



From Dave's Desk...

It has come once again- "sweet corn season." What a delicious time of year! We lather an ear with real butter, add some salt and then devour it and start on the next ear. A person can eat two, three or sometimes four ears. I have known families that have made a meal out of corn on the cob and fresh tomatoes from the garden. Nothing else, but why would you need anything else?

I would like to share with you my first experience at growing corn. I decided to raise Kandy Corn, a very tall extra sweet corn that has purple husks. I was so proud of the rows of corn that grew and that they grew to be 7 to 8 feet tall. Wow! I couldn't wait until it was time to pick the ears and eat them. Each stalk had 2 to 3 large ears.

Well, I didn't know how to tell when the ears were ready. So for the first picking I picked them too early. The kernels were not filled out. We cooked them since I had harvested them and they were bad! Not sweet and not much substance to them. So I waited longer for the next picking and the ears were great. I couldn't get enough to satisfy my craving for the sweetness. I discovered days later that I had missed some ears. So I picked them to be fixed. They were too old. The kernels were tough and they were not sweet. We had to throw them out.

This reminds me about Jesus telling us that the fields (people) are ready for harvest. Sometimes, church people can become disheartened when they ask people to come to church and they get the answer "no."

After a while it can become discouraging but we need to remember that people must be "ripe" for the harvesting. Sometimes people are not ready when we think they ought to be. However, if we wait too long, the time of their being ready may be missed by us if we do not act. We are all part of God's garden and we each have our own time schedule. Let us always be ready in season and out of season-for the harvest may be ready at any time.

Pastor Dave

Bible Study on the Book of Revelation

Beginning on Tuesday, October 6th at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, October 7 at 10 a.m. we will begin a study on the Book of Revelation. We will be using both the Bible and the book entitled "Breaking the Code-Understanding the Book of Revelation" by Bruce Metzger. This will be an eight week session and you can sign up for Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings. Pastor Dave has taught this course two other times and those who have attended have learned much from the study. The office will be ordering the books soon, so sign up for the class. This involves Bible, book and video. Make plans to attend. Please let the office know if you plan to join us.

Worship This Month

- 6th:** James 2:1-17 & Proverbs 22 1-2, 8-9, 22-23
"What's in a Name?"
- 13th:** Communion- Isaiah 50:4-9a & James 3:1-12
"Fire Breathers"
- 20th:** James 3:13-4:3 & Mark 9:30-37
"Wise Men or Wise Guys?"
- 27th:** Pastor Dave will be preaching at Stockwell UMC; Pastor Mark Berg will be preaching here. Let's all show up and make him feel at home.

Camp Edge Vacation Bible School is closed for the season. The campground is cleaned up, the fire is out and our Bible storytellers have moved on. But, not before they spread the good news of our Savior, Jesus. The kids trekked to Bethlehem, the Pharisee's house, the upper room, and the tomb of Jesus. They dressed up and participated in the stories, as well. They made crafts, played some games that taught them about teamwork and had a blast learning songs at the campfire. We had over 30 kids every night! Our mission was to buy mosquito nets for children in Africa, where malaria is the second largest killer of children. We were able to collect enough money to provide seventy mosquito nets!!!! I want to thank all the volunteer trail guides, our registrars, all the leaders, Pastor Dave and Mary Alys (for allowing us to use their backyard). I especially want to praise God for the blessings and allowing us to be the face of Jesus in this community.



Greetings from Wee Blessings,

Where has the summer gone? Can you believe that it is time to start school? We are very excited about this year! Wee Blessings will have a few new and exciting changes that are happening this school year. Donna and Mary Kay will be teaching a three/ four year old enrichment class. The class will meet two days a week and will be geared towards enrichment for the children! The four year olds will attend this class one day a week and the threes will go twice a week. Donna and Mary Kay have some exciting new ideas and we are sure the children will love them!!!

The PreK class will now meet three afternoons a week, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 12:30-3:00. Our theme this year will be Rhyme Time! We do still have a few openings, so if you know of a child that would like to attend...please contact the church office.

Our Open House will be a combined one with the threes and fours. We would like for all the threes and fours to meet Mrs. K, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Finnerty together. The three of us will be working together on lesson plans and activities for both classes! We will have our Open House on August 27th at 1:00. It will last about an hour for the children to meet us and for us to meet all of them.

