

April 2006

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: 15TH

Pastor:	Tom Hoehner
Assistant Pastor:	Craig Overman
Choir Director:	Angie Schilling
Pianist:	Esther Creamer
Custodian:	Sarah Wilson
Admin. Asst:	Wendy Simon
Nursery:	Wendy Simon

Traditional Worship: 8:45 am Sun
Sunday School: 10:00 Sun
Blue Jean Service: 11:00 Sun
Bible Study: Tue at 7:00 pm &
Wed at 10:00 am
Women's Bible Study:
Tue at 5:30 at the
church & Thu at 7:15
pm at Brose Residence

Wee Blessings Preschool:
Director: Sarah Wilson
Teacher: Sarah Wilson
Teacher: Mary Kay Finnerty

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Thu 12:00-6:00

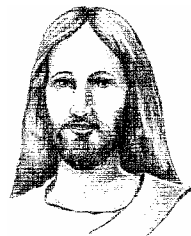
From The Pastor

“Who Do You Say I Am” is a major musical production that would be a huge task for a church of 500, so for a church of 200 you can imagine. It is a drama, musical covering the birth, life, death and resurrection of Christ. Still, it is coming together with the utmost efficiency and will be a great blessing to our community.

Make plans now to be a part of this great production. Tickets are free and you can get them through the church office at 296-3399.

The production will take place Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 13, 14, and 15 at 7 pm.

Pastor Tom



MUMC Presents:

“Who Do You Say I Am?”

A musical drama depicting the life, death,
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Due to limited seating everyone must have a ticket.

Tickets are FREE for each performance.

**Thursday April 13th, Friday April 14th, and
Saturday April 15th.**

All performances begin at 7:00 pm.

For tickets or information call the church office,
296-3399

APRIL 2006

United Methodist Women

April Birthdays

4/1 Jan Dyer
 4/2 Beth Newhart
 4/5 Dave Kelsey
 4/7 Coriden Schilling
 4/8 Eric Lenehan
 4/9 Emily Waugh
 4/9 Brianne Thayer
 4/10 Jerry Kemmerer
 4/10 Tess Wilson
 4/11 Hattie Cullom
 4/14 Adam Garriott
 4/15 Ryan Walker
 4/21 Craig Overman
 4/27 Evan Lenehan
 4/27 Nate Overman

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



Ask Freida

Dear Freida,
 How can I tell my friends about
 God?

Well tell her, just you and her.
 Then bring her to church with
 you.



Easter Sunday
 April 16, 2006
 Traditinal Service 8:45
 Breackfast 9:45-11:00
 Blue Jean Service 11:00
 No Sunday School

UMW March meeting was Bingo with the residents at
 Mulberry Health and Retirement Community. Prizes were awarded
 and refreshments served by 13 United Methodist Women. A good
 time was had by all.



Need a greeting card? Need to recycle cards? Guess what- you
 can do both right here in our church! We meet every Tuesday
 morning and make cards- all kinds. We have Easter card on file right
 now!

When you donate, please remember we need the whole card.
 Please donate funny cards also. Every one likes funny cards.

We have a great selection of cards on the table in the hallway
 upstairs. The cards are .30 or 4 for \$1.

If you need a card, check our cards first!

UMW April 6th at 7:00 in the Church Basement
 Rita Cornell will host, Elaine Simon with devotions and
 Coralee Judge to present
 Women of the Bible.



Java Jam

Java Jam Coffee House Ministry will be featuring
 Chris Gipson and Malachi Jagers
 April 1st at 7:00 pm.



Needed-- participants for classes and special events at the Mulberry **Share & Care Center.**

If the many programs are not attended funding will be lost and the community will lose the many worthwhile and needed programs that support the community.

Hours: Mon, Wed, & Fri

10 am - 2pm

Phone number 296-3508 leave a message

114 N. Main St. Box 28 Mulberry, IN 46058

Trinity Church

Annual Cafeteria Supper

Saturday April 8th

Serving from 4:30-7:00 pm

Escalloped Chicken, Ham Loaf,

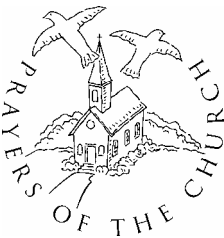
Homemade Noodles, Vegetables,

Salads, Deserts

Carryout available

Clinton County Right to Life

Annual banquet on Tuesday, April 18th, 7:00 pm at Wesley Manor. Tickets are \$7 each. For more information see flyer on bulletin board outside of the office.



Corporate Prayer

Come together in prayer for the future of Mulberry United Methodist Church
April 30th at 6 pm.

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Wee Blessings

March was a very busy and short month due to Spring Break, which was the last week of the month.

We got a lot accomplished in those three weeks, though. We have our classroom looking like spring and there is a lot of green around for St. Patrick's Day. On the 15th we took a field trip to the Pizza King for letter Pp. The children had a great time. They made and ate their own pizzas and had a glass of pop. Because they were so polite and well behaved they even got ice cream. What a treat! We want to thank Marcia Cooper and Sue Skinner for helping and showing the children around, and especially to Mark (owner). They are very busy over there so they took time out of their schedules to give the kids a special day. I want to thank the parents that went with us. They handed out pizza, poured drinks, held doors, put on and took off coats and we're grateful for such caring parent or grandparent and even babysitters help out more then you know.

