



From Dave's Desk...

Usually I go to the hospital to visit my parishioners. However, May 13th I entered the hospital to be a patient! The last time I was a patient was 37 years ago. This was a different experience compared to back then. This time my temperature was taken from my ear instead of my mouth. A machine took my blood pressure instead of a nurse using a stethoscope. I just had one doctor then-my General Practitioner. Now I have four doctors, a G. P., a neurologist, an Infectious Disease doctor and a Podiatrist who was also my surgeon. A hospital room back then cost around \$100 a day. I have no idea what it is now!

I had time to think about what it means to be a patient, having to trust and have faith in one's doctors and nurses. I am a self-reliant person. I want to do things for myself. I do not like to have to ask for help especially to go to the bathroom! I want to decide what I need to do, when I want to do it and how I want to do it. Being a hospital patient changes all of that. I now better understand what my church family members experience when they are hospitalized.

Jesus teaches "The Great Reversal". He taught that

the first would be last and the last would be first. He said that the poor on earth would be rich in heaven. I felt that I experienced a part of this in the hospital. I usually am the care giver, the pray-er, and the visitor. While in the hospital I was the one cared for, prayed for and visited by many people.

The Scriptures teach that each of us are blessed with gifts to help one another. The doctors, nurses, technicians and visitors all shared their gifts of healing, caring, and love as they ministered to me.

The theme of the great reversal is understood in how we treat others. Many people are offered opportunities to help those less fortunate. Not everyone acts on those moments to share. This theme of reversal is heard in the story of the judgment of the sheep and the goats. When Jesus tells the sheep that they fed him, clothed him and visited him in prison, they asked "When did we do this for you?" His answer was "when you did it for the least of these, you did it for me!"

None of us know when we may be in a situation needing help from others. Let us continue to practice "doing for others as we would have them do unto us." I want to thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and gifts. I needed help and you were there. God Bless you.

Pastor Dave

Child Protection Training

On Monday, May 5, 2008 we had Sandy Lock from Child and Family Services come and instruct us on Child Protection Guidelines.

This was a very interesting session as she informed us on how to spot possible problems and how to keep from being a problem. Sometimes we need to be careful of how we say things to children and make sure what we are saying is the same as what we mean. We also need to make sure we hear what the children are saying and make sure we understand what they mean. Sandy gave some hints on what to watch for and what to do in cases of possible child abuse or neglect. It is very important for the adult who suspects a problem to contact the minister and Child Protection Services. The Pastor/Parish Relations Committee has changed the form somewhat to

include the new laws that were recently passed.

We had a very good turnout, but there are still some who need the training. Some didn't take the training last year and it is very important if you work with children of any age, we want to make sure you get the training. Not only for the protection of yourself but for the Church as well. Those people who have not had the training will be contacted in the near future.

We are in discussion on if and when we will do training again. I would like to thank all who attended that night, and a special thanks to Barb Seager for making the arrangements.

In CHRIST ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

-Steve Percy, PPRC

F.R.O.G.S. Sunday School Class



Things are so exciting for us! Because 5th grade to 8th grade is such a time of discovery for kids, we are working hard to understand God, church, ourselves and the world at large.

We have finished a movie about Moses and the Ten Commandments followed by a discussion on each commandment. Our most recent study has been on anger and positive ways to handle it.

The kids in this class are fun and bring something new to my life each week. I can see change in the way they are thinking and are trying to depend on God. Pray that each family is blessed through the experiences the kids have here at church.

God Bless,
Wendy Simon

Wee Blessings Preschool

As I write this last newsletter, I remember all the precious faces that came to Wee Blessings nine months ago. We have all grown close and have shared so many memories. We give them back to their parents with great sadness, but with much joy and pride. They achieved so much this year!

We could not have done any of it without all your love, prayers and support! From the bottom of our hearts, "thank you."

We want to thank Betty Skiles for donating the juice cans, ribbon, and foam pieces. The Mother's Day cans turned out so cute and we appreciate everything you did!!!

To the Steering Committee, I don't know where to even begin with thanking you for what all you do for Wee Blessings. We are truly blessed to have you taking care of us!

Family night went well and the children did an outstanding job! We are so proud of each of them. We wish the children much success in kindergarten! However, we are looking forward to seeing all the precious faces that will come next fall.

Donna, Mary Kay and I wish you a wonderful and safe summer! May God Bless you.



Kids Can Serve, Too...

Church can seem like it's just for adults and boring to grade school kids. It may even be hard to pay attention to what is going on during the service. One way of tuning a kid into the church service may be for them to serve as Acolyte.

We light the candles at first service to represent the presence of God during service. We need mature grade school and junior high-aged kids to take part in this special role each Sunday. For more information please call

Vicki Hastings at
296-4690



Corporate Prayer has a challenge to you! Let's turn off the TV and turn on Prayer. We need you to pray in the privacy of your own home about the church. Coming soon you will see a commitment card with choices of amounts of time to help us pray. We will even provide a short list of areas to pray over. So, please accept our challenge and simply turn the television off and start talking to God.