We will see you in a couple of weeks! God Bless!
Donna, Mary Kay and Patty



United Methodist Women

Many thanks to all United Methodist Women who helped prepare and serve meals to two Church families. Those who brought salads were: Sue Golden, Wilma Howe, Nancy Doyle, Coralee Judge, Phyllis Huffer, Mary Fultz, Carol Schaub, Ronda Hall and Barb Seager. Those bringing desserts were: Sandy Seager, Jane Leak, Barb Lee, Jan Dyer and Suzie Kelsey. Those working in the kitchen were: Sue Golden, Deb Schutz and Barb Seager. Thanks also to Wilma Fultz for making the phone calls.

The families of Mabel Fitzgerald and Jack Clossin were most appreciative!

Thank you!

Ronnette Peden did a wonderful job directing Vacation Bible School. Your idea to have the campsite outside in the parsonage back yard was brilliant! Thank you for keeping us all on our toes and on track all week. It was a very fun week.

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Baby Bottle Fund Drive

WELL DONE!! During the annual Baby Bottle Fund drive for the Pregnancy Resources Center, Mulberry United Methodist church congregation raised \$464.64.

This fund raiser helps provide valuable care and resources to women that are struggling with their situation.

Thank you to everyone who participated. Keep watch for the bottles again next year near Mother's Day.



CELEBRATION!!!

Lorie Van Camp's **100th** Birthday

Sunday, August 30th 2009
2:00-4:30 p.m.

**Mulberry Health & Retirement Comm.
(formerly Mulberry Lutheran Home)
502 West Jackson Street
Conference Room (west entrance)**

Please no gifts, cards appreciated ☺

If you are unable to attend and want to send a card, mail to: Lorie VanCamp
P. O. Box 294
510 Gasline Road
Mulberry IN 46058-0294

Busy Bees...

Or Was It Carpenter Ants?

DON'T call the exterminator! We love these kinds of critters. Jerry Fultz, with the assistance of Tom Simon, painted the lines in the parking lot. John "Tex" Townsley has painted the Wheelchair ramp and the basement. Matt Simon, Whitney Simon and Brian Sellers took down and re-hung the bulletin boards for the painting of the main hallway. Tom, Elaine, & Wendy Simon painted the hallway. Jerry Fultz painted the air-conditioner in the front window of the church. Barb Seager has crawled, climbed, and stretched all over the church cleaning the hard to reach places that only get cleaned every great once in awhile. Almost ALL the carpet has been cleaned by Dave Miller and company.

Recently the exterminator did spray inside and outside the church for bugs. Please be sure to keep all food and condiments in classrooms in closed containers.

There is always work to be done on the buildings and grounds the church owns. **The custodian's job has never been intended to take the place of volunteers pitching in or groups cleaning up after themselves.** So look around and pitch in now and then. Blessings abound in this church body. Show we notice by taking care of that which we have been given. **Thanks EVERY ONE!**

Cantata News

Angie and I have been looking at different cantata choices and have finally decided to go with "A Baby Changes Everything". We plan to have a community choir again this year. The participants really enjoyed the experience last year and have been asking about doing the same thing again.

This cantata has some drama with it. It's more than just readings. Therefore....we will need some people who are willing to do some "light" acting. The cantata also includes a children's choir. A cantata meeting is scheduled for August 26th at 6:30 pm to more fully explain the entire plan. If you are interested in being involved with the cantata in any way, i.e.-lighting, sound, costumes, props, singing, acting-and more, please come to this meeting.

The cost of the books and CD's for the cantata is more than the choir is budgeted. The ad board okayed the purchase of some music to get us started out of the general fund but it has to be replaced. Anyone interested in donating to support the choir will be greatly appreciated.

Hope to see you the 26th!

Mary Lou Clendenning

Bear Walk...Hair Walk...Oh, PRAYER Walk!

Did you hear we are having a PRAYER Walk? It is true, September 13 from 3-5 we are canvassing Mulberry to cover the town in prayer. ALL are welcome and NEEDED.

As powerful as the prayer life is here at the church, we want to call down God's blessings, comfort, and protection for the community. Step out with us and get our feet into the neighborhoods, all in God's name.

