

Building bridges to the  
Families of Mulberry,  
leading them to Christ and  
Christian Commitment.

# Messenger



October

MULBERRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2007

## 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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Web-site: [www.mumc-in.org](http://www.mumc-in.org)  
Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30-1:30

## Stone Soup Food Pantry

From June to September we have had 7 families use the food pantry. If you or anyone you know is in need of food please know that we try to handle everything in a confidential manner. Please feel free to call the church office at 296-3399.

The food pantry needs: **peanut butter, mac & cheese, canned fruit**

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"*

## From the Pastor's Heart

Dear friends,

I've postponed writing this for as long as I could for it is so very hard to say goodbye to all of you. My new appointment to be the Senior Associate Pastor at Christ UMC in Lafayette, effective of October 16 is a big surprise for us all.

The news is bittersweet for Cleve and me. Bitter because we have fallen in love with all of you and the Mulberry Community. You have been so kind, open and affirming. You have welcomed us into your hearts and your homes. You are such a strong church - faithful to Christ, hungry to learn and grow, caring for each other, reaching out in mission to this community and the world. It is a privilege to be your pastor.

The news is "sweet" because it means Cleve will have a shorter commute to Purdue, we are buying our first home and I truly feel God is calling me to this staff ministry at a larger, growing church. My new responsibilities are a good fit with my gifts and graces.

The words of "Trust and Obey" have been running through my mind this last week. We are all in a place of needing to trust. Trust that God is with us in this transition. Trust that Mulberry UMC will grow even stronger as a result of this move. Trust that the Bishop and Cabinet will appoint a pastor here who will meet your needs and lead you to greater service.

A few words about the transition. First, and especially because I'm not moving far away, is the word that I can no longer be your pastor. When a pastor leaves an appointment it is necessary to cut all ministerial ties so that the new leader can establish him or herself as your pastor. I can assure you that you will remain in our hearts. Second, the Staff-Parish Committee (SPR), chaired by Steve Percy, is working closely with our District Superintendent Kate Walker to make sure your new pastor is the best person possible for ministry here. If you have concerns, please voice them to the SPR.

Goodbye comes from the phrase "God be with ye." God is with us and I pray, will bless us in our new journeys. Again, thanks for everything. It has been a joy to be in ministry with you. This comes with love from

Your Pastor,

## Thank You!

Many thanks to Dania Remaly and others who provided the trays filled with fruit and snacks for our Sunday School classes September 9th! Everyone enjoyed the "surprise" in honor of *Celebration Sunday*. Our Church has a variety of Sunday School classes for adults and youth and there's always room for y-o-u :-). Come join us on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.!

**Please accept my apologies** for the lateness of the newsletter. Due to a sudden death in my family I was unable to complete the newsletter on time. I am sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

With that said, I must thank our church family for the prayers, kind words and cards during this devastating time my family and I are going through. We have been comforted by your support more than we can express.

*In His Love,  
Wendy Simon*

### October Birthdays

3 ..... Travis Fultz	16 .... Vicki Hastings
6 ..... Mike Huffer	16 .... Alice Marshall
6 ..... Matt Waninger	18 .... Evan Woods
6 ..... Traci Patton	19 .... Frank Myers
6 ..... Brett Simon	21 .... Edith
7 ..... Linda Marshall	Rothenberger
7 ..... Bill Fultz	21 .... Hannah Coons
8 ..... Elise Lenehan	23 .... Matt Simon
8 ..... Rita Cornell	23 .... Jordan Surber
12 ..... Jean Sutton	23 .... Kristen Could
12 ..... Jonathan Hart	26 .... Abbie Gascho
13 ..... Kayla Scott	28 .... Kathy Townsley
14 ..... Mitchel Kraner	30 .... Dana Burton

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



**The United Methodist Women** met in September to "kick off" our fall programming. Our speaker was Cheryl Millburn who is a communications officer for the district. Cheryl reminded us of upcoming district activities and stressed *the importance of good communication*-wherever you are and whatever you do! Thanks to Coralee Judge for being our gracious hostess :-). Look elsewhere in the newsletter for information on the upcoming boutique. We need help from everyone to make this event a success!

### United Methodist Meeting

**Oct 4th in the Church Basement at 7 pm.**

Program about China will be presented  
by Coralee Judge

ALL are invited, that includes the MEN of our  
church.

Hope to see you there!

### United Methodist Women Say Thank You

Many thanks to the UMW who helped furnish food and serve the meal for the Stewart dinner. Those who provided food were: Rita Cornell, Jean Sutton, Betty (Perry) Skiles, Jan Dyer, Wilma Fultz, Phyllis Huffer, Ronnette Peden, Barb Seager, Betty (Eldon) Skiles, Mary Fultz, Wilma Howe, Vicki Hastings, Nancy Doyle and Elaine Simon. Those who worked were: Janie Garriott, Wilma Howe, Nancy Doyle and Vicki Hastings. Thanks to Jean Sutton for doing the calling. Also, to Bill Fultz and Jerry Fultz who put up tables and ran errands. The family was most appreciative.

## Prayer Partners News

Partners in Prayer—We will be studying John Maxwell's book—Partners In Prayer. We will meet twice a month during October and November probably on Sunday night at 6 or 7. Then we will probably meet just once a month. When we did this before, our Church flourished. It is a big commitment, but one that will richly bless our church and ourselves individually. Introductory meeting will be Sept. 30. Contact Coralee, Rita, or Wayne, if interested.



