



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: 15TH

Pastor: Linda Dolby
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 am Sun
Blue Jean Service: 11:00 am Sun
Bible Study: ON BREAK
Women's Bible Study: Tue at 6 am 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: Patty Wright
Teacher: Donna Kirkpatrick
Assistant Teacher: Mary Kay Finnerty

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**Big
Thank
You!**

Thank you!

Thank you to our church family and friends for all the prayers, cards, and well wishes for my second knee surgery. All is well and improving daily. I thank the Lord for all of you and I thank him for giving me only TWO knees.

God Bless,
Steve Pearcy

From the Pastor's Heart

"No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:
'In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.
Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.'" Acts 2:16-18

Dear friends,

God promises us dreams! Young, old, men, women – all will be gifted with visions for the future.

What are your dreams for Mulberry United Methodist Church?

Perhaps God is speaking to you through a nagging feeling. Is something not right for you at our church? Is there something more that we could be – should be – doing? For each other? For our community? For you?

What are your hopes for us? If we had unlimited resources, what kind of church do you think God is calling us to be? To do?

Will you please think on these things over the first 26 days of August?

Then, at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 26 we'll come together for **An Evening of Dreaming**. It will be a time to share what each of us has heard God saying to us. All of us need to pray, to listen, and to come together to share.

This evening will be led by Coralee Judge, our Lay Leader; Rita Cornell, our Church Council chair; and Steve Pearcy, our Staff-Parish Relations Chair. Please contact them if you have questions and/or concerns.

Meanwhile, I thank God for each of you and pray that together we will discern God's intended future for us. This comes with love from

Your Pastor,

Linda Dolby

Stone Soup Food Pantry welcomes Tom & Elaine Simon as leaders in this ministry. Wish them well and show them our support as they find their way in their new work.

The food pantry needs: **dry cereal and boxed goods.**

Please remember to check the dates before donating, we can not give out food past its date.

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

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

Hear ye, hear ye!

Partners in Prayer will be starting up again soon, so if you're interested in praying with others for your (our) church and its ministries, please watch for an announcement of time and place for the first meeting. Books will need to be ordered, so please contact Wendy (296-3399) at the office to be put on the list.

Blessings abound to you,
Rita Cornell

Thank You... We appreciated all your kind words, prayers, & many cards. It's amazing the support we received from our church family. While accounts are in probate. Dean's wife and 2 boys have a memorial fund set up.

Dean Fairborn Family Memorial Fund
c/o Les Bois

321 Village, ID 83622

Dania & Dan Remy

August Birthdays

8/1 ... Marlene Boyd	8/13.. Jeff Weber
8/2 ... Cathy Harden	8/14.. Erin Woods
8/5 ... Phyllis Huffer	8/16.. Sue Bass
8/6 ... Sarah Wilson	8/18.. Larry Garriott
8/7 ... Jim Stinson	8/19.. Randy Surber
8/7 ... Sarah Thies	8/20.. Lisa Woods
8/8 ... Tom Simon Sr.	8/21.. Lisa Scott
8/9 ... Jonny Platt	8/21.. Deb Garriott
8/10 . Rev. Linda Dolby	8/28.. Emily Dolby-
8/11 . Betty Campbell	Shields
8/13 . Gene Marshall	8/29.. Elaine Simon

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

Well Done!

KUDOS to all those who participated in the Patriotic Cantata! The music was *wonderful* and such a great tribute to those who serve our country. Many thanks to the trio of musicians for the special music and to Matt Simon who was the cantata reader.

WEE BLESSINGS

Open House for the 3's
Monday, August 27th
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Open House for the 4's
Thursday, August 30th
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m



We are praying for....

George Huskins, who has received a cancer diagnosis.

Carol Nagy's Aunt Phyllis, who is ill.

Becky Staley's Aunt Harriet, who is ill.

Don Spray, who was hospitalized recently after an angioplasty procedure which found a blockage and a stent was put in.

Frank Myers, who was hospitalized with difficulty breathing due to fluid on his lungs.

Barb Paddack, who had surgery and is now recovering.

Steve Pearcy, who had successful knee surgery.

Dania Remy and family, upon the death of Dania's brother Dean in Idaho.

Anne Gordon, upon the death of her brother Kenneth.

Randy Gascho, who will have colon cancer surgery on July 31

April Farley's Aunt Dorothy, who has Alzheimer's Disease

Eric Lenehan, who broke his wrist in a bike accident

Congratulations to Edith Boyd upon her 95th birthday!

Edith's family invites us to join them for a carry-in luncheon at the Mulberry Town Park on Sunday, July 29.



