

# THE MESSENGER

May 2005

Building Bridges To The Families Of Mulberry, Leading Them To Christ And Christian Commitment

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 Admin. Asst.: Chris Gipson  
 Nursery: Wendy Simon  
 Wee Blessings Preschool:  
 Director: Sarah Wilson  
 Teacher: Sarah Wilson  
 Assistant: Mary Kay Finnerty

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

Bible Study: Tuesdays @ 7 pm &  
 Wednesdays @ 10 am & 2 pm

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 15TH OF EACH MONTH**

## From The Pastor

What an exciting time in the life of our church as we prepare for our Mission Trip to Haiti in July. Paul Reddix and myself will be leading the team. Paul has been to Haiti two years ago and will be returning to help lead the trip this year. We have two teens going on their first Mission trip. Nate Overman and Brittany Paddock will be taking their first Mission trip and doing a Bible School for the kids of Haiti. Chris Waugh and Rachel Moore are nurses who will both be taking their first Mission trip and doing nursing work in clinics in Haiti. This will be an eye opening experience indeed. Tom Simon and Matt Simon will be taking their first Mission trip and doing a work project in a local church in Haiti. There are still a couple spots open-we can take up to 12 people. So if you are interested, talk to our Mission Chairman, Ryan Turner-he will get you signed up.

You can go on the Mission trip without actually going. It costs around \$1000 for a person to take the trip. Each Missionary is coming up with \$400, and we are asking sponsors to come up with the other \$600. If you can't do a whole sponsorship, call a friend or two and make the commitment. It is as if you went yourself. In addition, we need to raise funds for food and work project materials. God Bless!

*Pastor Tom*



### Space For Rent

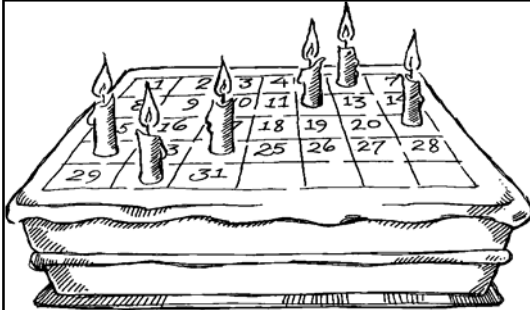
Abba's Place is available for your next Family Reunion, Birthday Party or any special event you may have coming up. There is no charge for Church members in good standing. However, the Church would be overjoyed to accept a financial donation to cover the expenses of maintaining Abba's. Simply contact Chris at the Church office to arrange for rental.

### WANTED: ONE GOOD HOME FOR ONE GOOD DOG

Black female mixed breed, 1 year plus, outdoor dog, good with kids, shots, spayed & very trainable! Please contact the Weber family if interested!

## May Birthdays

## Ask Freida



## Birthdays This Month

- 5/3.....Ella Kathryn Davis
- 5/5.....Katelyn Simon
- 5/8.....Wilma Howe
- 5/9.....Jerry Doyle
- 5/12.....Sherri Stewart
- 5/13.....Pete Gascho
- 5/15.....Morgan Walker
- 5/18.....Terry Lenehan
- 5/18.....Brook Fultz
- 5/23.....Courtney Burton
- 5/23.....Pat Weber
- 5/24.....Mark Newhart
- 5/24.....Emma Coons
- 5/24.....Isabel Coons
- 5/26.....Martha Hengst
- 5/30.....Ashley Dellinger

DEAR FREIDA,  
I WANT TO START A QUIET TIME WITH GOD. CAN YOU HELP ME GET STARTED?

YES. EVERY MORNING AND EVERY NIGHT FOR AT LEAST FIVE MINUTES-NOT ALL TOGETHER, BUT 5 MINUTES EVERY NIGHT AND 5 MINUTES EVERY MORNING. THEN YOU CAN START DOING 20 MINUTES ALL TOGETHER. THEN KEEP ADDING FIVE MINUTES EACH WEEK UNTIL YOU GET TO 30 MINUTES.

YOUR FRIEND,  
*Freida*

## Missions Update

We now have 12 people signed up for the Haiti Mission Trip (July 9-15), and have several on stand-by in case there are any cancellations. Thanks to all of the sponsors thus far in helping support the 2005 Haiti Mission Trip. Thanks to all who have helped with the \$600 raised from the Easter Breakfast and to those who have committed to full or part Sponsorships. Full Sponsorship is \$600; half Sponsorship is \$300.

