



From Dave's Desk...

I just finished mowing the parsonage grass again. Wouldn't it be nice to only have to cut the grass once a month? That I could live with! However, reality slaps me in the face. With the rains we have had this year and the warm temperatures, the grass grows and grows. It seems like I just did this less than a week ago. Hey, I did cut it less than a week ago!

So here it is Tuesday evening and I bet I have to cut it again Saturday evening. If I should let it go, it would look like a wild weed field in no time and the neighbors would probably not be happy with me. You know, it does look nice when it is cut. It just takes time, effort and some good sweating to get the job done.

There is a correlation between keeping the grass cut and keeping our spiritual lives in order. Sin keeps making its way into our lives growing out of control if we don't keep it in check. How do we keep it in check? By reading the Scriptures, praying and confessing our sins. We never get rid of sin completely because we are human and we sin in our daily lives. But confession is good for the soul. And like cutting the grass, it takes time, effort and some spiritual sweating to get the job done. Next time you see that your yard needs to be mowed, think about your spiritual life. Then as you mow the grass, take time to confess to God and keep your spiritual life looking better.

See you in church.

Pastor Dave



"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will...forgive their sin..."

2 Chronicles 7:14

Church Work Day a Big Success!!

Following the UMMen's breakfast a group of guys started down the list of jobs that needed to be done in and around the Church. Some of the work completed was cleaning gutters, trimming shrubs, edging sidewalks etc. At the same time a group of UMWomen were cleaning in the sanctuary. The chandelier is now sparkling with new lights and is dust free, the pews were cleaned from top to bottom, everything dusted, hymnals and Bibles checked for torn or marked pages, windows washed and the floor swept. THANKS to those who worked: Dan & Dania Remaly, Jerry Fultz, Matt & Wendy Simon, Tom & Elaine Simon, Pat & Jacob Simon, Jerry & Nancy Doyle, Steve Percy, Roger Lewis, Barb Seager, Rene Kemmerer, Rita Cornell, Coralee Judge, Jean Sutton, Jim Cullom, John Harden & Pastor Dave & Mary Alys.

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Worship This Month

- 2nd:** Communion— II Samuel 11:26-12:13a "Counting Sheep"
- 9th:** Ephesians 4:25-5:2 & John 6:35, 41-51 "I Am Life"
- 16th:** Ephesians 5:15-20 & I Kings 3:3-14 "Seeking Sophia"
- 23rd:** Psalm 84 & I Kings 8:22-30 "Where God Dwells"
- 30th:** ONE SERVICE-James 1:22-27 "Just Do It!"

Greetings from Wee Blessings

We hope that you all are having a wonderful summer and enjoying the beauty that is all around us!



It is hard to believe that school will begin in just a few short weeks. We would like to remind you that we do still have openings in the three year old class and the four's. Please, if you are interested in sending your child to our program...give the church a call and leave a message for a steering committee member to call you back with all the information.

We will be having our Open House at the end of August and we are excited for the children to see the classroom and to meet their teachers. We always love to see the smiling faces that first day and to know that we will have the privilege to get to know each and every child over the course of 9 months.

God Bless,
Patty

Missions News

WE HAVE MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR!

THANK YOU to all who donated gift baskets for our Silent Auction. As always the "baskets" were wonderfully creative and brought in \$290 in bids.

We also give THANKS to all who supported our Henderson Settlement Team. Whether it was monetary or prayer support, all was greatly appreciated. The team had a wonderful experience and much planting was accomplished. Plans to return are being discussed along with Stockwell UMC.

We were excited to join the Youth Campers on Wednesday evening as we prepared a Haitian meal for them. We served 40-45 campers a delicious meal of grilled chicken, black beans and rice, salad, banana pudding, and cookies. We all enjoyed the evening. THANKS to all who made food and helped with the meal.

SHOES FOR HAITI--Still collecting new and gently used shoes for "In the Father's Hand Orphanage" through August, they will be shipped in September. THANK YOU to all who have donated!

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 5 at 7 p.m. in the Hope Classroom

MULBERRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MENS BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY 2ND AND 4TH SATURDAYS 8:00 A.M.

