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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: 15TH**

Pastor: Tom Hoehner  
 Assistant Pastor: Craig Overman  
 Choir Director: Mary Lou Clendenning  
 Pianist: Esther Creamer  
 Organist: Angie Schilling  
 Custodian: Sarah Wilson  
 Admin. Asst: Wendy Simon  
 Nursery: 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 5:30 at the  
 church & Thu at 7:15  
 pm at Brose Residence

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

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 Thu 12:00-6:00

**From The Pastor**

When I think over the last six years, I can truly say they have been the greatest of my life. God’s blessings have been so evident and his presence so real here. To those who deserve thanks, I know you really don’t need thanks, because you have served the Lord, not a man or an organization whereby thanks are “needed”. There is nothing quite like the approval of God, or the feeling that you have done the best you possibly could. There are some things that will be eternal in my mind: Abba’s Place, the Mission trips to Haiti and the Dominican Republic, the prophetic services, the miracle of the Waninger babies, the formation of the Clinton County Church Softball League, the Mulberry Festival and Indiana State Bedracing Championships, subbing in the school and refereeing 5th & 6th grade basketball games, the youth trips to Cedar Point and white water rafting down the New River in West Virginia, teaching 3rd grade Kids Club, the Revelation Bible Studies... I could go on and on! God has filled our days here with activity. For me, the most rewarding aspect of the ministry, has been the approximately 30 people who have become true genuine disciples of Jesus Christ, as the Bible defines discipleship. To these, I would say, press on and continue to service our Lord and His church! Genuine discipleship is its own reward. May God Bless you richly.

**Pastor Tom**



Please come and say goodbye to Tom, Judi & Brad on **Sunday, June 25, from 2pm to 4pm at an open house at Abba’s Place.** We will also honor Brad as he graduates from High School. Also, immediately following the 6pm Corporate Prayer time, there will be a small cookies and Punch farewell celebration in the church basement. Thanks!



## June

- 6/9 ..... Jill Lanning
- 6/12 ..... Heather Koning
- 6/13 ..... Sandy Reddix
- 6/14 ..... Jade Kas
- 6/14 ..... Ian Newhart
- 6/16 ..... Wes Cullom
- 6/17 ..... Perry Skiles
- 6/21 ..... Andrea Burke
- 6/23 ..... Les Huffer
- 6/23 ..... Brett Peden
- 6/24 ..... Elaine Walden
- 6/24 ..... Dania Remaly
- 6/25 ..... John Harden
- 6/25 ..... Sam Waugh
- 6/26 ..... Ronnette Peden
- 6/27 ..... Dale Ward
- 6/28 ..... Joanne Dellinger
- 6/28 ..... Bill Brose
- 6/28 ..... Sherry Gouvan
- 6/30 ..... Jackson Gipson

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



## Ask Freida

**Do you have a question that you are afraid to ask someone in person? Why not drop it in the box in the foyer. Freida will be happy to answer your questions. Parents, kids are welcome to ask Freida a question too. Thanks!**

Quit griping about your church-if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.  
-unknown author

## United Methodist Women

Our Annual Salad Supper was a great success, thanks to all those who attended. We were entertained by the String A Longs, a wonderful group of musicians who play for the joy of it. A big thank you to all who helped.



## CORRECTION:

**In the Ladies of Our Church phone list Mary Clendenning's phone number should be 477-6397**



## Vacation Bible School

Come and be a part of MUMC's Vacation Bible School. We will "SET SAIL" on July 24-28 from 6-8pm each night. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer for the following: teachers, helpers, snack people, crafts, and music people. Please sign up by May 28th. A meeting for all will be held on Tuesday, May 30th at 7 pm for prayer and the distribution of materials. A list of materials to be donated will be announced soon, so please stay tuned! If you have questions, call Rita Cornell at 296-2081 or Liz Stewart at 296-4793.



## To Kids Club

A big Thank You for the Valentines!  
We appreciate the work you put into making them.  
Stop in and see us anytime!  
**Mulberry Share & Care Center**



## Wee Blessings

Our year end program was a huge success. All 15 children were in attendance and the audience was wonderfully entertained. The kids did a great job. Our final day was May 11th. We are looking forward to next year so if you know of anyone with children who is looking for a preschool please contact the church at 296-3399. The child needs to be 3 or 4 by August 1st.

