

THE MESSENGER

June 2005

Building Bridges To The Families Of Mulberry, Leading Them To Christ And Christian Commitment

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 Pastoral Care Craig Overman
 Music Director Angie Schilling
 Pianist Esther Creamer
 Custodian: Sarah Wilson
 Admin. Asst.: Chris Gipson
 Nursery: Wendy Simon
 Wee Blessings Preschool:
 Director: Sarah Wilson
 Teacher: Sarah Wilson
 Assistant: Mary Kay Finnerty

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

Bible Study: Tuesdays @ 7 pm &
 Wednesdays @ 10 am & 2 pm

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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE
 15TH OF EACH MONTH**

From The Pastor

Mulberry is a great little town to live in. After only being here for five years, I can say it is my favorite town in the whole world. The first Saturday in June, we will again have the Mulberry Fest, complete with the State Bed racing Championships. The first Sunday in June will be our Community Worship Service in the Park, an event that sees the Body of Christ come together from all three churches in our town, and Cornerstone from outside of town. On June 19th, our youth will take off for Cedar Point, a trip that has been a full year in the planning. Next month we will take ten people to Haiti, where we will hold a Bible School and repair furniture for a local church there.

Mulberry is a friendly town, a town where everybody knows everybody else, a town where you can still walk to the post office to get your mail, a great place to raise kids. Mulberry is a town where the church has significant influence. I proudly call it my home town. Let's all participate in the Mulberry Fest, Saturday, June 4th, and be proud of our town.

Pastor Tom

Wanted: Frisbees & Super Balls!

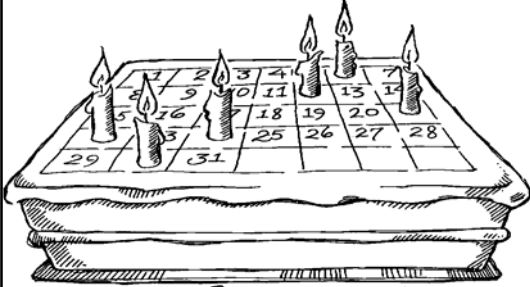
MUMC is accepting donations of Frisbees and Super Balls for the 2005 Haiti Mission trip. These gifts will go directly to the Children of Haiti. Please drop the items off at the Church office.

Lemonade Shake-up Help Still Needed!

There is still time to sign up to help UMW with the Lemonade Shake-up booth at the Mulberry Festival. Volunteers are needed to cut fruit on Friday, June 3rd; and, to help at the booth during the festival. Contact Rita Cornell @ 296-2081, sign up on the sign-up sheet in the foyer or call the church office @ 296-3399.

June Birthdays

Ask Freida



Birthdays This Month

- 6/3.....Sharon Simon
- 6/14.....Jade Kas
- 6/14.....Ian Newhart
- 6/15.....JC Judge
- 6/16.....Wes Cullom
- 6/17.....Perry Skiles
- 6/23.....Les Huffer
- 6/24..... Elaine Walden
- 6/24.....Dania Remaly
- 6/25.....John Harden
- 6/25.....Sam Waugh
- 6/27.....Dale Ward
- 6/27.....Janice Chezem
- 6/28.....Joanne Dellinger
- 6/28.....Sherry Gouvan
- 6/30.....Jackson Gipson

Dear Freida,

My 13 year old son doesn't want to come to church. Should I make him? Why or why not?

No, don't force him. That will only make him not like it even more. But after Church, you can have a family fun Church-play games while he is learning about God.

See you next month,

Freida

CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY

Many hands made light work on our first clean up day of the year! Workers were treated to donuts, coffee and hot chocolate. Several volunteers worked at Abba's Place while others cleaned the Church. Although the weather was more like a winter day, it was like "spring cleaning" for the Methodists :-)

The United Methodist women toiled away in the kitchen and dining room, there was hammering upstairs (dare we ask?) and several trips were made to the storage room. Uptown, the new sign for Abba's (in Memory of Burgin Garriott) was put in place and lots of cleaning, sorting and loading up took place for a trip to the dumpster! We are looking forward to another good working day to complete our "lists" for MUMC. Thanks to the following workers: Kathy Townsley, Carol Schubert, Vicki Hastings, Janie Garriott, Rita Cornell, Jean Sutton, Barb Seager, Sherry Gouvan, Amy & Terry Thayer, Pastor Tom & Judi, Cathy Harden, Cheryl & Craig Overman, Chris Gipson, Paul Reddix, Tom & Elaine Simon, Dale Girtman and Dan Remaly.



