



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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Stone Soup Food Pantry

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.

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear friends,

My heart is still on fire from our Costa Rica Mission trip. The 12 of us who went on your behalf were deeply touched and blessed by the people we met and the work we accomplished.

Let's think of all the ways this church is in mission. Our hands-on missions include: the youth mission trip in March to aid Katrina victims, Kid's Club, Java Jam, Abba's Place and Stone Soup Food Pantry. We also are in mission by giving money to Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti, Heifer International, Henderson Settlement in Kentucky, Frankfort's Crisis Pregnancy Center and Rainbow Haven, Purdue's Wesley Foundation and the Children's Home in Lebanon.

Wow! That's quite a list! In addition we support the work of The United Methodist Church through special offerings: Human Relations Day (programs for youth), One Great Hour of Sharing (supports the work of the UM Committee on Relief), Native American Ministries Sunday, Peace with Justice Sunday, World Communion Sunday and United Methodist Student Day.

The purpose of all these causes is to win the world for Jesus Christ! I think there's a whole lot more we can be doing in our own backyard. Did you know that being a Sunday School teacher is also to be a missionary? The same is true for being a trustee, a financial secretary or a Kid's Club helper.

Where is God calling you? What is tugging your heart at the moment? Let me know and we will match you with a ministry. I believe each of us is gifted by God to do what God needs to get done. Each of us has a place, in and through this church, to express those gifts.

In the meantime, thanks for all you do and I'm looking forward to what more we can do together! This comes with love from

Your pastor,

Linda Dolby

We would like to thank everyone in our church family for all your cards, prayers and well-wishes during the months of Jerry's illness. He is now finished with the treatments and is in total remission. We just hope and pray that it stays there for a very long time!! Jerry is proof of what prayer and the power of positive thinking can do for anyone going through rough times. We are both so grateful for all of you and so thankful all our prayers have been answered.

Thank you again,
Jerry and Wilma Fultz

My thanks & loving gratitude to our entire community for the cards & words of kindness to me in the passing of my brother Kenneth Young. Through my grief I was consoled by words left by my mother, Gladys Shaffer Young. By a poem she had written when she felt the blow of other family members leaving us.

Meditation

A leaf has fallen from our tree,
 A leaf so frail & small.

And Shrouded in His autumn tints, was ready for the fall.

I watched it loose its hold & then go drifting to the ground where other leaves from other trees lay scattered all around (cemetery)

And though my eyes see vacancy where once the leaf hung green, My heart looks through the opening and on—to heights serene. And know that someone understands what parting here can mean.

I love you all & thanks so much.

Anne Young Gordon

September Birthdays

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 9/3Steve Percy | 9/16 . Emily Brose |
| 9/4Lori Thies | 9/19 . Katie Brose |
| 9/4George Culbertson | 9/19 . Terry Thayer |
| 9/10 ..Lucy Coons | 9/20 . Stacie Gascho |
| 9/10 ..Becky Staley | 9/25 . Kevin Garrett |
| 9/10 ..Brian Garriott | 9/27 . Wilma Fultz |
| 9/12 ..Jane Leak | 9/27 . Tyler Remaly |
| 9/12 ..Dan Nagy | 9/27 . Michael Cook |
| 9/15 ..Barb Seager | 9/29 . Cassie Walden |

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



HATS OFF to Mary Lou and the choir for the *wonderful* Church service on August 12th!! It was such a joy to hear the well-blended voices of our choir as they performed. We noticed they all wore their special shirts too! The congregation really got into singing those familiar old hymns and Edith Boyd sang every song without even using her book ☺ A special thanks to the soloists, Myron for playing the guitar & singing, and to Esther who makes the piano "talk"!



Wee Blessings Preschool

Greetings from Wee Blessings.

We will kick off the school year by having an Open House for the three year olds on Monday, August 27th at 9:00 am and four year olds on Thursday, August 30th at 9:00. We are so excited to meet the children and to have them meet us.

Wee Blessings will have two new lead teachers this year. For the three year olds, their teacher will be Donna Kirkpatrick. Donna has a teaching degree and has taught preschool before. We feel very blessed to have Donna. For the four year olds, their teacher will be me, Patty Wright. I have a degree and have taught preschool for several years. Our biggest blessing is that Mary Kay Finnerty has agreed to be the assistant teacher for both classes.

Our team has worked very hard to make sure this year will be an exciting and educational year for the children. The three year olds will be working on their Bible verses, manners, saying their prayers, colors, shapes, and social skills. The four year olds will be working on their Bible verses, letters, counting, colors, shapes, manners, making a 2 part pattern, and many other things to prepare them to begin kindergarten next year.

