



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: 15TH

Pastor: Linda Dolby
Associate Pastor: Craig Overman
Choir Director: Mary Lou Clendenning
Pianist: Esther Creamer
Organist: Angie Schilling
Custodian: Sarah Wilson
Nursery: Sherry Gouvan
Admin. Asst: 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 5:30am at the
Church
P.S. Jesus Women's
Study Group 7:15 pm Thursday
at Vickie Brose's house
Men's Bible Study 7 am 2nd & 4th Sat.

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

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An invitation to the church family...

Larry and Marlene Boyd will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on May 12th. Plan to stop by and wish them well at the Frankfort Country Club from 6-8 pm.



*Happy
Anniversary!*

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear friends,

It is said "a church exists for Mission as a fire exists for burning." This church is on fire for the Lord and reaches out in so many ways:

- Last Sunday we heard the wonderful report of our 20 youth and 6 adults who worked in Mississippi the last week of March.
- This week we celebrated Family Night and the close of another wonderful year of Kids Club. The children sang of their love for Jesus. 24 kids earned Bibles this year. We are sharing the goods news!
- The new Board of Directors of Abba's Place is hard at work making plans for an expanded program to reach out to our Clinton County youth. We just completed a Needs Assessment survey of youth – with over 200 responses!
- And we are going to Costa Rica this summer on a mission trip! See inside this newsletter to learn more....

As I write this I am shocked and saddened by the tragedy this week at Virginia Tech. One mentally ill young man has caused such sorrow. We pray for him and all his victims and their families. It makes me want to reach out and hug my children, Mulberry's children and all the children of the world. Thank God for this church. Because of you and our mission work together, we are able to do so. May the peace of our Risen Lord be with you all. This comes with love from your pastor,

Linda Dolby

Cleve and I thank everyone for your prayers and support during our recent surgeries. We are doing well!

Stone Soup Food Pantry continues to be a blessing to our community! Four families were served in March and 2 families (to date) in April. The needs this month include; salad dressings, mac & cheese, spaghetti sauce, peas, carrots, dry cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned or frozen meats. Please remember to check the dates before donating, as we do not accept outdated foods. Many thanks to all who keep this ministry in their prayers.

“If everyone gives just a little, there will be plenty for all”

If you or someone you know is hungry, please call Chris Gipson 296-6632.

UMW Night Out in March

A fun-filled evening was spent with United Methodist Women and guests as they dined at Ponderosa Steak House before attending the Clinton County Civic Theater production “Lend Me a Tenor.” Attending were Betty Campbell, Judy Hansell, Coralee Judge, Wayne Walker, Becky & Jim Humrick-house, Vicki Hastings, Jean Sutton, Janet Fisher, Wilma & Dick Howe, Marlene Boyd, Carol Nagy, Pastor Linda and Cleve and Barb Seager.

April UMW Meeting

Never too old for a good time! That is what we learned from our “scavenger information hunt” put together by Barb Seager. Two cars full of ladies made up individual teams that scoured Mulberry for landmark dates and names. Thank you to Opal Cullom for passing out the extra point questions when we stopped at her home. Thanks, Barb!!

May Birthdays

2 ... Kathy Seager	18... Terry Lenehan
3 ... Ella Kathryn Davis	18... Brooke Hake
5 ... Katelyn Simon	20... Nick Seager
8 ... Wilma Howe	23... Courtney Burton
9 ... Jerry Doyle	23... Pat Weber
10 . Reanna Fultz	23... Kyle Patton
12 . Sherri Stewart	24... Emma Coons
13 . Pete Gascho	24... Isabel Coons
15 . Morgan Walker	

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

Wee Blessings Pre School

The year is wrapping up. We have been very busy preparing for parent/teacher conferences for the four-year-old class. We will have conferences on Thursday, April 26th.



We have been testing on just about everything—numbers letters, writing, names, hopping, throwing the ball, etc. Everyone is doing great, and we will be well prepared for conferences.

We have also been practicing for the year-end program in May. Our last day of school is May 11th and the program will be shortly after. And thinking into May brings Mother’s Day so watch for some special surprises for Mom’s Day!

The three-year-olds have still been working on their numbers and nursery rhymes. They are all doing great and love acting out the rhymes.

Both classes seem to enjoy our Bible lessons. We just ended with of course the lessons on Easter. I think they understand that Easter is a very special holiday that just doesn’t include candy, eggs and presents.