The Esther Creamer Group:	\$600
MUMC Youth	\$300
Anonymous	\$600
MUMC UMW	\$300
Misc. 3/27 & 4/3	\$165
Easter Breakfast	<u>\$600</u>
Total Sponsorships:	\$2,565, which equals 4 full Sponsorships

*Thanks!*

*The MUMC Missions Committee*



## Ministry Assistants

## Meetings & Events

### Traditional Service

**Communion Steward:** Jane Leak  
**Acolyte:** Hannah Synesael/Sam Waugh

**Greeters:**

- 1 Sherri Stewart
- 8 Dan & Dania Remaly
- 15 Becky Staley
- 22 Matt & Whitney Simon
- 29 Rick & Deb Garriott

**Worship Leaders:**

- 1st Shelly Surber
- 8th & 22nd Mary Lou Clendenning
- 15th & 29th Diane Walker
- Pray with the Pastor (8:30 am)

- 1 Amy Thayer & Dania Remaly
- 8 Cheryl Overman
- 15 Rita Cornell & Helen Hann
- 22 Wayne Walker
- 29 Mary Lou Clendenning

### Blue Jean Service

**Children's Church**

- 1 Elaine Simon
- 8 Kellie Simon
- 15 Betty Skiles
- 22 Elaine Simon
- 29 Judi Hoehner

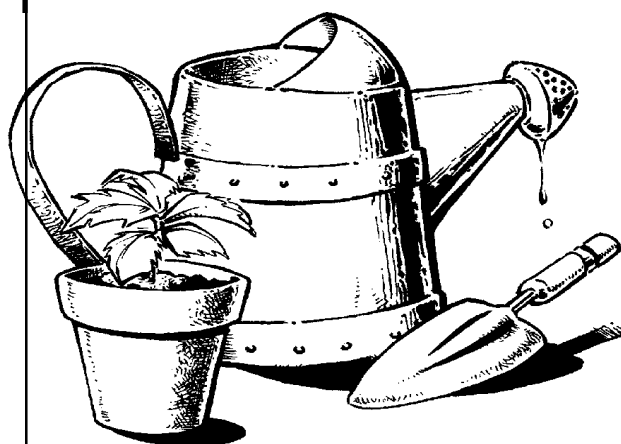
**Greeters:**

- 1 The Schutz Family
- 8 Andy & Michelle Albitz & Family
- 15 Jeff & Pat Weber & Family
- 22 Tom & Elaine Simon
- 29 Craig & Cheryl Overman

- 1st Communion Sunday
- 5th UMW Salad Supper 6:30 pm @ the Church
- 9th Administrative Board 7 pm @ the Church
- 16th Worship Committee 7 pm @ the Church
- 29th Corporate Prayer 6 pm @ the Church

**Weekly Calendar**

- Sun: 8:45 am Traditional Service
- 10 am Sunday School
- 11 am Blue Jean Service
- Mon: 6:30 am Men's Bible Study/Breakfast @ the Corner Restaurant
- Tues: 5:30 am Women's Bible Study
- 9 am Craft Ladies @ the Church
- 7 pm Bible Study @ the Church
- 8 pm AA Meeting-Church Basement
- Wed: 10 am Bible Study @ the Church
- 2 pm Bible Study @ the Villa
- 5:00 pm Kid's Club @ the Church
- 2nd & 4th Sat. each month: 7 am Men's Bible Study/Breakfast @ the Church
- 2nd & 4th Sunday each month: 4-6 pm Sr. High Youth (grades 9-12) @ Abba's Place



# MAY

## MUMC Vital Signs

	Offering Received
March 13 Attendance 154	\$3,293
March 20 Attendance 151	\$3,407
March 27 Attendance 230	\$3,345
April 3 Attendance 161	\$5,402
April 10 Attendance 157	\$3,607
April 17 Attendance 185	\$3,881
6 Week Offering Ave.	\$3,822
6 Week Attendance Ave.	176

## UMW

It's time again to welcome spring by holding our Annual Salad Supper. This event will take place on Thursday, May 5th, at 6:30 in the Church basement. Our guests have been invited, and the entertainment has been secured. Please plan to attend for an evening of food, fun and fellowship. The ladies of our UMW are asked to bring one LARGE salad, or two small salads to share with everyone.