Hope to see you there!
Evangelism Committee

Curley Myers Received The Sagamore Of The Wabash award on Saturday, August 15, 2009. This is a monumental honor given by the Governor and shared by astronauts, presidents, ambassadors, artists, musicians, politicians, as well as ordinary citizens. This award is given to honor those who have contributed greatly to our Hoosier heritage.

Aside from being a dear person of many talents, Curley's Television career credits include: Remembering The Days Of Curley's 3 Star Western Theater on Channel 6, WFBM TV airing from 1957 to 1973, Three Stooges Movies, With Good Buddy Hal Fryar-AKA Harlow Hickenlooper. Cowboy Theater ran for 8 years and "Three Stooges with Harlow ran another 8 years. Totaling 16 years of Saturday morning programming for children all on channel 6 WFBM TV Indianapolis during the early days of TV.

COMBO

Cornerstone AG, Mulberry United Methodist Church, Trinity Church and Gloria Dei have combined efforts to address charitable needs in our community. The four churches have formed Churches Of Mulberry Benevolence Organization (COMBO) to serve residents of Madison Township and regular attendees of the four churches. We will offer food assistance, help with utility bills, and other aid as we are able, based on guidelines established by COMBO. This does not replace the charitable work of the individual churches, but supplements that work and addresses immediate needs as people search for long term solutions to their situations.

The initial funding for COMBO came from the community Worship in the Park and collections taken at Gloria Dei during Lent. We will need to replenish this money. The pastors would like, at a minimum, for each church to take a special collection on 5th Sundays. A further suggestion has been made to ask our members to set aside a dime a day for this ministry. Please consider being one who contributes a dime a day, \$3 a month, to help people in our community.

News from the Education Committee

Let me begin by thanking Ronnette Peden for the wonderful job she did at putting together a terrific VBS! She had lots of helpers and I would like to thank each and every one of them as well. The children had a fabulous time! We had over thirty children attending every night and they were such a joy!

There are several new things that are going on with Sunday School. We now have a list posted for all Sunday School teachers to write what they are studying! Please try and update the list at least once a month. The sheet is on the bulletin board next to the office. Also, we have a signup sheet for substitute teachers. Please sign up if you are willing to be a substitute teacher in our Sunday School classes. It will not involve a lot of your time but will be a huge help to all of our current Sunday School teachers!

We are still in the planning stage for Kids Under Construction, so be sure to watch for updates!

Lastly, congratulations to Ian Newhart, Coriden Schilling, and Makayla Franks for moving up to the FROGS class!

Patty Wright

Education Committee Chair

Current Sunday School Studies

Triple F Class: I Kings

Joy Class: Psalms

Hope Class: James

Discipleship Class: Acts

Senior High School Class: To be determined

F.R.O.G.S.: 10 Commandments using power point slides and movie clips

Super Sunday School Class: Forgiveness/Atonement

WILO 1570 presents the

20th Annual Senior Citizens Expo & Fair

Wednesday September 23, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Across from the Frankfort Senior High School at the Community Life Center of First Church of the Nazarene church in Frankfort. Free Admission! Health Screenings!

For more information please contact Russ Kaspar at 765-659-3338

Mulberry United Methodist Church Administrative Council July 13, 2009

In attendance: Pastor Dave, Tom Simon, Becki Farley, Patty Wright, Barb Seager, Betty Campbell, Wilma Fultz, Steve Percy, Rita Cornell, John Harden, Wendy Simon, Amy Thayer, and Nancy Doyle.

Tom Simon opened the meeting by reading from his inspirational bible and the lighting of a candle.

We reviewed the minutes from June. Rita motioned that the minutes stand as read. John seconded the motion. The motion carried.

John, Amy, Wendy – Finances. Wendy said the budget has been reviewed line by line and there are still some discrepancies to be worked out. The General Fund Report shows the church finances are doing well compared to previous years.

Barb – Bridge Builders. Total cards sent 34. Upper room booklets given to 12 college kids and 1 mailed. Budgeted monies spent \$73.70. Donations by committee \$6.41.

Rita – Evangelism. This Sunday is the Community Family Fun Day at the park. We have the backpacks and school supplies to fill them. Donated money will be used to buy supplies as needed. We are praying for good weather, volunteers, and families to show up.

