

# THE MESSENGER

July 2005

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

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 Custodian: Sarah Wilson  
 Admin. Asst.: Chris Gipson  
 Nursery: Wendy Simon  
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 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

Yesterday we took 20 Jr. High Youth and 5 adults to Cedar Point, in Sandusky, Ohio, the world's largest amusement park. What a thrill. They have a new ride called "The Dragster" which takes you from 0 to 120 mph in exactly 3 seconds. Then it shoots you up 420 feet in another 3 seconds, and down the steepest roller coaster slope in the United States in another 3 seconds. The whole ride lasts only about 15 seconds, but is the most exciting 15 seconds you will ever experience. It's camp season again and our church policy has always been to help by paying half the tuition for any child or teen who desires to go to church camp. Just contact our church office, and have a great summer!!

*Pastor Tom*

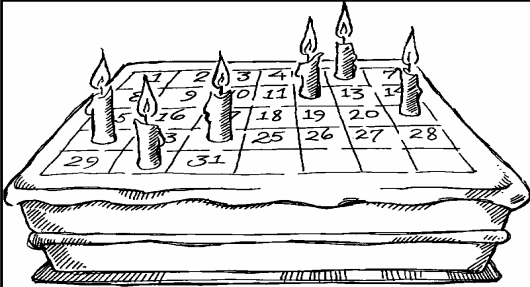
### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Bill & Traci Patton. They have added a new Baby boy to their family. Kyle Wayne Patton was born May 23rd, 2005; weighed 8lbs. 14 oz.; 21 1/2 inches long. Mother and baby are doing well. Thank you Lord, for the miracle of life!



# July Birthdays

# Ask Freida



## Birthdays This Month

- 7/6.....Pat Culbertson
- 7/6.....Julie Huffer
- 7/9.....Valerie Fisher
- 7/11.....Janie Garriott
- 7/12.....Emily Harden
- 7/13.....Andy Albitz
- 7/14.....Hilde Thayer
- 7/17.....Fred Marshall
- 7/18.....Helen Hann
- 7/18.....Jessica Huffer
- 7/22.....Edith Boyd
- 7/25.....Mabel Fitzgerald
- 7/26.....Jacob Burton
- 7/29.....Melvin Dellinger
- 7/29.....Neal Kemmerer
- 7/31.....Gene Bass
- 7/31.....Judy Gascho
- 7/31.....Dan Remaly
- 7/31.....Drew Cullom
- 7/31.....Eric Garriott



Q: Freida, How much of my money should I give to the Church, and should I give extra to Missions?

A: 10 %. Yep, that way Haiti children can have good food and stuff.

Q: Dear Freida, As Christians, I believe we have a responsibility to adhere to Christian ethics. What can I do when other Christians treat me in an un-Christian-like manner?

A: I don't think they are doing it. I think the devil is doing it. Pray for the people.

## Freida

## THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who provided salads and desserts for the dinner we prepared last month:

Phyllis Huffer, Edith Boyd, Ella Kathryn Davis, Wilma Howe, Betty (Eldon) Skiles, Jean Sutton, Nancy Doyle, Debbie Garriott, Linda Marshall, Claudia Timmons and Annetta Wildermuth. Also to the kitchen help: Janie Garriott, Lisa and Kayla Scott and Barb Seager. The family of Bobbie Rex was very appreciative.

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## Ministry Assistants

## Meetings & Events

### Traditional Service

**Communion Steward:** Becky Humrickhouse

**Acolyte:** Tess Wilson

**Greeters:**

**3rd** Mark & Beth Newhart

**10th** Eldon & Betty Skiles

**17th** George & Pat Culbertson

**24th** Jerry & Barb Seager

**31st** Randy & Rita Cornell

**Worship Leader:** Mark Newhart

**Pray with the Pastor** (8:30 am)

**3rd** Amy Thayer & Dania Remaly

**10th** Cheryl Overman

**17th** Rita Cornell & Helen Hann

**24th** Wayne Walker

**31st** Mary Lou Clendenning

### Blue Jean Service

**Children's Church**

**3rd** Chris Gipson

**10th** Erin Overman

**17th** April Farley

**24th** Elaine Simon

**31st** Judi Hoehner

**Greeters:**

**3rd** John & Cathy Harden

**10th** Becky & April Farley

**17th** Perry & Betty Skiles

**24th** Steve & Julie Percy

**31st** Elaine & Cassie Walden

**3rd** Communion Sunday  
**4th** Independence Day  
**31st** Corporate Prayer 6 pm @ the Church

#### Weekly Calendar

**Sun:** 8:30 am Pray with the Pastor  
 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  
 7:00 pm Monday Night Service  
**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  
 8 pm Worship Team Rehearsal @ the Church  
 8 pm Special Needs Prayer  
**Wed:** 10 am Bible Study @ the Church  
 12:30 pm 55 & Very Alive @ the Church  
 2 pm Bible Study @ the Villa  
 7:00 pm Choir Practice @ the Church  
**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 Place

