



From Dave's Desk...

Laughter has a way of making life a little easier to face. Now, I grant you, that there are times when laughter is not appropriate. However, many times laughter is just what the doctor ordered. I attended the "Our Life Together" Conference in Indy, April 20-21. All United Methodist pastors were invited to be a part of listening and talking through the process of what it means to become one Indiana conference. There may be changes coming in committee structure, health and welfare institutional support, health insurance, property insurance, district boundaries, etc. Bishop Huie from Texas was there to speak. She shared her experiences in two different states of helping conferences come together. It can take up to 10 years for everyone to feel a part of the new conference. So in the midst of coming to hear about the process, a comedian was invited to share with us. He was great. His name is Craig Tournquist and he attends the First United Methodist Church in South Bend. He has opened for Jay Leno, and travels the country with good, clean humor.

He had us laughing and almost falling out of our pews. He was able to relate well with us and to laugh with us and not at us. His gift was very evident to all who heard him. And he came at a good time in the schedule. We had heard about what hard work had yet to be done in the "coming together" process and about the 10 years to work through this and the needed listening and talking that was required. We broke for lunch and then come back together to hear Craig share

his humor. We needed him there at the at time.

I read today in a magazine that watching a funny program and laughing can burn 50 calories in 10 minutes and increase your metabolism by 20%. In today's world we need some joy, some laughter, some reason to look toward tomorrow. Some of the stories in the Bible are funny if we really stop and think about them. What about Balaam and his Ass that talked to him, now that's funny. We need more joy in our world. The newscasts share gloom and doom as well as the newspapers do. The scripture teaches us that joy comes in the morning. We are experiencing economic darkness now, but God is still God. As Paul sang while imprisoned, let us sing and bring joy to others here and now. Let us help take away the misery from others by doing deeds of kindness. Maybe we will see a smile on someone's face instead of a frown. We are the believers in the resurrection, the Easter people.

Bible Study-Personalities: Ours and People In the Bible

Starting May 5th there will be a two week course on personality study on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Wednesday at 10 a.m. Inventories on your personalities will be given. We will explore the different personality types and also try to decide what personality types are people in the scriptures. This is not only a very interesting study but also very eye-opening to each person as we get to understand ourselves better. I use this inventory for pre-marital counseling and the couples find this very beneficial. Make plans to attend.

3rd: Communion
The Shepherd
"John 10:11-18"

10th:
I John 4:17-21 & John 15:1-8
"Mothers and Pruning Shears"

17th:
Hattie Cullom speaking on her
mission trip to the Gulf area

24th:
To Be Announced

31st:
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15 &
Acts 2:1-21
"Winds of Change"



The Hope Class would like to thank the anonymous donor of the noodle maker.

It's a great blessing to us!

May God bless our donor! Thanks again,
In His love,
Hope Class

This past February marks 3 years for me having the job of Administrative Assistant here at MUMC. Several people or groups in the church gave me cards, gift cards and things to show the church's appreciation on Administrative professional Day in April. WOW! What can I say? You are all truly people of God and I really can see Jesus in each of you. Thank you.



Wendy Simon

Melissa Cook has sent an invitation to the church family for the commencement exercises at Indiana University. Melissa is to receive a Bachelor degree in Psychology with a Spanish minor.

Saturday, May 19, 2009 at 3 p.m. at Assembly Hall, Indiana University Bloomington.

Church Dinner

We would like to thank all those who provided salads and desserts recently for a dinner at the Church: Patty Wright, Wilma Howe, Steve Percy, Betty Campbell, Wendy Simon, Coralee Judge, Barb Seager, Vicki Hastings, Sarah Coffman, Betty (E.) Skiles, Deb Garriott, Sandy Seager, Cindy Cullom, Judy Gascho, Rita Cornell, and Roger Lewis. Those who worked in the kitchen were: Ronda Hall, Barb Seager, Nancy Doyle and Lisa Scott. The Yuill family was most appreciative.

United Methodist Women



Let me begin by thanking everyone that contributed to filling our Easter baskets! Everyone enjoyed receiving the darling baskets! We are blessed with not only having great children at Wee Blessings, but we also have the best parents!

The three's have been busy writing their names, learning their numbers, shapes, patterns and Bible stories. They have also been doing some amazing science projects and art work.