Our Bible lessons have been parables on Adam Raccoon. It gives everyday situations so the kids can relate to their own lives.

April will bring parent/teacher conferences and many have already signed up for Kindergarten round-up. Wow—where has this year gone? It's gone so good—time just flew by. We have a great group of kids and they are so fun to be with each school day! Happy Spring!

Mrs. Wilson

Kids Club

Friends of God have been our focus this past month. With Bible stories during our lessons the kids have been learning about their talents. Our music time has been filled with praise to God and lots of fun. On a special night we watched a movie about Daniel and the Lions Den and had craft time. We have enjoyed spending time learning about God with the 19 kids that we see each week.

The Directors

Would you like to teach but don't know where to begin?

Open invitation to anyone that would like to teach children OR adults for an evening to learn how to do just that. The guest speaker will be Diane Pearson. Diane is a columnist for the Frankfort Times and a lay teacher for St. Matthews United Methodist Church.

Thursday, April 27, 2006 at 7 pm in the Mulberry United Methodist Church Sanctuary. A free will donation will be taken for Diane's Revelation Ministry. The message of this ministry is "How God is revealed in us".

For more information contact Dania Remaly.

Ministry Assistants

Traditional Service

Communion Steward:
Amy Thayer

Acolyte: Whitney Simon

Greeters:

4/2 Janie Garriott & Larry Garriott
4/9 Eldon & Betty Skiles
4/16 Joe Walker
4/23 Becky Staley & Deb Turner
4/30 Mike & Phyllis Huffer

Worship Leader: Jade Kas

Pray with the Pastor: (8:30)

4/2 Marlene Boyd & Claudia Timmons
4/9 Shelly Surber & Mark Newhart
4/16 Coralee Judge & Gene & Linda Marshall
4/23 Judi Hoehner & Cathy Harden
4/30 Mary Lou Clendenning

Blue Jean Service

Greeters:

4/2 Jerry & Rene Kemmerer
4/9 Glenn & Sarah Wilson & Family
4/16 Ryan & Deb Turner
4/23 Chris & Margarita Gipson
4/30 Andy & Michelle Albitz

Scripture Readers:

Tom & Elaine Simon

Children's Church:

4/2 Caddie Walden
4/9 Hattie Cullom
4/16 Cassie Walden
4/23 Elaine Simon
4/30 Judi Hoehner

Meetings & Events

4/1 Java Jam at 7:00 pm
4/2 Communion Sunday
4/10 Administrative Council at 7:00 pm
4/13 Musical/Drama at 7:00 pm
4/14 Musical/Drama at 7:00 pm
4/15 Musical/Drama at 7:00 pm
4/16 Easter Sunday
4/30 Corporate Prayer at 6:00 pm

Weekly Calendar

Sun:	8:30 am	Prayer with the Pastor
	8:45 am	Traditional Service
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Blue Jean Service
	4-5:30 pm	Jr. & Sr. High Youth at Abba's
Tue:	5:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	9:00 am	Craft Ladies at the Church
	7:00 pm	Bible Study at the Church
	8:00 pm	Special Needs Prayer at the Church
	8:00 pm	Worship Team Rehearsal at the Church
Wed:	10:00 am	Bible Study at the Church
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice at the Church
Thu:	7:15 pm	Women's Bible Study in the home of Vicki Brose

2nd & 4th Saturday of each month: Men's Bible Study/Breakfast 7:00 am at the Church

MUMC Vital Signs

	<u>Offering Received</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Feb 12	\$3361	143
Feb 19	\$3085	171
Feb 26	\$2557	131
Mar 5	\$4209	160
Mar 12	\$2878	177
Mar 19	\$2703	177

Administrative Board Meeting February 13, 2006

Members present: Rita Cornell, Sherry Gouvan, Amy Thayer, Tom Hoehner, Cheryl Overman, Mark Newhart, Jerry Fultz, Craig Overman, Vicki Hastings, Wendy Simon, Barb Seager, Jim Cullom, Nancy Doyle, John Harden, Paul Reddix, Ryan Turner, Dania Remaly, Coralee Judge, Hanna Synesael, and Kristen Gould.

Rita gave devotions and January minutes were read and amended as follows: the \$217.34 money listed for Bridge Builders was the money spent for the whole year of 2005. The Wee Blessings children are not making all of their own snacks and the Christmas party was at Abba's place. Minutes approved as amended.

Children's Church: (Barb Seager) Children are decorating valentines and making cookies for February with is the "month of love".

Bridge Builders: (Barb Seager) 32 cards were sent in January. Had \$3.12 in donations, \$6.30 in expenses. Barb mentioned that it is the intent of BB to have every family in the church receive at least one card by the end of the year.