**Last Saturday of each month: Scout Recycling Day-set your paper out early!**

**Administrative Board will not be meeting during July or August.**

#### Address Change

The Wanningers have moved. Their new address is: 3019 Daniel St., Bloomington, IN. 47401, phone: (830) 330-9382.

**MUMC Vital Signs**

	Offering Received	
May 15	\$4,303	
Attendance		178
May 22	\$4,827	
Attendance		184
May 29	\$3,414	
Attendance		159
June 5	\$1,175	
Attendance		263 (Outdoor Service)
June 12	\$6,931	
Attendance		167
June 19	\$1,746	
Attendance		147
6 Week Offering Ave.	\$3,732	
6 Week Attendance Ave.		183

**How We Gained Our Freedom**

Jerry Fultz read this at the June Ad Board meeting. This is very fitting for July, which marks our independence as a country. Let us never take our freedom for granted!

**“It Is The Soldier”**

It is the soldier, not the reporter  
 who has given us freedom of the press.  
 It is the soldier, not the poet  
 who has given us freedom of speech.  
 It is the soldier, not the campus organizer  
 who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.  
 It is the soldier, not the lawyer  
 who has given us the right to a fair trial.  
 It is the soldier  
 who salutes the flag,  
 whose coffin is draped in the flag,  
 who allows the protester to burn the flag.

—Charles M. Province

**Found!**

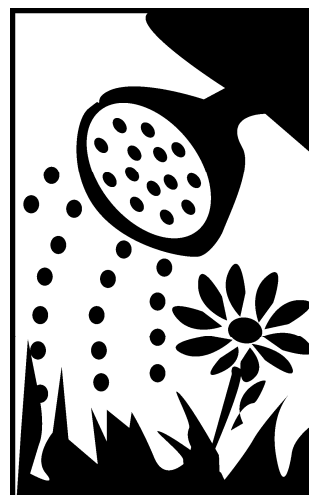
Found-women’s gold bracelet.. Also... a pocket knife. Also...a gold ring. Please stop by the Church office to claim these items.

**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. Contact Chris @ 296-3399 or 296-6632.

**THANK YOU!**

A great big **THANK YOU** to Vicki Hastings for making our world a little prettier, specifically Abba’s Place and the Parsonage. Vicki, we are so glad you have a green thumb! The flowers are beautiful!



**Administrative Board Minutes May 9th, 2005**

**Present:** Jerry Fultz, Ryan Turner, Craig Overman, Rita Cornell, Barb Seager, Paul Reddix, J.C. & Coralee Judge, Wendy Simon, Jim Cullom, Andy Albitz, Pastor Tom Hoehner, Dan Remaly, John & Cathy Harden, and Recording Secretary, Sarah Wilson

Minutes were approved as corrected (heads of some committees were wrong).

Rita Cornell made a motion to delay printing the monthly minutes in the newsletter until the Ad Board approves the minutes. Coralee Judge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Bridge Builders (Sandy Seager):** 68 cards were sent. \$11.31 in donations.

**Children's Ministries (Elaine Simon & Mary Kay Finnerty):** Studying Moses

**Missions (Ryan Turner):** Still short two people for the trip. 10 people are going. Deb and Kelsey Schutz are not able to go. The cost of the airfare is \$619.15 (both ways). \$4,682.58 is the balance. Will stick with ten people and have some on stand-by. If any advance money is needed where can Ryan get it? May need to ask if people going can give some amount now. Short around \$1,500.00. Going well. There might be around 150 kids for the Bible School in Haiti. May have a mulch day for Holden's. May have a golf outing or car wash for a fund raiser.

**Worship (Cheryl Overman):** Monday, May 16th at 7:00 pm is a meeting to plan the combined worship service for the outdoor service. May 22nd is Graduation Sunday to honor our grads.

