



## From Dave's Desk...

I have enjoyed watching the Olympics this year. I don't get to see much of the coverage except late in the evening. However, that is when Michael Phelps had been swimming. Boy, he is a fast swimmer! And there are many other great athletes that are collecting medals. I especially like diving. How can anyone twist and turn as fast as the divers can and still enter the water with very little splash? It just amazes me.

This year however, I watched another sport. Volleyball. It never sounded like much of a sport for men to watch, unless one was watching women's beach volleyball! But I am talking about men's volleyball played inside a gym. Wow, it is fast and hard. I have had trouble following the ball. And then the guy who spikes it pounds it hard, I thought that it could become a dangerous weapon if it hit someone in the head. But what really caught my attention was how the team worked together. As the ball would fly over the net to our team, one man would stop it from hitting the floor. The next man would set it up and a third player would hit it over the net. Three men working together to make placing the ball over the net happen! And it wasn't the same three men every time. Each player took turns in being part of the play.

This taught me some important lessons for the church. It takes more than one person to make the church work. It takes teamwork. Planning is a very

important part of the process. It also takes everyone doing his/her part. I didn't notice one person just standing around on the court doing nothing. Each person was involved in the play of the ball. So each of us is called to be involved in the work of the church. There are many different jobs to be done. We all are a part of the team. Together we can make Mulberry United Methodist Church work better together and reach out into the community to bring new souls to Christ. Are you ready for the fall season of church events? The ball is in our court.

*Pastor Dave*

### September Sermons

7th: Exodus 12:1-14  
"Destruction Passing Over"

14th:  
Youth Mission Team to Indy

21st: Exodus 16:2-15  
Philippians 1:21-30  
"Murmurs & Manna"

28th: Exodus 17: 1-7  
Philippians 2:1-3  
"Hard Water"

## 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.

## Kids Under Construction

KUC will "kick off" their fall program with a Carnival in the Church parking lot on:

**Wednesday, September 10th  
5:00-6:30 p.m.**

**All kids K-6th grade welcome!**

Come and play games, win prizes, and enjoy hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn and drinks.

We hope to see you there :-)



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

We would like to thank all those who helped prepare and serve a luncheon for the Les Huffer family. Those providing salads and desserts were: Wilma Howe, Patty Wright, Barb Seager, Nancy Doyle, Rita Cornell, Vicki Hastings, Crysta Kas, Mary Fultz, Sandy Seager, Michelle Albitz and Lisa Scott. Workers were Patty Wright, Lisa Scott, Wilma Howe and Barb Seager. The family was most appreciative.

A luncheon was served to the family of Christine Reynolds (sister of Pat Culbertson). Many thanks to Wilma Fultz, Wilma Howe, Marlene Boyd, Betty (Eldon) Skiles, Sandy Seager, Elaine Simon, Linda Marshall and Coralee Judge for salads and desserts. Those working in the kitchen were Dick & Wilma Howe, Marlene Boyd and Vicki Hastings. The family expresses their appreciation for everything.

## Sunday School Park Day

On Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup> the Super Sunday and FROG classes went to the Mulberry Park for an end-of-summer celebration. Those attending were Olivia Waugh, Joe and Paul Curtin, Ian Newhart, Brett Simon Coriden & Drew Schilling, Jasmine & Camron Cavender, Krisetn Gould, and Sam Waugh. Thanks to Matt Simon and Jerry Seager who accompanied the group. It was a perfect day to enjoy the outdoors and all that the park has to offer ☺

Wendy Simon & Barb Seager

## New Members Class

A class offered for persons interested in learning about the United Methodist Church and in membership will begin Sunday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m. in the parsonage. If interested contact the church office at 296-3399, so books can be ordered. The class will last 4-5 weeks.

## Mailing Addresses & Email Addresses

Have you changed either one of your addresses lately? It is important to our office that you and your family receive information sent from MUMC. If your address changes, PLEASE call and let us know! We care :-)

296-3399 or [mlbymc@intel.net](mailto:mlbymc@intel.net)

## Family Fun Day

Saturday September 13 from 2-5 pm at the Mulberry Park Shelter House Family Fun Day..

Come one! Come All!

Moms, Dads, KIDS of all ages Aunts, Uncles , cousins, grandmothers grandfathers... everyone is welcome...

Come join us for some fun and games.. its FREE and its local!  
For more information contact Coralee.

If you would like to volunteer to help or provide cupcakes contact Rita..

God Bless

Evangelism Comm.

## The New Sign

The first Sunday in June the Trustee's gave a presentation about replacing the sign in front of the Church which was in very bad shape. Our goal was to raise \$4350.00 in an 8 week period. The first week we had a few generous donation but during this time period our Dear and Beloved friend, Janie Garriott passed away and went to join Burgin. During the second week the Garriott children notified Pastor Dave that they would like to pay for the new sign in remembrance of their parents. What a generous offer!