The four's have been busy working on rhyming words, positional words, writing their names, mastering the three part patterns and their Bible verses. Our praying Manthis nest arrived and the children are enjoying checking on it every day. Hopefully we will see about 100 baby Praying Manthis in a couple of weeks! ☺

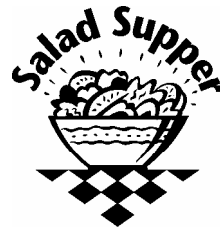
We hope that everyone checked out the children's art at the library...but if you missed it, please feel free to visit that classroom and enjoy it there!

Just a reminder that Wee Blessing is now taking registration for next year's classes. We would love to have your child or grandchild in our classes next year.

Please keep Mrs. Finnerty in your prayers. She will have surgery on May 1st and will be out for the rest of the school year. We will miss her.

God bless,
Patty, Donny & Mary Kay

Last day for 3's class: Wednesday, May 13th
Last day for the 4's class: Friday May 15th



UMW Salad Supper

Thursday, May 7th

6:30 p.m.

Church Basement

Come join us for an evening of fun!

UMW members please furnish a large salad or dessert as we have invited other Church Ladies as our guests ☺

2009 May Friendship Day

“Building On Our Stories”

St. Matthew United Methodist Church of Frankfort

Friday, May 1, 2009 9 a.m.-Breakfast

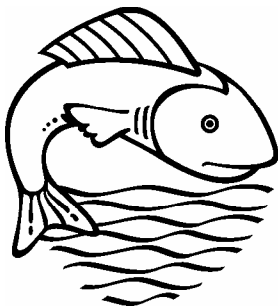
Free Will Offering

Tales from the Trustees-Continued

Do you know what the main ingredient of WD-40 is?

32. Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging.
33. Lubricates prosthetic limbs.
34. Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell)
35. Removes all traces of duct tape.
36. Folks even spray it on their arms, hands, and knees to relieve arthritis pain.
37. Florida's favorite use is: 'cleans and removes love bugs from grills and bumpers'
38. The favorite use in the state of New York, WD-40 protects the stature of Liberty from the elements.
39. WD-40 attracts fish. Spray a little on live bait or lures and you will be catching a big one in no time. Also, it's a lot cheaper than the chemical attractants that are made for just that purpose. Keep in mind though, using some chemical laced baits or lures for fishing are not allowed in some states.
40. Use it for fire ant bits. It takes the sting away immediately and stops the itch.
41. WD-40 is great for removing crayon form walls. Spray on the mark and wipe with a clean rag.
42. Also, if you've discovered that your teen-age daughter has washed and dried a tube of lipstick with a load of laundry, saturate the lipstick spots with WD-40 and rewash. Presto! The lipstick is gone!
43. If you sprayed WD-40 on the distributor cap, it would displace the moisture and allow the care to start.
44. Removes pricing labels adhesive, and tape adhesives.

P.S. The basic ingredient of WD-40 is Fish Oil.



April 15th was Kids Under Construction Family night. We each gave a brief summary of the activities we had over the spring semester. Awards were given to the following K-3rd kids:

Olivia Waugh, Taylor Hermann, Corrina Brewer, Carla Brewer, Jalen Lane, Joei Fullerton, Drew Schilling, Alli Ware, Autumn Anes, Joey Curtin, Nina Harshman, Haley Cornell, Grace Anes, Taylor McKinney, Aaron Carson, and Nathan Elliott all received prizes for the points they earned over the semester. Taylor McKinney and Aaron Carson received perfect attendance recognition and Jalen Lane and Allie Ware each earned their KUC Bibles.

Grace Anes, Autumn Anes, Nathan Elliott, Haley Cornell, Taylor McKinney, and Nina Harshman were recognized for earning their Crew Members badges. Becky, Cathy, and I would like to thank all the people that helped make KUC a success this year! Our helpers were Jerry Fultz, Janet and Ed Fisher, Pat Weber, Marie & Frank Myers, Wilma & Dick Howe, Elaine & Tom Simon, Linda Bennett, Rita Cornell, Pastor Dave, Rene Kemmerer, Brett Peden, Deb Turner, Suzie Kelsey, Dania Remaly, and Jan Dyer.

This semester the **Abba's Place Kids Under Construction** worked on our construction levels. We learned the names of the disciples and a little about each one of them for our foreman level. We learned about the parables that Jesus told to get to our Supervisor levels.

We were very excited when Lu Whitaker started teaching us the art of puppetry. We performed a puppet show for KUC Family Night. Our first skit was about the disciples and the second one was about the parable of the sower. We were then asked to perform for the Clinton Prairie Elementary

Variety Show! Lu worked up a new skit for us and we took the show on the road! The kids performed beautifully and the audience really loved it!

