

May 2006

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: 15TH

Pastor:	Tom Hoehner
Assistant Pastor:	Craig Overman
Choir Director:	Mary Lou Clendenning
Pianist:	Esther Creamer
Organist:	Angie Schilling
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

Beginning July 1st Judi and I will begin our appointment to Covington UMC in Covington, Indiana. We are both excited and sad at the same time. We have had 6 really good years here at Mulberry.

Judi and I want to extend our thanks to everyone who has loved and supported us over the years. It has certainly been the most enjoyable six years of my professional life. Get behind your next man and support him. He is your ordained man, the word ordained means ordered by God. As you support and bless him, God will bless your church.

Final good byes will be in next month's newsletter.

Pastor Tom



APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE!
Congratulations to ALL who participated in making the musical drama "Who Do You Say I Am?" so successful!! The drama depicted the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and was done so eloquently from the awesome music to the heartfelt passion of the cast. It was a moving experience for all. Our sincere gratitude goes to Terri and Terry Lenehan who had the vision that this Church family and others could present the story to Christians in our community and reach out to those who do not know of the Savior. What a blessing!

Thank You,
Your Community and Church



We want to thank everyone for all their prayers for Karen. You all meant so much to us with your support. Also we appreciated the dinner you brought for after the funeral. Everyone has been so thoughtful. Thank you for your prayers for us.

Esther Creamer, Julie & Steve Percy, Dave & Jenny Miller,
Diane & Mark Walker,
Mary Lou & Dan Clendenning



Thank you for all of the cards and prayers during the past few weeks.
What a blessing to have such a thoughtful Church family.

Marie Myers

May 2006

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met April 6th in the church basement with 10 women in attendance. Rita provided refreshments. Coralee educated us on Marys of the Bible.



May

- 5/2 Kathy Seager
- 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 Brooke Fultz
- 5/20 Nick Seager
- 5/23 Courtney Burton
- 5/23 Pat Weber
- 5/23 Kyle Patton
- 5/24 Mark Newhart
- 5/24 Emma Coons
- 5/24 Isabel Coons
- 5/30 Ashley Dellinger

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

Ask Freida



Dear Freida,
What should I do when I feel angry?

Be like a duck, let it slide off and then count to ten. Then tell the person how you feel.

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Java Jam

May 6th at 7:00 pm
Featuring Levi Richardson & Nellie Neal with a brief break and following up with Falling Higher.



Don't forget our greeting cards are for sale in the Sunday School hallway. 30¢ each or 4 for \$1

UMW Annual Salad Supper

May 4th at 6:30 in the Church Basement

We have invited ladies from other churches to join us. All women from our church are invited to attend and bring one large salad or two small salads to share.

Thank You!

We wish to thank those who contributed to the dinner for the Miller family. Those who donated salads were: Jan Dyer, Edith Boyd, Vicki Hastings, Janie Garriott, Wilma Howe, Ronda Hall, Wilma Fultz and Barb Seager. Desserts were provided by: Jan Dyer, Wendy Simon, Mary Fultz, Sarah Coffman, Jane Leak, Crysta Kas and Sarah Wilson. The workers were: Wilma Howe, Janie Garriott, Helen Hann, Vicki Hastings and Barb Seager. The family was most appreciative!

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New Christian Singles Group!

A new Christian singles group is forming in our area for discussions, activities, and fun! Widen your circle of friends and enjoy fellowship with other Christians! All ages welcome. We hope to have participants from several churches in Boone, Clinton, and Tippecanoe counties. Child care will be provided for most of our activities. If you are interested in learning more about this group, please contact Lori Alsop at (765) 242-6137 or lori_alsop@hotmail.com.



LOST: Earphones

Wee Blessings is missing a pair of earphones. The computer was found on Tues. morning of Spring Break. The earphones came up missing the first Mon. morning after that. If you have seen an extra pair around, please return them to the preschool computer table.

Thank you.

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You are invited!!

Come learn to relax and smell great! "Brunch & Spa on Sat., May 13th from 10:00-12:00 in the church basement.

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Mulberry Share & Care Center is in need of volunteers. Would you be willing to donate one day a week to help out? The hours would be from 10:30-2:00 Mon, Wed & Fri. Your meal would be free. Only two or three would be needed at a time.

Mildred Tansey, Director
296-3508

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May Friendship Day

"Signs of Growth"

Continental Breakfast
Trinity Church of Christ Mulberry May 5th with registration at 8:45. A last coin offering will be taken.

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Need 2 Assistants

To help with the Bed Racing on June 3rd For the Mulberry Fest. Contact Brett Peden at 296-7022. Kids are welcome to help.