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, baby sitters, friends and volunteers who made this year possible. Have a wonderful and safe summer.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Wilson



### Wee Blessings Pre-School Registration

Our pre-school has some spaces available for this fall's classes. We have spots available for the 3's (you must be 3 yrs old by Aug. 1, 2006) and for that 4's (you must be 4yrs old by Aug. 1, 2006). Tell your friends, relatives and neighbors about our Christian pre-school! Call Barb Seager at 296-3883.

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### Need 2 Assistants

To help with the Bed Racing on June 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Mulberry Fest. Contact Brett Peden at 296-7022. Kids are welcome to help.

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### New CD by Chris Gipson

"On & On" (featuring the song, "La Salle") for \$12.50 10% goes to MUMC and 10% to the people of Haiti. Contact Chris Gipson: 296-6632, cmgipson@intel.net or go to [www.christophergipson.com](http://www.christophergipson.com) for availability.

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### Summer Reading

At the Mulberry Library

Sign up Now!

Summer programs include Busy Hands Pre-school art, Family Story Times, and craft programs for kids in grades 1-6

For details call 296-2604

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### Free Beginning Piano Lessons

Apply at the Mulberry Library

**no later** than August 5, 2006

For details call 296-2604

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### Singles Group Off & Running!

Kevin Garrett and Lori Alsop are happy to report that the Christian Singles group—Singles for Christ— is off and running! In May, they met to plan activities, and they just held their first Movie Night. The web site and e-mail address will be ready soon, and they are excited! So far, they have singles from three different churches attending. God is definitely blessing this ministry! If you or someone you know is interested in attending their activities, please contact one of them.

## Kids Club 4th & 5th

We spent this semester finishing up our unit on "The Truth." We learned how to defend our Christianity against evolution, witchcraft and the supernatural and other religions. We then started a new unit called "Lost World." We talked about how people are lost when they are not in a relationship with God. Through the parable of the Lost Sheep we learned that all people matter to God. Through the story of Zacheus we learned that we, like Jesus, can reach out to lost people and build relationships with them in order to help them know God. When we build those friendships then we can tell them our story of how we came into relationship to God ourselves and help them turn to Him.

We also had a "Jeopardy Game Night" where we played Jeopardy just like the TV show, using facts from our lessons. High school students Aaron Crider was Abba's Place's own Alex Trebek! We took a break from the usual sandwich-in-a-bag suppers and had pizza one night and "walking tacos" another. On craft nights we made Valentines for the nursing home and painted T shirts for ourselves. We will finish out the year with a swim party at the Frankfort YMCA on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We've had a great time!

At our Family Night in April we awarded prizes for the points the kids earned through attendance, verse memorization, bringing their Bibles to club and service projects. Those earning 1-99 points are: Hannah Holmes, David Keglovits, Justin Lester, Freida Weber, Michael White, Anna More, Kayla Stephens and Sean Eldridge. Those earning 100-199 points: Kelsey Dunham, Kara Simon, Melissa Tom, and Evan Rynearson. And those with 200 points and up: Lucy Coons, Scott Crye, Macy Kraner, Taylor Light, Kenton Little, Mason Thomas, Tess Wilson and Brian Holcombe. Also, perfect attendance prizes were awarded to: Taylor Light, Macy Kraner, Scott Crye, Lucy Coons, Kenton Little and Mason Thomas. Bibles were awarded to Brian Holcombe and Evan Rynearson.

A big thanks to our great staff this year-Tom Simon who served and cleaned up after our meals and helped with "crowd control;" Suzie Kelsey and Deb Turner, our small group craft leaders; Dania Remaly, our music director and Jan & Jim Dyer, our registrars.

### Cathy Harden, Director

Kids Club K-3<sup>rd</sup> and 4th & 5th grade would like to thank the staff that helps with both groups: Jane Leak, Janie Garriott, Dick & Wilma Howe, Jerry Fultz, Pat Weber, Crysta Kas and Barb Seager.

See you in the fall!

