



From Dave's Desk...

Only One Day?

The mother had worked on the special family meal for days. This included going to the store, making home made bread, baking all of the desserts, thawing out the turkey, roasting it and fixing all of the multiple side dishes. The family-immediate, extended, in-laws and out-laws all gathered and within half an hour it was gone. The mother thought, "This isn't fair! After all the work I've put into this and it's all over in such a short amount of time! Never again!" And yet she knows in her heart she **will** do it all over again next year.

For forty days we have sacrificed our favorite food, television shows, desserts or some such things to help us come to a better understanding of the 40-day period when Jesus fasted and was tempted. Now after all of that, do we just celebrate for one day-Easter? I mean we don't want to try to make up for 40 days in one day, do we? No!

Easter is not just a day, but a season. In fact, the Easter Season is 50 days long. You read this right-it is 50 days long. We celebrate from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday. Pente means 50. Pentecost for the Jewish people is 50 days after the Passover. For

Christians, Pentecost Sunday is the 50th day in the Easter Season including Easter day. Jesus walked the earth in His resurrected state for 40 days and on Pentecost the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and the Church was born. So we have a long time to celebrate and rejoice. We celebrate Easter, Christ's appearances to His disciples, His ascension, and the birth of the Church. A lot happens during this time. In fact, the Church has named this period of time-The Great Fifty Days.

While the world thinks of Ester as one day, let us teach them the significance of the season. Christ was raised from the dead to defeat sin and Death. Christ ascended so that the Holy Spirit would descend. The Holy Spirit came that we might have the Church. All of this happens in 50 days. We have a lot of celebrating to do because God has blessed us in so many wonderful ways. As the words to a past popular song stated, "Celebrate, Come On, Celebrate!"

Pastor Dave

Pastor's Bible Study

A new study will begin with a short book by Paul on Tuesday the 8th at 7 p.m. and Wednesday the 9th at 10 a.m. Hope to see you there.

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
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

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Web-site: www.mumc-in.org
Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30-1:30
Food Pantry: By Appointment
Call Church Office



Kid's Club

Calling All kids! We have a new name: "Kids Under Construction"!! We will be meeting this spring for one evening of fun ☺ before we kick-off in the fall. So join us at your *regular meeting place and at the regular times*. Hope to see y-o-u!

Wednesday April 9th, 2008

Abba's (4th, 5th, 6th grades) 5-6:45 p.m.

Church (K-3rd grades) 5:30-7:00 p.m.

PIZZA PARTY

Our Kids Club is reorganizing to prepare for our kick-off in the fall. We are having a brain-storming meeting in April and invite **ANYONE** who is interested in helping in *any way* with either the K-3 group at church or 4,5,6 at Abba's. We have a new name: "Kids Under Construction" and we are excited about next year's program! Please meet with us and share your ideas. ☺

Wednesday, April 2, 2008 in the Hope classroom at 5:30 p.m.

April Birthdays

4/1	Jan Dyer	4/10	Tess Wilson
4/2	Beth Newhart	4/11	Hattie Cullom
4/5	Dave Kelsey	4/15	Ryan Walker
4/7	Coriden Schilling	4/15	Sandy Waninger
4/9	Brianne Thayer	4/24	Mark Newhart
4/9	Emily Waugh		

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

Wee Blessings Preschool



Spring has sprung at Wee Blessings! First let us thank Barb for purchasing a set of the resurrection eggs! The children have enjoyed opening the eggs and learning the wonderful story of Easter.

The children have been busy learning their Bible Stories, Bible Verses, their letters, three-part patterns, celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday and reading his books. We also have been working very hard on listening and following direction skills.

The children have been busy doing their art projects. Our room is full of shamrocks, ladybugs, pigs, letters covered with marshmallows, nutmeg, oregano, parsley, and rice, and of course baskets and bunnies!

The children at Wee Blessings will participate in the Mulberry library art show this year. Their work will be on display at the library during the first week of April. Hope that you all will go and enjoy!

Once again, we at Wee Blessing would like to thank you for all the support! We truly appreciate all that you do!

May God Bless and Keep you

The Wee Blessings Staff



Mulberry United Methodist Women

On March 6th, the UMW gathered at Barb Seager's house for the 1st meeting of the year. Sixteen women braved the cold March evening, including three new attendees who were welcomed by President Carol Nagy. During our business meeting we voted to have a booth at the Mulberry Fest in June in conjunction with the sesquicentennial celebration. Information on up-coming events was shared and the ladies were urged to participate. We composed a list of joys and concerns which were lifted up in prayer. Barb shared with us some Church checks written in the '60's and compared some of the prices to today's--what a difference! We played a couple games, had refreshments and shared fun stories. A good time was had by all :-). The UMW are a great bunch of ladies who show their love for God by truly caring about their church and their community. It's really wonderful to be a part of this group!