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Hooded, zip-up sweatshirt found in the basement. Child size 6, purple and the brand is OshKosh. Stop by the basement and pick it up please.

Wee Blessings

This year is almost over with the last day being May 11th. Our year end program will be Sunday, May 7th.

It has been a wonderful and successful year. The committee and teachers were so skeptical about having just one class of four year olds but with putting our heads together and praying—God showed us the way as He always does. It turned out to be a huge success with the fours going the extra day (Mon., Wed., Thurs.) we have accomplished so much. I know these children are ready for Kindergarten - some might even think they are ready for the WORLD!!

I want to thank the parents for letting us enjoy their children and dutily getting them here each day (this includes grandparents, friends and babysitters).

God blessed us with beautiful children who will grow up to be beautiful people. We feel blessed to be a small part of the few children we have each year at Wee Blessings.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Wilson

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Kids Club

With our family night done we have ended our year. How fast the time has gone while we have had such fun. The kids have learned so many things in such a short while. We studied stories in the Bible that showed how we can serve God to the best of our God given abilities. With a special pizza night we watched the movie "The Three Trees" This movie showed how each tree had a wish that came true in unexpected ways. The kids were really excited to learn that they too may live out their dreams in ways that they can't fully understand yet. What an adventure life can become!

We spent our last night giving out 2 Bibles and having a fun quiz about Jesus. To our surprise all of the kids know many things about Jesus and his life. This was our first focused study about Jesus, so it was exciting to see that they have been picking up things along the way.

A big thanks goes out to all the people that make Kids Club possible all year. With a special thanks to Pastor Tom for teaching the 3rd grade class with such passion and enthusiasm. We know that if it weren't for your moving you would still be teaching with us. Go with God's blessings and our prayers. May you touch the lives of the children in your new home. You will be hard to replace.

The Directors

May 2006

Ministry Assistants

Traditional Service

Communion Steward:
Amy Thayer

Acolyte: Macy Craner

Greeters:

5/7 Coralee Judge
5/14 Randy & Rita Cornell
5/21 Jerry & Nancy Doyle
5/28 Jerry & Wilma Fultz

Worship Leader:

7th & 14th Diane Walker
21st & 28th Mary Lou Clendenning

Pray with the Pastor: (8:30)

5/7 Amy Thayer & Dania Remaly
5/14 Cheryl Overman
5/21 Rita Cornell & Helen Haan
5/28 Wayne Walker

Blue Jean Service

Greeters:

5/7 Jeff & Pat Weber & Family
5/14 Deb & Kelsey Schutz
5/21 Mike & Tina Hall & Family
5/28 Jay & Mary Kay Finnerty & Family

Scripture Readers:

Cathi Godfrey

Children's Church:

*Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

Meetings & Events

5/4 UMW Salad Supper 6:30 pm Basement
5/6 Java Jam at 7:00 pm
5/7 Communion Sunday
5/28 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>
Mar. 12	\$2878	177
Mar. 19	\$2703	177
Mar. 26	\$1920	148
Apr. 2	\$4778	123
Apr. 9	\$3943	168
Apr. 16	\$2636	128

Note from the Ad. Council Chair:

It has come to the attention of the Administrative Council that our new secretary has been asked to write checks for certain items that do not fall under the responsibility of any particular committee. To be fair, Wendy is only doing what the rules say when she has refused to do so. All checks written MUST come out of the budget of one of the committees, not just the General Fund. The General Fund is made up of the total of the funds.

If an item is to be purchased that doesn't fall under the category of a specific group, the Ad. Council should be addressed about the item, and it must give its approval, along with the determination of the fund from which to take the money. Every committee chair has a seat on the Ad. Council and can bring the needs of the church to the Council's attention.

This is just the check and balance system that works best for our church. It prevents too many people buying things that they believe the church needs without going through the proper channels. The rules apply to ALL of us. This is not meant to address anyone or any particular committee. It's just the way it is.

So please, don't go to Wendy and expect her to write a check for something that isn't for a particular committee (who should already have a budget). She doesn't have the authority to do this.

If new committees need to be formed to cover new opportunities, please contact either Wendy at the church office, or Rita Cornell. We want to be able to stretch our church and outreach, so we expect new ideas and committees. Let's keep God's Kingdom growing - right here in Mulberry!

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.
Rita Cornell, Ad. Council Chair

Administrative Board Meeting – March 13, 2006

Members Present: Jerry Fultz, Vicki Hastings, Wendy Simon, Dave Miller, Ryan Turner, Jade Kas, Rene Kemmerer, Pastor Tom, Linda Ward, Coralee Judge, Cheryl Overman, Myron Chezem, Rita Cornell, and Nancy Doyle

Rita gave devotions and February minutes were approved as written.