Immediately the United Methodist Men removed the old sign with the help of friends and neighbors (mainly someone with a back-hoe) and the ground was excavated to take on a foundation for our new sign. After securing a building permit we placed our order for the sign, ran conduit for the electric and then started the "wait" process. First the sign company which orders from a third party could not get them to speed up the production of the sign. When it did come in certain things were incorrect and had to be corrected. When the sign was installed there was some wording that was incorrect and that had to be corrected. Needless to say we were becoming frustrated as everyone was anxious for the new sign.

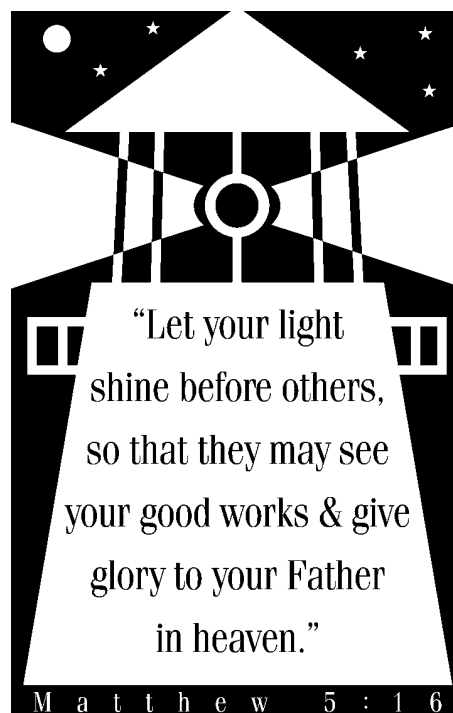
Finally everything was corrected and the brick was laid on Monday, August 11th. We then backfilled the dirt, leveled the surface and placed sod on the bare earth. What a sight.

Surprisingly, from start to finish was just 72 days but seemed like 6 months.

The trustee's would like to Thank the Garriott family for their generosity and other members who gave for it's completion. We placed a time capsule inside the brick and it contained many items of interest and of current events. We hope everyone enjoys the sign for many years to come.

Trustee's, MUMC

August 24th was a very special day at MUMC. This was the day that the beautiful, bigger than life sign, was dedicated. This sign was a gift from the children of Burgin and Janie Garriott in memoriam to their parents. This sign stands as a beacon in front of the Church. It will stand there for a long time. This is a fitting memorial to Burgin and Janie because they were a beacon to the Mulberry United Methodist Church for many years. Burgin and Janie were ever faithful to God and to their Church family at MUMC. For many years, if the furnace went out, we would just call Burgin! Burgin spent a gazillion hours helping to renovate Abba's Place. For many years, if there was a church dinner, Janie would be in the kitchen, and Burgin would be right there, too. Any mission or project that was taking place at MUMC, Janie and Burgin would be there. It was fitting that most of Burgin and Janie's family were present at the dedication of the sign. This would have made Burgin and Janie happy because they had raised their family in the Mulberry United Methodist Church. Burgin and Janie's light still shines from the lighted sign in front of our church, and it's beckoning people to come in.



## Mission NEWS

The Missions committee is sponsoring the Health Kit Challenge during the month of September. UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, has given out hundreds of these kits as well as flood buckets to survivors of the flooding in our state this year. Almost every county in Indiana has been affected by flooding this year. The need for these items is endless, whether for flood recovery here in the Midwest, after a hurricane along the Gulf Coast, or wherever the need. As a means to *pay it forward*, the Conference Disaster Coordinators are asking each United Methodist church in Indiana to bring these items to the Special Session of the Annual Conference at the State Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 4. **So we have issued a challenge! Who will donate the most kits, 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> service?** Please bring your donations through Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Boxes marked 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> service will be available to put your kits in. Let's "flood" UMCOR with these Health Kits so they will be prepared for disaster relief in the future.

Be listening for upcoming Missions Ministry Moments as we try to inform our congregation on the many different ministries we support. Please pray for our committee as we research and plan for the upcoming year's activities.

Thank you, our congregation, for all your support!

Deb Schutz, for the Missions Committee

## HEALTH KIT CHALLENGE

UMCOR, through the Midwest Distribution Center, has provided Indiana with more than 400 health kits and over 1800 flood buckets providing relief to flood survivors during this year.

Let's *pay it forward* by replenishing their supplies.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> SERVICE VS. 2<sup>ND</sup> SERVICE

Which service can fill the buckets the fullest??????????