We would like to thank each or you for your continual support. Please know that we appreciate all that you do for the preschool. We would love to have you stop by anytime to see what the children are doing in school.

Finally, a huge thank you to the steering committee: Barb Seager, Coralee Judge, Nancy Doyle, Crysta Kas, and Deb Turner. We are so blessed to have these dedicated and involved individuals.

*Fondly,
 Patty Wright*

Dear Members of Mulberry United Methodist Church,

On behalf of all who attended the Optimistic Day for Special Persons 2007 I would like to thank you for baking and donating cakes for the cake walk on Optimistic Day. The cake walk was a huge success because of your generosity. In the past years most of the cakes have been purchased from a grocery store; what a treat to have a "home baked" cake. There were huge smiles on the faces as "our guest" won a cake! As well as we could determine, approximately 500 people attended the event with 160-170 being our "special guests". We grow each year in numbers and in smiles.

The comments that we heard were: we wait for this all year, I had such a good time, thank you so much, and see you next year. This has become very important to many special people here in Frankfort and from out of town.

Thank you again.
Sincerely,
Lu Whitaker
Optimistic Day for Special Persons

Dear Mulberry United Methodist Church,

We have heard that George's colon cancer was announced in church as soon as you found out. We appreciate all of your prayers. The more prayers we have the more power Jesus has for George to overcome this evil cancer. Right now, he is doing amazingly well. He has had no side effects from his chemotherapy and he is back to work full time. Still keep us in prayer because he still has about 18 more treatments to go. If we did not catch this cancer when we did he probably would not have made it through July. His joy for life and his faith has grown through all of this trauma.

Thank you sincerely,
George and Beth Huskins

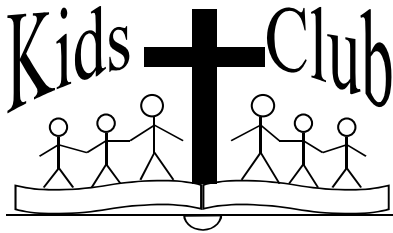


Whew!! Our Vacation Bible School is over!! We had a great time and a great turn out. We had a total of 46 children attend on one or more nights. Our biggest crowd was on Tuesday night with 33. Even though I had all my volunteers (Sky Scout Leaders) in place, I had more volunteers come to help. WHAT A BLESSING!!!

Our mission was to buy sheep for Heifer International group. We were able to buy four sheep with the donations we received. Thursday was our family night, where we showed our parents what their sky scouts had learned. Then we had a balloon launch to end our school year!!! A big thanks to Carol Nagy and Frieda Weber for taking on the roll of Scoop and Skylar, they started us off every night. Brett Peden introduced the sky scouts to Dr. B. A. Loon, our skyologist. Carol helped the sky scouts remember their Bible verses and their flight plan words. Wendy Simon decorated our whole school with the help of Matt. I want to thank the youth group, with the guidance of Cheryl Overman, for decorating the "story" room and doing the Bible lessons, Angie Schilling for teaching them the music and motions to the songs. The role of crafts went to Betty Campbell, Rita Cornell, Whitney Simon. Kevin Garrett, with the help of Kristen Gould and Nina Myers, guided the sky scouts through their games. The sky scouts were nourished by our snack leader, Sarah Wilson and her helpers, Tess Wilson, Macie Kramer, Samantha Wilson, Vicki Hastings and Wayne Walker. Becki Farley took pictures and made our slide for us and helped out wherever needed, while April and Joanne Weber led our 4 to 5 year old sky scouts. Shelly Surber and her husband were so kind to bring two sheep Sunday night, the sky scouts were able to feed and pet them to get an idea of our mission, then Shelly led our 6 to 7 year old scouts with Elaine Simon and Pat Weber. Nancy Doyle and Julie Percy took charge of our 8 to 9 year old sky scouts, with Barb Seager taking charge on Tuesday and Wednesday. Linda Bennett and Betty (Perry) Skiles and Vickie Brose took charge of the 10 to 12 year olds. Trisha McDonald came just to help wherever, were we blessed or what!! We had a host of volunteers to help with registration, Jan and Jim Dyer, Beth and Mark Newhart and Steve and Julie Percy. Yes, that's right, Julie was all over the place. I had so many people willing to do double roles, but with all the volunteers that came, most were able to stay at their stations, again WHAT A BLESSING. The splendor of our God never ceases.

The help and dedication of all the volunteers was answered prayer. Thanks for the opportunity to organize your Vacation Bible School.

In Christ,
Ronnette Peden



Kid's Club Ready or not! Yes, it is that time again. We are gearing up for opening night of Kid's Club on Wednesday, September 12th. If you would like to spend a little of your time once a week with the children of our community please contact Carol Nagy or Wendy Simon for K-3rd grades at the church or Cathy Harden for 4th –6th grades at Abba's Place.

