$100.75 a month for advertising on the phone bill. Will look into a smaller ad. John made a motion to check advertising and get back to the board. Ryan said he would check on this. Coralee seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed. There was discussion on the future of this church in terms of adding on for more room or a new building. John made a motion to get a Needs Assessment for our church. Craig seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Craig will look into this. The Accountability Committee will have clear report next month. There are only 7 months until Consecration Sunday. There will be a church website presentation the last Sunday of this month. The baby showers went great.

KID'S CLUB NEWS

Our new theme for K-3 is "Psalms are Ideal, no matter what you feel". So far we've had lessons on God Knows Me, God Hears Me, God Cares For Me, and God Is Great! We are learning to find the book of Psalms in our Bibles. Our special music also goes along with our lessons. For our project in February we made Valentines and gave some of them to the Mulberry Lutheran Home. Thanks to Wendy Simon for sharing her time and talent in our Valentine centers. We also got to ice and decorate a cookie-and then the best of all, we got to eat it, yum!

Keep Your Child Safe On The Internet

MUMC now has an extra friend in cyberspace. It's name is mykiwe.com. From this website you can order the only true, safe Internet Browser. This will protect your children from viewing any inappropriate websites. As a bonus, MUMC will receive \$10.00 for every sale from this site. To find out more about this, go to www.mumc-in.mykiwie.com

THANK YOU!

MUMC would like to thank both Gloria Dei and Trinity Churches for their donations to MUMC's Stone Soup Food Pantry. Also, thank you to our own congregation for their donations to the pantry.

"IF EVERYONE GIVES JUST A LITTLE, THERE WILL BE PLENTY FOR ALL"

Missions Committee News

The Missions Committee will be starting the 2005 Haiti Fundraising Effort with the Easter Breakfast (free will offering) on Sunday, March 27th, 2005. If anyone is interested in taking a Missions Trip in 2005, please let me know. We will try to take a trip to Henderson Settlement in Kentucky or something similar (for those who want to experience Missions for a shorter time period and closer to home). We plan to return to Haiti (Jul-Aug 05) for 1 week to conduct a Vacation Bible School in conjunction with a work project.

As in past years, we will provide containers to save money with a goal of raising \$500.00 for each Mission Team Member (\$100.00 X 5 containers). Each Missions Team Member will be responsible for the \$400.00 with the shorter term Mission Trip being somewhat less (fundraising will make up the cost above \$400.00 paid by Mission Team Members).

I would like to encourage those of you who have not gone on a Mission Trip before to really consider it. Maybe it's time to take up your cross and do some discipleship. Watch the Church bulletin for the next Missions Committee Meeting, where everyone with an interest in MUMC Missions will be invited to attend. If anyone has a question in the meantime, call me at: 296-4774, or e-mail me at: rturner1955@aol.com

If anyone wants to research Missions, they can access the following web-sites.

North Indiana Conference at: <http://www.nicum.org> (click on Missions)

Henderson Settlement at: www.gb-gm-umc.org/hendersonsettlement/

Thanks to the entire congregation for continuing to show great support for MUMC Missions efforts.

Ryan Turner

Missions Chairperson

Thank You

My family and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and well wishes during the last month or so. I'm doing quite well considering my Thyroid removal surgery was on Feb. 3rd, 2005. I'm scheduled for a Radioactive Iodine Treatment on March 11th, followed by a body scan on March 18th. If all goes well, I'll be placed on Thyroid medicine shortly after the 18th and just have periodic check-ups to make sure no Cancer re-occurs.

Never, never under-estimate the power of prayer.
It is awesome, it's of God.

Thanks again,

Ryan Turner