



From Dave's Desk...

It's the Easter season! Finally. After months of snow, wind and cold temperatures, spring has come. It's wonderful that the Easter season coincides with the beginning of spring. The leaves of blooming plants are pushing up through the earth. Soon there will be a rainbow of colors as flowers burst forth into bloom. Could it be that these flowering plants and bushes are God's way of speaking to us about resurrection? During the winter months the earth seems dormant and the plant life looks as if it were dead. Yet, when spring and the Easter season come, that which seems dead comes back to life. Not only do the plants turn green but they burst forth in beautiful colors and intoxicating fragrances. This is a metaphor for resurrection - God raising Christ from the dead.

God has even used two trees to tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. The first tree is the redbud nicknamed the Judas tree. This is because it bleeds red blossoms each spring to tell the story of Judas' betraying Jesus with blood money. So every time you see a redbud tree in bloom think about how Judas betrayed Jesus and how whenever we sin we cause Jesus pain.

The second tree is the dogwood. It has blossoms that are pure white representing the purity of Christ. At the edges of each petal is a reddish stain representing the piercing of the nails into Jesus' flesh. The inside of the blossom is the crown of thorns which Jesus was forced to wear at the crucifixion. Yet these trees come into full bloom during the Easter season and give us the hope of life after death.

Isn't it amazing how God gives us signs and wonders through creation itself? Yet many people see the flowers, bushes, redbud and dogwood trees and never think a thing about them. Our telling the story of hope and resurrection through creation is a way of sharing the good news with others. We simply have to point out the beautiful plants and then ask, "Do you know what the story is about the dogwood tree?" This is a way to share the story in a simple way. And our sharing will help people to see spring in a new and glorious way each year. One of our hymns states, "I love to tell the story, of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love." Spring burst forth with the glory of Jesus. Let the world know of Jesus and his love.

Worship This Month

****Easter ONE SERVICE at 10 a.m.**

4th	Easter-John 20:1-10 & John 20:11-18	"What Have You Done?"
11th	Communion-John 20:19-31	"What Would You Do?"
18th	Acts 9:1-9 & Revelation 5:11-14	"The Seeing Blind"
25th	Acts 9:36-43 & Revelation 7:9-17	"What Should We Do?"

Holy Week Schedule

Thu 4/1/10	7 pm Maundy Thursday Service
Fri 4/2/10	7 pm Good Friday Service Gloria Dei
Sun 4/4/10	8:30 Breakfast-proceeds for Henderson projects 10 am EASTER ONE SERVICE

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

13 ladies were present for the March 4th meeting in the church basement. Vicki Hastings was hostess & gave devotions— thanks Vicki!

Officers were voted on and are as follows: Wendy Simon president, Rene' Kemmerer vice-president, Betty Campbell secretary, Barb Seager treasurer.

The budget for the year was discussed at length. One of the refrigerators stopped working in the kitchen. It was approved to pay for half of the cost of a new one. Church Trustees paid for the other half.

We hope to see all the church ladies at the next meeting April 8th at 7 p.m.

We would like to thank all those who provided salads and desserts for a luncheon at the Church: *Salads:*

Wilma Fultz, Amy Thayer, Carol Nagy, Wilma Howe, and Sarah Coffman ; *Desserts:* Vicki Hastings, Marlene

Boyd, Rita Cornell, Barb Synesael, and Barb Seager. Sue Golden, Lisa Scott and Barb Seager worked in the kitchen. Many thanks to Wilma Fultz for making phone calls. The family of Lorie VanCamp was most appreciative.

The UMW prepared a dinner for the Community Club in January. Working in the kitchen for the preparation of the meal were: Sue Golden, Nancy Doyle, Sarah Coffman and Barb Seager. Lisa Scott set the tables and got all the dinnerware ready. Those who served the meal and did the cleanup were: Ed & Janet Fisher, Craig & Beth Carter,

Perry & Betty Skiles, Trish McDonnell, Dick Howe. The desserts were provided by: Michelle Albitz, MaryLou Clendenning, Wilma Fultz, Deb Garriott, Marie Myers, and Dania Remaly. Many thanks to all who helped with the dinner ☺ A thank you to Wilma Fultz for calling for the desserts, and to Betty Skiles for calling for the helpers!