Lay Leader: Coralee reported that 6 people from our church went to Monticello for leadership training on January 22nd, and on Feb. 4th, Coralee attended the bi-monthly of the District Lay Leaders in Flora. Saturday the 18th of March is a seminar called *The Next Step* in Lafayette. Any from our church may attend.

Wee Blessings: Coralee said that school is going fine. We will soon be registering for next year's preschool. She did have one major concern about damage that had been done to our Wee Blessings area during a meeting at our church. Much damage was done. We have asked that people not use the Wee Blessings Room for activities. We love to have our Church used; we just do not like to see it abused.

Worship: Cheryl Overman - A meeting will be held on the 26th of March to make plans for Easter and the park service.

Youth: Cheryl Overman – 16 youth from our church, 9 FCA youth and 5 adults attended *Acquire The Fire* in Muncie. One of our youth said “it was awesome” and Cheryl said the kids were very well behaved.

Memorials: Rita read Amy's report that \$985.00 more had been given in memory of JC Judge and that has been transferred to the Benevolence Fund. Amy has not seen a bank statement, but says there is approximately \$399.72 in the Memorial Fund.

Rita also reported for Barb Seager that the Study of Lent is being held in Children's Church, and Bridge Builders sent out 30 cards in February.

Mark Newhart sent his report about the Men's Breakfast that was held at Camp Cullom to hear Ray Tolbert. They met with Christian men from different churches for food, fellowship and fun. The next men's breakfast will be March 25th.

Trustees: Jerry reported that caulking had been done on the windows in the nursery, the light had been repaired in the Parlor, and the chair lift had been repaired. He also said that the key to the chair lift has been removed to keep people from leaving it in a position that causes the battery to run down. It will be ready for use when we know there will be a function in the church. Painting has been done at Abba's Place. The wall could not be opened up as planned for several reasons; one being that it is a supporting wall. But, work will be done on that middle room this month. Also a 6" flue has been installed from the boiler and is working well.

The trustees received a letter from the County Assessor concerning our "renting out" Abba's place and the assessed valuation. Jerry will talk to the assessor's office soon. Jerry checked with the insurance company and we will be covered on the Texas properties for 90 days after we obtain possession of the properties.

UMW: Vicky Hasting told about the March meeting being held at MHRC, where we played bingo with the residents. She also said programs are available.

Kids Club: Wendy reported it is going well, had 2 new children last week and gave out 2 or 3 more Bibles.

Missions: Ryan reported that he sent a check for \$2,265.00 to help build the volunteer center in Louisiana. That project still needs \$146,000. He sent \$500 to southern Indiana for the tornado recovery effort near Evansville. The heifer project will be started again soon and he is trying to find out if a mission trip to Haiti is a viable option for this year and also contacting airlines about the tickets we hold. There is approximately \$311.00 in the mission fund.

Children's Church: Renee said we are still in need of a director for Bible School. We have people who are willing to teach, but we need a director. Bible School will probably be held the third week in July and Renee may go ahead and order the curriculum.

Vision Committee: Jade reported the eight people went to McGrawsville United Methodist Church a couple of weeks ago and said that it was a very motivational experience. Peggy Hawkins showed the group around the church explaining the process by which the church expanded. The Vision Committee will meet next Sunday.

Dave Miller told of his work on the computer and updating all info using Church Windows. He was given our thanks and a round of applause for all his hard work on this project. Dave passed out several financial forms and asked us to decide on the ones that we needed each month. We asked for the Consolidated Fund Activity Report for the year to date and the Treasurer's report year to date, each month. We need to remind everyone that if church money is to be spent for something we **must** have the receipt. He also reported that after the last maintenance done on the organ that fund is in the red. Motion was made, seconded and passed to close that fund since no money is coming in.

The PPR committee reported that Wendy Simon was hired to be the new administrative assistant.

Vicky reported that some one is interested in buying the piano that was in the chapel. A motion was made, seconded and passed to advertise in the church that the piano is available. We may do a silent auction on it.

Wendy reminded us that a rental paper must be filled out and a deposit paid by everyone for the use of Abba's Place. Deposit will be returned to members if there are no problems and the key is returned.

The Food Pantry was discussed. Some money (instead of groceries) has been given and it was decided that maybe we could give out gift cards to a grocery store sometimes. Wendy will check and see if somehow those cards could be blocked against the buying of cigarettes and alcohol. Also discussion of keeping the items in the pantry rotated and Tom said he is sure Chris Gipson is taking care of that.

Meeting adjourned.
Nancy Doyle, acting secretary

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