



From Dave's Desk...

We are continuing our journey through the Lenten Season 2010. At one time Lent was my least favorite season of the Church Year. I mean, let's face it, who wants to spend 40 days giving up something. And then on top of that, to spend these 40 days doing self-evaluation in areas we need to improve. That sounds like work and hard work at that. I would rather think about the good that I have accomplished and not think about my failings.

Well, you know, if we only look back at the past and not toward the future we have no goals set for ourselves. To look toward the future means to face our failures and to learn from them. This is work, but we are not alone in this process. God is the one who walks beside us and helps us each step of our Lenten Journey.

One of the processes of becoming ordained in our United Methodist System is to have teams that interview us and challenge us on our shortcomings. We then have to deal with those challenges and better ourselves through systematic change. It is not easy or necessarily pleasant, but it is very beneficial.

Have you ever seen an area that your child or grandchild needed to improve? One has to point out the mistakes or failures to have the child deal with overcoming these problem areas. If one doesn't ever point these out, the child will continue down the road that could lead to a very tough life. A parent or

grandparent wants the best for their child and so does God. Lent is a time the church has set aside for us to look at our problem areas and ask God to help us face them.

I knew a woman who would go around and say whatever she wanted to say to people and end it with the phrase, "I say this in love." Well, this didn't set well with people, because some of the things she said were cruel. If she wanted to help people she could have gone about it a different way, but she just land blasted them. Finally, someone confronted her on this. Well, needless to say, she didn't take it very well, even when they said "I say this in love," to her. She needed to work on her people and communication skills, but it wasn't easy for her. If someone didn't confront her she would have gone through life making enemies instead of friends.

All of us have areas we need to work on. In giving up something for Lent, we make ourselves more aware of our needs. Let us be open to improvements and may Easter be a time of celebration for letting our past die and living in the newness of life.

Worship This Month

7th Communion-Ephesians 2:17-22 "We Belong"

14th Romans 12:1-2 & II Corinthians 3:12-18 "Transformed"

21st Isaiah 64:5-8 & I Corinthians 12:12-26 "Shaped"

28th Palm/Passion Sunday Matthew 28:16-20
"Serving"

Trustees Update

This year has started off with much to do. At the parsonage we fixed the sump pumps and the garage door opener was adjusted to close properly.

At Abba's Place Jerry Fultz was assisted by Bret Finnerty in cleaning and painting over water stains.

At the church, the basement floor was cleaned and sealed by Jerry and Bret. A water problem in the basement was dealt with. A new office chair was purchased for the church office.

Trustees and UMW shared the cost of a new refrigerator to replace the one that stopped working. The old refrigerator was taken to be recycled. The unexpected \$20 received for the old refrigerator was used to purchase a shelf for the church office.

At last the noodle maker is operational. Work was done on the electrical panel in the kitchen and a new outlet was installed specifically for the noodle maker. Wiring was done on the machine itself. The Hope class will try out the machine soon.

This spring will bring the need to take care of many more projects and repairs.

Matt Simon
Trustees Chair



Greetings from Wee Blessings!

Thanks to all our parents that made the Valentine parties such a success! The children had a great time and enjoyed every bite of the goodies! We are truly blessed with wonderful parents!

The Enrichment class has been very busy working on their numbers, colors, shapes, Bible verses and nursery rhymes. They have also been doing many science, art and cooking projects. Lastly, Flat Stanley has been traveling this year. Please stop by and check out the bulletin board that shows all of his adventures!

The PreK class has been busy as well. The children are working very hard on learning to tie their shoes, writing their names, learning their address, their letter of the week, Bible verses as well as being authors and illustrators.

Congratulations to Aubrey, Avery, Austin, Aidan, Cohen, Emmeline, Ethan, Grace, Lily, Kelsey, Mackenzie and Ty! They all know their phone numbers! We are so proud of them.

In April the Mulberry Library will be having a Children's Art Show and Wee Blessings will be represented. More details in our next newsletter.

Thank you for all your support! Please if you would like to come and read a book to the children, we would LOVE to have you! Just let one of us know what day and time is best for you.

God Bless,
Donna, Mary Kay, and Patty

**LOST &
FOUND**

Lavender Ladies raincoat
Green fleece pullover
Black sunglasses

All items may be found on coat rack in back entry room.

