



From Dave's Desk...

One of my favorite places to visit and hike is Hocking Hills State Park in southeast Ohio. It is actually made up of a number of individual parks-Old Man's Cave, Ash Cave, Cedar Falls, Cantwell Cliffs, Rock House and Conkles Hollow. One of the most beautiful trails for vista viewing in the parks is the Rim Trail in Conkles Hollow. The trail begins by accessing the rim by wooden stairs, rock steps and steep ground terrain to reach an elevation over 200 feet above the valley floor. This is done in a very short section of the trail. Needless to say, I have to stop to catch my breath. It is quite an effort to make this climb and there are people that decide it is too much and go back down before ever reaching the top. But for those Folk who stay determined and keep the course, what a view awaits them! They stand on the edge of conglomerate-rock cliffs looking out over miles of beautiful hills covered with massive trees. To one's right, a person can see other cliffs poking out of the trees as well as cliffs across the valley on the other side. Some people sit there for quite a long time taking in all the beauty of God's wonderful creation. Did I mention it takes a lot of hard work and determination to get to that scenic point?

The same can be said for programming in the church. It takes a lot of hard work, determination and time to reach the place where one can see God's handiwork in the loves of others. But the work is worth it. To be able to look out over the congregation and see the beauty of new faces, the excitement in the eyes of

children attending "Kid's Club" soon to begin in September as "Kids Under Construction." Bible Studies, Sunday School Classes, Youth Groups, Wee Blessings (our pre-school program), Craft Ladies, Fifty-Five and Alive (for senior citizens). Impact (the after school tutoring and activity program for middle school youth) and other programs all take hard work and many volunteers. But if we don't take the time and effort to do it, we will not see the result of our labors. The Apostle Paul talks about our responsibility to reach out to others. He talks about running the race and completing the course. We have a lot of programs that will begin this September as well as those that continue on a monthly basis. It takes people who are willing to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and give of their time to God.

My prayer is that each person in our congregation asks God for guidance in what area he or she can serve. Serving is not up for grabs, for we promised at our baptism and our membership that we would serve the church. There are children as well as adults who need love and care. There are youth who need a place that is safe to learn and play. There are people who need food from our Stone Soup Food Pantry and from our Free Meals that will be offered at the end of different months of the year. It takes planning, effort and time, but the results are well worth it. Come join us on our journey. It will be tough going at times, but God will guide us and bring joy to our hearts as well as to those who receive from our church. See you at church.

Pastor Dave

August Sermons

3rd: Genesis 32:22-31
"UWM-Universal Wrestling Match"

10th: Genesis 37:12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22
"When a Half is Better Than a Whole!"

17th: Genesis 45:1-15
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
"Greater Than Forgiveness"

24th: Exodus 1:8-2:10
Romans 12:1-8
"Women Who Made a

31st: Exodus 3:1-15
Romans 12:9-21
"I will Be!"

**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



**United Methodist Women's
next meeting
September 4th 7 p.m. in the church
basement. Hope to see you there.**

Please make note:
Combined Service August
24th at 10 a.m.



Christmas Cantata

Choir Christmas Cantata Practice to
beginning soon. All are welcome to join
in the performance. See Mary Lou
Clendenning for more information.

**Church Garage Sale
September 20th**

Hold onto your donations more info
will come soon!

Proceeds will go to work on the wiring
at Abba's Place to accommodate a stove
in the kitchen.

Mulberry Abba's Girls

The Women's Emmaus Reunion Group has been named:
Mulberry Abba's Girls. The Mulberry Abba's Girls meets the
3rd Thursday, 7:15 pm at Abba's. We have a fun group and the
fellowship has been uplifting and wonderful. Currently, we are
exploring the idea of attending some type of couples spiritual
retreat and also creating and providing agape for the upcoming
walks and flights which are:

Men's Walk # 58	October 2-5, 2008	Girls
Flight # 30	Oct 25 - 27, 2008	
Women's Walk #59	October 9-12, 2008	Boys
Flight # 31	Nov 14 - 16, 2008	

So, mark your calendars, get up to Abba's on the 3rd Thursday
at 7:15 pm and bring your creative ideas with you for fun and
fellowship!