Service Assistance

Traditional Service

Prayer With Pastors:

8/5 Mark Newhart
 8/12 Linda Marshall
 8/19 Marlene Boyd
 8/26 Cathy Harden

Communion Steward: Betty (Eldon) Skiles

Worship Leader: Mark Newhart

Acolyte: Eric & Michelle Neidigh

Greeters:

8/5 Randy & Rita Cornell
 8/12 Mark & Beth Newhart
 8/19 Bill & Mary Fultz
 8/26 Janie Garriott & Wilma Howe

Blue Jean Service

Worship Leaders:

Children's Church:

8/5 Becky Staley
 8/12 Katherine Townsley
 8/19 *Need a Volunteer*
 8/26 Vickie Brose

Greeters:

8/5 Kevin Garrett
 8/12 Ryan & Deb Turner
 8/19 Steve & Julie Percy
 8/26 Paul & Sandy Reddix

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

Purdue Ballgame Update

After several meetings and discussions we have decided not to continue working at the Purdue ballgames.

Community Dinner

Let's support the Madison Township Fire Department's Community Dinner, to raise funds for a new fire engine! Saturday, August 4, 4-8 p.m., free will donations.

Baby Bottle Fundraiser Results

This church is amazing in its generosity! You raised \$373.39 for the Pregnancy Resource Center.

Fall Bible Study!

Mark you calendar now for Tuesdays at 7 p.m., starting September 4 and continuing until October 23, when we will be doing an in-depth study of the New Testament. We will read the entire book of Matthew as well as other New Testament writings. Who was Jesus? Who do you say that he was? What difference does his life, death and resurrection make? For you and for the world? We look at these questions and more. Please plan to join us!

Abba's Board Update

Good News! The *Community Youth Outreach Center* at Abba's Place has been awarded \$20,000, to be given during this next year. This will provide the start-up funds for our first new program - an after school program one afternoon a week for approximately 20 youth starting in January 2008.

Grant funds will be used furnish an administrative office with phone, internet service and computer; develop an accounting system, purchase curriculum and 4 computer systems for a tutoring room along with tables and chairs.

The Board is working on strategic plans, marketing plans and a development plan - all of which will ensure that the Center will be self-sustaining for years to come. In July Cathy Harden, Pastor Linda and Rev. Mike Crawford attended a 2 day seminar about fundraising.

We are excited and will keep you informed as we move forward! For further information, please contact our Board Chair Myron Chezem.

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MUMC Vital Signs



	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Attend.</u>	<u>S.S. Attend.</u>
June 3	\$1,122	\$1,070	Park Service	
June 10	\$4,002	\$1,136	143	67
June 17	\$1,367	\$1,665	124	55
June 24	\$3,254	\$693	123	54
July 1	\$4,101	\$1,255	125	No Class
July 8	\$1,703	\$428	110	55

*Average Sunday Service Attendance as of 7/8: 140

God Bless America



The July 1st patriotic cantata/communion service/picnic was a huge success!!! The morning started off with a beautiful patriotic piano/organ duet by Esther Creamer and Angie Schilling. The introit was a medley of the service songs, representing the branches of the armed services. Those who served our country or had family members who served our country or who are presently serving our country were asked to stand as their particular song was sung. The choir preformed the "God Bless America" cantata complete with a beautiful slide show. My thanks and gratitude to the choir for their beautiful voices and loyalty to the choir. Angie did a great job of choosing the pictures for the slide show and making them flow perfectly with the music. The standing ovation was greatly appreciated by the choir!!! This was followed by communion so we could honor God and thank Him for giving us His Son. After the church service was over everyone moved to the basement for a 4th of July picnic complete with hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, chips, tea, lemonade and a "Happy Birthday, USA" cake.

I'd like to thank the following people for helping to make this such a success:

Kevin Garrett and Bob Waugh for grilling the hot dogs
Julie Percy for making phone calls
Diane Walker for the chips (from Frito-Lay)
Sheri Govan, Phyllis Huffer, Ronette Peden, Barb Seager and Michelle Albitz for making potato salad
Rita Cornell, Jan Dyer, Cindi Collum, Chris Waugh and Wendy Simon for making baked beans
Elaine Simon for the brewed iced tea
Roger Lewis, Betty Skiles, Vickie Hastings, Becky Staley, Becki Farley for setting up, decorating, serving and cleaning-up.

Thanks also to Kathy Townsley and Dania Remaly for helping with set-up and clean-up, even though they aren't on the Fellowship Committee. Lots of people asked if there was anything they could do to help. Folks at MUMC are GREAT!!!!