Both classes have been such a pleasure to have and great too—so involved and ready to give whatever we ask!

God gave us great kids with great parents—Thank you for this opportunity to teach your children and sharing them with our wonderful preschool.

*Sincerely,
Mrs. Wilson*

United Methodist Women

Spring has sprung and our Annual Salad Supper will take place Thursday, May 3rd, at 6:30 in the church basement. ALL ladies of the church are invited. Please plan to attend for an evening of great food and fellowship. Learn how women from other countries set up house keeping. We ask that you bring one large salad, or two medium salads to share with our guests from neighboring churches. Hope to see you there.

We will be sponsoring Church Women United Luncheon May 4th. All women are encouraged to attend .

◆**Easter cards for recycling** are needed by the Craft Ladies. After you have enjoyed the beautiful Easter cards your loved ones sent you, please drop them off at the church for the ladies to use for making their lovely recycled cards. This year Easter cards were in high demand.

Don’t forget to stop by and shop for cards for those special to you. Making these cards is a great time of fellowship for all ladies that participate as well as a steady fundraiser for the UMW. You are welcome to drop by and help with the making of the cards on Tuesday morning at 9:00am.

We are praying for:

Pastor Linda's recent surgeries
Frank Myers' health problems
Diane Walker's granddaughter
Bessie Reid's recovery
Betty LaCompte's recovery

And many more that have not been listed here. But let me take this time to thank everyone for their continued dedication to praying for all those in need. If you need prayer or have a loved one in need of prayer, please get the information to the church office either by email mlbymc@mintel.net or by calling 296-3399. If you would like to offer up prayers on behalf of others by being on the email prayer chain, let the office know. May God bless you all. Thank you.

► Help is needed on Wednesday, May 30 from 12:30 - 3:30 to help with the assembling of the packets for Annual Conference at the Purdue Union. Please email or call the office if you can help at any of the numbers below.

Jennifer L. Lewis
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Sunday School

Super Sunday (4 yrs-3rd grade)

The first quarter of this year we have been talking about how we need God's love in our hearts to obey His word and not to sin. We know we can always depend on Him and trust Him. We are working on knowing the difference between asking God for things we NEED and not the things we WANT. God wants us to be good Christians; we understand that we will be known by our actions and what we say. The Bible says we need to share and do good deeds for others. The Bible is our guide to follow God's word. We welcome Betty (Perry) Skiles aboard as a part of our teaching staff for this new session!

Kid's Club

K-3: In the last couple lessons we played board games that helped us understand God's Rules. We know that God loves us and that He will take care of us: we do not need to be afraid. Our last class was "pizza and movie" night! Some of the things the kids say they have enjoyed about Kid's Club this year were: crafts, friends, music, loving teachers, learning about Jesus and god and stories and skits.

One of our last activities together was having the kids tell us what they like most about Kid's Club. This is what they had to say. "Kid's Club has the greatest teachers ever!"

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! To our support staff who over the year have provided the evening snacks for us: Jerry Fultz, "bread man," Pat Weber, "chip lady," and Jane Leak, Janie Garriott, and Dick & Wilma Howe, "sandwich makers." A special thank you to Barb Seager "the supplies/organizer/fill-in-where-needed lady." We appreciate you ALL ☺

The 4th, 5th, & 6th grade Kid's Club has had a great Spring, despite the weather! We enjoyed Jeopardy Game/ Pizza night. The Jeopardy questions all related to our lessons, Bible verses and Kid's Club trivia, and the game scores really showed how much they learned this year! Thanks to Aaron Crider for being a very convincing Alex Trebec!

The lesson for Easter week was very meaningful to us all. We used "Resurrection Eggs" to tell the Easter story. There were a dozen plastic eggs, each with an article from the events leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection and a Bible verse to go with each one.

On April 11th we headed to the Frankfort YMCA swimming pool. Our swimming was delayed due to the lightning but after we got started everyone had so much fun! Thanks so much to Deb Turner, Bret Peden, Tom & Elaine Simon and Dania Remaly for chauffeuring everyone!

Our year officially ended with our Family Night at the church on April 18th. Thanks to everyone for a great year!

*The Directors-Cathy Harden,
Carol Nagy, and Wendy Simon*

Madison Township Community Scholarship Applications for the 2007-2008 Mulberry High School Alumni Association scholarship program are now available at the community library. Students who resided in Mulberry/ Madison Township when they graduated from high school or a home school program and have completed the first or subsequent year of undergraduate study at an accredited Indiana institution are encouraged to apply. Applications must be postmarked by June 30, 2007.