**We will collect HEALTH KITS through Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>,**

for delivery to the North & South Indiana Special Conference Session in Indianapolis on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

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### **UMCOR Health Kits**

*\*Please be sure all items are **new!***

*\*Please make sure all items are **correct sizes.** If they are not the correct size they are unusable.*

1 Hand Towel (**not** finger-tip or kitchen size)

1 Wash Cloth

1 Comb (Suggestion-Little Goody 2 Pack-- regular size, not pocket size, no rat-tail combs, no barber combs)

1 Fingernail Clipper (no files or emery boards)

1 Bar of Soap (3 oz. or larger in original wrapper)

1 Toothbrush (in original wrapper) (no multiple packs please)

1 Tube of Toothpaste (4.5 oz or larger, in original wrapper. Check expiration dates-must be at least SIX MONTHS.)

6 Adhesive Bandages (Band-aids; no pictures, regular size and wrapped in a rubber band)

Wrap the items in the hand towel. Place items in a one-gallon plastic zip closure bag.

## 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>
9/7	Vicki Hastings	Linda Bennett	Jasmine Cavender	Rita Cornell
9/14	Betty Campbell	Linda Bennett		Wayne Walker
9/21	Wilma Howe	Linda Bennett		Mark Newhart
9/28	John & Cathy Harden	Linda Bennett		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>
9/7	Andy & Michelle Albitz	Deb Schutz	no Children's Church	
9/14	Tom & Kellie Simon	Deb Schutz		
9/21	John & Cathy Harden	Deb Schutz		Cindi Cullom
9/28	Bob & Chris Waugh	Deb Schutz		

### 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.

### September Birthdays

9/2	Lorie VanCamp	9/19	Terry Thayer
9/3	Steve Pearcy	9/20	Stacie Gascho
9/4	George Culbertson	9/22	Jackie Jessee
9/4	Jerry Farley	9/25	Kevin Garrett
9/4	Lori Thies	9/27	Michael Cook
9/10	Brian Garriott	9/27	Wilma Fultz
9/12	Jane Leak	9/28	Cassie Lawson
9/15	Barb Seager		

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: 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](mailto:mlbymc@mintel.net)  
 Web-site: [www.mumc-in.org](http://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 July 2008**

Attending were Barb Seager, Jerry Fultz, Wendy Simon, Steve Percy, Tom and Elaine Simon, Brett and Ronnette Peden, Coralee Judge, Betty Campbell, Rita Cornell, Rachel Moore, Andrea Burke, Nancy Doyle, and Pastor David Hummel.

The meeting was called to order by chairman Rita Cornell and opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report showed \$29,982.37 in the checking account at the end of June. The report was studied and discussed and no "red flags" were reported. A motion to accept the report was made by Jerry Fultz and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betty Campbell. Motion carried.

Jerry Fultz gave Trustees report. The sign for the front is not in yet, but electrical wiring has been done. We're waiting on the sign company. There will be a small time capsule placed with the sign at the time of installation. Jerry noted that several wheelbarrows of broken bricks had been hauled away from the hole where the sign will be, because when the church was built, the bricks were made on site and unusable bricks were simply tossed in a hole. There are lots more bricks still down there! He also said that the upstairs windows at Abba's have been locked and had wood blocks placed in them. There has been a problem with someone climbing in the windows. Also a plugged drain in the air conditioner was fixed.

Nancy reported that we have nine new members in the last month, bringing our total to 228 members.

Steve said the PPR committee would meet the 27<sup>th</sup> of August. The Charge Conference will be in October and the committee will be working on the pastor and administrative assistant's salaries. Also, the wedding planning booklet will be voted on at the next Ad. Council.

Barb reported 42 cards sent out in both May and June, and the Wee Blessings steering committee will meet next week.

Tom and Elaine said the mission team made one of the meals for the children at the Crown of Thorns camp. Two kids from our church went and seemed to get a lot out of it. Tom said it was a great program. Elaine said that 5 people were fed at our first community dinner and she is working on a community clothing drive. Tom said the UMM are still meeting and eating J. They have cleaned out gutters at the church, worked on the rental house next door, etc. He also said the Stone Soup Food Pantry has not seen activity since the end of May.

Rachel said the youth are planning on camp at Crown of Thorns next year and will be having a car wash soon to help with gas expenses incurred attending camp. The kids will give a short program soon about the camp. Also she and Kevin will try to get the youth group meeting again after school starts.

IMPACT is on hold for the summer and the committee is working on more grant money.

Pastor Dave said a skit is being worked on, to be presented, in August about the new kids program Kids Under Construction. Wendy emphasized the need for a director for that program. A men's Emmaus group will meet soon at Abba's. On September 2, a new Bible study on Galatians will start. Mary Lou has chosen a Christmas Cantata and Tom Simon made a motion and Jerry Fultz 2<sup>nd</sup>, that the cantata be paid for out of General Fund monies right now, to be reimbursed later with money from other sources, i.e. Sunday School classes, etc.

Wendy said she will be needing a teacher for the 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School class later this summer as she is going to have surgery and will not be able to teach for a least 6 weeks.

There was some discussion about VBS, which will be the last week in July.

There being not further business, Rita adjourned the meeting and Pastor Dave closed us in prayer.

Nancy Doyle  
Acting Secretary

