



From the Pastor's Desk...

What a joy it is to be in this place. You have made us feel so welcome.

The move went well and the unpacking continues. I know that number of boxes is swindling but there seems to be no end to them and I wonder if they are actually multiplying. Hmm. And I haven't hung many pictures yet but it is beginning to feel like home.

The best part of moving is knowing Jesus comes with us. Jesus walks with us all as we journey through life. (The second best part is all the great people we get to meet). Moving can be very hard as we get attached to people at each church but we still rejoice at the opportunity to serve God in a new place and with such wonderful people as you. You have all been so welcoming and kind. We know the Spirit of the Lord is in this place.

It seems like summer just began and now back-to-school ads are in the papers. Soon we will be beginning new classes and programs.

In the days of those early disciples, they gathered together daily to break bread together, pray together, lift one another up, and share the stories together. We are called to do that as well. Then we can grow in our Christian faith, be guided in our walk, and live together in community.

Now, our lives have become so complicated and our schedules so full, there is no way we could all meet daily. But our time with God and our need for spiritual support is vital. And God wants us to take time for him and with him, and for us to be in community with one another.

It is something we have to be intentional about. How many times do we decide we need

to spend devotional time with God, or we think we would like a Bible study or a Sunday school class is studying something interesting, but we aren't in the habit so we forget.

A new school year is beginning soon. This is a good time for new beginnings. Join a class, come to my house for coffee and cookies and get acquainted (just sign up on the sheet), visit a homebound person, pray intentionally for others. And spend time in God's house.

In Joy,

Pastor Nancy



CALING ALL YOUTH! CLAIM THE NAME!

Confirmation means a continuation of their faith journey. Confirmation classes include an overview of the Christian faith, Scripture, history and heritage, practices, beliefs and commitments as United Methodist Christians.

This is an opportunity for youth to explore the faith and experience it through the Christian community, relationships, spiritual disciplines, service and other activities.

This fall Pastor Nancy will be leading Confirmation classes for all youth, both junior and senior high. We invite you to join us on our journey as we Claim the Name. Sign sheet up in the foyer.

**CLAIM THE NAME
UNITED METHODIST!**



Baby Bottle Collection

The collection for the Pregnancy Resource Center raised **\$275. WELL DONE!** The money goes to help women get the help they need to make positive choices during pregnancy.



The Tuesday Morning Craft Ladies have created a **Coupon Basket** which is on their cupboard in the basement. If you need a coupon feel free to take what you need, if you have extra coupons and would like to share them, please do. We don't expect anyone to be able to "extreme coupon" like we see on the TV show, but saving a little here and there is nice. It might also help with items that can be donated to the food pantry.

OPEN HOUSE for Wee Blessings Class 2011-2012

**Thursday August 25th
1:00-2:00**

More information will be sent to parents soon!

55 & Very Alive to the Circus

17 members of the 55 & Very Alive group went to the Amateur Circus at Peru, IN July 16th. It was amazing to see what 7 to 21 year olds could do. They had acts that were every bit as good as any professional circus you might see. There was everything from juggling to High Wire (and it was very high wire). There are 200 performers, and 2000 volunteers, all from Miami County. Go see it!

LIBRARY NEWS

Recently the Library Angels have donated more books to the library and other Library Angels have catalogued them so you can easily find a book that you would like. The instructions how to borrow a book from the library are posted on the wall at the left of the main book case.

SOME CHRISTIAN AUTHORS THAT WE HAVE ARE: Billy Graham, Peter Marshall, Max Lucado, Robert Schuller, Charles Stanley, Norman Vincent Peale, and Corrie ten Boon.



Thank you for your warm welcome. We are glad to be here and we look forward to working side by side with you to do our part of building the Kingdom of God.

Blessings,
Pastor Nancy & Lester

Matt Simon and his family thank you all for the prayers and concern for his health. While the knee surgery went well the blood clot was unexpected. Your prayers were felt and carried us through the unexpected turns things took.

This church has extended the love of Christ in our time of need. Our hearts have been filled by you. Many blessings to you and yours.

Praise and Glory to God!
Matt Simon & Family

Thank you for the prayers during my recent health scare. "It is such a great feeling knowing you have such great friends thinking of you."

God Bless You All!
Tom Simon

90th Birthday Celebration

Please join Jim Stinson and family in celebration of his 90th Birthday. August 7th from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. at the Mulberry Health and Retirement Center Conference room.

In Lieu of a gift please bring a memory to share.

Food Backpack Program Update

Last school year groups in our church helped out with a food backpack program at Clinton Prairie Elementary school. New Hope Church has organized this program and reached approximately 25 families each Friday for 32 weeks. In all about 50 students benefited from this food supplement program.

Groups in our church helped by giving select food items and donating money. New Hope has expressed appreciation to everyone that helped make this program affective at filling a need in the community.

The program will run again this school year.

Worship Assistants

Communion Steward: Carol Nagy

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>Prayer w/ Pastor</u>
8/7	Barb Seager	Vicki Hastings	
8/14	Larry & Marlene Boyd		Wayne Walker
8/21	Mike & Phyllis Huffer		Rita Cornell
8/28	Matt Simon Family		Wendy Simon

Arrive 20 minutes early to greet, review the scripture, or pray with the pastor.

Blue Jean Service 11:00 a.m.

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Children's Church</u>
8/7	Pat Simon Family	Schilling Family	Communion
8/14	Carol Nagy	Schilling Family	Michelle Albitz
8/21	Andy & Michelle Albitz	Pat Simon	Kayla Simon
8/28	Ryan & Deb Turner	Pat Simon	Michelle Albitz

Attendance & Offering

<u>Date</u>	<u>Total Attend.</u>	<u>Sun. School</u>	<u>Gen. Fund Offering</u>
5/1	116	60	\$3,153
5/8	123	52	\$3,239
5/15	116	61	\$2,925
5/22	112	54	\$1,632
5/29	117	54	\$2962

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

August Birthdays

8/1	Marlene Boyd	8/14	Erin Wood
8/2	Cathy Harden	8/16	Eric Neidigh
8/5	Phyllis Huffer	8/18	Larry Garriott
8/6	Sarah Wilson	8/19	Linda Bennett
8/7	Jim Stinson	8/19	Randy Surber
8/7	Sarah Thies	8/20	Lisa Wood
8/8	Tom Simon Sr.	8/21	Deb Garriott
8/9	Jonny Platt	8/21	Lisa Scott
8/11	Betty Campbell	8/26	Ed Fisher
8/13	Gene Marshall	8/29	Elaine Simon
8/13	Jeff Weber		

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

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

Submission
Deadline: **15th**
each month.

August Wedding Anniversaries

8/1	Jim & Julie Huffer	8/12	Craig & Beth Carter
8/1	Gary & Brianne Richards	8/16	Jan & Barb Paddock
8/5	Pat & Trish McDonnell	8/18	Steve & Julie Percy
8/8	Dan & Dania Remaly	8/27	Don & Barb Lee

Pastor: Nancy Richmond
Choir Director: Mary Lou Clendenning
Pianist: Esther Creamer
Organist: Angie Schilling
Nursery: Sherry Coffing
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: call for information
Women's Bible Study:
Tue at 6 am at the Church
Men's Bible Study 8 am 2nd & 4th Sat.

Office Hours: Mon-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

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