



## From Dave's Desk...

The enthusiasm at Mulberry United Methodist Church is exciting. People are sharing their hopes and dreams. Together we have set goals for 2008, which are included in this newsletter. With God's help all of this is not a job for just a select few; it is the calling for all.

Where do we begin? That is a good question and has been asked more than once. We begin with praying that the Holy Spirit will guide us in sharing our faith with others. This may be in word or in an act of kindness.

God's spirit will present opportunities to us. We need to be prepared to invite people to church. By inviting, I mean asking them to come and telling them you will pick them up. It can be a little intimidating to come to a church you have never been before. You have to find a place to sit; you don't know what to do when. By your bringing them, they can rest assured that you will put them at ease.

When you see a new face at church, be sure to greet them and introduce yourself. Mary Alys and I have

attended other churches, from time to time. Some churches were very friendly others seemed not to care. Each new person that attends is a gift from God to us. Strangers need to find us to be friends. If each person dies and act of Kindness this week, what a difference it will make in our community, If each person invites another to church, our church could double in a month's time. That is what the leaders to the church are asking you to do, to show kindness and to invite someone to church. That is where we begin. The peace of God be with you.

*Pastor Dave*

**Prayer Partners  
will meet on March  
9th at 6 p.m. All are  
welcome.**

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: 15TH of Each Month

Pastor: David Hummel  
Choir Director: Mary Lou Clendenning  
Pianist: Esther Creamer  
Organist: Angie Schilling  
Nursery: Sherry Gouvan  
Custodian: Jerry Fultz  
Admin. Asst: Wendy Simon

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

Bible Study: Tues. 7 pm & Wed. 10 am  
Women's Bible Study:  
Tue at 6 am at the Church  
P.S. Jesus Women's 7:15 pm  
Thursday Study Group in Vickie  
Brose's home  
Men's Bible Study 7 am 2nd & 4th Sat.  
Youth Group Sun. At Abba's 4-5:30

Wee Blessings Preschool:  
Director & Teacher: Patty Wright  
Teacher: Donna Kirkpatrick

Assistant Teacher: Mary Kay Finnerty  
Church Office: (765) 296-3399  
Pastor's Home: (765) 296-3390  
Abba's Place: (765) 296-2090  
Church Email: [mlbymc@intel.net](mailto:mlbymc@intel.net)  
Web-site: [www.mumc-in.org](http://www.mumc-in.org)  
Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30-1:30  
Food Pantry: By Appointment  
Call Church Office



## Kid's Club

We are still working on Kid's Club. We have not forgotten. Pray that all plans and changes are well thought out and done with God's blessing. Keep this ministry to the community in your prayers. Be watching for updates.

## Corporate Prayer

Please note that Corporate Prayer will be a week early this month because of Easter. March 16th at 6 p.m. Bring all your prayer concerns for the community and church body.

## Upcoming Evening at the Theater

Please join us for an evening at the theater. Tickets are \$10 each. We are going on April 24. We need to know how many so we can order tickets. All women are invited as well as your husbands and men of the church.

The Girls of the Garden Club A comedy by John Patrick

The race is on for the presidency! No-not the national race but for the local Garden Club. Can Rhoda Greenleaf "uproot" President Lillybelle by winning 1st prize in the annual Flower Show? We're sure this delightful comedy will "grow" on you and you'll be "blooming" with smiles by show's end. Directed by Deb Smith.

## Wee Blessings Preschool

We hope that all of you had a wonderful Valentine's Day filled with fun, family, and love! The children had a great time at their parties and we want to thank everyone that brought something!



The children are working very hard on learning their letters, numbers, shapes, telephone numbers, addresses, lacing their shoes and so much more! They are amazing children and we are enjoying every moment we spend with them! The children are also learning four Bible Verses a month and the Bible story that goes with them. Donna, Mary Kay and I have found that we have 19 little artists and we love seeing them create their art projects every day. We hope that you enjoy their art while you are downstairs.

The Wee Blessings staff would like to again thank each of you for all that you do for us! We could not do this without all of you!

God Bless,  
*Wee Blessings Staff*



## United Methodist Women

Many thanks to the ladies of the Church who prepared food for the Goodnight dinner. Those making salads and desserts were: Wilma Howe, Sandy Seager, Janie Garriott, Linda Marshall, Nancy Doyle, Lisa Scott, Barb Seager, Vicki Hastings, Sarah Coffman, Cathy Harden, Michelle Albitz, Elaine Simon, Barb Lee and Deb Garriott. Those working in the kitchen were: Wilma & Dick Howe, Coralee Judge and Barb Seager. We appreciate your help!