Your **Pastor Parish Relations** (PPR) Committee is Here for you. Have you ever had an improvement idea for our church but weren't sure who to share it with? Have you ever had a concern that you wanted to raise but didn't know how? Well, your PPR Committee is here to listen to you if you have something to share with us. Feel free to reach out to any of us should you have something on your mind.



PPR Committee
 Deb Turner
 Claudia Timmons
 John Paddock
 Pastor Dave
 Linda Marshall
 Michelle Albitz
 Tom Simon
 Cathy Harden
 Jade Kas - Chair

Missions News
 WOW! A BIG THANK YOU to all who have helped get the Adopt a Calf Collection off to a wonderful start. In these first 2 weeks we have collected over \$170! Thanks to the Sunday School class and Children's Church for decorating our cans. We will continue to collect until we raise \$800 to purchase a calf for Henderson Settlement. This is the first in

a series of projects we will have our children help with. Projects in the future may include Heifer International, clean water projects, or perhaps another calf for Henderson Settlement. Henderson Settlement Work Team trip is scheduled for the first week of August, leaving Sunday, 8/1 and returning Saturday, 8/7. We will be choosing our project soon and will begin fundraising for the cost of the project. Personal costs will be \$200 for room and board + money for meals on travel days + personal spending money. Please sign up if you are interested in participating in this adventure!

Cans for Missions

Please save your aluminum cans and take them to Tom Simon. Tom will (and has been for many years!) take them in and the money will go to gas expenses for the Henderson Settlement trip. Thank you all for your support,



Deb Schutz for Missions

Adopt a Calf Collection

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| 2/7 | \$65.32 |
| 2/14 | \$106.19 |
| 2/21 | \$108.35 |
| Total | \$279.86 |

Chris Gipson wrote the song "La Salle" after a Missions trip to Port Au Prince, Haiti in 2003. Chris has played this song to the congregation several times. This song is featured on the CD titled "On & On". Chris is selling the CD for \$10 and is donating 100% of the proceeds from the sales to the people of Haiti through The United Methodist Committee On Relief. If you would like to support this fundraising effort, CD's can be purchased at Sunspot Natural Food Market, Hair Encounters, Klaverenga Music, McGuire Music, Von's Music; all in Lafayette and West Lafayette. An additional 10% of the monies raised will be going to MUMC. Thank you.

EASTER GREETING CARDS are on sale NOW in the hallway. Be sure to stop by on Sunday or during office hours to take care of all your greeting card needs.



Administrative Council Meeting
January 11, 2010

Attending:

Jade Kas, John Harden, Amy Thayer, Barb Seager, Rita Cornell, Betty Campbell, Matt Simon, Dan Remaly, Wendy Simon, Tom Simon, Pastor Dave Hummell, Wilma Fultz, Nancy Doyle.

Tom Simon gave a devotion on Grace and Pastor Dave opened in prayer.

Approval of minutes. John Harden motioned the minutes be accepted as read. Betty Campbell had the 2nd. Motion passed.

Finance- Wendy said nothing new was reported since the last meeting. Some items not included yet. More came in than shown, and there is no actual bank statement. There are slight problems that are being worked out in Quick Books.

Bridge Builders_- Nov. 2009 total cards sent was 49. Money from the budget was \$23.82, and donations by the committee were \$6.16. In Dec. 2009 the total cards sent was 24, budget money spent was \$0, and donations by the committee were \$5.74. They met last Saturday and planned the calendar of events for 2010.

Missions- Pastor Dave gave the report. There were 2 items; one was another trip to Henderson Settlement this summer. It is hoped that the youth will be able to go. Second, there will be a coin collection to raise money for a cow for the Settlement (\$800 needed), then possibly more for animals through World Vision.

UMM- They met last Saturday, but numbers were down. Only 5 attended, but it was bitterly cold.

UMW – Barb Seager reported. The Boutique went very well, with some new vendors and helpers. The Christmas Auction was a big success. Four families were helped with the proceeds. There will be a short meeting this Thursday to elect officers.

Youth- December's Parent's Night Out had 6 children the first night and 22 the second. The children had a good time! There were 7 youth who participated in the Progressive Dinner, and really enjoyed the games and getting to know the families of those hosting. The Youth will meet the next 3 Sundays, 2 with Gloria Dei Youth.

Education- Patty Wright is looking at VBS materials. Wendy Simon is giving up teaching the FROGS, and Pat Simon is taking over.

Trustees – The fire inspection has been done. The new chair of the committee is Matt Simon.

