

THE MESSENGER

September 2005

Building Bridges To The Families Of Mulberry, Leading Them To Christ And Christian Commitment

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Pastoral Care	Craig Overman
Music Director	Angie Schilling
Pianist	Esther Creamer
Custodian:	Sarah Wilson
Admin. Asst.:	Chris Gipson
Nursery:	Wendy Simon
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Director:	Sarah Wilson
Teacher:	Sarah Wilson
Assistant:	Mary Kay Finnerty

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

Bible Study: Tuesdays @ 7 pm &
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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE
15TH OF EACH MONTH**

From The Pastor

Ministry is hard work. You have 200 people that all like to be pleased. There are always administrative struggles, power struggles, misunderstandings and miscommunications. In the midst of all of that, you want to please God.

Still, there are precious moments that make it all worth it. Our porch has been the center of community activity for some time now. Kids sit on the swing and talk, and it is sort of a home away from home. I've even seen a little kissing (nothing too serious).

A couple of 7th grade girls were sitting on the porch last week when Judi and I came home. One made the comment that the porch needed a coat of paint, and she asked if she could paint it. I invited her to the Ad Board meeting that evening to ask permission to do this (thinking this would be the end of it). Well, she showed up for the meeting and boldly asked permission to paint the porch (which was granted). I oversaw the project and she did a fine job for a 7th grader. Wouldn't it be great if everyone in the Church had the perception to see the need and the desire to meet it? But alas, the Church seems to be an institution where people have to be asked, and therefore, not much gets done. We could all learn a lesson from this 7th grade girl.

Pastor Tom

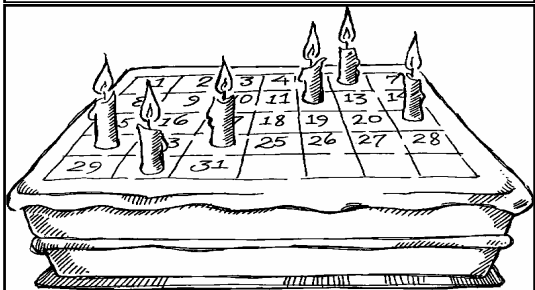
Urgent-State of The Church Message

We have been asleep at the switch. We have let apathy invade our Church. We have not noticed some warning signs that were there. Some of these are: No Bible School this year because of lack of volunteers; low attendance; **EXTREMELY LOW GIVING TO THE GENERAL FUND.** We haven't looked at the printed figures where it tells us that our General Fund is \$20,000 down. This makes it very hard to pay our bills. If you have been among the few who have paid attention to these figures, and have directed all of your money to the G.F. instead of other special accounts, we say THANK YOU. To the rest of us who have totally not paid attention, please, in the next few months or until the G.F. is healthy, direct all of your tithes and offerings to the G.F. We have let apathy crush the excitement in our Church. We must wake up, and stir the fire before it goes out! Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ deserves the best from each and every one of us.

Corabee Judge-Lay Leader

September Birthdays

Ask Freida



Birthdays This Month

- 9/4.....George Culbertson
- 9/10.....Lucy Coons
- 9/10.....Becky Staley
- 9/10.....Brian Garriott
- 9/12.....Dan Nagy
- 9/12.....Jane Leak
- 9/15.....Barb Seager
- 9/18.....Cheryl Overman
- 9/19.....Terry Thayer
- 9/20.....Stacie Gascho
- 9/22.....Jackie Jesse
- 9/27.....Wilma Fultz
- 9/27.....Tyler Remaly
- 9/27.....Michael Cook
- 9/28.....Cassie Walden

DEAR FREIDA,
I HEAR PASTOR TOM TALK ABOUT A QUIET TIME, SPENDING TEN MINUTES A DAY WITH GOD. IS THIS REALLY IMPORTANT?

YES, BECAUSE WITH THE LORD YOU CAN DO ANYTHING, SO IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH HIM. BESIDES, GOD LIKES FOR US TO TALK TO HIM.

Freida

MHRC News

Mulberry Health & Retirement Community will be hosting a Fish Fry on Sep. 10th, from 4:30-7 pm @ their facility. Cost is \$7.50 per adult (\$7 in advance); \$4.50 for kids (\$4 in advance). Contact Allison Meadows for more info @ 296-2911. MHRC will also host an Alzheimer Memory Walk on Sunday, Sep. 25th, 1:00 pm @ Cumberland Park, Lafayette.

Welcome Back!

Preschool will start the week after Labor Day.

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and we hope everyone is as anxious to start a fresh new year as we are!

See you soon,

Mrs. Wilson & Mrs. Finnerty



Happy
Birthday
to You...

