

Building bridges to the
Families of Mulberry,
leading them to Christ and
Christian Commitment.

Messenger



July

MULBERRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2008



From Dave's Desk...

Mulberry Fest and the Sesquicentennial have come and gone. Lots of preparations were made and everyone was ready for a great time. Then the rains came. With as much rain as we got, my thoughts turned toward the story of Noah. So much rain descended in such a short time. Many areas of the state were completely flooded; people losing homes, cars and all of their possessions. Our prayers are with them in their time of need. Our United Methodist Conference has a fund for helping those that have suffered loss. If you would like to donate, you can make your checks out to Mulberry United Methodist Church and on the memo line print "flood relief." Every penny given goes directly to those who need it. Nothing goes to administration costs. This has always been a comfort for us United Methodist. Although there are many good agencies through which one may donate, some of the giving goes to cover overhead. Our overhead for the giving is already provided by other means than through the gifts themselves.

We are a connectional Church. We do not see ourselves as independent from other United Methodists, but see ourselves as caring and dependent

on one another. Our communications, missions and service projects are interconnected with all congregations around our state and beyond. When others suffer loss, we can immediately get online and find the best way to help. The structure has already been made and we can go to work at a moment's notice.

Many people who suffered loss could not acquire "flood insurance" because they were not on a flood plain. Therefore, they have no coverage. What if we were the ones who lost home, car and all of our possessions, and then found out that our insurance did not cover it? How do you start over again with nothing? This is where we can be a great help! Every little bit given will help someone who has nothing left. One person can't make a difference, but thousands of people giving will make a difference to hundreds of the flood victims.

By giving we will be "feeding the hungry and clothing the naked." By doing it for Jesus. "I am the Church, You are the Church, We are the Church together. All who follow Jesus all throughout the world, Yes we're the Church together."

Pastor Dave



July Sermons

6th: Genesis 24:34-49
"PGS-Prayer Guidance System"

13th: Genesis 25:19-34
Romans 8:1-11
"Enabling Rivalry"

20th: Genesis 28:10-19a
Romans 8:12-25
"Shoots and Ladders"

27th: Genesis 29:15-28
Romans 8:31-39
"Reaping What You Sow"

Vacation Bible School



This year our church is bubbling with excitement as we explore Power Lab for our Vacation Bible School. Power Lab is an exciting way for kids to learn more about Jesus' power. We'll have bible lessons, crafts, learn new songs, nibble on Test Tube treats, and take on daily challenges to share Jesus' amazing power in our lives. The ages are 4 to 12 years. Our mission will be to provide soccer balls and books sharing the amazing power of Jesus with children in South Africa. The dates for their "Lab" experience are **Sunday, July 27 to Thursday, July 31, from 6:00 pm to 8:15 pm.** Thursday, July 31 will be our family night.

Come meet Chadder and all his friends and let Jesus teach your children the power they can experience in Him. We hope Power Lab gets everyone fizzing with excitement about Jesus in our community. Watch for upcoming meetings, I will be needing "Lab Techs" to help guide our children through their experiences. If you have any questions, please contact me at 296-7022.

Thanks

Ronnette Peden

Super Sunday Sunday School Class

In the past few weeks we have continued our lessons on the "Fruits of the Spirit". We learned that if we accept God's gift of salvation it will bring us great *joy*; that when we trust in God's care, his *peace* will help us not to worry; that we must wait patiently and depend on God to keep his promises; that sharing what you have can show your *love* for God; that we must make sure that our actions and our words match; that *faithfulness* is acting in ways that show our belief in God; and that our words need to be respectful and gentle. Our lessons have a story time and an activity time. In this unit we use play-doh to demonstrate different aspects of the story. Our class is for ages 4 thru 4th grade, so "come on down" and join us on Sunday mornings!

Thanks to Betty (Perry) Skiles, Shelly Surber and Michelle Albitz for teaching classes in May and June



The Gift of Prayer

This Church family has a special gift: prayer. You respond quickly and with sincerity to those in need. Many prayer concerns come to us from within this Church, its extended families and the community. If you are not currently a part of the telephone or email *Prayer Chain*, you may be missing a chance to help others! It is easy to be a part of either one of these groups. If you have any questions about how this works, feel free to call and ask. We are in the process of re-doing our lists, so this is the perfect time to have your name added: just call Barb Seager: 296-3883.