Ministry Assistants

Meetings & Events

Traditional Service

Communion Steward: Debbie Turner

Acolyte: Eric Lenehan

Greeters:

5th Outdoor Service

12th Jerry & Nancy Doyle

19th Roger Lewis

26th Dave & Suzie Kelsey

Worship Leader: Mark Newhart

Pray with the Pastor (8:30 am)

5th Marlene Boyd & Claudia Timmons

12th Shelly Surber & Mark Newhart

19th Coralee Judge & Gene & Linda Marshall

26th Judi Hoehner & Cathy Harden

Blue Jean Service

Children's Church

5th Outdoor Service

12th Chris Gipson

19th Elaine Simon

26th Betty Skiles

Greeters:

5th Outdoor Service

12th Mike & Tina Hall & Family

19th Jerry & Rene Kemmerer & Family

26th Susie McKinsey & Family

- 2nd** 6:30 pm UMW Picnic-Town Park
- 3rd** 7 pm Mulberry Festival Meeting @ the Church
- 4th** Mulberry Festival
- 5th** 10 am Worship in the Park
- 13th** Administrative Board 7 pm @ the Church
- 18th** Annual MUMC Garage & Bake Sale 8 am-1 pm
- 19th** Youth Cedar Point trip (leave pm; return 20th-pm)
- 20th-24th** Vacation Bible School
- 26th** Corporate Prayer 6 pm @ the Church

Weekly Calendar

- Sun:** 8:45 am Traditional Service
10 am Sunday School
11 am Blue Jean Service
- Mon:** 6:30 am Men's Bible Study/Breakfast @ the Corner Restaurant
- Tues:** 5:30 am Women's Bible Study
9 am Craft Ladies @ the Church
7 pm Bible Study @ the Church
8 pm AA Meeting-Church Basement
- Wed:** 10 am Bible Study @ the Church
2 pm Bible Study @ the Villa
- 2nd & 4th Sat. each month:** 7 am Men's Bible Study/Breakfast @ the Church
- 2nd & 4th Sunday each month:** 4-6 pm Sr. High Youth (grades 9-12) @ Abba's

Youth Summer Camp

We now have information about Camp Adventure, Epworth Forest, Lakewood & Pine Creek Camp. Pamphlets are in the foyer (Registration forms are in the back of the pamphlets). If you are interested in attending Summer Camp this year, please contact Chris at the Church office (296-3399).

MUMC Vital Signs

	Offering Received
April 10	\$3,607
Attendance 157	
April 17	\$3,881
Attendance 185	
April 24	\$4,883
Attendance 175	
May 1	\$4,139
Attendance 159	
May 8	\$3,662
Attendance 174	
May 15	\$4,303
Attendance 178	
6 Week Offering Ave.	\$4,079
6 Week Attendance Ave.	171

NURSERY

THE NURSERY NEEDS PRAYERS! OUR NURSERY IS SUPPOSE TO BE A SAFE, LOVING ENVIRONMENT THAT SHARES THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH CHILDREN. TO MY DISAPPOINTMENT, I AM FINDING ITEMS THAT DON'T BELONG IN THE NURSERY. SOME OF THESE THINGS ARE: INK PENS & DEFLATED BALLOONS IN THE TOY BOX. MOST RECENTLY, I HAVE FOUND A LARGE STRAIGHT PIN. I AM THANKFUL THAT I FOUND IT AND THE HANDS OF A TODDLER DID NOT.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT WE CARE FOR NEWBORNS UP TO THE 4TH BIRTHDAY. CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE LEFT UNSUPERVISED IN THE NURSERY AND TOYS SHOULD BE PUT BACK IN THE TOY BOX SO THE ROOM CAN BE CLEANED EASILY BY SARAH.

PLEASE PRAY THAT ALL CHILDREN ARE SAFE IN OUR CHURCH AND THAT PARENTS USE WISDOM WHEN USING THE NURSERY.

THANK YOU,

Wendy Simon

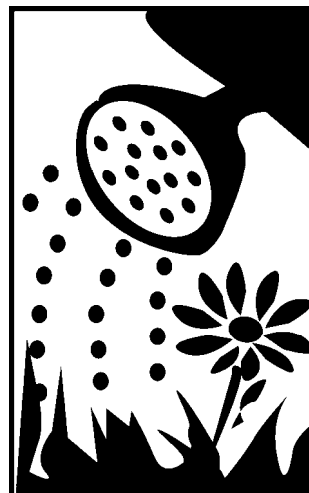
Found!

Nice warm blue jean jacket with magenta fleece lining, boys size 4/5. Has been in the Church basement for awhile. Also found-women's gold bracelet.. Also...pocket knife. Please stop by the Church office to claim these items.

Seeds Of Faith Garden Ministry

You **can** have a garden this year! Seeds of Faith volunteers will till, fertilize and plant your flower or vegetable garden in exchange for a donation to Mulberry United Methodist's Missions. 100 % of the proceeds will go towards the 2005 Haiti Mission trip.

Contact Chris @
296-3399 or
296-6632.



MUMC Garage Sale

The Annual MUMC Garage Sale will be held on June 18th, from 8 am to 1 pm in the Church parking lot. The proceeds from the sale will go to Haiti Mission trip, the copy machine and Kid's Club. Please help support these programs by stopping by the Garage Sale! You may donate items the week prior to the sale. Please bring your donations to the Parsonage garage.

THANK YOU!