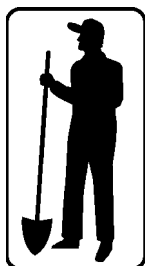
A special thanks to Jim Collum for helping with the sound system. Even more special thanks to Matt Simon-the voice of the cantata. Thank you from the choir and the Fellowship Committee for the special thank you notes from the Bridge Builders and the Craft Ladies. It's always feels good to be acknowledged and appreciated.

Mary Lou Clendenning
Fellowship Committee Chair



Wee Blessings

We have room for a few more students in both our 3's and 4's classes of preschool this fall. If you'd like more information call Barb Seager: 296-3883.



WORK DAY

Trustees Work Day Report

I just want to thank everyone that worked on Sat. for our clean-up, fix-up day.

The men who worked outside, trimmed hedges, sprayed for weeds in the parsonage and church yard, sprayed the grass and weeds in the parking lot and along the curb and for seal-coating the three semi flat roofs on the church were:

Steve Percy, Dick Howe, Roger Lewis, Kevin Garrett, Dan Remaly, Wayne Walker, Tom Simon and Matt Simon.

Also, the women who cleaned the kitchen, Wee Blessings area and class rooms were Barb Seager, Marlene Boyd, Vicki Hastings, Nancy Doyle, & Wendy Simon. Also, thanks to Whitney and Brett Simon for cleaning the "kitchen" and "doing the dishes" in the preschool. We appreciate Sandy Seager loaning us her carpet cleaner for the carpet in the preschool. We had a great morning to work and will continue to follow up on some of our outside projects in the next month. Thanks to everyone who helped and did a great job.

Also, Thanks to Barb for the morning treats.

Jerry Fultz-Chair, Trustee's

To our mission team...thank you for being our representatives to the country of Costa Rica. We send you with our prayers, our support, and hopes that you not only make a difference in the lives of all those you meet but that you became a changed person. Changed in ways you didn't know you could be changed. All to the benefit of God for all the future works you will surely do for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Go with God.

Mission Costa Rica



Please remember to include the mission team in your prayer time each day until their safe return home on Saturday August 4.



On July 29, four of us – Barb and Brittany Paddock, Kelsey Schutz, and Pastor Linda - flew to San Jose and then took a 3 hour ride to our Spanish Language Institute. We are attending this school, at our own expense, so we will better be able to communicate with the people with whom we will be working the following week. We will study there 4 hours a day through Friday August 3, when we return to San Jose to await the rest of our team – Coralee Judge, Tom and Matt Simon, Rachel Moore, Sarah Thies, Paul Reddix, Nate Overman and Deb Shutz – who will arrive on Saturday, Aug. 4.

Rev. Charlie Strong, Director of Strong Missions in San Jose will meet with us, give us an orientation session and we will all attend church together on Sunday morning. Then the work begins! At the special needs school we will be digging, weeding and planting a sensory garden so that children who are blind can enjoy the wonders of nature. At the children's orphanage, we will work with the children and help with a building project. At a Soup Kitchen in downtown San Jose, we will be serving lunch to 70 children a day – in most cases, this is their only meal of the day!

We are upheld by your prayers and support. Thank you for all of your donations and dollars and items that we are taking with us to meet the children's needs. Thank you for praying for us. We are praying for you each day, too. We return on Sunday, August 12 to the Indianapolis airport at 8:30 p.m. The following Sunday, August 19, we will bring our mission message to you in both services, reporting on the trip and sharing pictures of our ministry.

Who is caring for the flock when the pastor is out of the country?

Thank you to our own Kathy Seager who is preaching and leading worship on Sunday, July 29. Her theme will be "Sharing our Talents" and I'm sure you'll be inspired by her message. On August 5, we will hear reports of our Vacation Bible School and Rev. Joe Wagner, a retired UM pastor who lives in Colfax, will preach and lead Holy Communion. And on August 12, we're going to sing our services. At 8:45, under the leadership of Mary Lou Clendenning, we will sing our favorite hymns and at 11:00, under the leadership of Angie Schilling and our praise team, we will sing songs of praise.

Rev. Craig Overman and others will be available to provide pastoral care should the need arise. Please phone the office or Steve Percy at 659-3496 and a pastor will be contacted for you.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rita Cornell, Pastor Linda Dolby, Bill Brose, Barb Paddock, Barb Seager, Wendy Simon, Marylou Clendenning, Coralee Judge, Nancy Doyle, Sandy Reddix, Vicki Hastings, and Steve Pearcy.