PPR- Jade announced the first meeting will be after Pastor Dave returns from vacation.

Memorials- Balance \$4292.85

Worship and Fellowship –Pastor Dave reported. The Advent season went well. The first Sunday was a combined service. There will be a Family Fun Night at Abba's on January 23rd, from 7-9. Another will be in February. The date is not known. Pastor Dave informed the committee that Dayton UMC needs \$115 for the materials on The Purpose Driven Life for Lent. Rita Cornell motioned to purchase the materials. Jade Kas had the second. Motion passed. There will not be a combined this month on the 5th Sunday.

Pastor Dave-

The Lay Development Committee needed to replace Ronnette Peden on the PPR Committee. Claudia Timmons accepted the position, pending approval of the board. Barb Seager motioned for approval. Matt Simon seconded. Motion passed.

2. Homes are needed for the Lenten season for small group meetings. There are already 2.

KUC- Resumes this Wednesday. Prayer is needed as the attendance was low last semester.

New Business – Abba's Place – new policies have helped with getting and keeping it cleaned up and organized. They're posted.

Pre-K had a new student today.

***John Harden- checkbooks are due in for audits.

Betty (Perry) Skiles cleaned and organized the craft materials in the hallway in the basement of the church.

***The Budget was accepted at the meeting in December for this year.

Betty Campbell- She attended the last meeting of the North Indiana Conference, and she is now out of office.

Nancy Doyle- Jeanette Johnson passed away.

Wendy- The Christmas Eve Dinner was attended by 60 people, ½ community people, and ½ church people. The Simon family had a lot of fun shopping and preparing it.

Pastor Dave- The new districts are now in position, but offices and resources are still not ready. Kate Walker is the Assistant Superintendent, and Craig Lasour is the new Superintendent. Our district is quite large now.

Food Pantry- Tom Simon announced that there is food, but only 2 people have requested help since mid-December. We need to get the word out that there is food for those in need.

Worship Assistants

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

Traditional Service 8:45 a.m.

| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>Greeters</i> | <i>Worship Leader</i> | <i>Acolyte</i> | <i>Prayer w/ Pastor</i> |
|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 3/7 | Randy & Rita Cornell | Wendy Simon | | Linda Bennett |
| 3/14 | Max & Sarah Coffman | Wendy Simon | | |
| 3/21 | Vicki Hastings | Matt Simon | | Wayne Walker |
| 3/28 | Matt Simon Family | Matt Simon | | Wendy Simon |

Blue Jean Service 11:00 a.m.

| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>Greeters</i> | <i>Worship Leader</i> | <i>Children's Church</i> |
|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 3/7 | John & Cathy Harden | Waugh Family | No CC |
| 3/14 | Perry & Betty Skiles | | Michelle Albitz |
| 3/21 | Dania Remaly | | Trish McDonnell |
| 3/28 | Jerry & Rene' Kemmerer | | Michelle Albitz |

Attendance & Offering

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Total Attend.</i> | <i>Sun. School</i> | <i>Gen. Fund Offering</i> |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 1/3 | 105 | 51 | \$2,756 |
| 1/10 | 105 | 55 | \$3,031 |
| 1/17 | 96 | 49 | \$3,452 |
| 1/24 | 126 | 66 | \$2,711 |
| 1/31 | 119 | 62 | \$3,215 |

*General Fund Offering does not include money designated to specific funds, groups or activities.

March Birthdays

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|------|---------------|------|-----------------|
| 3/6 | Roger Lewis | 3/14 | Tom Simon, Jr. |
| 3/10 | Becki Farley | 3/18 | Chris Waugh |
| 3/11 | Max Coffman | 3/20 | Jim Huffer |
| 3/12 | Nicole Burke | 3/28 | Jeff Dellinger |
| 3/12 | Mary Fultz | 3/29 | Myron Chezem |
| 3/12 | Shelly Surber | 3/30 | Freida Weber |
| 3/13 | Suzie Kelsey | 3/31 | Michelle Albitz |

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please call 296-3399

March Wedding Anniversaries

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| 3/25 | Andy & Michelle Albitz | 3/26 | Ryan & Deb Turner |
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Newsletter
DEADLINE

Submission
Deadline: **15th**
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
 Men's Bible Study 8 am 2nd & 4th Sat.
 Wee Blessings Preschool:
 Director & Teacher: Patty Wright
 Teacher: Donna Kirkpatrick
 Assistant Teacher: Mary Kay Finnerty

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