Wee Blessings Christian Pre-School & Pre-Kindergarten Mulberry United Methodist Church 296-3399

Now accepting registrations for the
school year 2008-2009!

Classes for children age 3 (pre-school)
2 days/week

Classes for children age 4
(pre-kindergarten) 3 days/week

Must have birthday before August 1, 2008 to
meet state age requirements

Registration Fee \$25



Dear Church Family,

Thank You Notes

I want to thank each of you for all you've done and continue doing for my family and I during Jim's illness and death. Your cards, notes, phone calls, visits, food, thoughts and prayers are helping carry us through this very difficult time.

Pastor Dave has been very helpful and supportive, and I'm thankful Mary Alys and Pastor Dave are here in Mulberry for friendship and guidance.

Jim loved each of you and so do I. You made a difference in his life and mine-and I will be forever grateful for that.

Janice Dyer



Thanks to all who donated gift baskets for the Basket Auction. Even though the weather did not cooperate on Festival Day, we still had a successful Auction and raised over \$300. Again our thanks as we know we cannot do what we do without the support of this wonderful church family.

God Bless you all,

The Missions Committee



“Happy Birthday Mulberry”

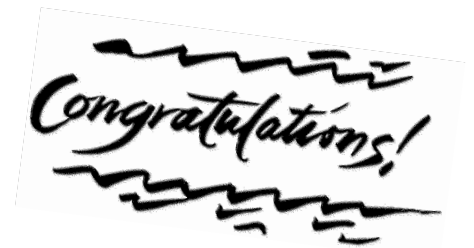
What a time for a party! The Methodist Church booth celebrating 150 years of our town was great fun!! We gave pieces of birthday cake to all those who demonstrated the spirit of our founders as they dived in the rain, yet enjoyed the festivities ☺ Many thanks to Vicki Hastings who helped in the booth despite the blowing rain!

Barb Seager



MUMW - PICNIC IN THE PARK

Mulberry United Methodist Women had their Annual Church Picnic on June 12th hosted by Ronnette Peden. There were 37 people who attended the picnic with wonderful food and fellowship! Elaine Simon gave the devotions and we had a small business meeting during which we agreed to send \$1000 to flood relief. Our next meeting will be on September 4th at 7:00 pm in the church basement. Vicki Hastings is the hostess with Wilma Howe giving the devotions and Carly Yandell as the guest speaker. Mark your calendars! All women of the church are invited.



MUMC Graduates 2008

| <u>Graduate</u> | <u>of</u> | <u>Family</u> |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Michael Cook | High School | Cathi Godfrey |
| Sarah Thies | High School | Randy & Lori Thies |
| Kenny Patton | High School | Bill Patton |
| Christoph Weber | High School | Jeff & Pat Weber |
| Kayla Bennett | High School | Linda Bennett |
| Brian Garriott | High School | Garriott family |
| Nick Seager | High School | Craig & Sandy Seager |
| Jessica Huffer | High School | Julie Boyd-Huffer |
| Curtis Howe | High School | Dick & Wilma Howe |
| Brittney Dieterle | IU Northwest | Dick & Wilma Howe |
| Alyssa Maish | High School | Sharon Maish |
| Sean Crye | High School | |
| Valerie Fisher | IV Tech | Ed & Janet Fisher |

Worship Assistants

July 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> |
|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| 7/6 | Matt & Wendy Simon | Pat Culbertson | Jasmine Cavender | 1stAmy Thayer |
| 7/13 | Vicki Hastings | | | Wayne Walker |
| 7/20 | Max & Sarah Coffman | | | Mark Newhart |
| 7/27 | Linda Bennett & Family | | | Marlene Boyd |

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> |
|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 7/6 | Steve & Julie Percy | Tom Simon | No Children's Church | Elaine Simon |
| 7/13 | Kathy Townsley | | Elaine Simon | |
| 7/20 | | | April Farley & Joanne Weber | |
| 7/27 | | | Traci Patton & Macy | |

Attendance & Offering

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Total Attend.</u> | <u>Sun. School</u> | <u>Gen. Fund Offering</u> |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 5/4 | 130 | 63 | \$4577 |
| 5/11 | 161 | 70 | \$2742 |
| 5/18 | 125 | 72 | \$2656 |
| 5/25 | 140 | 61 | \$2026 |