An open letter to the wives, sisters and mothers of Mulberry United Methodist Church:

We wanted to inform you that we have a Men's group that meets on the Second and Fourth Saturday's of each month at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement.

We have jokes and lots of kidding each other (mostly we pick on Pastor Dave), but there is plenty of laughter to go around. We also have a really good breakfast. I will not divulge who cooks the breakfast, man or wife, but it is always good! Some like things spicy, some like things HOT, but we all love the great food and fellowship that we have on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month.

When the eating and joking are done, we take time for fellowship with GOD. We are currently watching a video series that covers the footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land. Ray Vandergraf leads the series with a vast knowledge of the Holy Land and the Bible.

On the last Sunday in August we are having a combined service with a quartet to sing at the worship service. One of the members of the quartet is Richard and Wilma Howe's son. The group is from Southern Indiana and travel a four state area singing for Churches and other functions. We welcome them to our church. The men's group will be fixing hamburgers and hot dogs and other surprises on the grill that morning and the church members will be asked to bring a carry-in dish and we will enjoy a great time together.

By this time I bet you are wondering why is this letter written to the women of the church?

Well because we know the women of the church are sure to read the monthly newsletter and we want to make sure you either read this part or make sure your husbands, sons and brothers know about the fun group of men who love the LORD and share in the love of our church by helping each other and helping the Church be a great place to be.

Sometimes on Saturday after breakfast we will help the trustees do some minor project- paint, trim bushes, set up tables, take down tables- just little things to make our Church great. But most times we are done in just an hour or two!

We are looking for new cooks and just in case you are wondering, we are now teaming up with two cooks to share the cooking on each Saturday. We will also accept food cooked by the wives of the men.

Just so you know our next meeting times will be August 8, and August 22, 2009. Please come and join us for good food, good fellowship and showing our love for a Great and Loving GOD.

*Mulberry United Methodist
Men's Group*

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In attendance: Pastor Dave, Ryan Turner, Becki Farley, Betty Campbell, Rita Cornell, Jim Cullom, John Harden, Steve Pearcey, Tom Simon, Carol Nagy, Amy Thayer, Barb Seager, and Wendy Simon

Ryan Turner opened the meeting with prayer and the lighting of a candle.

We reviewed the May meeting minutes. Rita motioned that the minutes stand as read. Carol seconded. The motion carried.

John & Wendy: Finances – There are a few items that are not displaying correctly on the report. The software is over because we didn't budget correctly. Wendy said she thinks the general fund balance is \$14,916.28.

Barb: Bridge Builders – Barb said she sent out 42 cards. The money spent was \$0. Donations by committee were \$6.61.

Rita: Evangelism - Rita said the prayer walk has been rescheduled for September. We don't have funds to purchase backpacks for the Family Fun Day at the park. Ryan offered to talk to Missions and maybe some of the Sunday school classes and/or UMW could help with the cost. The mugs have been going over well and everyone has really liked them.

Worship met and planned the worship in the park. The committee also made plans for Father's Day for the father's in the congregation. The Worship team wants to do away with the bulletin for 2nd service. Carol asked if we could have the Worship team members present this to Ad Council to help us see the value of making this change. Ad Council will vote on this change after the Worship team has presented their proposal to them. Steve motioned we tabled it until the next meeting. Tom Simon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ryan: Missions – The Henderson Settlement mission trip was a wonderful trip and very rewarding. Tom said that the mission trip group brought back a book about the Henderson Settlement and will be sharing the book with the congregation. Missions made \$290 from the basket auctions during Mulberry Fest.

Steve: UMM – UMM meetings are going well. The men are planning a lunch after the 5th Sunday in August. The men will cook meat on the grill for the congregation. The congregation will be asked to bring a covered dish to share.

Carol: UMW – UMW sold out of everything on the cake walk during Mulberry Fest. We made \$129.50 on the cake walk. The donations for the comforter were \$70. Carol said we had a really nice UMW picnic and that 33 people attended.

