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JULY

MULBERRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Calendar will return next month!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: 15TH

Pastor:	Linda Dolby
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

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

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Grace and peace to you in the name of the One who calls us all beloved! What a joy it is for July to arrive and my time as your pastor to begin!

A bit about myself: I've been married for 28 years to Cleve Shields, whose new faculty position at Purdue brings us home to Indiana. Joining us in our new home is Teddy, our 8 year old dog who barks a lot but is really quite friendly. Our daughter Emily, 25, lives in New York City where she works with children and music. Elliot, 19, is a sophomore at the University of Rochester and a golfer (holding a 0 or 1 handicap).

I grew up in Fort Wayne, received a B.S. in Business from Indiana University and a Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. I've been under appointment since 1980, serving churches in a variety of settings – country, small town, suburban and city.

Although we are strangers to one another now, I look forward to becoming family and friends, to preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to leading folks in discovering God's love for them and to walk with you through joys and sorrows. Thank you to one and all who have so wonderfully prepared for our arrival (especially the Trustees and the UMW) and who have warmly welcomed us.

Mulberry UMC has a strong heritage and a brilliant future! I thank God for the opportunity to serve among you.

Pastor Linda





JULY

- 7/06..... Pat Culbertson
- 7/06..... Julie Huffer
- 7/09..... Valerie Fisher
- 7/10..... Kenny Patton
- 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
- 7/24..... Vickie Brose
- 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

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



Ask Freida

Dear Freida,

How many books are in the Bible and do I have to read them all?

There are 66 books in the Bible and yes, you should take the time to read them all. Set aside 30 minutes a day.

Freida

♥ Judi Says Goodbye ♥

What an amazing six years this has been! I reviewed my calendars for the last six years and these were just a few of my favorite things: Parsonage carry-in dinners (*to get to know y'all*); The first annual Chili Cook-Off (*what fun that was!*); Learning how to play Euchre with Janie & Burgin (*thanks Janie for being my partner, but did you have a choice?*); Youth vs. Youth Council bowling, volleyball & basketball games (*go youth!*); Cookouts & Hayrides at the Wilsons (*before they built, of course*); MUMC garage sale days and the wonderful fellowship that came with it (*even with the sunburns and hardwork!*); New membership classes at the parsonage (*so wonderful when people join the church!*); Baptism services at Harden's pool (*and the excitement of a new believer*); Working Purdue games with Sherry Gouvan (*thanks for ALL your hard work*); Cheering loudly at all the soft-ball games (*and hoping Tom never does a belly slide again!*); The UMW annual Boutiques which have always been a day I looked forward to; basket making classes with Cathy Harden (*thanks for putting up with my lack of skills haha!*); Tom's Bible Studies and the growth that comes with everyone's sharing (*especially the fun of studying Revelation!*); Mulberry Fest and bedracing: The New Years Eve parties (*and watching Tom play Risk*); Christmas Eve Communion & Candlelight services; The Prophetic services and watching our church family get BLESSED! The new Thursday night women's Bible study and the growth that has taken place in such a short time (*thanks Vicki for your vision...I can't believe we actually finished the book! haha*); Studying the book of Daniel with the Discipleship 101 SS Class (*thank you all so much, you are GREAT!*); Tuesday mornings with my beloved craft ladies (*and our crazy, fun road trips!*) Oh, Craft Ladies, how can I begin to tell you all how much I will miss you? You are all so dear to me in your own unique individual ways! I have been blessed to be part of your lives. The fun and fellowship that we have shared will be a cherished memory that I will hold in my heart forever!

Thank you, MUMC, for some unforgettable memories and some wonderful, eternal, friendships! In looking back over six years and remembering all the meals, conversations, parties, births, weddings, miracles, celebrations, games, work and fun, I just have to say WOW, and thanks to those who have loved us and supported us through thick and thin. You know who you are and WE know who you are and YOU will not be forgotten! And I pray that God will richly bless your lives as you have blessed ours!

Our new address is 807 Short Court, Covington, IN 47932. Our new phone # is 765-793-3373. In case our home phone turns out to be wrong (I hope not), here is the church #: 765-793-2007. My email address is judi4GOD@hotmail.com. I covet your prayers for our new ministry!



Love, Judi



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 the 4's (you must be 4 yrs 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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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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GREETING CARDS

Don't forget to check out the Craft Ladies card selection in the Sunday School hall. .30¢ each or 4 for \$1

If you get to doing some spring cleaning and come across cards given to you, bring them in to the church for recycling. This ministry is great fellowship for the ladies and steady income for the UMW.

United Methodist Women

The UMW May all church picnic was held at the home of Ronette Pedon. About 25 people attended dinning on hot dogs, wonderful side dishes and desserts. It had been a stormy day... God blessed us with a delightful evening.

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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!

High School: Brad Hoehner, Heather Koning, Brittany Paddack, Kelsey Schutz, Brittany Stimson and Michelle Turner

College: Rachel Moore, Ryan Surber and Andrea Theis

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The Stone Soup Food Pantry is in need of non-food item donations : laundry soap, shampoo, paper products, etc. As well as canned meats & fish. Canned vegetables or fruits are welcomed also.

The Food Pantry also now has Grocery Vouchers available. If you or someone you know is hungry, call 296-6632 or 296-3390.

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

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Nursery News

July 16th is my last Sunday in the nursery. I can't tell you how much joy I have received from the little ones of this church over the past 5 years. Thank you for the opportunity to spend my Sunday mornings with them. Sherry Gouvan will be my replacment. Stop by and wish her well in her new job.