Greetings from Wee Blessings!

Congratulations to Aidan, Aubrey, Austin, Avery, Cohen, Emmeline, Ethan, Grace, Kelsey, Lily, Mackenzie and Ty for knowing their addresses! We are so proud of each of you!

We would also like to welcome our new student Layla to the Pre K class. We are excited to have you in our class.

The Enrichment class has been busy with cooking, science, writing their names, learning Bible Stories, colors, shapes and so much more. Flat Stanley has been all over the world this year and the children have enjoyed hearing about Paris, London, and so many more wonderful places. It is amazing how many wonderful adventures Flat Stanley has had.

The PreK class has been writing stories, working on three part patterns, learning their Bible Verses, writing their names and doing an amazing job on their art projects. We have also been busy testing the children to see how far they have progressed this year. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held the second week in April.

The Mulberry Library will host the Children's Art Show on April 12th thru the 22nd. We hope that each of you will visit the library and enjoy all of the wonderful art.

Lastly, Donna, Mary Kay and I would like to thank the MUMC Bridge Builders for our wonderful treats. We enjoyed every bite.

We hope that each of you enjoy the beauty that this season provides to us! God is truly amazing!

God Bless,
Donna, Mary Kay, & Patty

**Taking Time to Go
Out...to Laugh
Together**



The Long Center of Lafayette presented the musical Comedy “The Church Basement Ladies” which was a celebration of the women who work in Church basements cooking meals and preparing for special events. It was enjoyed by 19 members of our congregation and one guest. Those attending were Betty Campbell, Kathy Townsley, Vicki Hastings, Dania Remaly and guest, Coralee Judge, Jane Leak, Jan Dyer, Steve & Julie Percy, Matt & Wendy Simon, Jerry & Nancy Doyle, Dick & Wilma Howe, Jean Sutton, Claudia Timmons, Barb Seager and Mary Alys Hummel. Lots of laughter was shared by the actors and the audience ☺

Kids Under Construction

The kids have been having a great time with music, lessons, games and learning bible verses.

We have also enjoyed walking tacos and a special pizza night. While we love our pb&j or cheese sandwiches the two special treats were great too.

Both K-3rd at church & 4th -6th grades at Abba’s created Valentine cards as a service project. The cards were put with cards the 4th graders at Clinton Prairie made and given to the MHRC. The residents at the home received a card on their dinner trays. WELL DONE KIDS!

KUC Directors



Adopt a Calf Collection

Feb. Total	\$360.32
3/7	\$99.31
3/14	\$102.47
Total	\$564.10

**Birthday Celebration for
Curly Myers
April 3rd 2-4
At the Mulberry Health &
Retirement Community**

Pop Cans For Missions

Tom Simon is collecting pop cans to recycle. All money will pay for transportation for the mission team to Henderson Settlement in August. Contact Tom is you wish to donate your cans. 296-3539

**One Man’s Trash is
Another Man’s Treasure...**

Matt & Tom Simon will come haul away scrap metal & old appliances. All the money collected will be used for the work project the mission team plan to do at Henderson Settlement. Call Matt 654-4535 or Tom 296-3539



LOST & FOUND

- ♦ Lavender Ladies raincoat
- ♦ Green fleece pullover
- ♦ Black sunglasses

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

In attendance: Pastor Dave, Tom Simon, Matt Simon, Barb Seager, Becki Farley, Patty Wright, Deb Schutz, Rita Cornell, Nancy Doyle, John Harden, Jade Kas, and Wendy Simon.

The meeting was started with prayer and devotional by Tom and Pastor Dave.

The committee reviewed the meeting minutes from January. Matt motioned the minutes be approved as written. Barb seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

Finance – Wendy: The December apportionments were paid in January. The report shows the budget as of the end of January.

Bridge Builders – Barb: In January 41 cards were sent out. Budgeted money spent was \$33.80.

Missions – Deb: In 2009 Missions gave a total of \$5007.55. The goals for this year were set a bit lower due to the economy. The mission trip to the Henderson Settlement will be from August 1 through August 7th. \$65 was raised for the adopt a calf fund raiser this past Sunday. There will be team leader training in March.