The United Methodist Women wish to thank all of you who helped prepare, serve and provide salads and desserts for the Garriott dinner. We were over-whelmed by your generosity in answering our call for your help. So many people offered up help and food that we cannot list all your names! We appreciate also all those who helped move furniture and set up tables and chairs. What a blessing you are ☺

FCA Thanks MUMC

Mulberry UMC,

We were so blessed by your generous gift to FCA. We were able to take 16 students to Acquire the Fire in Muncie, Indiana with your help. This was a great renewal for the kids. They are filled to overflowing with the love of Christ. My prayer is they continue when they return to Clinton Prairie. Without your support most of these students could not attend. We had a great weekend!! Keep us in your prayers as we strive to “grow the Kingdom.”

Love in Christ,
Cheryl Overman, C.P. FCA

Garriott Family Writes...

We, the family of Janie Garriott, would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Mulberry Methodist Church members for their support, prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers, and the abundance of food provided to our family since the passing of our mother.

Many thanks Rev. Dave Hummel, Rev. Tom Hoehner and Rev. Craig Overman for a beautiful service and a special thanks to Barb Seager, Coralee Judge, Judy Gascho, Ester Creamer, and Angie Schilling for the heartwarming words they spoke of Mom during the service. Thanks so much to Ester Creamer and Angie Schilling for providing beautiful music at the funeral service.

We want to thank Pastor Dave for spending so much time at the hospital with us after Mom’s surgery. He was there the night of her surgery, the next morning and again on Saturday when Mom passed. He brought with him the love of the whole church and we truly were touched by his presence.

Thank you to the United Methodist Women for the lovely and delicious lunch served after the service. We were in awe of the amount of food provided and all of the wonderful people there to help with the lunch and serving.

We truly want to thank the church family that spent so much time with Mom, the lunches, the ballgames, the card games, day outings, evenings out and special events at the church. Mom so loved you all and loved the time spent with her many, many good friends. We would like to be able to personally thank each and every person that touched our mother’s life but we would have to write a novel. Please know that we do know who you are and you will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

We know it will be as difficult for her church family to overcome the loss of our mother as it will be for us. We must believe she is in a better place and continue our lives by remembering her and all the ways that she has touched our lives. She will always be in our hearts.

*Larry Garriott and family
Linda and Doug Weeks and family
Randy and Donna Garriott and family
Ronda Hall and family
Rick and Deb Garriott and family
Lorie and Tom Cook and family
Lisa and Dave Scott and family*



Mulberry United Methodist Women

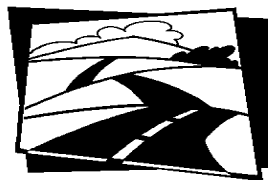
The Mulberry United Methodist Women had a wonderful turn-out for their annual Salad Supper on May 1st. There were 64 members and guests. A special thanks to all the ladies who donated the delicious salads and desserts! Becki Farley gave the devotions. Door prizes of potted flowers were given to 9 lucky ladies! We were treated to the Clinton Prairie Jr. High Girls Choir directed by Angie Schilling. What beautiful voices and great charisma!! It was a wonderful way to end the evening.

The June meeting has been changed, so mark your calendars! We will have our picnic on **JUNE 12th at 6:00 pm at the Mulberry Park.** Bring your family for fun evening :-)

Carol Nagy, Pres.

Dinner Served...

The United Methodist Women recently served dinner to the Mulberry Community Club. Many thanks go to ALL who helped! Those preparing the meal were: Betty (P) Skiles, Wilma & Dick Howe, and Sarah Coffman. Servers were: Ed & Janet Fisher, Carol Nagy, Trish McDonnell, Rita Cornell and Barb Paddack. Suzie Kelsey and Pat Weber helped with the set-up. Those providing dessert were: Elaine Simon, Sandy Seager, Barb Seager, and Patty Wright. The table decorations were made by the kids of Children's Church and were then given to their Mothers as gifts ☺

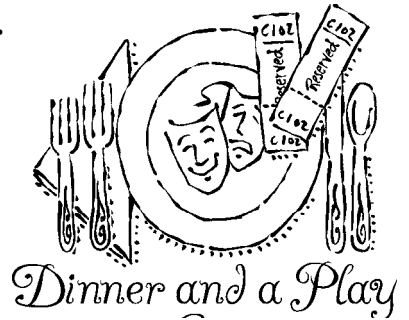


Long distance news...

The church has received word of the death of Mae Starcher in Mabank, Texas on May 19, 2008 after an extended illness. She was the widow of Kermit Starcher and they were long-time residents of Mulberry. She was a dear to our church while living in the area. She is survived by sons Fred and Bob.

Dinner and Theater Night

Twenty-four people joined together for a dinner at Ponderosa on our annual Church-sponsored night out.



Dinner and a Play

Following dinner we caravanned to the Civic Theater at the Frankfort Library. Four more joined us there for the presentation of the play "The Ladies of the Garden Club." The play was extremely funny and had some delightful characters. ☺ Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie of the evening. Those attending were: Marlene Boyd, Betty Campbell, Mary Lou Clendenning, Sarah Coffman, Rita Cornell, Esther Creamer, Phyllis & Mike Huffer, Judy Hansell, Dave & Mary Alys Hummel, Becky & Jim Humrickhouse, Coralee Judge, Rachel Moore, Carol & Dan Nagy, Nancy Neidigh, Ronnette & Brett Peden, Barb & Jerry Seager, Elaine & Tom Simon, Shelly Surber, Claudia Timmons, and Chris & Bob Waugh.