For our meeting in April, we enjoyed the thought-provoking book review of The Atonement Child. Deb Schutz did a nice job with the review and it's views of abortion. After a lengthy meeting, Coralee served a most delicious dessert, the recipe for which should be published in this newsletter.

### Youth Summer Camp

Youth interested in signing up for summer camps-please see Judi Hoehner.

### Found!

Nice warm blue jean jacket with magenta fleece lining, boys size 4/5. Has been in the Church basement for awhile. Please claim in the office!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Jay & Mary Kay Finnerty. They are proud Grandparents! Zion Andrew Finnerty was born March 31st, 2005; weighing in at 7 lbs. 12 oz. and 20 inches long! May god Bless you and your family!

### Recycling Day in Mulberry

Boy Scout Troop #336 will be picking up recyclable paper at your curb, on Saturday, May 28th. Please place your paper by the street early (!) Saturday morning. Please help support our local Scouts. Troop 336 recently held a Food Drive and donated all of the items to Stone Soup Food Pantry. Thank you Scouts for your hard work and dedication to the environment!

## THANK YOU!!!

Because of your generous donations, we were able to send **26 Health Kits** to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) for the Tsunami victims! The "Craft Ladies" put the kits together one Tuesday morning (with a regular assembly line, no less). A few leftover items were donated to the Stone Soup Food Pantry at Abba's Place.

We appreciate your help with this project,

United Methodist Women

## Wee Blessings News

The end of the school year is just around the corner!! Registration for the 2005-2006 school year was held on April 14th and 15th. If you want to register your child or know of someone that does, there is still time to sign up. Please call the church office if you are interested (296-3399).

We are preparing the four year old class for Parent/Teacher Conferences. These will be held on April 21st. Kindergarten Round-Up for Clinton Prairie will be held on April 28th and 29th. We will end the school year by having a picnic at the park. We will hold a year end celebration for this class at the church.

The three year old class will have a picnic in their classroom to end the year. They will have to graduate to the four year old class to have their picnic in the park.

It has been a wonderful year at Wee Blessings. We are all looking forward to SUMMER BREAK!

Nice weather is here—watch out for all the children playing outside!!

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Wilson*

### CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Ladies, you are invited to attend the May Friendship Day on May 6, 2005, at 9:00 am at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Mulberry. There will be a continental breakfast.

The program will continue our 2005 theme involving light and salt, with the program entitled "Living In The Light." Rev. Lowell Brown, former Acting Associate Director of Overseas Operation with Church World Service, a partner organization of Church Women United, will present our program, along with the ladies of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Also, ladies, just a reminder that we will have the Fellowship of the Least Coin collection at this celebration, so we invite you to bring your coins at this time.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF YOU ON FRIDAY, MAY 6TH!**

### Community Choir Callout

On Sunday, June 5th, the Churches in the Mulberry area are once again coming together to promote worship in the community. A community choir will be performing at the service. If you are currently a member of the choir or would just like to get involved in the community choir, please let Angie Schilling know so she can have enough music available for our first rehearsal on Wednesday, May 18th @ 7:00 pm in the MUMC sanctuary. E-mail: [aschilling@cpssc.k12.in.us](mailto:aschilling@cpssc.k12.in.us) or call 296-3399 (Church) or 296-2515 (Angie) by Sunday, May 15th. Thank you for sharing your vocal gift with the rest of the community.

**MULBERRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Jerry Fultz, Ryan Turner, Craig, Cheryl and Erin Overman, Rita Cornell, Chris Gipson, Barb Seager, Terry Thayer, Paul Reddix, J.C. & Coralee Judge, Myron Chezem, Sherry Gouvan, and Recording Secretary, Sarah Wilson

**BRIDGE BUILDERS:** (Barb Seager) 29 cards were sent. Sent 10 goodie boxes to the college kids. \$44.50 in donations.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:** (Elaine Simon) Studying the Wall of Jericho

**MISSIONS:** (Ryan Turner) Doing well on sponsorship for the trip. \$1,064.00 donated so far to the trip (includes Easter Breakfast). The Creamer group will be a sponsor-donating \$600.00. Have almost three full sponsorships. Balance: \$3,198.94. The travel agent should be able to get a group rate for the trip. Will have a short meeting this Sunday after church. Looks like one more person is needed to go on the trip.