Diane Pearson's Devotionals have been added to the church library, they contain brief stories with questions for reflection or a prayer:

Real Life Devotions Vols. 1-4  
 True Stories Of God In The  
 Midst Of Grief  
 Bad News Can Be Good News  
 The Christmas Journey



### Traditional Service

*Communion Steward:*  
 Betty Skiles

*Acolyte:*  
 Freida Weber

*Greeters:*  
 6/4 OUTDOOR SERVICE  
 6/11 Mark & Beth Newhart  
 6/18 Larry & Marlene Boyd  
 6/25 Wayne & Jane Leak

*Worship Leader:*  
 Myron Chezem

*Pray with the Pastor: (8:30)*  
 6/4 Cheryl Overman  
 6/11 Shelly Surber & Mark Newhart  
 6/18 Coralee Judge & Linda Marshall  
 6/25 Judi Hoehner & Cathy Harden

### Blue Jean Service

*Greeters:*  
 6/4 OUTDOOR SERVICE  
 6/11 Susie McKinsey  
 6/18 John & Cathy Harden  
 6/25 Perry & Betty Skiles

*Scripture Readers:*  
 Gouvan Family

*Children's Church:*  
 6/4 OUTDOOR SERVICE  
 6/11 Elaine Simon  
 6/18 Kendra Synesael  
 6/25 Lori Alsop

## American Councils Inbound Programs

Ever thought about being a host family for an international student? All families can apply for the program. All students are English speaking and want to learn about American culture. For information see the bulletin board outside of the office or email questions to [inbound@americancouncils.org](mailto:inbound@americancouncils.org).



### Meetings & Events

6/3 Mulberry Fest  
 6/4 Outdoor Service at the Park  
 6/12 Administrative Council meeting 7pm  
 6/24 Trustee's Meeting/Work Day 8:15am  
 6/25 2-4pm Tom, Judi & Brad Reception at Abba's  
 6pm Corporate Prayer; cookies following in the basement.

### Weekly Calendar

|      |   |  |
|------|---|--|
| Sun: | 8:30 am   | Prayer with the Pastor                         |
|      | 8:45 am   | Traditional Service                            |
|      | 10:00 am  | Sunday School                                  |
|      | 11:00 am  | Blue Jean Service                              |
|      | 4-5:30 pm   | Jr. & Sr. High Youth at Abba's                 |
| Tue: | 5:30 am   | Women's Bible Study                            |
|      | 9:00 am   | Craft Ladies at the Church                     |
|      | 7:00 pm   | Bible Study at the Church                      |
|      | 8:00 pm   | Special Needs Prayer at the Church             |
|      | 8:00 pm   | Worship Team Rehearsal at the Church           |
| Wed: | 10:00 am  | Bible Study at the Church                      |
|      | 7:00 pm   | Choir Practice at the Church                   |
| Thu: | 7:15 pm   | Women's Bible Study in the home of Vicki Brose |
|      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month: Men's Bible Study/<br>Breakfast 7:00 am at the Church |  |

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## MUMC Vital Signs

\*Please note that any new activities or programs need to come before the Administrative Council. The council meets on the second Monday evening of each month at 7pm.

|         | <u>Offering Rec.</u> | <u>Attend.</u> | <u>S.S. Attend.</u> |
|---------|----------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Apr. 9  | \$3943               | 168            | 65                  |
| Apr. 16 | \$2636               | 255            | (Easter)            |
| Apr. 23 | \$3094.30            | 153            | 68                  |
| Apr. 30 | \$5544.31            | 163            | 71                  |
| May 7   | \$2913               | 156            | 68                  |
| May 14  | \$2863               | 184            | 76                  |

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### Mulberry United Methodist Church Administrative Board Meeting

Date/Time: 4/10/2006, 7 - 9 p.m.

Members Present: Rita Cornell, Jerry Fultz, Kristen Gould, Sherry Gouvan, John Harden, Cathy Harden, Vicki Hastings, Tom Hoehner, Coralee Judge, Dave Miller, Steve Percy, Dania Remaly, Barb Seager, Wendy Simon, Amy Thayer, Ryan Turner

Non-Members Present: Lori Alsop

--Rita gave devotions. The March minutes were read and amended as follows – Barb said that they sent 30 cards out in February, not March. Coralee made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, and Vicki seconded the motion.

--Rita received a request to repeat our advertisement in the music program at Clinton Prairie. The board agreed to pay \$100 for the same half-space advertisement that we had last year. The content of the ad needs to be modified, for youth meetings and Wee Blessings needs updating.