Service Assistance

Traditional Service

Prayer With Pastors:

5/6 Coralee Judge
5/13 Wayne Walker
5/20 Rita Cornell
5/27 Shelly Surber

Communion Steward: Vicki Hastings

Worship Leader: To Be Announced

Acolyte: Whitney Simon

Greeters:

5/6 Rick & Deb Garriott
5/13 Dennis & Janet Neidigh
5/20 Eldon & Betty Skiles
5/27 Roger Lewis

Blue Jean Service

Worship Leader: Steve & Julie Percy

Children's Church:

5/6
5/13
5/20 Tracy Patton
5/27

Greeters:

5/6 Dan & Carol Nagy
5/13 Bill & Vicky Brose
5/20 Vicky Hastings
5/27 Sharon & Alyssa Maish

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

Thank you to all those helping to make Sunday morning a special day of worshipping the Lord!



Mark your calendars for JAVA JAM coffee house night happening on Saturday, May 5th at 7:00pm.

Mulberry Fest

Calling all groups in the church: Be thinking about an activity/booth/parade float for MULBERRY FEST 2007 happening on Saturday, June 2nd. We hope to see everyone involved in this year's festivities. Call Cathy Harden at 296-2161.

Church Camp is just around the corner. If you intend to send your teen and need help with tuition, contact the UMW soon so we can plan to help.

Special Information.

When giving money to the Costa Rica mission trip, please write that on your check or envelope. Doing so will help make our jobs easier.

Thank you!

MUMC Vital Signs



	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Attend.</u>	<u>S.S. Attend.</u>
Mar. 18	\$2,808	\$1,120	159	70
Mar. 25	\$1,997	\$0	132	51
Apr. 1	\$3,716	\$383	147	Palm S.
Apr. 8	\$2,375	\$734	235	Easter

*Average Sunday Service Attendance as of 4/8: 138

Mulberry United Methodist Church Administrative Board Meeting

3/12/2007, 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Rita Cornell, Barb Seager, Pastor Linda, Bill Brose, Coralee Judge, Steve Percy, John Harden, Craig Overman, Jim Cullom

The meeting began with prayer. The minutes were reviewed, and approved with changes.

Bridge Builders (Barb Seager) – sent 56 cards in February. Spent \$34.97 budget money. Received \$27.15 in committee donations.

VBS - The date has been set for July 29 through August 2, 2007. Starting on a Sunday and finishing on Thursday due to Fridays typically slow attendance. The organizing committee consists of Ronnette Peden, Wendy Simon, Betty Campbell and Carol Nagy.

Wee Blessings (Barb Seager) – Getting ready for registration in April. Parent/teacher conferences in March.

Worship (Craig Overman for Cheryl Overman) – Cheryl is resigning from worship effective immediately. The council accepted her resignation with gratitude for all that she has done. The committee has not met since the last meeting.

Youth – (Craig Overman) - Acquire the Fire this weekend at Ball State, 15 youth and 5 adults to go. 18 youth and 5 adults will be traveling to D'Iberville, MS over spring break. They will leave on 3/24, stay one week, work with the Heritage United Methodist Church and return on 3/31. The chili lunch raised \$805.00 for the trip. Sunday April 15 will be the official presentation of the trip to the church.

Kid's Club – Cathy Harden reports that average attendance is 15 per week, mostly boys. They are finishing "Getting along with Others," watched the Veggie Tales movie "Who is my Neighbor?" and had the FCA in to entertain one night. The kids enjoyed the "walking taco" night. Thanks to Barb for getting all the supplies. This week is a lesson and a carpet ball tournament. Next week will be game night. Thanks to the staff of Abba's...they are all so dedicated and are much appreciated.

Missions Committee—Committee met Thursday March 8. Ryan Turner gave notice of his last meeting as chair. He will remain on the committee. Nominating committee – Barb Paddock, new chair. Deb Schultz, sec/treasurer. Linda motioned to accept. Coralee 2nd. Carried. Airline vouchers were discussed. They expire 7/07. There will one service April 1 at 10am for Palm Sunday. Easter Services will start at 8am for a sunrise service. Breakfast will be provided by Missions at 8:45am. Another Easter Service will be held at 10am. Maundy Thursday Service will be held at 7pm April 5, 2007.