**WORSHIP:** (Cheryl Overman) Easter, Sunrise and Maundy Thursday services went well. Met with the festival group for the park service and everything is lined up. Will have 2-3 youth from each church as ushers. Will have babysitting during the park service. There will be a community choir and possibly a youth choir. May 16th at 7:00 pm is the next meeting. May have a fall hog roast/combined service outside or at the lodge at Camp Cullom.

**PASTOR PARISH:** (Paul Reddix) Have been going over evaluations. Discussed hiring a youth leader. Cheryl Overman has an applicant for this position, will give information to Paul Reddix.

**TRUSTEES:** (Terry Thayer) Set deadline for the sign to be up at Abba's. The 23rd will be the deadline, which is also clean-up day at the Church, parsonage & Abba's. Fix light in the back of the vault at Abba's. Things are missing from Abba's. Heat was turned way up-over 85 degrees in the building on Monday, April 11th. Will need to change locks at Abba's. New keys will have "DO NOT DUPLICATE" on them, and the keys will be numbered. May need to take inventory at Abba's. Do we turn in missing items from Abba's in to insurance? Terry will check on deductible. Need locked cabinets for storage at Abba's. Front doors are sticking-Craig Overman's brother will fix this problem. Put wish list for Abba's in the newsletter with contact person. Tiles are loose in the girls bathroom downstairs at the church. Where does the money come from to purchase new TV's, DVD players, etc. for the Church or Abba's ? Maybe out of Sunday School funds or Abba's fund.

**FINANCE:** (Amy Thayer) Very concerned about the budget. There is an \$8,000 deficit. Need someone to chair Consecration Sunday. Coralee Judge gave Cathy Harden information about Consecration Sunday Programs. Some funds are coming in for the copier. General fund balance: \$4,632.55. Wee Blessings balance: \$12,304.77. Organ Fund balance: \$296.68. New Building balance: \$11,158.68

**PASTORAL CARE:** (Craig Overman) No activity on Building Assessment. Still visiting people.

**MEMORIALS:** (J.C. Judge) Balance at the end of January: \$2,876.99. Balance at end of February: \$2,877.54. Balance at end of March: \$2,878.15. Paid for Abba's sign.

**UMM:** (Matt Waninger) No report.

**UMW:** (Rita Cornell) Will give a half sponsorship for the Mission trip (\$300). Will have the lemon

**UMW cont.** shake-ups at the Mulberry Festival. Will try to get a different location. Sent 26 Health Kits to the Tsunami relief funds. Sponsored Cathy Harden and Angie Schilling (\$200) for the walk for Rainbow Haven. The Salad Supper will be May 5th, 6:30 pm in the Church basement. In June we will have a picnic at the park.

**YOUTH:** (Sherry Gouvan, Erin Overman) Started the Sr. High Youth Group with a concert. Had approximately 65 kids at the concert. Will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at Abba's from 4-6 pm. Considering hiring a new Youth Director. The kids want a Bible Study. Dania Remaly will be stepping down as Church Camp Coordinator (see Judi Hoehner). Need to talk with UMW to let them know how many kids would like to go to camp. Announce about camp.

**KID'S CLUB:** (Barb Seager & Cathy Harden) Have two more meetings and then Family Night. Going well.

**Accountability Committee:** (Barb Seager) Met several times and made straight forward recommendations. Pastor Parish, Worship and Trustees definitely need a trained person to take over for chairperson. Groups using the Church need to sign off. Combined rules that were already made for use of the Church and Abba's. Craig Overman made a motion to table these recommendations until next meeting. Rita Cornell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

## THANK YOU

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the love and support given to us during this past 10 months. It took it's toll on our whole family, but having our church family behind us, we made it through this difficult time. The power of prayer is an awesome thing. We know, because our prayers were answered through everyone that prayed with us and for us. God heard all of us and He gave all of you wonderful people to surround us with His strength and love and wisdom to never give up. The words of encouragement, cards, hugs, and special smiles mean more to us than you will ever know. No one ever wants to go through an ordeal such as this, but it has made our Faith even stronger and we praise God every day for what He has given us. WOW! We are truly blessed for being a part of this community and Mulberry United Methodist Church. A special thank you to Pastor Tom. He spent two days with us in that courtroom and we can't thank him enough for his support and taking the time out of his busy schedule to just sit with us.

God Bless!