**Children's Church (Barb Seager for Elaine Simon)** – There were 12 kids in Children's Church on Sunday. They are studying the Resurrection.

**Bridge Builders (Barb Seager)** – They sent 40 cards in March and sent the Upper Room to the college kids. No money spent out of budget. They spent \$0.79 in donations and used a \$10 donation to buy postage. They sent Valentine trays to shut-ins. They donated \$36.75.

**Memorials (Amy Thayer)** - She reported they have \$399.80 in the fund.

**Java Jam Committee (Cathy Harden)** – Java Jam is going very well. No Java Jam on the first Saturday of June due to Mulberry Festival. Need to schedule performers for July and beyond. Chris Gipson and Malachi Jagers were there at the beginning of April, and there were 35-40 people in attendance. Cathy will contact Chris Gipson to see if Malachi Jagger would be available or interested in being our worship leader for second service.

**Wee Blessings (Barb Seager)** - Registering for next year on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Going to register 3-year-olds in hopes of getting enough to make class.

**Worship (Sherry Gouvan for Cheryl Overman)** – Kristen said they are going to have the youth of the community do the service in the park. Cheryl is coordinating. They have organized a breakfast between the two services on Easter.

**United Methodist Women (Vicki Hastings)** - 10 women present at the meeting last week. Coralee gave a lesson on Women of the Bible focusing on the Marys. The next meeting – a salad supper - is May 4 and will have entertainment.

**Kids' Club – K-3 (Wendy Simon)** – They are studying Friends of God. Watched a movie about Daniel and the lion's den. K-3 is canceling for this week to accommodate the drama. The program for next week will be pizza and a movie. Almost finished – 2 nights left. Family night is the last Wednesday of April.

**Kids' Club – 4 – 5 (Cathy Harden)** - Averaging 15 kids. Studying the Lost World and how to reach out to others. Swim party at the Y in May. Deb Turner is helping them make T-shirts this week. They watched an Easter video last week and have pizza scheduled for next week.

**Youth (Kristen Gould)** - Getting to know each other. Acquire the Fire was fun – she wants to see how many kids she can get to come from her school. Celebrated Easter early since they won't have a meeting on Easter. They are doing the park service.

**Vision Committee (Coralee Judge for Jade Kas)** - The committee met with Stu Worthy who talked to them about options on remodeling and building. The committee is planning trips to see Churches Stu built. The District Supt. recommended the Vision Comm. be renamed Needs and Assessment because the Vision Comm. is to be dedicated to the vision for our ministries.

**Trustees (Jerry Fultz)** – Jerry found that the tax form related to renting Abba’s didn’t apply to us. They painted the middle room at Abba’s. The boiler was cleaned. The air conditioning thermostat was combined with the heat thermostat and was mounted on the wall with a locked protective cover over it. Sarah, Wendy, and Jerry will have a key. He set the thermostat on heat to 68 and on cool to 75. He would like them to stay at those settings. There is another work day scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. They are going to anchor the parking space barriers and do some edging. He will be changing the locks on the office. The computer has been shut down several times recently, and it needs to stay up all the time. People will need to request a key. If there is any question as to why someone needs a key, they will need to come to the Ad Board to request it. The locks should be changed by the end of the week. We will put an announcement in the bulletin and the newsletter.

**Pastor Parrish Relations Committee (Steve Pearcy for Paul Reddix)** - PPRC met with the District Superintendent on Saturday and were informed of Tom’s departure. They have provided a profile of the community and a profile of the members. The D.S. will get back with the PPRC soon. Steve said to contact him if they have any ideas to share that will help in the process.

**Missions Committee (Ryan Turner)** – Still working with a travel agent on the travel vouchers. The full face value of the tickets will be available to us to use, but they must be used by July 9<sup>th</sup>. They can be used for anywhere that American Airlines flies. The people managing the guest house have been re-assigned back to the U.S. New people haven’t been assigned yet. There is \$450 in the Missions account. The heifer project fund is up to \$179. Not sure how much is needed to buy animals. Rita said there are local churches who have gone to New Orleans and Coralee said Mississippi.