*United Methodist Women*

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## March Birthdays

3/6 Roger Lewis	3/15 Chris Waugh
3/10 Becki Farley	3/20 Jim Huffer
3/12 Mary Fultz	3/28 Jeff Dellinger
3/12 Shelly Surber	3/29 Myron Chezem
3/13 Suzie Kelsey	3/30 Freida Weber
3/14 Tom Simon, Jr.	3/31 Michelle Albitz

## "Girls Night In"

On Friday, February 15th, 13 women from MUMC met at Abba's Place for a Girls Night In. We relaxed, ate, talked, played games, and laughed! It was a wonderful evening of good fellowship and a little bit of competitive fun. We had a great time getting to know one another a little better. We had so much fun that we decided we should make this a monthly gathering. So look in the bulletin and newsletter for the next scheduled Girls Night In. All women are welcome!

If your birthday is not listed,  
please call the church office at 296-3399

## Service Assistants March

### Traditional Service

#### Prayer With Pastor:

3/2 Chris Waugh  
3/9 Cindi Cullom  
3/16 Rita Cornell  
3/23 All Prayer Partners  
3/30 Betty Campbell

Communion Steward: Rita Cornell

Worship Leader: Ronnette Peden &  
Matt Simon

Acolyte: Eric & Michelle Neidigh

#### Greeters:

3/2 Gene Marshall  
3/9 Randy & Rita Cornell  
3/16 Max & Sara Coffman  
3/23 Vicki Hastings  
3/30 Jerry & Wilma Fultz

### Blue Jean Service

Worship Leaders: Chris Waugh

#### Greeters:

3/2 Tom & Elaine Simon  
3/9 Brett & Ronnette Peden  
3/16 Newhart Family  
3/23 Paddock Family  
3/30 Patton Family

#### Children's Church:

3/9 Sandra Davis  
3/16 Becki & April Farley  
3/23 Janice Dyer  
3/30 Katelyn & Kara Simon

## 2008 Goals for Mulberry United Methodist Church

1. Have a worship attendance at the 200 Mark by year's end.
2. Have a membership increase of 50 new members.
3. Develop more smaller groups and a new members class and continue to have interesting and relevant Bible studies.
4. Double the attendance of Wee Blessings— our pre-school classes.
5. Triple the attendance of Kid's Club, which will begin anew this Fall.
6. Offer Confirmation Classes.
7. Offer Membership classes twice a year.
8. Double the attendance of Sunday School classes.
9. Double the attendance of Vacation Bible School.
10. Have a minimum of 20 youth in youth group with lots of programming and involvement in church and worship.
11. Thinking of having a combined worship service on the fifth Sundays of the month with a fellowship gathering before service.
12. Learn more about our heritage.
13. Have more trips to local missions to see what is being done in our part of the state. Help raise monetary and physical support for them.
14. Increase attendance for United Methodist Women. Double attendance for United Methodist Men. Get younger members involved.
15. Expand our facility (some how some way) to meet the needs of larger Sunday School classes and other groups meeting.
16. Involve more people of the church in Church Work days.
17. Make people aware of our web page and update it for programs and meetings in the church.
18. Get e-mail addresses of all people attending (with their permission of course) to reach them and keep them updated on prayer concerns, programs, work days, and other information.

\*If you are listed and unavailable on the date listed, please call the office at 296-3399.

### Girls Night In

Would you like to have a fun evening of fellowship with other women? Come to our "Girls Night In" at Abba's Place on March 14. It starts at 6 p.m. and goes until we want. We have snacks, talk, drinks, talk, play, games, and talk. You get the picture. There is no set program, no meeting, just good-old fashion fellowship. You can bring snacks or drinks, bring a friend, or just bring yourself. We will look forward to seeing you there.