July Birthdays

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|------|----------------|------|------------------|
| 7/6 | Pat Culbertson | 7/22 | Edith Boyd |
| 7/6 | Julie Huffer | 7/24 | Vickie Brose |
| 7/9 | Valerie Fisher | 7/29 | Melvin Dellinger |
| 7/10 | Kenny Patton | 7/29 | David Hummel |
| 7/12 | Emily Carter | 7/31 | Gene Bass |
| 7/13 | Andy Albitz | 7/31 | Drew Cullom |
| 7/14 | Hilde Thayer | 7/31 | Eric Garriott |
| 7/18 | Helen Hann | 7/31 | Judy Gascho |
| 7/18 | Jessica Huffer | 7/31 | Dan Remaly |

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



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

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
 Pastor's Home: (765) 296-3390
 Abba's Place: (765) 296-2090
 Church Email: mlbymc@intel.net
 Web-site: www.mumc-in.org
 Food Pantry: By Appointment
 Call Church Office

Mulberry United Methodist Church Administrative Council April 14, 2008

In attendance: Pastor David Hummel, Rita Cornell, Jerry Fultz, Barb Seager, Rachel Moore, Amy Thayer, Betty Campbell, Tom Simon, Coralee Judge, John Harden, Steve Percy, Myron Chezem, Dick Howe, Ronnette Peden, Brett Peden, Carol Nagy, Andrea Burke, Mary Lou Clendenning.

- Rita opened the meeting with the lighting of a candle and a prayer. The March minutes were approved as written.
- Finance and Stewardship by John Harden: We are trying to get caught up on apportionments. Pastor Dave stated we received a certificate saying we are paid in full from 2004-2006.
- Trustees report by Jerry Fultz: A new garbage disposal was put in the parsonage. They cleaned the floor in the kitchen and a new mat was bought for the floor in front of the sink. The church and Abba's place were fumigated. Melinda Butler asked if her Girl Scout troop could meet at the church on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday's from 6pm to 7:30pm. A motion was made, seconded and passed. An offer was made to MUMC to purchase 204 South Main Street in Mulberry, south side of the church, divided by the alley. A frank and cordial discussion ensued. The trustees have already given Jerry permission to shop for financing. A motion was made to purchase the property for \$50,000 plus closing costs and borrowing about \$53,000 for this purchase plus incidentals. Motion seconded and passed.
- PPRC report by Steve Percy: Received information from the Trustees for a wedding planner book/pamphlet. Are collecting ideas from 3 different churches. Will have something to present at the May Ad Council meeting. Hope to have it ready to go by June. They are also working on an employee handbook.
- Bridge Builders report by Barb Seager: March sent out 27 cards, budgeted spent was \$9. 64. Will be filling boxes for the college kids for finals week.
- Wee Blessing report by Barb Seager: This week is registration for next fall. Too expensive to have a pamphlet made They will be enhancing the fliers they now use.
- Evangelism Committee report by Coralee Judge: They met in March. One goal is to get new members so the committee members were to bring at least one person to church each week. Will finish praying for the town on April 27th from 3pm to 5pm. Light meal after prayer walk, then corporate prayer at 6pm. Their next meeting is scheduled for April 21st.
- Partners in Prayer by Rita Cornell: New prayer partners will be drawn on April 20th.
- Missions Committee report: Pastor Dave announced Barb Paddock's resignation as chair, he will look for someone to replace her.
- Stone Soup Pantry report by Tom Simon: He stated they aren't having much business right now-only one this month. We continue to receive donations from Gloria Dei and we have plenty on the shelves right now.
- Worship Committee and Fellowship Committee reports by Mary Lou Clendenning: The Maundy Thursday service and the Easter service were nice & attendance was as expected. 57 people attended the breakfast on Easter morning. We received about \$85 dollars in donations and gave that money to the fund for hearing devices for the church.
- UMM report by Tom Simon: They had a great meeting this past Saturday with good food and good work following the meeting. They cleaned and polished the basement floor. They also cleaned the stove. They plan to help with the upkeep of the church building plus work on other projects as they come up.
- UMW report by Carol Nagy: They had a meeting in April at Abba's Place with a "Kitchen Shower". 19 ladies attended and lots of things were given for the kitchen at Abba's Place. They cleaned the kitchen on Saturday. There is a dinner and the theatre planned for April 24th starting at Ponderosa at 6pm. Then it is off to the theatre. The next meeting is May 1st. Angie Schilling is bringing a junior high group of girls to entertain.
- Youth Rep report by Rachel Moore: They have been very busy with Acquire the Fire, a party at Abba's was well attended (15-20 boys over night), Amber Trent & another speaker from an outside church, bowling. They are studying the Numa video series, are planning church work camp, plan to attend the Prayer Walk. Mulberry Fest plans include:book table, dunk tank & basketball tent.
- Lay Leader Report by Tom Simon: Thanked the congregation for their support, prayers, and behind the scene stuff for the Emmaus walk he and others attended recently.
- Abba's Place report by Myron Chezem: Has been an out-pouring of support from the church and the community. Would like to install a protection system. As required by the grant, there will be a drug and alcohol program by Rebecca Smith.
- Pastor Dave: He stated he spent the day with 550 pastors, bishop and speakers. Going to a conference in Indy. For the past 2 years the North and the South conferences have been the top mission goers nationally. Indiana is one of the top conferences in giving. He thought Holy Week went very well and enjoyed working with Pastor Mike. Bible study started April 8th for the evening class and April 9th for the morning class. Membership class will start the last Sunday of April. 11 people wish to join. The hearing assistance devices were tested last Sunday. We are commissioned to be faithful and share the good news. More times we get someone new to come to church the more it becomes a habit.