Finance Committee (John Harden) - John Harden motioned that the following people be added as signatories to the account at the bank: Jerry Fultz-Trustee, Bill Brose – General Funds, Jan Dyer – signer only, Deb Schultz – Missions, Jan Dyer and Bill Brose – Wee Blessings. John Harden – New check fund, Cheryl Overman and Jan Dyer – Youth. Bill Brose is meeting at the bank on Saturday to sign the signature card. Linda motioned to add Jan Dyer to sign checks as needed. Coralee 2nd. Carried. Report of annual audit has been turned in on time and all is balanced. John Harden will provide a break-down of the general fund balance.

Stone Soup Food Pantry – the pantry served 0 families during February. 5 jars of peanut butter were discarded after finding them on the recall list. The lids were sent to Con-Agra for reimbursement. No recalled peanut butter had been disbursed prior to the recall notice. Outdated foods were taken to Food Finders in Lafayette. The freezer is still available for frozen donations.

Men's Group—Steve Percy and the Men's Group will fix breakfast for the youth leaving Saturday 3/24/07.

Children's Church—Since Liz or Sandy are unable to attend the meeting, Sandy spoke with Elaine Simon and she said the class is studying John 3:16 and the kids are making Jesus books on 3/11 for crafts.

No Report: Java Jam Committee, Needs and Assessments, Memorials, Leader, Music, United Methodist Women, Trustees, Membership, Pastor Parish Relations Committee.

New Business—John Harden mentioned there will be no Java Jam in April due to Easter, and no Java Jam in July due to the Fourth of July week-end. Greg Maish from the Mulberry Co-op Phone Company wants to put pictures of Abba's Place on the local TV channel. Rita will ask Becky Farley to take a picture and send to Greg. Andrea Burke and Betty Campbell are the new counters. Linda motioned to accept. Coralee 2nd. Carried. Bible Study on Tuesday is going well. Wednesday mornings has rolled into Tuesday so no longer meets. Michelle Cobb will preach this Sunday. She has been replaced in her position by Kate Raymond Walker. Cleve and Linda will be on vacation 3/21/07 – 3/25/07 Barb Seager – Kid's Club found four jars of peanut butter that had been recalled. It was removed. Jim Cullom – Audio Committee. We need to replace four mikes. Jim will handle. Bill Brose will get Jim some info on equipment sales. We also need one mike stand and one boom mike stand. If special music is required for Sunday service, Jim requests a heads-up in advance....it helps. Church Windows training: Bill Brose, Wendy Simon, Andrea Burke, Dave Miller all need to have. \$500 is budgeted. Linda will check with Wendy. Craig Overman will contact Linda regarding a singing guest. No money is involved. Maybe Java Jam? Possibility of a cell phone tower in the steeple? Football Basketball game concessions need help.

NEXT MEETING 4/9/07 7 PM

Meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Minutes by: AEL
3/12/07

Mission Costa Rica



August 4-12, 2007

Why Costa Rica? We had hoped to take a medical team to Africa, but we learned the medical personnel from our church need a year's notice to be gone from work for 2 weeks. We then considered a mission to Roatan, Honduras, but were unable to find an established United Methodist mission to work with there. It is still not safe to travel to Haiti. Costa Rica has great needs and is happy to receive us.

What will we do? We will be working through Strong Missions, directed by Rev. Charlie Strong, who is a United Methodist pastor (strongmissions.com), doing construction work, gardening and teaching children at a school for children with Cerebral Palsy and at an orphanage.

Who is our Mission Team? Barb Paddack, Rachel Moore, Nate Overman, Brittany Paddack, Deb Schutz, Kelsey Schutz, Matt Simon, Tom Simon, Sarah Thies, Paul Reddix, Coralee Judge, and Rev. Linda Dolby.

How can I learn more? Mrs. Bonnie Albert, who is the annual conference's Volunteer in Mission Coordinator and who just returned from a mission trip to Costa Rica, will be preaching - sharing her story and pictures - in our worship services on Sunday, May 6.

How much will it cost? Total we need to raise: \$5,500.

How can I contribute? We will be having a book sale, bake sale, and basket sale at Abba's during Mulberry Fest. We will also have "Carry-Out for Costa Rica" containers available, asking folks to put in \$10.00 a week for 12 weeks. And, please pray!



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Sunday Worship Services

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4-5:30 PM	Youth Group at Abba's Place

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