



## FROM DAVE'S DESK...

This will be my last column in the Mulberry Messenger. Most of you are aware that I have been appointed to Trinity UMC in Warsaw. My moving date is June 13<sup>th</sup>, earlier than what I had originally planned. It is hard to say good-bye to friends that have been an important part of one's life. Maybe good-bye is not what needs to be said. Perhaps sharing the way God has blessed us as we have served together is what needs to be done.

I believe that God takes our lives and weaves them together to make a piece of art for the world to see. God takes our dissimilarities and intertwines them to make a beautiful cohesive display. If we were all alike there would be no variation in color, style, shape or depth. It is our not being alike that paints the picture. Your lives have been intertwined with mine and will have an effect on me forever. This is a good thing. We do make a difference in people's lives. The apostle Paul talks about how certain people in his life made his ministry more successful because of their willingness to become a part of his life and ministry.

We have worked together in missions in Mulberry and beyond. We have worshipped together, prayed together and fellowshiped together. We have laughed with one another (at all of my very humorous and thought-provoking stories). We have shed tears together at the death of loved ones. We have eaten together (so you are the cause of my weight gain!). And we have loved each other. I want to thank you for welcoming Mary Alys and I into your lives and sharing yourselves with us.

You are special people because you treat people as special. I will not forget our

spreading lime on the field in Henderson Settlement. I think I got more on my clothes than I go on the field. I will remember working at the park giving free back packs and school supplies to students. I will remember being a part of Vacation Bible School. I will also remember the time the congregation judged my joke of the day with low scoring amounts. (My pride was so hurt. He He He). Continue working and worshipping together as you also care for others. You have been a blessing in my life. Thank you.

*Pastor Dave*

As a show of support for the ministry we have shared with Pastor Dave, lift up prayers for his transition to the new church.

We can also pray for the pastor preparing to join our church family. As announced recently, Pastor Nancy Richmond and husband, Lester are currently serving at Attica United Methodist Church. They have 3 grown children living north of Indiana.

Pastor Nancy's official start date is July 1st, although her first Sunday will be July 3rd. Please be aware that the dates are not set by the pastors but by the Bishop or District Superintendents.

This is a time of new beginnings, new ideas, and new experiences. May MUMC's future be a vibrant example of God's will.

Feel free to send a card of welcome to Pastor Nancy and Lester:

Pastor Nancy Richmond  
Attica First UMC  
PO box 64  
Attica, IN 47918-0064

## UMW News

The April meeting was held at the Church. Fifteen of our members attended. Marie Myers opened with devotions. The group was reminded of many upcoming events around the Church: kitchen cleaning, the salad supper and in June cleaning of the parsonage. UMW will be doing a bake sale for Mulberry Fest in June also. We voted to send \$250 to UMCOR for help in Japan. An invitation was received for Church Women United and information for School of Christian Mission. Judy Gascho led us in doing a fun project call *wool felting*. Boy do we have some talented ladies—their finished pieces looked great! Many thanks to Judy for sharing one of her talents with us ☺

### UMW Salad Supper

*Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30 P.M.*  
Bring yourself, your salads & desserts!

**Youth Movie Night** was great fun! Eleven adults & youth enjoyed the movie Secretariat. Based on a true story it was packed full of lessons we all learned from. Thank you to Brett Simon for suggesting this movie.

**Cluster Lenten services** enhanced the season for all who attended. Experiencing worship with others in their “home” made for delightful fellowship.

**Sanctuary Cleaning** went well. This annual event had few in numbers but yielded affective results. Thank you to those that made time for this important work.



## Greetings from Wee Blessings!

Welcome Spring!!! We hope that you all have enjoyed the beauty that comes with this season! However, with the beauty of the season comes children itching to get outside and enjoying the warmth of the sun ☺!

We hope that all of you visited the library for the Children's Art Show. The art was amazing and we are so proud of the children!

The children are working on finishing their letters, writing their names to earn their last book and creating stories for the novel that they are creating to give their parents. We have also been reading the story of Easter. They have loved opening the Resurrection Eggs and the story behind each egg.

A huge “Thank You” to Julie Boles. Julie came and spoke to the children about becoming an author and illustrator. Julie has written an amazing children's book and is waiting to have it published. The children loved hearing the story and they asked great questions of Julie.

Registration for Wee Blessings was held April 6th and we are excited to see how many parents signed up their children. However, we do still have a **few** openings in the Pre K class. Please, if you know of anyone that would be interested in preschool call Barb Seager at 296-3883. Thank you!

It is hard to believe that we are so close to the end of this school year. Our program will be May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m... We invite you to come and share in the celebration. The children have worked very hard to learn their Nursery Rhymes and all of the songs and finger plays. Cookies and punch will be served after the program. Our last day of class will be Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

God Bless,  
*Mary Kay and Patty*

### Super Sunday

During the Lenten season we have been talking about different symbols used with the Resurrection Eggs: donkey, silver coins, praying hands, communion cup, whip, crown of thorns, cross with nails, dice, spear, linen, stone and the empty tomb. The class did an excellent job of explaining what these symbols mean to us. We would like to have you join us!