UMM – Tom: The UMM met two weeks ago. The group has been averaging about 10 at each meeting. The group is looking forward to spring when they can start doing small jobs around the church.

UMW – Wendy: The UMW had an officer's meeting last Thursday. The schedule is being worked on and will be finalized soon.

Youth – Matt: Our youth met with the Gloria Dei youth and they had a really good time and an interesting lesson given by Pastor Mike on Haiti. The youth are planning to do a chili supper in March. The youth are also planning 2-3 car washes this summer to raise funds for the upcoming mission trip to the Henderson Settlement. The youth are also planning to attend a Christian concert in March.

Education – Patty: Betty Campbell has taken over arranging meals for the youth. If you would like to help with youth meals, jot your name down on the sign-up sheet in the foyer. There is also a sign-up sheet for Sunday School teachers to list topics through April. The VBS material has been ordered and the theme is "High Seas".

Trustees – Matt: There have been sump pump problems at the parsonage. One has been replaced and the other one has been repaired. The garage door opener at the parsonage has had some issues and has been worked on as well. The rental property has some wiring issues in the kitchen. The church kitchen needs some rewiring done to accommodate the noodle maker.

PPR – Jade: The PPR met on January 27th. Jerry Fultz brought a request for Brett Finnerty to cover for him for a week while he is on vacation. The committee agreed that this would be ok. A sign has been put up that states the age requirements of children to be allowed in the nursery. Jade is drafting a brief paragraph that describes what the PPR does which will be included in the March newsletter.

Worship and Fellowship – Pastor Dave: There will be a game night on February 20 at 7pm. Ash Wednesday service will be on February 17th at 7pm. The church is starting the Purpose Driven Life series called the 40 Days of Purpose.

Evangelism – Rita: The Evangelism committee met on Wednesday night to finalize the Unbirthday party which will be held on February 21st from 4-6pm. The committee has also begun to plan for the Family Fun day in July.

Pastor Dave – The district can now set their own apportionment. Our district decided this would be 1% of the income that we receive. For our church this would be about a 200-300% increase over what we were paying before. But in giving the 1% we do not have to pay the general apportionments which are \$222 a month. Paying 1% turns out to be cheaper for us than what we were paying before. Pastor Dave said that we are having a very good response to the Purpose Driven Church. Ryan has resigned as Ad Council Chair due to work conflict with his job.

Matt- The office chair in the administrative assistant's office is quite old and uncomfortable and needs to be replaced. Matt will take before the trustees to take care of the chair.

Deb – New project lists for the Henderson Settlement will published mid February. Once the list is published, we will be looking at it to see which projects we will be qualified to do. The project budget is around \$2000.

Membership – Nancy. No change in membership.

Jon – The annual audit is 90% complete. The audit is going well and all accounts have checked out.

Wendy has been providing attendance comparisons which compares last year versus how we are doing this year. The Farmers Bank has been offering eStatements but the church cannot participate due to security reasons on accounts.

Wendy - Haiti offering was \$3,672.37.

Pastor Dave closed us in prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Becki Farley.

Worship Assistants

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

Traditional Service 8:45 a.m.

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Prayer w/ Pastor</u>
4/4	Pat Simon & kids			Linda Bennett
4/11	Randy & Rita Cornell			Wayne Walker
4/18	Frank & Marie Myers			Mark Newhart
4/25	Wilma & Jerry Fultz			Wendy Simon

Blue Jean Service 11:00 a.m.

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Children's Church</u>
4/4	Farley Family	Becki Farley	NO CC-Communion
4/11	Ryan & Deb Turner	Becki Farley	Michelle Albitz
4/18	Albitz Family	Becki Farley	Katherine Townsley
4/25		Becki Farley	Michelle Albitz

Attendance & Offering

<u>Date</u>	<u>Total Attend.</u>	<u>Sun. School</u>	<u>Gen. Fund Offering</u>
2/7	112	55	\$4,010
2/14	114	52	\$3,226
2/21	126	67	\$4,226
2/28	133	65	\$2715

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

April Birthdays

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

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

April Wedding Anniversaries

4/19 Kathy & Tex Townsley

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

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30-1:30
Church Office: (765) 296-3399
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Food Pantry: By Appointment
Call Church Office