Many thanks to Lu for taking the time to lead this.

The following kids were involved in the puppet show: Emily Jones, Ian Newhart, Michelle Neidigh, Jacob Bryan, Angelina Koliy, Tykhon Koliy, Austin Blackwell, Kortnee Bray, Devon Eldridge, Marissa Hodgens and Ryan Trapnell.

FOOD PANTRY

To better serve our town & community we will have the food pantry open the last Tuesday 6-7:30 p.m. and the last Saturday 9-11 a.m. of each month.

May 26th & 30th Sep 29th & 26th
June 30th & 27th Oct 27th & 31st
July 28th & 25th Nov 24th & 28th
Aug 25th & 29th Dec 29th & 26th

If there is an emergency you can still contact us at 296-3539.

Tom & Elaine Simon

**Christian one liners for the weary of heart.
Enjoy and think about it!**

**Don't let your worries get the best of you;
Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.**

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**Some people are kind, polite, and
sweet-spirited**

Until you try to sit in their pews.

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**Many folks want to serve God,
But only as advisers.**

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**The good Lord didn't create anything
without a purpose,
But mosquitoes come close.**

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**When you get to your wit's end,
You'll find God lives there.**

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**People are funny; they want the front of
the bus,
Middle of the road, And back of the
church.**

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**Opportunity may knock once,
But temptation bangs on the front door
forever.**

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**Quit griping about your church;
If it was perfect, you couldn't belong.**

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**If a church wants a better pastor,
It only needs to pray for the one it has.**



Missions News

Thank you to all who joined us for the Easter Breakfast and made it such a great success. A big thanks to all who helped cook and serve and to those who brought breakfast treats. Donations and "Bunny Money" totaled \$273 and will go toward the Henderson Settlement Work Team trip. Thanks again to all who participated.

Henderson Settlement Work Team Info

Dates: Leave Sunday, 5/17 and return Wednesday, 5/20

Please keep the Work Team in your prayers for travel and work safety and that God's work will be seen through them in all they do.

May Mission Moment: Shoe Drive for Haiti. We will collect NEW & GENTLY USED shoes throughout June. All donations will be sent to "In the Father's Hand Children's Home" in Port-de-Paix, Haiti. All types of shoes are needed, especially black dress shoes for school. Low or no heels are desired due to the rough terrain in the area.

Still researching flood recovery options in Martinsville, IN.

Thanks to all for all of your support.

Deb Schutz, for the Missions Committee



The office needs your help. If you have keys to the church and you are no longer on a committee or working with a group where you would need keys, then we ask that you turn them into the office.

We have had extra keys made several times but would like to avoid that again. If you do not use your keys please turn them in. We are happy to loan you a key for the occasional use if need be.

Thank you.

Wendy

Worship Assistants

Communion Steward: Claudia Timmons

Traditional Service 8:45 a.m.

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

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Prayer w/ Pastor</i>
5/3	Jerry & Wilma Fultz	Diane Walker	TBA	Linda Bennett
5/10	Claudia Timmons			Wayne Walker
5/17	Linda Bennett			TBA
5/24	Linda Bennett			TBA
5/31	Linda Bennett & Sue Golden			TBA

Blue Jean Service 11:00 a.m.

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Children's Church</i>
5/3	Jerry & Rene' Kemmerer	Tom Simon	No Children's church/communion
5/10	Vicki Hastings		TBA
5/17	Perry & Betty Skiles		TBA
5/24	Ken & Barb Synesail		TBA
5/31	TBA		TBA

Attendance & Offering

<i>Date</i>	<i>Total Attend.</i>	<i>Sun. School</i>	<i>Gen. Fund Offering</i>
2/25	59	Ash Wed.	
3/1	126	64	\$3,419
3/8	104	60	\$2,413
3/15	137	67	\$3,162
3/22	124	65	\$2,606
3/29	94	Combined	\$3,011

May Birthdays

5/2	Kathy Seager	5/15	Morgan Walker
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
5/12	Sherri Stewart	5/30	Ashley Dellinger
5/13	Bill Branagin		

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

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

Deadline to submit
articles is the **15th**
each month.