The old sign on the front lawn of the church is gone! Due to the sorry state of the faithful old sign, the Trustees agreed it was time for it to go.

Be on the look out for the new sign to be dedicated in memory of Burgin and Janie Garriott.

Thank you to everyone making this project happen. Many hands make light work. Especially thanks to the Garriott children.



Men's Bible Study



Breakfast, Bible Study and time with the guys! All men in the church and community are welcome to come join us on the second and fourth Saturday of every month at 8 a.m.

Come as you are just be ready for some good fellowship. Feel free to stop by and check us out!

DRINK, STEAL, SWEAR & LIE

4 rules to live by:

Drink, Steal, Swear, & Lie.

1. *"Drink" from the "everlasting cup" every day.*
2. *"Steal" a moment to help someone that is in worse shape than you are.*
3. *"Swear" that you will be a better person today than yesterday.*
4. *And last, but not least, when you "lie" down at night, thank God you live in America and have freedom.*

I am not as good as I should be, I am not as good as I could be, but THANK GOD I am better than I used to be !

Did you know the church has a "Lost & Found"? We sure do!

If you think you may have lost something in the church, stop by the office or contact Wendy. We would really love to get these items back to their happy homes.

Church office: 296-3399

Missions Gift Basket Silent Auction Saturday, June 7th During the Mulberry Festival

Donate a themed gift basket to raise funds for local

missions such as:

MUMC Kids Under Construction

MUMC Youth

Stone Soup Food Pantry

Abba's IMPACT Program

The baskets last year were a great success ! We look forward to your creativity this year. As always, we thank you for your support!

Missions Committee



Don't forget!

**Community Worship in the Park is
Sunday, June 8th at 10 a.m.**

**Followed by the Community Carry-in
Meal at the park at 12 p.m.
Bring your lawn chairs and a
neighbor.**

Worship Assistants

May Communion Steward Vicki Hastings
Traditional Service 8:45 a.m.

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

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Prayer w/ Pastor</u>
6/1	Randy & Rita Cornell	Myron Chezem	Jasmine Cavender	
6/8	Youth (PARK SERVICE)			
6/15	Eldon & Betty Skiles			Mark Newhart
6/22	Wilma Howe			Brett Peden
6/29	Frank & Marie Myers			Shelly Surber

Blue Jean Service 11:00 a.m.

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Children's Church</u>	<u>Prayer w/ Pastor</u>
6/1	Ryan & Deb Turner	Becky & April Farley	No Children's Church	
6/8	Park Service		Park Service	
6/15	Jim, Cindi & Hattie Cullom		Beth Newhart	Kevin Garrett
6/22	Carol Nagy		Becki & April Farley	
6/29	Deb & Kelsey Schutz		Betty Skiles	

Attendance & Offering

<u>Date</u>	<u>Total Attend.</u>	<u>Sun. School</u>	<u>Gen. Fund Offering</u>
1/6	111	62	\$4,413
1/13	133	58	\$2,446
1/20	104	27	\$3,909
1/27	131	60	\$1,469
2/3	113	68	\$3,815
2/10	119	69	\$2,712
2/17	124	66	\$1,972
2/24	113	59	\$2,876
3/2	131	63	\$4,094
3/9	103	60	\$3,772
3/16	137	75	\$3,004
3/23	180	—	\$3,243
3/30	128	57	\$2,249
4/6	123	66	\$4,426
4/13	120	65	\$3,696
4/20	127	59	\$3,254
4/27	124	58	\$2,069

June Birthdays

6/3	Jasmine Cavender	6/24	Elaine Lawson
6/9	Jill Lanning	6/24	Dania Remaly
6/12	Heather Koning	6/25	John Harden
6/13	Sandy Reddix	6/25	Sam Waugh
6/14	Jade Kas	6/26	Ronnette Peden
6/14	Ian Newhart	6/27	Dale Ward
6/16	Wes Cullom	6/28	Bill Brose
6/17	Perry Skiles	6/28	Joanne Dellinger
6/21	Andrea Burke	6/28	Sherry Gouvan
6/23	Brett Peden		

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

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



MUMC Staff, Services & Contact Information

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

Bible Study: Tues. 7 pm & Wed. 10 am
 Women's Bible Study:
 Tue at 6 am at the Church
 Men's Bible Study 7 am 2nd & 4th Sat.
 Youth Group Sun. At Abba's 4-5:30
 Wee Blessings Preschool:
 Director & Teacher: Patty Wright
 Teacher: Donna Kirkpatrick
 Assistant Teacher: Mary Kay Finnerty



Summer Office Hours

Office Hours: Tue-Fri 8:30-1:30
 Church Office: (765) 296-3399
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 Abba's Place: (765) 296-2090
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 Web-site: www.mumc-in.org
 Food Pantry: By Appointment
 Call Church Office

