

Building bridges to the
Families of Mulberry,
leading them to Christ and
Christian Commitment.

Messenger



May

MULBERRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2008



From Dave's Desk...

Easter Season will be coming to a great conclusion as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, May 11th. The Great Fifty Days of Easter, which began on Easter Sunday, concludes on Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost for the Jewish people is a Harvest Festival for offering the first fruits of the year. In Jesus' time, the Jewish men would make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem on that Holy Day. That is why so many people were gathered in that city after Jesus' resurrection and ascension. On that particular Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon the believers gathered together and they spoke in other languages and dialects. The power of the Holy Spirit created the Church and 2,000 believers were saved. So each Pentecost Sunday is a birthday party for the church. This is a time for celebration for all Christians everywhere. What a great day in the life of the Church. The Festival of Pentecost for Christians was one of the earliest celebrations of the Church. Yet, today many Christians don't even know when it is Pentecost Sunday. It has been lost for some reason, but now is being reclaimed by congregations around the world. This was an answer to Jesus' prayer in John

chapter 17 that all believers would be one. A children's song says, "I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together!" May 11th is also Mother's Day so we will have a great day in our church. Come and join us in honoring mothers and celebrating the birth of the church.

Pastor Dave

Pentecost

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

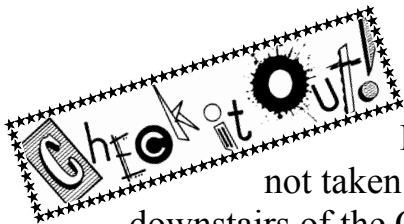
Church Office: (765) 296-3399
Pastor's Home: (765) 296-3390
Abba's Place: (765) 296-2090
Church Email: mlbymc@mintel.net
Web-site: www.mumc-in.org
Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30-1:30
Food Pantry: By Appointment
Call Church Office



KIDS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Our KUC (formerly known as Kids Club) met at the Church and Abba's Place for a game night and pizza party. What a fun night that was! It was good to see our friends back on Wednesday night and even some new kids ☺ Our theme was carried out with staff wearing hard hats and safety vests and areas were "taped" off for our protection. All of us are looking forward to a new beginning next September. Enjoy your summer and be safe!

Staff for "Kids Under Construction"



If you have not taken a trip to the downstairs of the Church lately, you don't know what you are missing! The **bulletin boards** are so beautifully decorated and make our Church feel warm and welcoming. The Wee Blessings classes have displayed their art work on the South end and Betty (Perry) Skiles has a special place for the work of the Children's Church and Super Sunday kids. Thanks to all the children and their teachers for sharing your talents!

Church Women United of Clinton County
May 2, 2008, 9 a.m. women are invited to attend the May Friendship Day being held at Antioch Christian Church-3979 S State Rd 39. A Continental Breakfast will be served and a free will offering accepted.

"Plant a Seed of Hospitality to Reap Bouquets of Friendship."

Wee Blessings Preschool

It's hard to believe that we only have a few more weeks of school! Donna, Mary Kay and I are truly blessed to have had these children at Wee Blessings. They continue to amaze us with their eagerness to learn!

We would like to thank Cathy Harden for the books that she donated to Wee Blessings. The children loved them! Thanks to everyone that has provided snacks and encouragement to the preschool, we truly appreciate all that you do!

The children continue to work on their Bible Verses, Bible Stories, letters, shapes, numbers, three part patterns, lacing their shoes, and so much more. We hope that you all enjoy their art work that is hanging inside and outside our room. We love seeing how creative the children are!

Our end of the year program for the four year old class will be Friday, May 16th at 7:00 p.m. We are looking forward to highlighting a year that has been full of happiness and blessings.

God Bless,
The Staff of Wee Blessings



Mulberry United Methodist Women

The UMW met at *Abba's Place* for their April meeting. We were so pleased to have nineteen women attend including some new faces ☺ The business meeting was led by Carol Nagy, President. We voted to have a booth at the activities for the Sesquicentennial. Many useful items for the kitchen were received at the "shower for ABBA's". Rita Cornell hosted the meeting. Our next meeting will be our annual salad supper where we host ladies of other Churches. Hope to see you there!

Congratulations to Coralee Judge on receiving a special recognition pin for her dedication in service through UMW.

UMW Salad Supper
May 1, 2008 6:30 p.m.

Many thanks to those who prepared salads and desserts for the Dyer luncheon: Susie Kelsey, Betty Campbell, Patty Wright, Judy Gascho, Wilma Howe, Michelle Albitz, Elaine Simon, Ronnette Peden, Janet Fisher, Cathy Harden and Barb Seager. The family was most appreciative of your thoughtfulness during this difficult time.

UMW Committee

Craft Ladies Talk Cards

What a beautiful day! Wouldn't you like to send a "thinking of you" card to your Prayer Partner? We have those cards!

Don't forget Birthday Cards! The Craft Ladies were talking about cards and made the comment that they would rather get one of our cards and have the money spent on a gift card. Great idea, isn't it?! Our cards are 30¢ each or 4 for \$1.