New busines: Rita announced that we have placed an ad in the Music Boosters Calendar at Clinton Prairie for \$100. She called some of the council members and got a vote to do so. Rita also asked if we are going to do anything as a council/church for the sesquicentennial. After a frank and cordial discussion it was approved to sell Glow Sticks at the fireworks on Saturday May 10th. The money earned will be donated to the youth. ●Barb said that Betty P. Skiles decorated the bulletin board in the basement before the Easter breakfast and it looks really nice. She also reminded us that we are required by the council of UMC to have a child protection seminar every year. Anyone involved with kids is required to attend. There will be a Power Point presentation on May 5th. ●Ronnette said VBS is set for July 27th through the 31st. The theme this year is "Power Lab." ●Jerry thanked Myron for putting the sliders under the furniture at Abba's Place. He also said there will be a Power Point presentation pertaining to the sign out in front of the church. It is about 2 weeks away. Asked if the UMW would pay for new mats purchased and placed in the kitchen. It was agreed that they would. ●Betty Campbell attended the Lafayette District meeting in Bringham and over 50 women attended. It was a great meeting. ●Rita told about the wonderful experience had by those who take the Emmaus walk. She said no one will be forced to go but that everyone deserves to go. She encourages all Administrative Council members to go.

- No report: Treasurer report, Memorials, Budget

Pastor Dave closed in prayer.

Mulberry United Methodist Church Administrative Council **May 12, 2008**

In attendance: Rita Cornell, Nancy Doyle, Kevin Garrett, Rachel Moore, Barb Seager, Vickie Hastings, Steve Pearcy, Tom Simon, Brett Peden, Ronnette Peden, Betty Campbell, John Harden, Becki Farley, Carol Nagy, Jerry Fultz, and Mary Lou Clendenning.

Rita opened the meeting with the lighting of a candle and prayer. Brett Peden gave the devotional.

●Jerry Fultz – thanked all involved with the 7 day sign campaign. The UMM removed the old sign and we have the permit ordered for the sign. The family who owns the stucco house beside the church wants to build a garage. The ordinance states that all new buildings should be 10 feet from the property line but they would like to build the garage 5 feet from the property line. The garage will not interfere with the church in any way. Are there any objections? No objections were voiced. Need to upgrade to 200 amp fuses at Abba's to run the range.

●Nancy Doyle – membership report. We lost three beloved members and we are now at 221.

●Steve Pearcy – PPRC report. We are in the process of finalizing the wedding handbook. For weddings at the church, there will be a cost for members and nonmembers. We are also working on employee handbook and updating job descriptions.

●Barb Seager – Bridge Builders report. In the month of April, 27 cards were sent out, filled and delivered shoe boxes for 11 college kids. Budget \$11.70 The committee donated \$53.60. A member of our church donated 5 books of regular stamps.

●Barb Seager - Wee Blessings report. Family night is this Thursday night, will be 45 minutes long, refreshments will be served.

●Mary Lou Clendenning - Fellowship report. We celebrated Mother's Day with lotions from Bath & Body. We also celebrated Pentecost by filling the sanctuary with red balloons. We are busy planning for graduation, Father's Day, and service in the park.