**Finance Committee (John Harden)** – John said that the finance reports only need the yearly budget and the amount spent year to date. Tom said there is approximately \$1,200-1,300 coming from the hot dog money. The money can be used wherever it is needed. The estate is reimbursing us for Tom’s travel expenses for his trips to Texas. The Texas property may turn into cash. Our attorney says this is a good thing. They removed the original executor, so now there is a new executor. If we end up with properties, we may want to make a missions trip down there to spruce up the places and increase the value of the properties by \$10,000-15,000.

**Sunday School (Dania Remaly)** - 2 adult classes need teachers. Arranging training for teachers. First session is inspirational with Diane Pearson on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Dania would like to continue with speakers within our church once a month to discuss methods and tips and inspiration. Open to anyone who teaches or wants to teach. Rita said we need to have the people prepared to do new ministries - single adults, grade school teachers, middle school teachers, high school teachers.

**Lay Leader (Coralee Judge)** – District Lay leaders meet every other month. 20-25 people attend regularly. Coralee told them about our blue jean service growth, and one of the guys went home and started one! Tom said we are in the top 10% in size of United Methodist Churches. Average attendance for Methodist churches is 75-100 people.

**Pastor Tom** – Steve requested that people submit open-ended questions (not those that can be answered with a yes/no answer) that the PPRC can ask of the candidate. They can be e-mailed or given to them this week. They will be interviewing after Easter. Pastor Tom said that he and Judi will be taking 4 weeks of vacation between now and the end of June, so we will be asking more of Craig. Craig is working approximately 10-12 hours per week now. He will be expected to preach 3 or 4 times during this period. Pastor Tom moved to put this decision into the hands of the Ad Board and PPRC. Jerry seconded the motion.

**Pastoral Care (Craig Overman)** - No report; **Audio/Visual (Jim Cullom)** – No report;  
**Membership (Nancy Doyle)** - No report; **United Methodist Men (Mark Newhart)** – No report

#### **New Business**

--Coralee said that we are still looking for a director for Vacation Bible School. Liz Stewart has volunteered to help, and Rita volunteered to be co-director with Liz if they are interested. Wendy said they have bought a curriculum for VBS.

--Dania needs to get with Barb for curriculum needs for Super Sunday.

--Cathy is looking for a group with some money to fund a booth at the Mulberry Festival. Nancy Hart with the Optimist Club has reserved a Dunk Tank and a Moon Walk for \$150 each that the Optimist Club will set up and operate if we will pay the cost for them and sell tickets. We charge admission and sell tickets and hopefully make more than \$150, and we keep the difference. Cathy will suggest it to her Sunday School class.

--Steve needs one person from the Trustees and two people from the PPRC to conduct a walkthrough of the parsonage to look for cleaning and repairs that need to be made..

--Steve said that split up the choir director position, the worship leader position, and the keyboardist position. Mary Lou has accepted the choir director position.

--Jerry said that the audio/visual machine from Abba’s place is missing. He has asked around and no one seems to know where it is.

--Ryan provided Wendy with the weekly budget amounts for the weekly bulletins.

--Sherry said she thinks there is a commitment problem in this church. People are not following up on their commitments.

--Vicki asked if we want to continue to have flowers at the parsonage. Everyone agreed. The team agreed that the money should come from the Trustees fund.

--Wendy said Mary Lou Clendenning won the action for the piano at \$400.

--Food pantry - Wendy said that the only grocery store that she found that allows gift certificates with restrictions against tobacco, alcohol, and lottery tickets is Schulz IGA. Pastor Tom recommended that we buy \$100 worth of gift certificates in \$20 denominations and replenish when we fall below \$50 in gift certificates. Barb said that we need to increase our food pantry activities. We are not actively trying to distribute the food we have, and some of it is past its expiration date. The group suggested contacting the township trustee (Bob Baker), the WIC program in Frankfort, Area IV, or the soup kitchen in Lafayette as potential recipients. Cathy suggested that the Abba’s Place Committee (a.k.a. Java Jam Committee) could be expanded to take this on. Cathy will talk to Chris – he’s already on that committee anyway. Rita suggested that there be a report on how active the food pantry is. Ryan suggested that we keep a list of items that we want in the food pantry. Maybe put something in the bulletin or newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Minutes by Lori Alsop 4/10/2006

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