Ministry Assistants

Meetings & Events

Traditional Service

Communion Steward: Helen Hann

Acolyte: Eric Lenehan

Greeters:

4th Betty & Eldon Skiles

11th Dave & Suzie Kelsey

18th Jerry & Wilma Fultz

25th Myron & Janice Chezem

Worship Leader: Amy & Hilde Thayer

Pray with the Pastor (8:30 am)

4th Amy Thayer & Dania Remaly

11th Cheryl Overman

18th Rita Cornell & Helen Hann

25th Wayne Walker

Blue Jean Service

Children's Church

4th Chris Gipson

11th April Farley

18th Becky Staley

25th Elaine Simon

Greeters:

4th Ryan & Deb Turner

11th Bob & Chris Waugh & Family

18th Ed, Janet & Valerie Fisher

25th Vince, Deb & Kelsey Schutz

4th Communion Sunday
12th Administrative Board 7 pm @ the Church
25th Corporate Prayer 6 pm @ the Church

Weekly Calendar

Sun: 8:30 am Pray with the Pastor
 8:45 am Traditional Service
 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Blue Jean Service

Mon: 6:30 am Men's Bible Study/Breakfast @ the Corner Restaurant

Tues: 5:30 am Women's Bible Study
 9 am Craft Ladies @ the Church
 7 pm Bible Study @ the Church (begins 9/6)
 8 pm AA Meeting-Church Basement
 8 pm Worship Team Rehearsal @ the Church
 8 pm Special Needs Prayer

Wed: 10 am Bible Study @ the Church (begins 9/7)
 7 pm Choir Practice @ the Church

2nd & 4th Sat. each month: 7 am Men's Bible Study/Breakfast @ the Church

Last Saturday of each month: Scout Recycling Day-set your paper out early!

Jr. High Youth meetings will move from Wed. To Sun. evenings when they resume.

"To Live Is Christ"

By Beth Moore

Women's Bible Study @ Gloria Dei begins September 11th at 7:00 pm at Gloria Dei. Contact Jackie Frey at (765) 379-2391 or (765) 379-3650.

MUMC Vital Signs

	Offering Received
July 10	\$3,105
Attendance 152	
July 17	\$4,010
Attendance 152	
July 24	\$4,757
Attendance 170	
July 31	\$1,930
Attendance 158	
August 7	\$4,570
Attendance 153	
August 14	\$2,924
Attendance 158	
6 Week Offering Ave.	\$3,549
6 Week Attendance Ave.	157

THANK YOU

“THANK YOU” to the United Methodist Women for preparing and serving another wonderful meal to the Community Club. There was plenty of food and it was de-licious! Those who provided food were: Jan Dyer, Barb Paddock, Carol Nagy, Deb Turner, Michelle Albitz, Betty (Eldon) Skiles, Cheryl Overman, Deb Schutz, Jackie Jesse, Crysta Kas, Sharon Maish, Norma Stinson, Rita Cornell, Jane Leak and Barb Seager. Those who worked in the kitchen were: Janie Garriott, Linda Marshall, Wilma & Dick Howe and Linda Ward. A special thanks to Blake Scott who let us borrow his farm toys to decorate the tables.

Breaking News.....

UMW

Our Fall gets a jump start on Thursday, September 1st, with a GAME NIGHT with Barb Seager. It sounds like loads of fun! It all starts at 7:00 pm at Barb’s home.

A quick reminder about the Fall Boutique. It’s only two months away and the countdown is on.

ABBA’S PLACE IS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT, PARTY, FAMILY REUNION, ETC. SEE CHRIS FOR RENTAL INFORMATION.

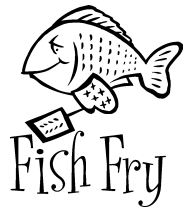
Kid’s Club Begins

KID’S CLUB will be starting on **Wednesday, Sept. 14th.** K-3 at the Church from 5:10-6:40 pm. 4 & 5’s at Abba’s Place from 5:00-6:45 pm. We hope to see your smiling faces there!



Hope Class News

Thank you to all who returned the postcards about a dinner for the Church. We have decided to have a Fish Fry on February 4th. We hope everyone will enjoy working together-and the meal itself! We’ll be in touch with those of you who offered to help.



Hope Class

Mulberry Library Information

Mulberry Community Library now has a website for you to access their latest information. Go to: www.accs.net/fcpl/mulb/htm to find out what’s happening!

Administrative Board Minutes June 13th, 2005

Present: John Harden, Amy & Terry Thayer, Jerry Fultz, Barb Seager, Myron Chezem, Angie Schilling, Rita Cornell, Pastor Tom & Chris Gipson (Acting Recording Secretary).

Minutes from the May 9th, 2005 Administrative Board Meeting were approved (revisions: last sentence in Finance regarding Apportionments and one misspelled word).