**Please join us for our next meeting, all women are invited!
April 3rd at 7:00 pm at Abba's place.**

Service Assistants

April

Traditional Service

Prayer With Pastor:

- 4/6 Wayne Walker
4/13 Chris Waugh
4/20 Becki Farley
4/27 Rita Cornell

Communion Steward: Rita Cornell

Worship Leader: Diane Walker

Acolyte: Jasmine Cavender

Greeters:

- 4/6 Janie Garriott
4/13 Brett & Ronnette Peden
4/20 Thayer Family
4/27 Sharon Maish

Blue Jean Service

Worship Leaders: Ronnette Peden &
Becki Farley

Greeters:

- 4/6 Weber Family
4/13 Farley Family
4/20 Perry & Betty Skiles
4/27 Dave & Suzie Kelsey

Children's Church:

- 4/6 Children will stay for Communion
4/13 Beth Newhart
4/20 Elaine Simon
4/27 Suzie Kelsey

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

Prayer Walk

Calling all Walkers & Prayers! We are having another prayer walk on April 27 at 3 p.m. Come and join us to walk around Mulberry and pray for all the families and homes. We will go in groups to cover our town in prayer.

Finally, we will have sloppy joes after the walk-bring a snack to share. Contact Coralee for questions.

**Next Evangelism Meeting will be
Monday, April 21st at 7 p.m.**

United Methodist Women

Many thanks to those who helped prepare and serve a dinner to the family of Becky Staley. Those working in the kitchen were Wilma & Dick Howe, Patty Wright, Vicki Hastings, Coralee Judge and Barb Seager. Thanks also to Deb Schutz for the extra help. Those who prepared salads and desserts were Mary K. Finnerty, Vicki Hastings, Jean Sutton, Wilma Howe, Coralee Judge, Barb Seager, Sandy Seager, Sarah Coffman, Deb Schutz, Patty Wright and Roger Lewis. The family was most appreciate.

CYOP/Abba's Board Program News

Mulberry United Methodist Church, other area churches, and community organizations are sponsoring an after-school activity and enrichment program called IMPACT. The program is held at Abba's Place for all area students in grades 6-7-8 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The program is providing needed activities for wholesome youth development. The program director is seeking adult volunteers to assist her one or two days a month for time periods around an hour. If you would like to help our youth and need more information, contact the program's director, Carly Yandell, by checking the program's web site www.cyopatabbas.org or calling 659-1863.

The Wesley choir sang the cantata "Palms, Passion and Alleluias" on Easter Sunday. The time between Christmas and Easter was very short this year so our practice time was limited. We also had to deal with a lot of illnesses, some lasting a long time. Sometimes practice was pretty sparse but some of the choir was always there each week. I was never as anxious about a cantata as I was this year! This wonderful, dedicated choir did not let us down as they did a lot of work on their own and were there on the important days to perform. They did a great job and glorified God with their voices! Andy Schilling was the voice of the cantata this year and did a great job, too!!!! Esther Creamer was out most of the practice time, first with surgery for carpal tunnel and then very severe bronchitis. Mary Alys Hummel stepped in and helped with practices and playing the piano for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. It was great to have her and she did an outstanding job! Thank you, Mary Alys, for being there for us. Angie Schilling was busy during all that time with Review practice, choir, praise team and being a wife and mother but as always, she was there to help with everything. Good news, choir! We have 277 days until Christmas!!!!



