



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: 15TH

Pastor: Linda Dolby
Associate Pastor: Craig Overman
Choir Director: Mary Lou Clendenning
Pianist: Esther Creamer
Organist: Angie Schilling
Custodian: Sarah Wilson
Nursery: Sherry Gouvan
Admin. Asst: Wendy Simon

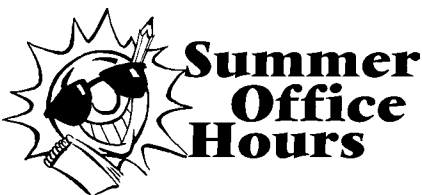
Traditional Worship: 8:45 am Sun
Sunday School: 10:00 Sun
Blue Jean Service: 11:00 Sun
Bible Study: Tue at 7:00 pm &
Wed at 10:00 am
Women's Bible Study: Tue at 5:30am at the
Church
P.S. Jesus Women's
Study Group 7:15 pm Thursday
at Vickie Brose's house
Men's Bible Study 7 am 2nd & 4th Sat.

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

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Office Hours: Tue-Fri 8:30-1:30

Please note that the office will **not** be open on **Mondays during June & July**. In August we will resume our normal Monday–Friday hours. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you!

Wendy Simon



From the Pastor's Heart

To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven. -Ecclesiastes 3:1

In January of 2004 I began the candidacy program to become a Local Pastor in the United Methodist church. I knew then that someday I would be asked to leave Mulberry UMC to pastor another church. I also knew that when that day came, it would be a difficult decision to make. Well, the day has come. A little over two weeks ago I was asked by our District Superintendent if I would consider being the pastor of Kilmore UMC, in Clinton County. After much prayer and discussion, Cheryl and I decided that this was what God wanted us to do. Beginning June 16th I will be the pastor at Kilmore.

As I knew it would be, it was a difficult decision. I am very excited about the opportunity to pastor a church and to see how God will use me in that capacity. At the same time, we are in no way ready to leave Mulberry UMC. Over the last four years we have fallen in love with our church family here. That amount of love, support, and approbation we have received has been phenomenal. So, this is a bittersweet time for us.

Kilmore UMC does not have a parsonage so we will be able to stay in the home we have lived in for twenty years. That makes the transition somewhat easier for us. We leave knowing that Mulberry is in very good and capable hands in Pastor Linda and the outstanding Lay leadership. God has really blessed us in our season at Mulberry and we thank each and every one of you for all you have done for our family. Our prayer will always be that God will continue to bless this marvelous church.

Craig Overman

Thank you!

Thank you so much to all of our church family for your cards and well wishes on our anniversary. You all helped to make this time even more special for us.

Blessings to all,
Larry & Marlene Boyd

The next UMW meeting will be the Annual All Church Picnic at Ronnette & Brett Peden’s home-6302 W. Mulberry Jefferson Rd, June 7 at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there with a covered dish to share. Hot dogs will be provided but we ask that you bring table service for your family.

Wee Blessings Pre School

The year-end celebration was a huge success with 60 family members and friends attending. The students did a fantastic job of singing and saying their Bible verses! Certificates were presented to the class of 4 year olds: Bailey Good, Ted Hamilton, Caleb Henry, Kaitlyn Jarrett, Ryan Kollar, Kaleb Peters, Victoria Seest, Sam Tatman and Emma Wilkerson. We wish to thank Andrea Burke and Jim Cullom for preparing the slide show and Angie Schilling for her help with the sound system.

It's been a "growing" year and both classes have done a great job! Have a safe and fun summer. ☺

*Sincerely,
Mrs. Wilson*

June Birthdays

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

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

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Dear friends,
As spring comes it brings with it change, and with change we sprout new opportunities and continue to grow in our walk with Christ and each other.

I write to let you know that Bishop Michael Coyner is appointing our Associate Pastor, the Rev. Craig Overman, to be pastor of the Kilmore United Methodist Church, effective June 16, 2007.

This is good news for Craig. For some time he has discerned that God is leading him to be the pastor of a church on his own. We all know that Craig has the gifts, skills and abilities to be a solo pastor and the people of Kilmore will certainly be blessed as Craig and Cheryl are in ministry there.