●Missions report – We still don't have a mission's leader. Missions are having a meeting on Wednesday.

●Tom Simon - Stone Soup Pantry report. April was a busy month. 6 families received assistance in April. Tom reported that in the past two weeks the pantry received many donations and the pantry is in good shape right now.

●Vickie Hastings - Worship report. Kathy Townsley has been calling folks to remind them of their church commitments. Volunteer for calling everyone with their upcoming commitments? Vickie said she wasn't aware that anyone has. Can we put in the bulletin?

●Tom Simon – UMM. Averaging 10-12 guys each Saturday. Wayne does a wonderful job doing the bible study. Habitat for Humanity project is being planned. The UMM took down the old sign out front. Things are going well.

●Carol Nagy – UMW. The ladies had a nice salad supper. 62 ladies attended and 22 were from MUMC. The entertainment for the evening was the Junior High Choir from Clinton Prairie. The next meeting is June 12 which is the picnic at the park at 6pm. We need to call and get the big shelter reserved. The UMW will be holding a cake walk at the Sesquicentennial from 9-2. The UMW provided funeral dinners for Jim Dyer and Janie Garriott. The UMW is apparently not helping the Crisis Pregnancy Center through the baby bottle campaign as we have not been contacted this year. We are planning a Girl's Night in at Carol's this coming Friday.

●Rachel Moore - Youth Representative report. The Youth are doing the book table for the Mulberry Fest again this year. There is also a possibility of doing the dunk tank and basketball. The youth group numbers are still down. Some concern was expressed about not having enough youth to work the tables at the Mulberry Fest.

●Brett Peden - Abba's Place report. Approximately \$4,000 was spent to purchase the following: 3 more 8 ft tables, 3 more round tables, big TV, and an Xbox 360 system. There is a need to buy another computer. This week is the last two days for before the Impact program shuts down for the summer. The program averaged about 12 kids during the school year. It was also noted that a very interesting prescription drug presentation was held at Abba's last week.

●Tom Simon - Lay Leader report. – Everything is going well and it is really amazing at all the church continues to get done.

●Becki Farley and Elaine Simon want to do a meal for the hungry. Steve made motion to approve the use of the church kitchen and to use church once a month for a free meal. How to communicate the meal to the community was discussed. Suggestions were that Cathy Harden could give flyer to those in need at school and Elaine and Tom could pass out at a flyer at the Stone Soup Pantry. The timing was not good for a meal in May so we would like to start this mission in June. John Harden Approved. Motion carried.

●Kevin Garrett - June 29-July 5 planning a youth mission camp. Kevin is working with many other churches in preparation and planning of a combined youth mission camp. There is a \$25 camp ground use fee, transportation fees, and the cost of meals. Kevin said that during the day the youth would go out and do mission work and in the evening return to camp where missionaries will share. This camp will cost ~ \$50-\$75 for each youth. Rita asked how do the kids feel about going to this camp? Kevin said he hasn't shared anything about this with the youth. The number of adults and the total number of kids were discussed. Kevin was asked if the length of the camp could be shortened to Sun-Thursday. The camp will NOT be staffed. Carol Nagy made a motion to sanction this.

Betty Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

●Barb Seager thanked Tom Simon for all the work on the corner signs and the PPRC for sponsoring the training for child protection. Barb will send a thank-you letter to Sandra Lock. Barb is having a booth at Sesquicentennial which will house free birthday cake starting at 11am after parade.

●Jerry Fultz incorporation papers are almost finished which means we will now be Mulberry United Methodist Church Inc. By doing this we will be protected from law suits etc. The door on the popcorn popper is being repaired.

●Betty Campbell thanked Tom Simon for the list of food items. Betty said after she mentioned the list and the need for food to her niece that her niece gave her some money to purchase food for the pantry.

●John said if you are a bikers there is a charity ride starting out at the Dayton Methodist church this Saturday. The ride is the 2nd annual ride which is in memory of Mike Hall who did not survive cancer. Dinner starts at noon at the Dayton Methodist church.

●Becki Farley requested permission to start an exercise class at Abba's. We plan to publish the time and are tentatively planning Tuesday's and Friday's at 5:30 am. Vickie Hastings made a motion that we can exercise at Abba's. Tom Simon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

●Steve requested that the accounting reports be distributed at the Ad Board meetings.

No Report: Treasurer, Memorials, Evangelism, Partners in Prayer