Bridge Builder's (Barb Seager): 49 cards sent. \$62.87 spent. \$18.87 in donations.

Children's Church (Barb Seager): Made Father's Day gifts. Will be studying Samson & Delilah. 10 Kids on average.

Missions (Pastor Tom): Charles Maddox called-said people are being ordered out of Haiti; Methodist Guest House is closed down. Aristide supporters are running gangs, committing crimes, etc. Future of Missions efforts are in question there.

Worship: No report.

PPRC: No report.

Trustees (Terry Thayer): Worked on chair-lift. Dan Remaly fixed the Parsonage garage door. Have had some problems with the AC units at the Church (Chris reported that the classroom/office unit is working). Terry agreed to check them out. Still some problems with the chair-lift-Terry will check this out (usually, the chair is not returned to the full up/down position-this prevents the unit from recharging). Jerry Fultz is going to repair the down spouts at the Parsonage. Pastor Tom reported that the downstairs toilet at the Parsonage is leaking. Terry will check on this.

Finance (Amy Thayer): GF has \$3,638.41; Wee Blessings has \$11,660.02; Organ Fund has \$296.87; New Church/Building Fund has \$12,002.60.

Wee Blessings: No report.

Pastoral Care: No report

Memorials (Written report from J.C. Judge): As of 4/29/05, balance was \$2,878.72. As of 5/31/05, balance was \$379.15 (\$2,500.00 check written to Trustees to help with the copy machine). J.C. is retiring his position as Memorial Chair-after 15 years! Discussed what to do to replace J.C.-whether to wait until Fall for Nominations Committee or? Pastor Tom said he will find a replacement.

UMW (Rita Cornell): Cleared \$200.00 on the Lemonade shake-up stand at the Mulberry Festival. Bake sale at the Annual Garage Sale-coming up June 18th. June meeting was cool and rainy-held a sing-a-long and picnic at the town park. 11 attended.

Youth (Pastor Tom): Youth trip to Cedar Point-leave Sunday, June 19th; return late pm Monday, June 20th.

Administrative Board Minutes June 13th, 2005 cont.

Kid's Club (Barb Seager): Done for the Summer. Wendy Simon is taking over K3 for Kid's Club. Had a swim party at the "Y".

Sunday School: No report

Choir/Music Director (Angie Schilling): Not enough VBS volunteers-canceled for this year.

Stewardship (John Harden): Materials ordered for Consecration Sunday. John is busy-has Emily's wedding later this year. Will still need several people to speak for Consecration Sunday. Pastor Tom will speak. This will involve two different Sundays. People will have 3 weeks to send their information in regarding giving. May have Community Club prepare a chicken dinner. Jerry Fultz will check on this. John has several people in mind to speak at/run Consecration Sunday. Will occur near the end of September.

Additional Discussion

Administrative Board will not be meeting in July or August-unless business warrants. Barb Seager will distribute copies of the Accountability Report in September. Myron Chezem reported that Nicki Stillings has a Weber grill she wants to donate to the Church Garage Sale. Rita Cornell talked of reviving the Smorgasbord; or having a Pancake Breakfast, Chili Cook-off, or a Spaghetti Dinner. Will be brainstorming. Need another Church Clean-up day. Angie Schilling asked about a combined Service (Worship Committee survey says once per quarter). Some felt this was too often. Hold a fundraiser to help repay Trustees for copy machine?

Carpenter's Son does not give receipts when a charge purchase is made (Chris had wondered where receipts were for purchases made there).

Farmer's Bank does not issue Credit Cards (available from Farmer's through another Bank). Also, only one or two may use the credit cards (discussion at May meeting regarding getting credit cards instead of debit). No real measures for over-use of debit card. Chris will monitor.

Amy thinks that Deb Turner will be taking over for her as Treasurer this Fall. Amy would be willing to do Memorials-as long as she has a replacement for Treasurer. Discussion regarding purchasing the old Cheese factory or home to the south of the Church. EPA can do report to determine if any toxic soil is present (as in the case of an old buried gasoline tank, etc.) However, the reports cost from \$1,200.00-\$4,100.00. Most admitted that parking is a problem. Pastor Tom agreed to talk to Griner-owner of the old Cheese factory, regarding sale of the property.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Believers Baptized In Water!

Fifteen Believers were baptized in water in August. Emily Harden, Jason Carter, Paul Reddix, Tom Simon, Sr., Kristen Gould, Kylie Laflen, Carol Schubert, Sherry Gouvan, Stacy Gains, Matt Davis, Whitney Simon, Bill Stout, John Harden, Eric Lenehan were all baptized on August 21st, and Shelly Surber was baptized on August 22nd. Congratulations to all who have committed or recommitted their lives to Jesus Christ!

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