Pastor Dave: A week from this Tuesday the cluster is holding a training meeting for the staff parish committees at Rossville. All mission committee members are also invited to attend the meeting. The charge conference meetings will begin in October. All of our paper work has to be turned in two weeks early. All charge conferences will now be cluster conferences. Pastor Dave and Steve attended a pre-conference meeting last night. The confirmation class will start in October. The class is a 7-8 month course with interested youth. The next bible study will be the book of Revelations which will start in September.

Barb: The extra water in the basement is from the Mulberry Fest dinner. This Sunday we will be recognizing college and high school graduates during the service.

Betty: Betty attended the Hopewell church for a planning session for conference UMW.

Rita: The blood mobile that was scheduled to be at Mulberry Fest was canceled due to illness. Rita said she would like to try and reschedule in December.

Jim: The Financial Peace University will start tomorrow at 7 p.m. and will run through the 1st Tuesday of September. Thirteen couples will be attending.

John: John said the conference accountant has been reviewing the issues we have been having with our accounting software. The accountant will be here this week to continue his review.

Pastor Dave: The youth group will be having a car wash at the bank parking lot this Saturday 9-noon.

Pastor Dave closed us in prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Becki Farley.

Worship Assistants

Communion Stewart: Jane Leak
Traditional Service 8:45 a.m.

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

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Prayer w/ Pastor</i>
8/2	Linda Bennett & Sue Golden	Vicki Hastings	Whitney	Linda Bennett
8/9	Eldon & Betty Skiles	Vicki Hastings	Whitney	Wayne Walker
8/16	Brett & Ronnette Peden	Vicki Hastings	Whitney	
8/23	Pat Simon & Kids	Vicki Hastings	Whitney	Rita Cornell
8/30	Claudia Timmons	**Combined Service**		

Blue Jean Service 11:00 a.m.

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Children's Church</i>
8/2	Ryan & Deb Turner	Steve Pearcy	Communion, no C.C.
8/9	John & Cathy Harden		Kindra Synesael
8/16	Bob & Chris Waugh		Need a Volunteer
8/23	Paul & Sandy Reddix		Need a Volunteer
8/30	Andy & Michelle Albitz	**Combined Service** No C.C.	

**August 30th
 One Service
 10 a.m.**

Attendance & Offering

<i>Date</i>	<i>Total Attend.</i>	<i>Sun. School</i>	<i>Gen. Fund Offering</i>
6/7	Park Service		\$1004
6/14	143	58	\$10,527
6/21	124	59	\$2,255
6/28	121	60	\$3,373

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

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
8/5	Deb Schutz	8/16	Eric Neidigh
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	Maxine Branagin	8/26	Ed Fisher
8/11	Betty Campbell	8/29	Elaine Simon
8/13	Gene Marshall		

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please call 296-3399

August Wedding Anniversaries

8/1	Jim & Julie Huffer	8/12	Craig & Beth Carter
8/5	Pat & Trish McDonnell	8/16	Jon & Barb Paddock
8/8	Cathi Godfrey	8/18	Steve & Julie Pearcy
8/8	Dan & Dania Remaly	8/27	Don & Barb Lee

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 8 am 2nd & 4th Sat.

Wee Blessings Preschool:
 Director & Teacher: Patty Wright
 Teacher: Donna Kirkpatrick
 Assistant Teacher: Mary Kay Finnerty

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30-1:30
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**Newsletter
 DEADLINE**

**Submission
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 each month.**

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SUNDAY AUGUST 30th
ONE SERVICE
10 a.m.
New City Quartet
Pitch in Lunch
 following service
 Meat provided

FOOD PANTRY
 Walk-in Hours
 August 22nd Sat. 9-11 a.m.
 25th Tues 6-7:30 p.m.
 September 26th Sat 9-11 a.m.
 29th Tues 6-7:30 p.m.

MUMC PRAYER CHAIN
 We are in the process of
 updating our prayer chains within the
 Church. If you are not on the email or
 telephone prayer chain and would like to
 be included, please let me know by
September 1st.
 Prayer is powerful!
 Barb Seager 296-3883

Sunday Worship Services
Traditional
8:45 a.m.
Sunday School
10 a.m.
Blue Jean/Contemporary
11 a.m.

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