Many of the kids that attend Kid's Club are not from our church. A few attend church elsewhere but most are not churched and have never been. We have the incredible opportunity to share the love of Jesus with them. We do this through music, games, stories, lessons, service projects and through our kindness and attention. We get to watch the children grow from year to year and see the transformation that comes about in their character that may not have happened without Jesus in their lives. We directors prepare the materials ahead of time and have it waiting for you when you arrive. We need you to give your heart to the kids in the community. When you look around and see kids that have slipped through the cracks and don't behave the way we hoped they would, know that we can make a difference in the lives of the kids that we can reach today through Kid's Club. Make a difference in your community. We would love to have you with us on Wednesday evenings.

Kid's Club Directors,
Carol Nagy, Wendy Simon, & Cathy Harden

UMW Meeting will be September 6th at 7 pm in Coralee Judge's home. Join us for an evening with our district fellowship sister Cheryl Millburn. All ladies are welcome to attend!

We hope to see you there!



Due to recent event I will no longer be able to attend to the work I have been currently doing at MUMC. Though I have not received wages for my duties I have thoroughly enjoyed the benefits that have come with this parish. The cookies and donuts you leave unattended in the classrooms are superb. As I travel through the basement on my way from one task to the next I always find the thoughtful crumb or nibble left from one event or group. I have had to be quick to gather your gifts before the janitor clears them away but I have been successful many times. Alas my time has come to an end for the great exterminator has sprayed my home and I can no longer stay at UMC.

Thank You to the trustees for having the parking lot sealed. Special thanks to Jerry Fultz and Wayne Walker for painting the lines in the heat and humidity. It looks great!

Many people have noticed the repairs in the ceiling over the sound board and surrounding area. Thanks for taking care of our church home. It takes a lot of work to keep up a building of this age. We sometimes forget how much time goes into repairing all the little things that break or need kept up. The trustees is one of the busiest committees of the church and needs all the help it can get from the rest of us. Thank you!!

All joking aside-please be sure to dispose of ALL left over snacks from classes and events. Sweep all crumbs left behind so we can be sure all bugs and critters stay clear of our building. Thanks for your help. ☺

Costa Rica Mission Team

WE'RE BACK!

The Costa Rica Mission Team arrived home safely Sunday evening, August 12th. We may have been tired and weary, but we were filled with joy for all we had experienced. We want to thank all who supported us. Your love and support enabled us to go out into the world and help others, not as a team of twelve, but as a church of many. Your donations helped us go, your prayers kept us going.

We arrived in San Jose, Costa Rica, on Saturday, August 4th, after a long travel day. After checking into our rooms, we went to dinner at Emanuel Iglesia Evangelica Metodista. This was the church where we would eat most of our meals during our stay. Rosa, the pastor's wife, cooked typical Costa Rican food for us.

Sunday dawned a beautiful day and Charlie Strong had arranged for us to visit the local volcano and other historical sights in the area. Church service was at 3:00 at Iglesia de los Guido. We met Pastor Edgar and his family, who started the Children's Feeding Program, where we will work on Wednesday. It was a God filled service that lasted over two hours.

Monday we divided into two work teams, one for the garden at the Special Needs School and one for the construction sight. At the garden, we weeded and planted. By the end of the day, about one thousand assorted plants had been put in the ground. At the construction sight, we painted, put security bars on windows, and started a retaining wall at a new site. The neighborhood was poor and the need great. It was called el Eden; however, it was anything but paradise.

Tuesday we all worked together at the construction sight. More cement blocks had been delivered and there was a retaining wall to build. The day consisted of mixing mortar, moving block, mixing more mortar, laying block, mixing concrete to fill the blocks, and then it rained, and rained! We took shelter for a short time, and then a truck of fill dirt arrived and had to be unloaded, and there were more blocks to move.

After two days of physical labor, Wednesday we exercised our emotions. We returned to Iglesia de los Guido to help with lunch for the children. The church feeds 60-70 children two meals a day, breakfast and lunch, for most children the only two meals for the day. Pastor Edgar's 16-year-old daughter supervises the program. After lunch, we played games with the children and took a tour of the neighborhood. This is one of the poorest neighborhoods in the city; houses are no more than tin shacks.

Thursday was another exercise of emotions. We went to the Orphanage at Visa de Mar, just outside of San Jose. It is a very nice facility with houses and classrooms for the children. Recently a new classroom and storage building have been completed with the help of teams through Strong Missions. Still, we thought it so sad that these beautiful children had to live here, until Charlie explained why they were here. All had been taken from their parents because of abuse, physical, mental, and sexual. We then realized this indeed was a wonderful place for them. It was such a joy to interact with the children. We helped in the preschool class making telephones to call Jesus, we blew bubbles, we jump-roped, we played catch, and we played soccer. Just spending time with them brought such smiles to their faces, they just need love.