*Glenn & Sarah Wilson & Family*

## KID'S CLUB NEWS

K-3 Kid's Club ended their unit with stories and skits of the "Poor Widow" who shared all that she had with others and the story of "Esther" who had the courage to do what was right. Our last night we played a questions and answers game reviewing what we have concentrated on this semester. We are impressed with what the kids remember!

Our Kid's Club would not be possible without ALL the help from our many dedicated staff! We so appreciate the people who give of their time and talent each week: K-3: Amy Harshman, registrar; Susie McKinsey, kitchen; Angie Schilling, music; Lisa Woods, Kdg.; Elaine Simon and Carol Nagy, 1st grade; Betty Skiles, 2nd grade; Tom Hoehner, 3rd grade; and Crysta Kas, who prepares our materials for the weekly lessons. Diane Walker, Phyllis Huffer and Wayne Walker also substituted for us.

4th & 5th grade Kid's Club have ended their Divin' Into Jesus unit by focusing on the teaching of Jesus through parables. The Parable of the Wedding Feast taught us humility. The Parable of the Rich Fool taught us about greed. The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Men taught about the wisdom of building our lives on Jesus' teaching. With this last lesson, the kids divided into 2 teams with one building their Lego house on the sand and the other building theirs on the rock. You can imagine which house was still standing when the "storm" hit (actually, a watering can of water). That little test really illustrated that if we build our lives on the rock-Jesus-then we will still be standing with Him when the storms of life hit.

For a couple of special treats this past month, Jim & Jan Dyer brought their pony for the kids to see. The kids loved petting it and they even got to brush him and feed him! We also played Bible Jeopardy as a fun way to review our lessons.

We have had a great staff at Abba's Place this year. Many thanks to Tom Simon who took care of serving and cleaning up supper every week, along with many other duties; Jan & Jim Dyer, our registrars; our small group leaders, Suzie Kelsey & Judi Hoehner (Judi also prepared our materials); Dania Remaly, our music leader; and Deb Turner, who did great crafts with us and helped in many other ways. Special thanks to our high school helpers: Aaron Crider, Erin Overman, Melissa Cook and Lindsay Reddix.

## Vacation Bible School June 20th-24th!



Grab those tools and put on those hard hats. You're entering the Construction Zone! Pay close attention to the signs. An exciting work is in progress...but not with bricks or wood or stone. The real kingdom work is taking place in the lives of kids who are studying the life of Jesus and seeing in Him character qualities that honor God. They're being challenged to develop those same qualities—they're being challenged to become just like Jesus!

Students will learn from their Bible story and life application segment and receive reinforcement on the story as they rotate through games, crafts, music and snack. Volunteers are needed to help with: pre-VBS decoration, classroom teaching, crafts, music and snacks, registration, and floaters to help out when and wherever needed. I'm also looking for members who might have access to construction equipment that could be demonstrated (or at least brought in) so the kids can get a closer look.

The children love the experience and it is rewarding for you as a volunteer, too. Please let me know as soon as possible so I can give you your teaching materials. I haven't finalized a time yet, because I'm waiting to see when volunteers are most readily available (either 9 am-noon, or 6 pm-8:30 pm)...so, if you have an interest or more questions, please contact me via e-mail at [aschilling@cpssc.k12.in.us](mailto:aschilling@cpssc.k12.in.us). Or, call me @ 296-2515.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering during this year's VBS.

*Angie Schilling*

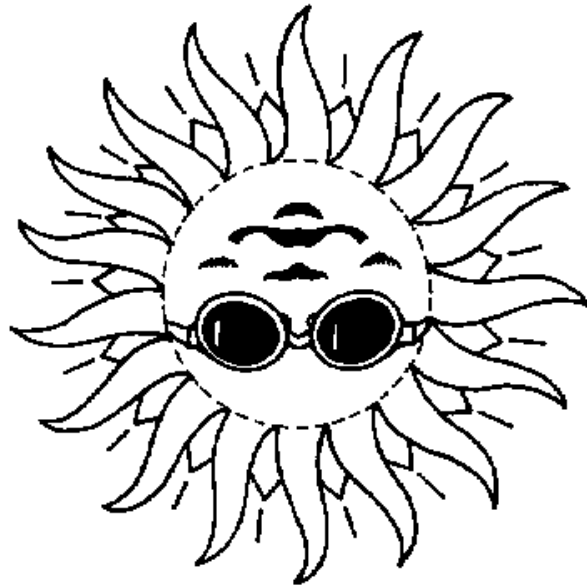


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