## **MISSION NEWS**

**Kids' Collection:** THANK YOU for your *Extravagant Generosity!* We reached our goal of \$1000 for the Trustee's upcoming building projects. The donation will go to repairing the front steps and an awning for the front of the church. We have started a new project supporting the United Methodist Children's Fund for Christian Mission. This supports four very different projects in four different parts of the world. This year's projects are Selah School for Christian Mission, Hamburg, Arkansas; Gardens of Goodness, Detroit, Michigan; Delmas 54 Boys School, Port-au-Prince, Haiti; and United Methodist Academy, Nairobi, Kenya. Our goal is to collect \$1000 which will be evenly divided between the four projects. Thank you again for your continued support.

**Work Teams:** Please pray for our teams as we prepare to leave our comfort zones to do God's work. It is your support and prayers that make these trips possible and successful. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help finance these teams, please mark your envelope or check *Donation to Work Team Projects*.

Henderson Settlement Spring Planting Team will be leaving Sunday, May 22 and return Wednesday, May 25. There are 7 team members who are ready to go work with the Farm Team.

*They are: Tom and Elaine Simon, Ginny Miller, Coralee Judge, Betty Campbell, Lori Thies, and Lori's friend, Ginny Smith.*

Native American Work Team—Sunday, June 19 to Saturday, June 25

Bad River Chippewa Reservation on Lake Superior, Odanah, Wisconsin

This team will do home repair, ramp construction, and helping with daily tasks.

*This 21-member team consists of:*

*Deb and Kelsey Schutz, Paul Reddix, Tom and Elaine Simon, Larry Garriott, John and Cathy Harden, Kathy Townsley, Becki and Jerry Farley, Bob and Sam Waugh, Andrea and Nicole Burke, Angie and Drew Schilling, Freida Weber, Tess Wilson, and Kayla and Jacob Simon.*

**NEXT TEAM MEETING—BOTH TEAMS—SUNDAY, MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>, AFTER 2<sup>ND</sup> SERVICE.**

**ALL TEAM MEMBERS SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND.**

**Please save your aluminum cans and scrap metal for Missions.** Contact Tom or Matt Simon or drop cans off at Tom's house. All funds will go toward project and gas money needed for the Work Team trips.

**Mulberry Festival:** We will be having our Gift Basket Silent Auction again this year to raise funds for our Native American Work Trip. This activity has been very successful in the past due to your generous basket donations. Again this year we ask for your creative gift basket donations for our Silent Auction. A sign up sheet will be available soon.

**Keep saving your Campbell's Labels for Education** for Henderson Settlement. We almost have another envelope to mail!

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING—Wednesday, May 4<sup>TH</sup> @ 7PM IN THE HOPE CLASS.** We will be **planning for our booth at the Mulberry Festival. Please plan to attend.**

Blessings,

Deb Schutz for Missions

*May Life Always Give You Reasons To Smile And Laugh! - An Indian Blessing*

### **Looking For...**

Jerry & Rene' Kemmerer are looking for gently used twin beds or a bunk bed set. If you can help, please call 296-5686

### **POP CANS**

Tom Simon is still collecting pop cans for mission trip gas money.  
296-3539

### **Trash to Treasure**

If you have old appliances or metal, Matt Simon will pick it up for recycling. Any money gained goes to Missions. 654-4635

## Worship Assistants

Communion Steward: Katherine Townsley

### 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>Prayer w/ Pastor</i>
5/1	Wilma & Jerry Fultz	Linda Bennett	Linda Bennett
5/8	Bill & Mary Fultz	Linda Bennett	Wayne Walker
5/15	Vicki Hastings	Linda Bennett	Nancy Doyle
5/22	Jane Leak	Linda Bennett	Coralee Judge
5/29	Pat Simon & Family	Linda Bennett	Wendy Simon

**Arrive 20 minutes early to greet, review the scripture, or pray with the pastor.**

### Blue Jean Service 11:00 a.m.

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Scripture Reader</i>	<i>Children's Church</i>
5/1	Katherine Townsley	Rene' Kemmerer	<i>Communion</i>
5/8	Ed & Janet Fisher	Rene' Kemmerer	Michelle Albitz
5/15	Pat Simon & Family	Rene' Kemmerer	Rene' Kemmerer
5/22	Becki & Jerry Farley	Rene' Kemmerer	Michelle Albitz

### Attendance & Offering

<i>Date</i>	<i>Total Attend.</i>	<i>Sun. School</i>	<i>Gen. Fund Offering</i>
2/6	97	60	\$3,407
2/13	120	68	\$2,993
2/20	101	55	\$3,237
2/27	122	62	\$2,284

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

### 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
5/7	Myrt Peterson	5/23	Kyle Patton
5/8	Wilma Howe	5/23	Pat Weber
5/9	Jerry Doyle	5/24	Emma Coons
5/12	Marthetta Reddix	5/24	Isabel Coons
5/12	Sherri Stewart	5/30	Ashley Dellinger

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please call 296-3399

### May Wedding Anniversaries

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

Newsletter  
DEADLINE

Submission  
Deadline: **15th**  
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

**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](mailto:mlbymc@mintel.net)  
Web-site: [www.mumc-in.org](http://www.mumc-in.org)  
Food Pantry: By Appointment  
Call Church Office

Wee Blessings Preschool:  
Director & Teacher: Patty Wright  
Assistant Teacher: Mary Kay Finnerty

Bible Study: call for information  
Women's Bible Study:  
Tue at 6 am at the Church  
Men's Bible Study 8 am 2nd & 4th Sat.