**Pastor Parish (Paul Reddix):** There will be a meeting next week to discuss the Garage Sale. Wee Blessings needs a separate phone line. Could earmark dial-a-prayer number for Wee Blessings. Tom Hoehner made a motion to delete and add these numbers. John Harden seconded the motion. Motion carried. Coralee Judge made a motion to add a phone line for Wee Blessings. Paul Reddix seconded the motion. Motion carried. Talked about a Vision Committee 2010. Appoint a committee to get together and see where MUMC wants to be in 5 years. Would like to see a daycare. Too much red tape and can't do it right now. Jerry Fultz will talk to some people and get some thoughts and table this until next meeting. Cleaning fee for rentals at Abba's and the church-Reduce from \$50.00 to \$25.00 (this will be returned if it is clean) and enforce (Abba's). Twenty five dollars goes back to renter if clean (at church) and Sarah Wilson receives \$25.00 each rental. Sarah will use her discretion on whether the church or Abba's is left clean. Paul Reddix made a motion to add a \$25.00 clean up fee. Ryan Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Trustees (Terry Thayer):** Door locks at Abba's have been changed. Vault light repaired and lock was installed on the vault door. Sign at Abba's was hung. The tile in the girl's bathroom at church was glued down and back entry tile was secured. Cut dead tree down at the Parsonage. Pile of trash from cleaning day is laying out back at Abba's. Dump was not open that day. Dan Remaly will call the trash people to see if they can take it. Will install a thumbscrew on break away on the back door at Abba's. Do we need one on the front door? Andy Albitz made a motion to put thumbscrew on front door at Abba's. Barb Seager seconded the motion. Motion carried. Tim Overman will install this. Front doors at church are fixed. Craig Overman's

**Administrative Board Minutes May 9th, 2005 cont.**

Cousin will look at the roof at Abba's and give recommendation.

**Finance (Amy Thayer):** General Fund balance: \$5,079.08. Wee Blessings balance: \$11,540.23. Organ Fund balance: \$296.80. New Building fund balance: \$11,710.18. Budget discussions. The level of giving has hit a wall. It is now \$2,000.00 more behind than last month. Pastor Tom stated that the Apportionments system may change next year to the title of the Annual Church Budget.

**Pastoral Care (Craig Overman):** Same

**Memorials (J.C. Judge):** Balance: \$2,878.72

**UMM:** May elect officers.

**UMW (Rita Cornell):** Good turnout at the Salad Supper. Next meeting is June 1st at the park. Will have a lemonade shake-up booth at the Mulberry Festival.

**Youth (Sherry Gouvan, Erin Overman):** The youth will going to play Putt-Putt and have lunch. Youth is mainly outside kids but going ok.

**Kid's Club (Barb Seager and Cathy Harden):** Done for the year. Family night went well. Will still have a swim party at the Y for the 4th and 5th graders.

**Wee Blessings (Barb Seager, Coralee Judge, Sarah Wilson):** Have 9 registered for the four year old class and 3 registered in the three year old class. Have to have 10 in each class to have preschool.

**Sunday School:** Terry Lenehan has started a Drama Team. Will start in June.

Special: About \$300.00 has come in for the copy machine. Total bill is \$5,663.00 Possibility of Trustees paying for the machine and then have fund raiser to pay it back. John Harden made a motion to ask Trustees to pay for the copier and then still have a fund raiser to pay it back. Craig Overman seconded the motion. Motion carried. There is a bill from Carpenter's Son and Chris Gipson has no receipt. He needs to know who bought what at this store. Should the church have a charge card instead of a debit card? Will give this to the Finance Committee. The antique oak desk is up at Abba's in the storage shed. It will get damaged from the weather. Pictures are going to be ruined in the back room behind Wee Blessings. These pictures were to be hung in the Historical Room (back room at church). Need to take bids on the oak desk. Possible put old computer in the back Sunday School room. Nancy & Jerry Doyle might know about the oak desk on E-bay. Stewardship for the coming year-have new material. Very similar to what we have been doing. Will look it over and see if we want this program. Will shoot for the end of September. Andy Albitz made a motion to adopt the Accountability document as is. Will wait for follow-up on any church committee to form. Set dead-lines at next meeting. Jim Cullom seconded the motion. Motion carried. Maybe have another clean-up day. Andy Albitz is looking for a replacement for his position. Office hour are not accessible to this position. He cannot use the church computer until after 6:00 pm. Getting 3 people to count the money would help. The Nominations Committee and Andy will look for a replacement. Talked to Chris Gipson about changing his hours and he would rather not change them. Will discuss and will help Andy make transition. Will move June's meeting to 8:00 pm.

**Meeting Adjourned**

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