Memorials: (Amy Thayer) Amy reported the balance is \$379.64. She has not received the January bank statement yet. \$2108.00 was contributed in JC Judge's memory and that was transferred to the Benevolence Fund.

Abba's Place Committee: (Mark Newhart) Mark said that painting would be done along with some new curtains. There have been some heating problems and that talks are being held with the Trustees on that. The March 4th Java Jam will include Curly Myers and Wes Tillet & Friends. Since the acts perform free of charge a tip jar will be put out so that some help can be had for the groups to cover expenses.

Pastoral Care: (Craig Overman) Still visiting shut-ins, two or three a week.

Wee Blessings: (Barb Seager) Doing fine and Barb is still helping on Thursdays.

Worship: (Cheryl Overman) The committee is resting after Christmas ☺ The next meeting they will work on the summer service in the park, which will be the first Sunday in June.

United Methodist Men: (Mark Newhart) Have been having about a dozen at the meetings. They have not discussed goals for the year or created a mission statement yet, but hope to do that soon.

United Methodist Women: (Vicki Hastings) Vicki Hastings reported there were 19 for dinner at the Feb. meeting and 23 went to the play in Frankfort. We are hoping to grow the program and the goal is to make sure that every woman in the church knows about and feels welcome to come to UMW.

Kid's Club: (Wendy Simon) Having 18 – 20 children in K--3rd and 9 – 13 with the older children. Five Bibles have been given out since the first of the year.

Youth: Cheryl and Kristen Gould reported that the youth will go to Muncie on March 10th and 11th to "Acquire the Fire". There have been an average of 15 youth attending meetings. Also Cheryl expressed concern about the temperature at Abba's place, either too hot or too cold. Jerry Fultz said the trustees are working on that. When asked what they are doing Kristen said "playing games, watching movies, hanging out, eating, and talking".

Membership: (Nancy Doyle) Nancy reported as of 12/31/05 we have 232 members.

Vision Committee: (Jade Kas) No report

Audio Visual: (Jim Cullom) A new bulb has been put in the projector. Cost was \$500 and is warranted for two years. Next year we may need to put the cost of a bulb in the budget. Dania asked about a small TV for the upstairs that could be used with a DVD. It would need to be portable so as to be moved from class to class. No decision was made.

Trustees: (Jerry Fultz) Jerry reported that he and Dan Remaly are co-chairmen of the trustees. They have made a big list of things that need to be done around the church and at Abba's Place. 23 items! There will be a workday the 4th Sat. of each month after the men's breakfast. Concerning Abba's place---the flue will be lined with a 6" liner and thermostats will be replaced and boxes put over them. Skiles Electric will be doing this work. Also a wall will be cut down in the middle room in order to open the room up, painting will be done this month, and hopefully work will be done on the roof when weather is warmer. At the church Jerry has worked on identifying and labeling all the circuit breakers, pounded nails back into the pews, and is seeing about putting spring loaded hinges on some of the doors. He also stated that the trustees spent \$19,240.00 in 2005 on insurance, maintenance and repairs.

Pastor Parish Relations Comm: (Paul Reddix) The committee has met twice this year. They have talked about assigning a PPR person to each staff member in order to improve communications between the committee and the staff. They will talk in the future about job descriptions. There have been four applications for administrative assistant. Interviews will be Wednesday.

Missions: (Ryan Turner) Ryan expressed his thoughts on what the mission committee should be. "Doing all the good you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can.", crediting the quote to John Wesley. Ryan said the committee is looking at helping in some way with the new Volunteer Center being built in Mississippi, either with a group going down, or by sending money. The committee will meet Thurs. and firm up plans and talk about getting an extension on the airline tickets we still have. The committee has about \$2800.00 in their account.

Finance: (John Harden) John told us that Dave Miller is in the process of redoing the treasurer's report using Church Windows and we will have that report next month. He assured us the bills were paid and there is money in the checking account. John said he thinks our apportionments will be about \$4000.00 less this next year due to the new way we are paying apportionments, which is 10% of monies coming into the general fund. There was discussion of how to track our finances better and John said that Dave is working very hard on getting everything set up for us. John reminded us to be sure and get receipts for any purchases we make. It was decided to give the checks from the Purdue concessions directly to the groups who are working the stand that day. John discussed the proposed budget (\$178,019.00) and Barb Seager made a motion to approve the budget, seconded by Paul Reddix, motion carried.

New Business: Vicky Hastings said the "Parlor" is nearly finished. Matt Simon made a kneeling bench that will fit under the table. Still need to hang the mirror and a small cabinet for Sunday School supplies is needed. Pastor Tom updated us on the situation with the Texas properties. The man involved has declared bankruptcy and now must go through bankruptcy court, which should be some time in the spring. It was mentioned that we will need to check on insurance for these properties as soon as they are deeded to us. Rita expressed concern about the lights not being shut off, doors being left unlocked, etc. We discussed how we could get people to take care of this when leaving the building. It may be brought up to the congregation as a ministry moment. Rita also mentioned that there had been a need expressed for a Fellowship Committee. No action was taken.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Nancy Doyle, Acting Secretary

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