SMILE! Wendy Simon





Traditional Service

Communion Steward:
Deb Turner

Acolyte:
Tess Wilson

Greeters:
7/2 Lisa & Kayla Scott
7/9 Rick & Deb Garriott
7/16 Terry & Amy Thayer & Family
7/23 Dick & Wilma Howe
7/30 Shelly Surber & Family

Worship Leader:
Pat Culbertson

Pray with the Pastor: (8:30)
7/2 Amy Thayer & Dania Remaly
7/9 Helen Hann
7/16 Wayne Walker
7/23 Rita Cornell
7/30 Marlene Boyd & Claudia Timmons

Blue Jean Service

Greeters:
7/2 Dan & Carol Nagy
7/9 Vicki Hastings
7/16 Bob & Chris Waugh
7/23 Jim & Cindi Cullom & Family
7/30 Paul & Sandy Reddix & Family

Scripture Readers:
Steve & Julie Percy

Children's Church
7/2 Becki Farley
7/9 Becky Staley
7/16 Deb Turner
7/23 Elaine Simon
7/30 Erin & Cheryl Overman

Meetings & Events

7/10 Administrative Council meeting 7pm
7/27 Trustee's Meeting/Work Day 8:15am
7/30 6pm Corporate Prayer
7/24-28 VBS 6-8 pm

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

2nd & 4th Saturday of each month: Men's Bible Study/
Breakfast 7:00 am at the Church

MUMC Vital Signs

	<u>Offering Rec.</u>	<u>Attend.</u>	<u>S.S. Attend.</u>
May 14	\$2863	184	76
May 21	\$3,613	153	76
May 28	\$1,703	130	64
June 4	\$1,745..50	Park	Park
June 11	\$3,384	131	76
June 18	\$2,876.95	130	62

Do you know the health of the church budget?

DOLLAR\$&CENTS

Administrative Board Meeting – May 8, 2006

Members Present: Jerry Fultz, Barb Seager, Ryan Turner, Paul Reddix, Wendy Simon, Rita Cornell, Vicky Hastings, Cheryl Overman, Craig Overman, Dave Miller, John Harden and Nancy Doyle

Rita began the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Correction to last month's - Bridge Builders is not in charge of getting a VBS director. Minutes approved as amended.

Bridge Builders: Barb Seager reported that 31 cards were sent last month and 12 goody boxes sent to college students.

Missions: Ryan said that he found out that the airline tickets are transferable and that he hopes to extend the time limit on them. However, the tickets may have to be used to send a mission group to the gulf coast for work there, but would prefer not to when it is a drivable distance. \$227.54 is in the mission fund most of which is designated for the Heifer Project. Help was given to Melissa Cook for her mission trip to the gulf coast and \$1050.00 has recently been sent to the conference for projects we support through the conference. Income is down about \$1000 year to date this year.

Worship: Cheryl reported good response to the two Easter services with the meal between and a good mix of the first and second service people. The committee is planning for Mother's Day and graduation recognition as well as helping the youth prepare for our worship in the park in June.

Pastor/Parish Relations: Paul announced that Linda Dolby will be our new pastor. He showed pictures of her and of her family. She is coming from Rochester, NY where she has been pastor for nine years. Paul also told of Wendy's resignation as nursery attendant as of July 19, 2006. He is not sure that we will have a garage sale this year. PPR committee has been very busy and last year we had so much "junk" that we had to get rid of after the sale. We also discussed if the PPR was the appropriate committee to be handling the garage sale. No decision was reached.

Trustees: The last workday was spent edging the parking lot. Jerry said 1½ feet of asphalt was gained. Also anchored the car stops, installed the air conditioner on the first floor, and changed lock on the office door. Wayne Walker will paint the ramp soon. Jerry and Paul will soon have a walk through of the parsonage. There will be no workday in May. Also Jerry mentioned again about the audio-visual equipment that is missing from Abba's place.

Youth: Cheryl again told that the youth are working on getting ready for the service in the park. Also said that money the youth makes at the Mulberry Fest will be given to Braden Humrickhouse for his heart surgery. They are planning several activities including a dunk tank, used book sale, etc. Also, Melissa Cook is looking into a youth mission trip for working in New Orleans.

Finance: John and Dave talked about the work they are doing in trying to get all the "kinks" worked out in tracking our finances. Making sure that money goes into and out of the accounts it is supposed to.

Wee Blessings: (Barb Seager) Last night (Sunday) was our family night program, which was very well attended. Last day of school is this Thursday and hopefully it won't rain so the children can have a picnic. We do not have very many signed up for preschool next year, so we will need to work on getting the word out about having openings.

UMW: Vicky told about the salad supper we had last Thursday night with 16 women from our church and a total of 73 women with our guests. The String-a-Longs entertained following the meal. All had an enjoyable evening. Also Vicki said that UMW would not be participating in the Mulberry Fest this year.

Kids Club: Wendy said Kids Club is done for the summer.

New Business: It was announced that two adult SS classes have been doing a study of the Islam faith and they hope to have Dr. Ed Hoskins speak to a seminar here sometime in July. Wendy asked about a policy on use of the copy machine and paper. She will look at the cost of copies to determine the cost to outside use of the copy machine. Craig told of Cheryl's brother Kevin, Lori Alsop, and others starting a Christian Singles group here and in surrounding counties. He also talked about needing a video monitor in the choir so that the worship team can see it during the service and of needing someone else to learn how to use the audio equipment in case his son Nate is not here.

Meeting adjourned: Nancy Doyle, acting secretary

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