## **Mulberry United Methodist Church Administrative Council-January 14, 2008**

- In attendance: Pastor David Hummel, Rita Cornell, Jerry Fultz, Rachel Moore, Barb Seager, Carol Nagy, Vicki Hastings, John Harden, Tom Simon, Elaine Simon, Becki Farley, Brett Peden, Coralee Judge, Steve Pearcy, Andrea Burke, Wendy Simon, Amy Thayer, Barb Paddack, Jon Paddack, and Mary Lou Clendenning.
- Rita opened the meeting with prayer and the lighting of a candle. December minutes were approved as submitted.
- Treasurer's Report by Andrea Burke: Bought QuickBooks and she and Wendy have the budget entered. Reports should be ready to be distributed at the next meeting. Wendy entered all of December's offerings today. New software is great and will be much better. Steve motioned to send Wendy to QuickBooks training which is being offered by the Purdue Extension Office in Frankfort with a discount offered by the Farmers Bank. Steve said that Wendy can take the course for \$50. Tom seconded. Motion carried.
- Finance by John Harden: John motioned we accept this budget and amend it at a later date. Barb S. seconded. Motion carried. Deb Tuner needs to be removed from the Memorial Fund and Amy Thayer needs to be added. As Sarah Wilson is no longer a Trustee she will no longer be on the Trustees Account.
- Memorials by Amy Thayer: \$1650.08
- Pastor Parish by Steve Pearcy: Steve said they have not had a meeting yet but plan to have one soon. On February 10th there will be a pitch in dinner at 5 p.m.
- Bridge Builders by Barb Seager: Bridge Builders meeting was last Saturday. In December sent 46 cards. End of year report: budget \$300 spent \$282.50. Materials donated \$157.13. Sent 232 cards and 290 postcards for a total of 522 cards sent.
- Wee Blessings by Barb Seager: Marching forward and year has started out well. Teacher of 3's broke her arm. Teacher of 4's met with the parents and that was well received.
- Fellowship by Mary Lou Clendenning: December, we hung greens, January took them down. Mary Lou appreciated everyone's help. New Year's Eve party was fun and well attended. Thanks to Mark and Kevin for work on the luminaries.
- Evangelism by Coralee Judge: We haven't met this month but are planning to soon.
- Missions by Barb Paddack: They met in December and settled up all of the commitments for 2007. Set the budget for 2008 and the biggest change is an additional \$2000 for the Abba's after school program.
- Stone Soup Food Pantry by Elaine Simon: Elaine reported she and Tom were overwhelmed by the generous donations of food and cleaning supplies to the pantry. The "extra" food was given Lafayette Urban Ministry, St. Anne's Soup Kitchen, Frankfort Salvation Army, and helped three families at Christmas and another family at the end of the year.
- Worship by Vicki Hastings: Vicki showed the new basin that the Memorial Fund purchased for communion. Worship committee & UMW plan to buy linen to go over the bread, the cup, and a towel which will be used for communion.
- UMM by Tom Simon: Tom reported a few more men have been in attendance and expects this to continue. Tom said they are planning to work on some projects one of them being working on the chairs.
- UMW by Carol Nagy: Carol said they haven't had a meeting yet but plan to have an officers meeting on February 7 at 7 p.m. The schedule is almost ready to be printed. UMW will be purchasing a second set of linens for second service communion and also will be paying for a member to go on the Walk to Emmaus.
- Youth representative by Rachel Moore: Youth had their lock-in. Youth are planning a mission trip for this summer.
- Abba's Place Program by Coralee Judge: This Saturday from 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. they are going to have a dance with DJ for 6th thru 8th graders to build excitement about the program that will start the following week. The program will meet on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed.
- Youth by Becki Farley: Lock-in was a lot of fun and had 25-30 kids! We started a bible study program this past Sunday. We are averaging 2-5 youth per week. We hope to build excitement to get more youth to join in and have fun at Abba's.
- Trustees by Jerry Fultz: Jerry will be picking up an adult toilet for the women's restroom. Jerry reported they are considering putting in an electric stove at Abba's. The sign in front of the church needs replaced; quotes are being gathered.
- Lay Leader by Tom Simon: Working with Coralee on the transition of her duties to Tom. Tom will be attending meetings in Lafayette when the time comes.
- Pastor David Hummel: Guidelines for each committee are in the mailboxes. Pastor David is excited about the turnout from the dreaming meeting. Five men and three women will be going on Walk to Emmaus in April. Gary Forbes will be preaching for the next two Sundays while they are vacationing. Mike Crawford will be on call for the church. Pastor David reports he is working on the Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Ash Wednesday, and Easter Services.
- Rita will be chairing the Partners in Prayer; would like the committee chairs to bring ideas of upcoming events, programs, and needs so that Partners in Prayer can be engaged and praying for the needs of our church.
- Coralee said that we need to approve the worship nominations. Coralee made a motion to accept the worship committee nominations as listed. John seconded. Motion carried.
- Barb P. talked about the 13 week Financial Peace University program by Dave Ramsey. This program teaches folks how to manage their money. This program works and would benefit the church in the long run. Pastor Dave will look at the video and determine if this is something that the church would be interested in doing.
- Minutes respectfully submitted by Becki Farley. (edited by Wendy and Dave for *space* in the newsletter)