Look forward to seeing you! De Colores, Becki

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>
8/3	Vicki Hastings	Mark Newhart	Jasmine Cavender	Rita Cornell
8/10	George & Pat Culbertson	Mark Newhart		Wayne Walker
8/17	Brett & Ronnette Peden	Mark Newhart		Vicki Hastings
8/24	Jade & Crysta Kas & Family	*Combined service		Mark Newhart
8/31	Becky Humrickhouse			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>
8/3	Steve & Julie Percy	Vicki Hastings	no Children's Church	
8/10	Jim, Cindi & Hattie Cullom	Vicki Hastings	Katherine Townsley	
8/17	Ryan & Deb Turner	Vicki Hastings	Kara Simon	
8/24	*Combined service	Vicki Hastings	Beth Loveless	
8/31	Andy & Michelle Albitz	Vicki Hastings	Pat Weber	

Attendance & Offering

<u>Date</u>	<u>Total Attend.</u>	<u>Sun. School</u>	<u>Gen. Fund Offering</u>
6/1	180	65	\$3,423
6/8	Park Service		\$1,405
6/15	218	70	\$3,781
6/22	195	49	\$2,674
6/29	105	Combined	\$2,068

*General Fund Offering does not include money designated to specific funds, groups or activities.

August Birthdays

8/1	Marlene Boyd	8/13	Gene Marshall
8/2	Cathy Harden	8/13	Jeff Weber
8/5	Phyllis Huffer	8/14	Erin Woods
8/5	Deb Schutz	8/16	Sue Bass
8/6	Sarah Wilson	8/19	Linda Bennett
8/7	Jim Stinson	8/20	Lisa Woods
8/7	Sarah Thies	8/21	Deb Garriott
8/8	Tom Simon Sr.	8/21	Lisa Scott
8/9	Jonny Platt	8/23	Sierra Ragains
8/11	Betty Campbell	8/29	Elaine Simon

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

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

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@mintel.net
Web-site: www.mumc-in.org
Food Pantry: By Appointment
Call Church Office

Traditional Worship: 8:45 am Sun
Sunday School: 10:00 am Sun
Blue Jean Service: 11:00 am Sun

Mulberry United Methodist Church Administrative Council June 9, 2008

In attendance: Deb Schutz, Wendy Simon, Jerry Fultz, Coralee Judge, Carol Nagy, Steve Percy, David Hummel, Rita Cornell, Becki Farley, and Mary Lou Clendenning. ●Rita opened the meeting with the lighting of a candle and prayer.

●April minutes need to be approved. April minutes stand as typed. May minutes need to be approved per the correction to the trustees report "statement five feet from the property line". Becki said that the version of the minutes that was sent to the office had Jerry's correction in it. Becki made the suggestion that the corrections to the minutes needs to go to Becki and then she will send the final version to Wendy to be distributed.

●Wendy Simon – Finance: – This report is for January 1 – June 9. The percentage represents the percentage of what you have used through June 9th. Questions over the report caused tabling the approval of the budget.

●Jerry Fultz – Trustees: The air conditioning is in at the parsonage. The air conditioning at the church was serviced today. We now own the property on S. Main. The church is now incorporated and has a new tax number. The porch railing has been installed at the parsonage. The new sign should be here in a week. This Saturday, the UMM will prepare the hole for the sign. Once this is done, an inspector will be able to inspect the hole. Mike Livengood will lay the brick and block at no expense to the church.

●Steve Percy - PPRC: Steve passed out a rough draft of the Planning a Wedding at Mulberry United Methodist Church manual. Steve went through a couple of corrections in the manual. Steve asked us to look at the rough draft and let him know if you have any issues with any of the material. Coralee asked about the custodial fee for the rehearsal dinner. Rita asked about the rehearsal dinner details and whether or not the document clearly states what MUMC provides. Steve said this document contains the basic guidelines. Please take the document with you and email him with your corrections. PPRC will meet at the end of June. Job descriptions will be updated soon.