●Rita opened the meeting with prayer. ●Minutes from last meeting approved as read. ●Treasurers report, some of the accounts percentages are wrong, the cash balance is wrong. Wendy is going over the reports and checking the balances.

Finance and Stewardship- Bill Brose reported that all of the signature cards at the bank are updated.

Trustees-- reported that the handicapped ramp is fixed and we have received the Insurance money. Also the air conditioners in the parsonage have been installed, and Jerry Fultz is going to give Wendy the code for the thermostats in the Church.

Membership – Nancy Doyle reported the removal of 6 from the membership rolls. We currently have 226 members.

PPRC—Steve Pearcy discussed the Child Protection Guidelines and made a motion for the Ad Board to accept the Guidelines , with a second of the motion by Mary Lou all in favor. Guidelines accepted.

Bridge Builders- Barb Seager reported for April 45 cards sent, 16 college boxes prepared, and budget spent \$4.80 and had donations by committee of \$77.39.

Education Ministries – Sandy Reddix reported that Children’s Church is studying John 3:1, How God loves all little children. We are still averaging 8-10 children each week in class.

High School class is reading a book about Second guessing GOD.

Discipleship 101 class is studying the book of Matthew.

Hope Class has just finished a study course and they are trying to decide on what they will study next.

Vacation Bible School will hold a meeting May 16th at 7:30 pm with volunteers. VBS will be held July 29 to August 2nd. From 6pm to 8pm. The theme is “LIFT OFF” and they are in need of Shy Crew Leaders!

WEE Blessing- Family night was a huge success. And there are 16 kids registered for next year.

Fellowship committee, Marylou reported they had a meeting and planned to get Carnations for Mother’s day. Next meeting would be held after church no date has been set. Worship in the Park is set for June 3rd at 10 am.

Missions- Barb Paddock talked about the Boxes for missions. She has contacted Charlie with Costa Rica missions and gave information about mission members. Mission team is going to make baskets for Mulberry fest to sell. Barb will send a card to Bonnie Albert thanking her for speaking at Church. Bonnie was able to obtain a \$700 scholarship for the mission trip. The mission team is going to apply for a grant from the United Methodist Women for the mission trip to Costa Rica... Also Barb and Brittney Paddock and Pastor Linda and Kelsey Schutz are going to go to Costa Rica one week before the rest of the mission team and spend the week taking an intense training course on the Spanish language. No report from Stone Soup Pantry.

UM Men still watching DVD about the Holy Land.

UMW Vicki stated salad supper was a great success with 19 to 20 women from our church in attendance. Vicki said thanks for all the help and all the wonderful salads. Wanda Smith spoke about Habitat for Humanity in Frankfort. Next meeting is at Ronett Peden’s house on June 7th, MUMC family dinner.

ABBA’S PLACE 3 members of the board went to Martinsville to meet director and visit a youth center sponsored by the Methodist organization. A small group of the board met this morning to building foundation for what comes next in the grant process. They are moving along toward filling paperwork for actually receiving money. 200 youth filled out surveys and will receive a letter of thanks for filling out the survey.

Nothing from the following: Youth, Leader Lay Leader, Associate Pastor, Memorials, Building Needs.

Pastor Linda wants to thank everyone for the cards and food during her surgeries. Also, announced that the Annual Methodist Conference is going to be held in June at Purdue.

Rita talked about Clinton Prairie music boosters support letters. ½ space advertising, Motion by Nancy to support by giving \$100.00, 2nd by Vicki.

No other business. Meeting adjourned:

Submitted by
S Pearcy

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Worship Services

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

“We would love to see you there!”

•Self Defense for girls ages 12-20 August 11 9-3 pm in the Clinton Prairie High School Gymnasium cost is \$5. for more info call Sabrina Huskins at 296-2412

•Java Jam August 5 at Abba's Place. Free music and family fun. Snacks and drink will be sold. Hope to see you there!

•Understanding Your Grief group will begin August 7th for 8 consecutive weeks. The cost is \$30 and advance registration is required. For information please see the bulletin board or call Rev. Denise Frank at 765-463-7926 with First United Methodist Church, West Lafayette.

•Old Fashioned Root Beer/Hot Dog Stand Drive through at Trinity Church Parking Lot Sat. Aug. 11th 4:30-6:30. For more information call Paula Bennett at 296-3213.

•Methodist Mountain Mission collection will be in September. Most needed items are: pots & pans, dishes, good usable furniture, household appliances, Men's clothing & shoes. Donations need to be in boxes not bags. More information will follow in next months newsletter.

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