May Wedding Anniversaries

5/12	Larry & Marlene Boyd
5/12	Perry & Betty Skiles
5/17	Dave & Lisa Scott
5/21	Dale & Linda Ward
5/27	Bob & Chris Waugh
5/28	Eldon & Betty Skiles

Pastor: David Hummel
 Choir Director: Mary Lou Clendenning
 Pianist: Esther Creamer
 Organist: Angie Schilling
 Nursery: Sherry Gouvan
 Custodian: Jerry Fultz
 Admin. Asst: Wendy Simon

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

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

Mulberry United Methodist Church Administrative Council-March 9, 2009

In attendance: Pastor Dave, Ryan Turner, Wendy Simon, Becki Farley, Patty Wright, Wilma Fultz, Dan Remaly, John Harden, Tom Simon, Elaine Simon, Amy Thayer, Jim Cullom, Barb Seager, Nancy Doyle, Betty Campbell, Rita Cornell, Steve Percy

Ryan Turner opened the meeting with a prayer.

We reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. The committee voted to approve the minutes as written.

Amy Thayer – Treasurer. Report is attached to the minutes. Amy is working on paying apportionments and is busy learning her new job.

John - Finances. John is working on updating the information on checking and savings accounts. All accounts are updated with the exception of one. Quarterly statements will be sent out at the end of March.

Wilma Fultz - Memorials. Balance \$3,809.54.

Dan Remaly - Trustees. The trustees are working on several projects. A few of these projects are installing a 4 drawer fire proof cabinet for Pastor Dave's office, getting estimates for plexiglass replacements for the bell tower windows, and cement work out on the front sidewalk.

Nancy Doyle - Membership. No change.

Steve Percy – PPRC. PPRC will be meeting at the end of this month. The pastor evaluation forms have arrived and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Barb Seager - Bridge Builders. 63 cards were sent out which included 20 valentines. Delivered 12 cookie trays to shut-ins. Coordinated valentines made by KUC, Abba's Place, and CP 3rd graders and delivered them to the Mulberry Lutheran Home. Spent \$50.75 Donations \$103.53. Had several donations of stamps including books of stamps.

Patty Wright – no update.

Barb Seager - Wee Blessings. Registration will begin in April.

Rita Cornell - Evangelism. We are preparing for the revealing of the prayer pals from last year.

Chris Waugh - Fellowship & Worship – Maundy Thursday is coming up. Hosting Good Friday service. We will be having a combined service on the 29th and the Eternals will be performing as part of the service.

Ryan Turner - Missions. We will be announcing the Henderson Settlement mission trip which will be May 16-20. Anyone is welcome to go on this trip. The March mission moment is One Great Hour of Sharing. Missions will be serving the breakfast on Easter and accepting a free will offering to go towards funding the mission trip to the Henderson Settlement.

Elaine Simon – Stone Soup food pantry. Since January 1st we have helped 12 different families. 7 since the 27th of February. Inventory is still pretty good. The food pantry will be extending the hours they are open to include Tuesday night and the 3rd Saturday of the month.

Steve Percy – UMM. We have been averaging about 10-14 men on regular basis. We have been having a good time. The men have just finished up a series and will be starting a new one. The work session after the last meeting went really well. The back room was painted and the work was done very quickly.

Barb Seager – UMW. Mary Alys hosted our 1st meeting of the year at the parsonage. 16 women were present. We finalized our program for the year. We are planning the annual outing to take a group to the Civic Theater in Frankfort. Next month we will be having a speaker from the Basher home at Abba's.

Tom Simon - Lay leader. Pastor Dave and I attended a meeting where clustering between churches was discussed. The meeting was very informative. Two will be taking the lay speaker seminar classes.

Jim Cullom - Audio Visual. Jim is looking into purchasing new microphones.

Pastor Dave – There will be four churches in our cluster: us, Rossville, Stockwell, and Brookston. MUMC and Rossville are the only churches in this county to be in the new northwest cluster. The 1st cluster meeting is on March 30th at 7pm at Rossville. Missions will be going to the Henderson Settlement in May. The Youth group has been doing very well. We had 4 youth yesterday. We have started a new DVD series and the youth are really enjoying it. Next up for youth is a beach party at Abba's. We need volunteers to fix meals for the youth group meeting. The leaders will work on getting a schedule of when the meals are needed.

Barb Seager – A sign has been put on the refrigerator at Abba's Place regarding keeping the food cleaned out of the refrigerator. Barb checked the refrigerator and it's looking a lot better.

Jim Cullom – Will be sending off for information on a stewardship campaign.

Elaine Simon – We need to get a quote for MUMC shirts and sweatshirts from Cullom's shirt business.

John Harden – the audit has been turned into the district.

Pastor Dave closed us in prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Becki Farley.


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Sunday Worship Services	Traditional	8:45 a.m.
Sunday School		10 a.m.
Blue Jean/Contemporary		11 a.m.



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