We have a variety of cards available for just about any holiday. Just don't forget to check the cards and pick out what you need or like. Some are serious and some are funny, we have a big variety.

You don't have to be "Crafty" to join us on Tuesday mornings to enjoy our company or bring your own craft ideas. If possible we try to go to lunch either in town or carpool to a town nearby.

We really hope to see you Tuesdays and that you can find cards just right for your loved ones.



Child Protection Training

Monday May 5, 2008
6:30 p.m.
at the Church

If you work with the children of our Church, you **must** attend this training!

May Birthdays

5/2 Kathy Seager	5/18 Brooke Hake
5/3 Ella Kathryn Davis	5/20 Nick Seager
5/5 Katelyn Simon	5/23 Courtney Burton
5/8 Wilma Howe	5/23 Kyle Patton
5/9 Jerry Doyle	5/23 Pat Weber
5/15 Morgan Walker	5/30 Ashley Dellinger

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

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

Worship Assistants

May Communion Steward Jane Leak
Traditional Service 8:45 a.m.

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Prayer w/ Pastor</u>
5/4	Roger Lewis	Wayne Walker	Whitney Simon	Linda Bennett
5/11	Betty Campbell			Brett Peden
5/18	Dan & Dania Remaly			Rita Cornell
5/25	Nancy & Jerry Doyle			Shelly Surber

Blue Jean Service 11:00 a.m.

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Children's Church</u>
5/4	Sara Wilson	Steve & Julie Pearcy	No Children's Church
5/11	Paul & Sandy Reddix		Vickie Brose
5/18	Kevin Garrett & Rachael Moore		Katherine Townsley
5/25	Dave & Ginny Miller		Kara Simon

Mulberry United Methodist Church Administrative Council

March 10, 2008

In attendance: Pastor David Hummel, Rita Cornell, Jerry Fultz, Barb Seager, Rachel Moore, Becki Farley, Amy Thayer, Vickie Hastings, Betty Campbell, Tom Simon, Coralee Judge, John Harden, and Steve Pearcy.

Rita opened the meeting with the lighting of a candle and prayer. The February minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer report by Rita (she read a note from Wendy): New software program is wonderful. Not sure if reports are correct. There were some questions around some of the numbers on the reports and budgets. John Harden motioned that we approve the budget. The budget was approved as written.

Memorials report by Amy Thayer: Feb 29 balance was \$1656.06.

Trustees report by Jerry Fultz: Installed ice machine. An electric range has been donated to Abba's Place. Installed new hand rail from foyer to basement. Begun work on wedding manual. We will not be able to get the grant which would help us purchase the new outdoor sign. The sign company neglected to communicate to us that the grant only applied to digital signs which is not in our budget. The next meeting is next Tuesday.

PPRC report by Steve Pearcy: Haven't had a meeting.

Bridge builder report by Barb Seager: Sent the Upper Room to 11 college kids. A total card sent in February is 41 which included valentines to 11 college kids and 5 others. Made 12 cookie trays and delivered them to the shut-ins. Budgeted money spent \$61.96 donations \$34.79.

Wee Blessings report by Barb Seager: Barb reported that the Steering Committee plan to meet this next week to plan for registration. Barb reported that a pamphlet is being developed for Wee Blessings.

Evangelism Committee report by Coralee Judge: Evangelism Committee will be meeting tomorrow night.

Partners in Prayer report by Rita Cornell: Partners in Prayer is doing well. We plan to do Secret Prayer Pals in April as an outreach and to nurture each other. We need more of the congregation to join us and get involved.

Missions Committee report by Pastor Dave: Taking up an offering for one great hour of sharing UMCOR.

Stone Soup Pantry report by Tom Simon: Haven't had any requests since 2nd of February. Gloria Dei has provided a lot of donations.

Worship Committee report by Vicki Hastings: Vicki reported that they are busy preparing for the Easter events. The palms and lilies have been ordered.

UMM report by Tom Simon: Tom reported they had their first meeting last Saturday. The group is doing well and averaging 10-11 men. Once spring arrives, the men plan to get started on outdoor projects.

Lay Leader report by Tom Simon: Charge conference went real well.

Youth Rep report by Rachel Moore: ATF this weekend. The youth enjoyed working at the Soup Kitchen on Feb 24th. Kids want to work again and were surprised at how many folks were in need. The youth are looking forward to doing more mission work. We are looking at some fund raisers to replenish the youth fund.

Past Dave: Looking forward to Holy week. Pastor Dave plans to start a membership class in April. Bible study will start back up in April as well. Pray for the annual conference in June. Specifically there will be a vote taken to combine the North and South conference. This Sunday we will be distributing a commitment to goals sheet to start to get folks committed to our goals. Discussions for starting up additional small groups are under way.

Sunday school report by Barb Seager: 9 kids in SS this past Sunday.

UMM offered to setup tables for the Easter breakfast.

Jerry Seager is going to help Jerry Fultz hang the new bulletin boards at Abba's Place.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Becki Farley.