After this wonderful time with the children, we returned to the garden to finish up the work we had started. We spread mulch, broke rocks for a planter wall, mixed mortar for the wall, built the wall, unloaded more block, and moved a couple of hundred plants for the other side of the garden. Again, we were exhausted by the end of the day. After dinner, we left on a four-hour journey to the coast for a day of much needed rest and relaxation.

Friday we enjoyed God's beauty surrounding the little village of Cahuita. We walked through the coastal rainforest and along the white sandy beach in the National Park. We saw white-faced monkeys, howler monkeys, sloths, morpho butterflies, iguanas, and many beautiful tropical plants. Activities included snorkeling at a coral reef, a zip-line canopy tour, or just relaxing in the hammocks under the coconut palms.

On Saturday we returned to San Jose. We had dinner at the church, said our good-byes to the Strong Missions staff, and returned to the hotel to pack for the journey home.

Each of us has returned humbled and thankful for these experiences. We saw God at work everyday in Charlie, in the team members, in the children's faces, in Pastor Edgar and his family, and in the beauty of the country. We hope to continue a relationship with Strong Missions and Costa Rica. Ask us and we will share our stories! Again, we thank our church family for giving us this opportunity. It was an honor to represent our church and church family, and share God's love with the people of Costa Rica.

In His Name,

Pastor Linda, Coralee, Rachel, Nate, Barb, Brittany, Paul, Deb, Kelsey, Matt, Tom, and Sarah

Service Assistance

Traditional Service

Prayer With Pastors:

9/2 Amy Thayer
 9/9 Coralee Judge
 9/16 Wayne Walker
 9/23 Rita Cornell
 9/30 Shelly Surber

Communion Steward: Kathy Townsley

Worship Leader: Rita Cornell

Acolyte: Whitney Simon

Greeters:

9/2 Claudia Timmons
 9/9 Vicki Hastings
 9/16 Matt & Wendy Simon
 9/23 Dan & Dania Remaly
 9/30 Mark Newhart

Blue Jean Service

Worship Leaders: Sandy Reddix

Children's Church:

9/2 Katherine Townsley
 9/9 Elaine Simon
 9/16 NEED VOLUNTEER
 9/23 NEED VOLUNTEER
 9/30 NEED VOLUNTEER

Greeters:


9/2 Betty & Perry Skiles
 9/9 Bill & Tracy Patton
 9/16 Tracy Patton
 9/23 Trish McDonnell
 9/30 Andy & Michelle Albitz

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

All Church Garage Sale!!

Saturday Sep. 22, 8 am-1 pm Bring donated items with prices to the parsonage garage beginning Monday Sep.17th. UMW will sponsor a bake sale. *All* proceeds go to the church's General Fund.

Gloria Dei/Thrivent Fish Fry will be held on Saturday, September 15th. Proceeds from the event along with matching funds from Thrivent Financial Services will benefit the Community Youth Outreach Program at Abba's Place.

\$	MUMC Vital Signs 			
	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Attend.</u>	<u>S.S. Attend.</u>
July 15	\$2,819	\$5,522	140	76
July 22	\$2,407	\$227	163	64
July 29	\$2,374	\$481	153	83
Aug 5	\$1,999	\$120	108	57

*Average Sunday Service Attendance as of 8/5: 140

Mulberry United Methodist Administrative Council meeting-July 9, 2007

Those Present: Rita Cornell, Bill Brose, Steve Pearcy, Nancy Doyle, Barb Seager, Coralee Judge, Kristen Gould, Wendy Simon

Rita opened with prayer. She stated that it would be an abbreviated meeting.

Purdue Ballgame concession stands- discussion was opened. It was stated that no one came forward after the meetings and announcements made about needing help. Because of lack of interest a motion was made by Bill that we do not participate in the games this year. Nancy Doyle second, all agreed.

Finances, Bill Brose- the lack of cash coming into the church is related to the low numbers on Sunday.

Wee Blessings, Barb Seager- Two new teachers were hired; Wee Blessings begins the week of Labor Day.

Pastor Parish Relations Committee, Steve Pearcy- another Child Protection training class will happen in August.

Bridge Builders, Barb Seager- Cards sent: 37 Budget used: \$10.40 Donated money used: \$1.22

Discussion concerning lifting people up to be fired up for the Lord is our job as leaders. We all need to be positive in our attitude to encourage others to be positive. Ways to help others be positive were talked about.

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Sunday Worship Services

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

“We would love to see you there!”



September 2007