Our church has been fortunate to have the Overmans with us these last four years. Their work with our youth will be greatly missed. Craig’s ministry, especially his leadership with our Praise Team, the new Abba’s Board of Directors, the Men’s Fellowship Group, as well as his pastoral care with our shut-ins is so greatly appreciated.

Craig’s last Sunday with us will be June 10. On June 24 at 4:00 our church family will gather for a Farewell Carry-In Dinner for the Overman’s, to be followed by a time of Corporate Prayer at 6:00.

At that time we will be presenting Craig with a “love” offering. If you would like to contribute, please make checks payable to MUMC, noting “Craig’s gift” on the memo line.

The Staff-Parish Committee is working with Pastor Linda to find capable replacement help in the areas of our youth ministry and music leadership. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me.

In Christ’s service,

Steve Percy

Chair, SPR Committee



Congratulations to all of the graduates this year. We wish you blessings in all of your future endeavors. Our members or their kids that are graduating this year are:

- Katie Kemmerer-college
- Kendra Synesael-high school
- Ben Thayer-college
- Stephanie Turner-college

Relatives of our members graduating this year are:

- Branden Huffer-high school Mike and Phyllis Huffer's grandson
- Brandy Deterly & Sarah Howe Dick & Wilma Howe's granddaughters

Again, congratulations to those listed and to those we may have missed.

Stone Soup Food Pantry continues to be a blessing to our community! The needs this month include; salad dressings, mac & cheese, spaghetti sauce, peas, carrots, dry cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned or frozen meats. Please remember to check the dates before donating, as we do not accept outdated foods. Many thanks to all who keep this ministry in their prayers.

"If everyone gives just a little, there will be plenty for all"

If you or someone you know is hungry, please call 296-3399.

Child Protection Training

All volunteers and staff of MUMC who work with our children and youth on a regular basis are asked to attend a training session on Monday, June 18 at 7p.m. Sherry Gouvan will be teaching us about our newly adopted Guidelines for Child Protection.

Refreshments - including ice cream sundaes - will be served! This training is sponsored by our Staff-Parish Relations Committee and is required by The United Methodist Church.



United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women recently served dinner to the Mulberry Community Club. Those who prepared the meal were: Betty Jean Skiles (who also was in charge of decorations), Janie Garriott, Wilma Howe and Sarah Coffman. Assisting in serving were: Roger Lewis, Rita Cornell, Dick Howe, Perry Skiles, Trish McDonnell, Sharon Maish and Ed Fisher. The dessert was donated by: Barb Seager, Sandy Seager, Lisa Scott, Betty (Eldon) Skiles and Mary Fultz. Linda Marshall was in charge of the table settings. Many thanks to ALL who participated in the evening! We appreciate you :-)

The UMW Salad Supper was a great success! There were approximately sixty-seven women present, with twenty from our church. The food was abundant and delicious.

A special thank you to Barb Seager for doing the shopping. Dick & Wilma Howe, Roger Lewis, Eldon & Betty Skiles, and Brett Peden for setting up tables and chairs. The men also stayed and cleaned up so all the women could go enjoy the program. Thank you to Jim Cullom for helping us out with the audio visual equipment.

Wanda Smith gave a wonderful program on Habitat for Humanity International. Telling of her experiences in Africa.

Kid's Club

***K-3rd grade will be featured in next month's Kid's Club article.*

The 4th, 5th, & 6th grade Kid's Club members received prizes for their points earned during this semester.

Earning 200 points and up: Scott Crye, Kenton Little, Eric Neidigh, Mason Thomas, Ryan Trapnell,

100-199 points: Devan Curts, Sean Eldridge, Tykhon Koliey, Macy Kraner, Sam Waugh, Tess Wilson, Brian Holcombe

1-99 points: Lucy Coons, Kelsey Dunham, Justin Lester, Taylor Light, Evan Rynearson, Michael White, Kacey Abston, Jasmine Cavender, D.J. Abston, Shelby Richardson, Kali Denham, Kameron Sallee, Kinzey Floyd, Mattyson Robinson, Camron Cavender