Mulberry United Methodist Church Administrative Council

February 11, 2008

- In attendance: Pastor David Hummel, Rita Cornell, Jerry Fultz, Wilma Fultz, Rachel Moore, Barb Seager, Carol Nagy, John Harden, Becki Farley, Coralee Judge, Steve Percy, and Mary Lou Clendenning.
- Rita opened the meeting with the lighting of the candle and asked us to review the minutes. Barb requested that we clarify the Barb's in the January 14th minutes. In the finance paragraph, Barb Seager seconded the motion. Barb Paddock talked about the 13 week Financial Peace University program. The minutes were accepted as is. Rita began the meeting with prayer.
- Finance report by John Harden: John said he has everything done for the yearly audit except for the church books. As soon as Wendy gets the books straightened out everything will be done. Pastor Dave said that the budget and audit are not part of charge conference. John said he has nothing else to report without Wendy's input.
- PPRC by Steve Percy: Steve said that the PPRC accepted the resignation of the custodian and hired Jerry Fultz as the replacement which was effective February 1st. PPRC will meet in March. PPRC and the trustees are looking into incorporation and creating a manual on procedures for weddings. PPRC is also working on an employee handbook.
- Bridge Builders report by Barb Seager: In January, 29 cards were mailed. The UMM were acknowledged at both services. Budget \$7.80 and donations were \$1.22.
- Wee Blessing report by Barb Seager: The kids are ready for the Valentines Day party. The 4 year olds are working on rhyming words.
- Fellowship Committee by Mary Lou Clendenning: We had a meeting yesterday. Mary Lou said that there will be a Maundy Thursday service on March 20th. There is discussion among the pastors in Mulberry to combine to work together to host special services. Gloria Dei will be hosting the Good Friday service. On Easter, there will not be a sunrise service. However, there will be a breakfast at 8:30 a.m., the cantata at 10:00 a.m., and the regular service after the cantata. The next meeting will be February 24th.
- Evangelism Committee by Coralee Judge: Coralee said they will meet this month.
- UMM report by Steve Percy: UMM is meeting on 2nd and 4th Saturday's of each month. There has been a slight increase in attendance. Steve said that the men are talking about a Habitat for Humanity day slated for this summer.
- UMW report by Carol Nagy: UMW officers met last week. Carol said that in hopes of getting more women involved in UMW, they will be starting a Traveling Basket program. The officers also decided to distribute invitations in hopes of encouraging women to come to UMW meetings. Carol said that the officers planned the outing for the CCT and changed the date of the outing to April. The UMW schedule is complete. Carol said the date of the boutique will be November 8th. Carol also said the officers discussed sending money to the flood victims.
- Youth report by Rachel Moore: The youth now have a leadership group formed. The group includes: Hattie Cullom, Daniel Geurs, Elizabeth Geurs, and Freida Weber. The youth have been given binders that have bible study lessons. The youth are to read the lessons and then the material will be discussed at the following meeting. On February 24th, the youth will be traveling to Frankfort to serve at the soup kitchen. Kevin attended the missions meeting and explained his idea for the summer youth mission trip. The youth are planning fellowship weekends for both the guys and girls. March 14-16 the youth will be going to the Acquire the Fire and lodging in dorm rooms at the YMCA.
- No Abba's Place report. Coralee said that the attendance has been good on Tuesdays and Thursdays and have been averaging approximately 13 kids. John Harden said that the first couple weeks have been to get the kids acclimated and then the homework program will likely start next week.
- Trustees report by Jerry Fultz: The child's size stool has been replaced by a regular size stool in the upstairs ladies restroom. We will be installing a new ice maker on Wednesday. The trustees have ordered two 4x6 cork boards and a dry erase board for Abba's Place. Jerry said that the snow blower belt is broken and will be fixed soon. Jerry is working on getting a new sign in for in front of the church. Bids are being obtained from sign companies. The company in Florida has sent info along with a grant form to get half the cost of the sign paid for. The deadline for the grant is May 1st. Jerry is in Florida starting next Friday for a week. In Jerry's absence, Dan Remyal will represent at the charge conference.
- Lay Leader report given by Pastor Dave: Charge conference meeting is a week from tonight at 7pm. Still excited really enjoyed the banquet last night and attendance was great considering the weather. Pastor Dave wants to put the goals in the newsletter. Should we just put in a few goals each time the newsletter is printed or put them all? Coralee said to put them all in. We want folks to know the main goal is to bring friends to church. Pastor Dave wants to train leaders of the small groups before they begin to meet. Two or three small groups should meet the same night which may start this summer.
- Barb Seager said funeral dinners were served for the Meyers and the Goodnights. Pastor Dave said that he would get with the Audio committee for an update on the hearing devices. Barb asked if our church has committed to doing a project for the Sesquicentennial. Barb said that she was asked if we would be interested in doing a dessert night or something similar. Wilma Fultz suggested that we might want to do something in between dinner and fireworks. The discussion was tabled until a later date.
- John Harden: Kevin is not a member and can't be on the youth account. Becki said that it is ok if you need to put her on the youth account. Paul Reddix is remodeling and wanted to know if we wanted his appliances. Jerry will talk to Paul about the stove in hopes that it will work for Abba's Place. Sign at Abba's is in need of repair. John thinks we got the sign from Mark maybe we can look at getting the sign repaired or invest in a new one.
- Mary Lou Clendenning said that the choir loft needs a monitor and microphones for the piano. Also there is a need to improve on our stands.
- Jerry Fultz said that a gal asked Jerry if we are interested in having an exercise class at Abba's one night a week. It was decided that we don't think there is enough space at Abba's since everything has been rearranged. Jerry also said that he was approached, by a fellow who left his church, and wanted to know if Abba's is available Sunday morning for a service. Pastor Dave wants to know who would be responsible and worries that folks would affiliate the program with our church and that would be confusing.
- Pastor Dave will be traveling to Chicago on Thursday and asks for prayer. Pastor Dave closed us in prayer.

———Minutes respectfully submitted by Becki Farley.