Tom – Missions. Trips to Southern Indiana have been postponed. The shoes for Haiti drive is currently running and will run through September. Missions donated \$100 towards the purchase of the backpacks.

Steve – UMM. The men meet for breakfast on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. They are currently watching a video on Israel. The men are planning a meal for the 5th Sunday of August which will be when the New City Quartet we be here. The congregation is to provide covered dishes and the men will provide the meat.

Barb – UMW. Barb reported that the UMW donated \$100 towards the purchase of the backpacks for the Family Fun Day at the park. Next meeting is in September.

Nancy – Membership. 2 members transferred to other churches due to convenience as the members no longer live near MUMC.

Patty – Education. We met tonight. Patty said we are currently looking for a director for KUC and the youth group. VBS will run from 7/26-7/30 and is a camping theme. The next meeting will be in September.

Trustees: Held an all work day last Saturday. The church and grounds look great. Thanks to all who helped. New windows were installed in the bell tower. During the window install, it was noted that the bell tower has a lot of structure damage. An estimate will be needed to determine next steps.

Steve – PPRC. Nothing to report.

Wilma – Memorials. Balance is \$3917.73.

Betty attended the school of Christian Mission. Betty had a nice time and the program was wonderful. Betty reports that she will be attending several upcoming conference meetings.

John says we have a bill from the gentleman who is working on rectifying our books. John made a motion that the bill should be paid. Steve seconded the motion. The motion carried. John said that there are about 8-10 more hours needed before the job is complete. Nancy made a motion to let Don finish the job and pay for the additional 8-10 hours needed. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

Wendy says we sent \$515 to Nothing But Nets. Several folks have requested we buy the 2008 version of the Book of Discipline. The book is published every 4 years. Wendy requested that we purchase 2 books, one for the office and one for the library. They are \$20 a piece. Barb motioned for 2 books to be purchased. Wilma seconded the motion. The motion carried. Newsletter articles need to be submitted by the 15th due to handling policies at the post office.

Pastor Dave. KUC will be starting soon with changes in the directors for both locations. Wendy and Pastor Dave will be working with the older KUC group at Abba's. The younger group at the church is in need of a director. Mary Alys and Pastor Dave will be starting a 7-8 month long confirmation class in October for 8th, 9th, and 10th graders. Pastor Dave would like to make the end of the confirmation classes a celebration that the congregation can participate in. The next bible study will be the book of Revelation. Pastor Dave is considering presenting the Purpose Driven Church to the congregation. We have 2 that will be joining our church this Sunday.

Pastor Dave closed us in prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Becki Farley.

Worship Assistants

Communion Steward: Vicki Hastings
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>
9/6	Roger Lewis	Coralee Judge		
9/13	Dan & Dania Remaly	Coralee Judge		
9/20	Vicki Hastings	Coralee Judge		
9/27	Frank & Marie Myers	Coralee Judge		

Prayer with the Pastor
NEEDS VOLUNTEERS.

Blue Jean Service 11:00 a.m.

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Children's Church</i>
9/6	Sarah Wilson & Girls	Deb Schutz	Communion, no C.C.
9/13	Ryan & Deb Turner	Deb Schutz	
9/20	Kathy Townsley	Deb Schutz	
9/27	Mark & Beth Newhart	Deb Schutz	

Children's Church NEEDS
VOLUNTEERS.

Attendance & Offering

<i>Date</i>	<i>Total Attend.</i>	<i>Sun. School</i>	<i>Gen. Fund Offering</i>
7/5	116	35	\$2,863
7/12	145	69	\$3,261
7/19	117	45	\$2,293
7/26	142	60	\$4,733

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

September Birthdays

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

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

Newsletter
DEADLINE

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

September Wedding Anniversaries

9/1	Dave & Suzie Kelsey	9/13	Max & Sarah Coffman
9/2	Mark & Diane Walker	9/18	Rick & Deb Garriott
9/12	Bill & Ella Kathryn Davis	9/18	Randy & Shelly Surber
9/12	Mark & Beth Newhart	9/29	Denis & Janet Neidigh

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 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
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

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

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Walk-in Hours
September 26th Sat 9-11 a.m.
September 29th Tues 6-7:30 p.m.

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

September 2009