●Mary Lou Clendenning – Fellowship: Church service at the park went well. Plan to celebrate Father's Day this Sunday and then the Sunday after that is graduation Sunday. High School graduates will get a gift and be acknowledged in the newsletter. On the 29th we will be having a combined service at 10am. 15-20 minutes of that service will be the patriotic cantata. A hot dog lunch will be provided after the service. Pastor Dave added that at the combined service we will also be welcoming the new members to our church. 9-12 new members will be joining that day.

●Coralee – Evangelism: We finished the prayer walk so the entire town was covered on two different walks. We met in May and only had two members attend the meeting. We will meet again on July 3 to discuss the movie in the parking lot. Coralee asked if we could set a date for the movie night. Carol said the last week of July is VBS. Coralee said what about July 24th for the movie night. Wendy said contact Greg at Intel and he can post the event on TV. We plan to have free popcorn and start the evening ~8:30-9:00pm.

●Rita - Partners In Prayer: Partners In Prayer met last night. Partners In Prayer is going well but would like more of the congregation to participate. We would also like the meeting to get on the calendar 2nd Sunday of each month.

●Missions: – Deb Schutz is the new chair of missions. Raised \$344 at Mulberry Fest at Theme Basket booth with 10 donated baskets. Missions will do a Haiti dinner for one of the nights at Youth Mission camp.

●Stone Soup Food pantry – Gloria Dei raised money on the refreshments during the fireworks to give to Stone Stoup Food Pantry and Thrive Vent with match.

●Carol Nagy – UMW: This Thursday the all church picnic will be held at the park at 6pm. Please bring a covered dish and join us. At the Mulberry Fest the UMW held a Cake Walk & comforter raffle and made \$176. The left-over cakes and goodies were taken to the community service carry-in on Sunday. Carol reported she held a girl's night out at her house and it was a lot of fun.

●Coralee - Abba's Place: Impact is over until the next school year. Grant money was spent by June 30th deadline. Coralee reported that fund raising and program promotion continues as there is a need for additional funds to support next year's program. Deb said missions will be supporting Impact. Coralee said they plan to solicit corporate sponsors to get on board for an extended period of time.

●Pastor Dave – Bible study will be covering Galatians which is a 4 or 5 week course. He met with the youth leaders and Steve looking at revamping the youth program. We want to get more parents involved. Maybe having a meal when the youth meet. Communication needs to be better. We might be starting up a youth council again. Meetings and planning are underway. Pastor Dave is excited that the PPRC has gotten the wedding manual rough draft finished and that the job descriptions are in progress. Pastor Dave expressed thanks to us all for all the support during his time of need.

●Rita – J&C sent a letter to put ad in special publication. Coralee asked what the bottom line is. Two options \$255 Community Connections and Welcome Back Purdue. Rita said need a motion to get the Community Connections now. Cora Lee made the motion, Mary Lou seconded, motion carried. Pastor Dave will contact them.

●Madison Township Fire Department wants donations. Coralee said if we do it we should do at least \$50. Deb said she thought \$100. Deb made the motion to donate \$100 to Madison Township. Coralee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

●Jerry – Paul Reddix donated a stove to Abba's but the old wiring at Abba's needs repaired before it can be used.

●Coralee brought up the idea of having a garage sale and thinks that September would work. Last year we made right around \$1,000. Money to be used for rewiring Abba's. The garage sale will be September 20th.

●Discussion about Texas money. Pastor Dave said we signed agreements to the dollar amount and it will be settled this year. Free meal to the needy will be the 22nd of this month. Is anyone on Listserv? None of us are aware that we are. Wendy asked is there something you want us to use it for. A good example would be that the youth could use something like that. Becki said she would research Listserv and get back with the board at the next meeting. Pastor Dave mentioned the computer basics class will be starting in July on Wednesday evenings. After the basics will be discussing Microsoft Word, email, and the internet.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Becki Farley.