A big THANK YOU to all the UMW who have sent salads and desserts to the two dinners we hosted this last month! Everything was delicious :-). We also appreciate all who cooked and served the meals. You are true servants of God! Thank you to: Barbara Lee, Marlene Boyd, Betty Jean Skiles, Linda Marshall, Mary Lou Clendenning, Rita Cornell, Vicki Hastings, Shelly Surber, Susie Kelsey, Marie Myers, Betty (Eldon) Skiles, Jean Sutton, Wilma Howe, Coralee Judge, Wilma Fultz, Carol Nagy, Sarah Wilson, Phylliss Huffer, Becky Humrickhouse, Diane Lewis, Nancy Doyle, Barb Seager, Janie Garriott, Helen Hann, Elaine Simon, Sherri Stewart, Betty Campbell, Janet Fisher, Vicki Brose, Ginny Miller, Esther Creamer, Sandy Seager, Mary Caroline Bennett, Joanne Dellinger; and two *special* guys: Roger Lewis and David Miller.

Better-Than-Almost-Anything-Cake

1 pkg. Supermoist German Choc. Cake mix
Water, vegetable oil and eggs (as pkg. calls for)

1 can sweetened condensed milk (14 oz.)
1 jar (16, 17 oz.) butterscotch, caramel or fudge topping
1 container (8 oz.) whipped topping, thawed—3 Cups
1 pkg. (8 oz.) toffee bits or chips

Heat oven to 350 F. Make and bake cake as directed on pkg. for 13 x 9 inch pan. Cool 15 minutes. Poke top of warm cake with handle of wooden spoon every 1 or 1/2 inches. Drizzle milk evenly over top of cake; let stand until milk has been absorbed into cake. Drizzle with caramel topping. Run knife around edge of pan to loosen sides. Cover and refrigerate about 2 hours, or until chilled. Spread whipped topping over top of cake. Sprinkle top with toffee bits. Store covered in refrigerator.

Coralee

BRIDGE BUILDERS

The Bridge Builders honored some very special ladies who do a lot of “behind the scenes work” for our Church: Jean Sutton and Janie Garriott.

Jean does all the calling when the United Methodist Women are in need of salads or desserts for our Church dinners and she has done this for over forty years!!!! Janie calls the various committee members to remind them of meetings; also, Acolytes, Greeters, Communion Stewards and Lay Leaders are called weekly to remind them of their upcoming obligations. These gals are dedicated and patient workers. Hats off to you!! Two special men were also honored for making “house calls”: Pastor Tom Hoehner and Craig Overman. In addition to the many other duties that are a part of ministerial work, their days are busy with making phone calls, visiting patients at the hospital as well as those who are home-bound. All of us appreciate the many hours Tom and Craig are available to us, “on-call” 24/7.

God bless you all!

KID'S CLUB NEWS

Kid's Club (K-5) celebrated the end of the year with FAMILY NIGHT at the Church on April 27th. The directors began the evening by giving a summary of the 2nd semester by both groups. Each group then sang a few songs and were presented with the prizes they had earned. Staff members were recognized for their dedication and devotion to the kids and our program. Pastor Tom encouraged families to attend the Church of their choice, give kids the opportunity to do Church activities and to spend time with their kids. The following kids received prizes for attending Kid's Club, bringing their Bibles, bringing a friend, knowing their Bible verse and participating in our projects: Taylor Hicks, Makala Harmon, Lucy Coons, Carol Schubert, Elizabeth Warwick, Hannah Holmes, Devan Curts, Erin Woods, Justin Lester, Kara Simon, Melissa Tom, Isabel and Emma Coons, Marissa Kraner, Kayli Sommers, Emily Jones, Michelle Neidigh, Ian Newhart, Taylor Light, Eric Neidigh, Catherine Haynes, Lauren Smith, Coriden Schilling, Sam Waugh, Drew Harshman and Mason Thomas. Carol Schubert also received a new Bible. These kids were recognized for perfect attendance: Marissa Kraner, Coriden Schilling, Catherine Haynes, Drew Harshman and Mason Thomas. Ian Newhart and Lauren Smith missed only one night. WAY TO GO KIDS!!!

All of us have enjoyed our time at Kid's Club, but are ready for a summer break. Hope to see you next fall when we begin another busy year.

MISSING!

The UMW bought a toaster for the Methodist Men's Fellowship breakfast & Bible Study to use on Saturdays. If someone knows where this is or borrowed it for some reason, please return it to the church basement for the men to use.

Thanks!

UMW

The United Methodist Women will be having a Bake Sale at the MUMC Annual Garage Sale on Saturday, June 18th. This will be a fundraiser to help us with our various ministry giving, including helping send our church kids to Church Camp. We would appreciate your help in donating your baked goods to our sale! If you would like to donate items but cannot get them to the Church, please call Judi Hoehner @ 296-3390 and she will be glad to pick them up at your convenience. It is approximately \$96 to help send each church kid to church camp, so we really appreciate your donations.....and of course, please come by and BUY something too!

Thanks so much!

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