Those with perfect attendance: Eric Neidigh

Those earning Bibles: Jasmine Cavender

Thank you so much to the staff: Jan & Jim Dyer, Tom Simon, Bret Peden, Suzie Kelsey, Deb Turner and Dania Remaly

The Director-Cathy Harden,

Service Assistance

Traditional Service

Prayer With Pastors:

- 6/3 Cheryle Overman
 6/10 Mark Newhart
 6/17 Linda Marshall
 6/24 Marlene Boyd & Cathy Harden

Communion Steward:

Rebecca & James Humrickhouse
**please note: communion will be the 2nd Sunday in June*

Worship Leader: Betty & Eldon Skiles

Acolyte: Eric & Michelle Neidigh

Greeters:

- 6/3 *Park Service
 6/10 Rita Cornell
 6/17 Mike & Phyllis Huffer
 6/24 Allan & Crystal Sanders

Blue Jean Service

Worship Leader: Carol Nagy

Children's Church:

- 6/3 *Park Service
 6/10 Betty Skiles
 6/17 April Farley & Hattie Cullom
 6/24 Need a Volunteer

Greeters:

- 6/3 *Park Service
 6/10 Cathi Godfrey
 6/17 Dave & Ginny Miller
 6/24 To Be Announced

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

Thank you to all those helping to make Sunday morning a special day of worshipping the Lord!

School of Christian Mission July 11-14th.

The UMW would like to have 3 or 4 people attend this great event. If you are interested please see Vicki Hastings ASAP.

New Programs for Abba's Place!

MUMC has been designated as one of 22 recipients for a youth program grant this coming year. Consequently, a board of directors for has been set up for overseeing the grant work and initiating new youth programs for our community at Abba's Place. To make this a community effort, our MUMC members on the board have invited other churches and community agencies to send representative to the new board. The exciting part of the plans being made is that our church programs that are in place will continue, but most importantly, new activities for our community youth will begin.

The grant money to be awarded will depend on our application and could be \$20,000 or more for start-up work necessary for new programming. The goal is to build the foundation for long-term programming that will allow youth activities to flourish at Abba's Place for years to come. The Indiana Youth Institute is administering the grant and has sent us Rebecca Smith as a consultant to assist in our planning. The goal has long been to utilize Abba's Place even more for the wholesome development of our community youth. Pray for the success of the plans now being made that will mean so much in achieving that goal.

Myron Chezem

Mattyson Robinson, Camron Cavender

New Address for Chris & Margarita Gipson
 352 E. 700 South
 Chalmers, IN 47929

MUMC Vital Signs

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	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Attend.</u>	<u>S.S. Attend.</u>
Mar. 18	\$2,808	\$1,120	159	70
Mar. 25	\$1,997	\$0	132	51
Apr. 1	\$3,716	\$383	147	Palm S.
Apr. 8	\$2,375	\$734	235	Easter

*Average Sunday Service Attendance as of 4/8: 138

Mission Costa Rica



Mission Costa Rica is well underway thanks to this loving and giving church family. Our team and committee members are working hard to prepare for this trip. Here is what is happening now.

How are we preparing? We have started team meetings, in which we are getting to know each other through discussions, Spanish lessons, and a short-term Mission Bible Study, “Before You Pack Your Bag, Prepare Your Heart”.

How are we raising funds? “Carry-Out for Costa Rica” envelopes, group sponsorships, scholarship applications, church family donations, and personal team member commitments. We will have a booth for the Mulberry Festival, with a bake sale and a theme basket auction/sale.

How can I contribute? Please sign up to donate baked goods and theme baskets for our Mulberry Festival booth. Please continue to send in your “Carry-Out” envelopes. And most important, please continue to pray! We have seen God’s hand in the planning of this trip, so please continue to pray for all the details.

What do the people of Costa Rica need? There is a list on the bulletin board in the Narthex, which includes: children and adult OTC medications, bandaids and first aid cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste, children’s books in Spanish, good quality children’s clothes, socks and underwear, and black dress shoes for school, sizes for 6-14 year olds. Take home packets with a washcloth, towel, and soap. Dominos and Spanish Scrabble would be good for the youth room. A collection box will be available.

Thank you to all who have donated in any way. We know this trip would not be possible without your support. Again, we thank you for all your prayers and donations. We look forward to spreading God’s word as we are instructed in the Great Commission, Matthew 28:18-20, “...therefore go and make disciples of all nations...”

Don’t Forget...

When giving money to the Costa Rica mission trip, please write Costa Rica on your check or envelope.

Thank you!

Administrative Council Minutes, April 9, 2007

Attendance:Rita Cornell, John Harden, Barb Seager, Wendy Simon, Craig Overman, Mary Lou Clendenning, Jerry Fultz, Wilma Fultz, Sandy Reddix, Linda Dolby, Liz Stewart, Elaine Lawson recording.

Finance and Stewardship -John Harden for Bill Brose: The committee is meeting this week. The keys were officially turned over to Bill Brose Wednesday.

Trustees -Jerry Fultz: Installed new dishwasher in parsonage, installed new fluorescent light over kitchen sink, motion light to be repaired, new lock on office door, handicap ramp is damaged-Matt Simon will get an estimate to submit to the insurance company responsible. It will be repaired.

PPRC -Linda Dolby for Steve Pearcy: Child protection guidelines discussed. Volunteers must be part of our church family for approximately one year prior to working with kids to get to know them. All folks having worked with kids this year need to be annually instructed as to guidelines and reporting procedures. PPR is responsible to screen care givers.

Bridge Builders -Barb Seager: 48 cards were sent. Budget spent - \$83.40. Committee donations \$9.13

Education Ministries -Sandy Reddix & Liz Stewart:

Children's Church studying Easter Story. 16 kids on Easter and 10 on Palm Sunday. Volunteers are all

doing a great job. Kid's Club studying How Jesus is Like our Shepherd. Craft and Game night was great fun. New Bibles were ordered for the rest of the year. This is the last regular night to meet. Family night is next week. Vacation Bible School – Ronnette Peden coordinating. Dates are July 29 - August 2. The programs are ordered. Staff is working on crafts and decorations.

Wee Blessings -Barb Seager : School is nearing its end. Family night will be held soon.

Fellowship -Mary Lou Clendenning: Family retreat has been postponed but not cancelled.

Missions - Barb Paddock: 12 members are going to Costa Rica August 4-12 at a cost of \$1600-1700.00 per person with each person raising \$700.00 of their own costs. We still have travel vouchers in the amount of \$5000.00 Missionaries will participate in work at an orphanage; special needs school and a building project. The hosts will take care of arrangements during trip. Craig noted a balance of \$1283.00 from the youth mission trip and suggested using it to support the Costa Rica trip.

UMW -To meet 4/12 per Barb Seager

Abba's Place -Craig Overman: Meeting was held past Saturday where the volunteer guidelines were discussed. 238 Clinton County youth surveys were returned. Andrea Burke did a great job making bar graphs. Cleve Shields is doing the data analysis. This info has good usage for grant requests. Rebecca Smith has seen similar surveys at a cost of \$10,000.00.

Youth -Craig Overman: The youth mission trip to Mississippi (20 teens and 5 adults) went very well. There was a change in the kid's worldview. The kids helped put Abba's survey together. Youth attended Acquire The Fire at Ball State University – as always a very powerful event.

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Sunday Worship Services

Traditional	8:45 AM
Sunday School	10:00 AM
Blue Jean/ Contemporary	11:00 AM
Youth Group at Abba's Place	4-5:30 PM

“We would love to see you there!”



- Catch our very own at the Mulberry Fest! Afternoon entertainment at the festival will be EsterCreamer and her kids, Chris Gipson, and Bill Brose with Uncle Bucks Mojo Box.
- Be sure to catch the State Bed Racing Championships from 11am-1pm at the Mulberry Fest June 2nd!
- FREE Beginning Piano Lessons at the Mulberry Community Library. Ten Students from grades 1-6 will be chosen on a financial need basis. Apply at the Mulberry Library no later than August 4, 2007. For details call 296-2604.
- Stay tuned for “Lift Off” information about Vacation Bible School this year. July 29-August 2nd

June 2007