Our **Tuesday night Bible study** of the New Testament continues on Tuesdays at 7, now under the capable leadership of Wayne Walker. A few student books remain and it is still possible to join the study. You will be enriched!



It was a great **softball season** for the MUMC team! We were nearly undefeated until our final game in the rain during the playoffs. Such fun and fellowship! We're already recruiting for next season, so see Tony Stewart or Mark Newhart to sign up!



The new **Community Youth Outreach Project (CYOP)** at Abba's Place is grateful to Gloria Dei for donating the proceeds of their recent fish fry to this new ministry. CYOP hopes to begin offering its first program - homework help, games and refreshments for middle school youth – after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting in January. Donations of time and money are most welcome! Thank you to Charles Hastings for designing our brochure, available in the entryway of the church.

## Wee Blessings Preschool

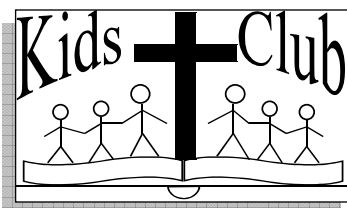
Wee Blessings has hit the ground running!! Donna, Mary Kay and I have enjoyed meeting and getting to know all the children. They are all learning the class rules and are eager to try new and exciting things. Both classes are working very hard at remembering their Bible verses and how God cares for each of them and their families.

We have been painting with red and blue paint, making applesauce, sitting on the letters A and B, and so much more. Both classes are also learning new Bible stories, finger plays and lots of songs to get their wiggles out!

Donna, Mary Kay and I would like to thank you again for all the snacks that you donated to our classes. We appreciate your generosity and support! Wee Blessings is so blessed to have all of you!

Please feel free to stop by anytime to see and meet these truly amazing children!

God Bless,  
*Patty Wright*



**KIDS CLUB** got off to a running start with some familiar faces returning and some new faces joining us! Kids K-6 joined us for our program for the evening. Some of our Church

Mission Team shared with us about their summer trip to Costa Rica. We enjoyed a Powerpoint presentation. The pictures showed us the sensory garden the team worked on. As well as the orphanage where they helped provide meals and our workers building the walls that were constructed while there. The kids were very interested in the souvenirs the team brought back with them. Many thanks to Deb Schutz, Coralee Judge, Rachel Moore and Tom Simon Sr. for sharing their experiences and to Jim Cullom for helping with the technical part. ☺

Remember that there is NO Kid's Club on **Oct. 24** due to parent-teacher conferences or **Oct. 31** due to Halloween.

\*\* Please note that Kid's Club K-3 has changed times just a little. NEW times 5:30-7 pm. Thank you.

## We are praying for:

Betty Huffer, who was hospitalized with back pain  
Tony and Liz Stewart, upon the deaths of their premature twins, Gavin and Greta.  
Ed, Janet, and Valerie Fisher, upon the death of Ed's mother.  
Wendy and Matt Simon, Whitney and Brett, upon the sudden death of Wendy's aunt, Christie Cottrell.



## Congratulations to:

Jasmine and Cameron Cavendar, grandchildren of Linda Bennett, who received the sacrament of baptism by immersion on September 16.

Kaleb Fultz, child of Travis and Reanna and grandchild of Bill and Mary Fultz, who was baptized on September 23.

**Special Message October 14**  
Don't miss out on *Laity Sunday*. Coralee Judge will give the message.



Sunday, October 7 is **World Communion Sunday** and Pastor Edgar and his wife Norma, our new friends from Costa Rica, will be with us! Pastor Edgar will preach and communion will be celebrated at both services. This will be Pastor Linda's last Sunday morning with us.

## From the Mission Committee

October promises an exciting start for Missions. Several team members will attend the WOW Missions Conference at Epworth Forest on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be reunited with our friends, Pastor Edgar Ponce and his wife, Norma, from Iglesia de los Guido in Costa Rica. Together we will present a workshop for others interested in mission trips.

Pastor Edgar and Norma will return to Mulberry with us and join us for Sunday services, October 7. It is World Communion Sunday and they will share communion with our congregation. Pastor Edgar's daughter started the "Feed the Children" Program at their church. The program now feeds about 70 children two meals a day. We helped with lunch one day while in Costa Rica. \$25 will feed a child two meals a day for a month. We are hoping to start funding at least one child soon.

### Other news:

We are looking into working with Clinton County Habitat for Humanity. A house in Frankfort nears completion, and they may need some workers for a few more Saturdays. We will find out what is next and how we can help.

### Budget commitments fulfilled recently:

MUMC Kid's Club  
\$161  
MUMC Food Pantry  
\$200

Thank you for your support in funding these projects and helping to spread God's love.

## Church Garage Sale Success!!

Thanks to *all* the fantastic people that came together, our efforts raised \$1100. The Ad. Council thanks the Hope & Discipleship Sunday School classes for their hard work preparing and selling the hot dogs and all. UMW for taking care of the bake sale. Also, we thank the church and community for your donated items for the church to sell.

Everything that was left over, that was needed by Mountain Mission, was sent out Tuesday following the sale. Thank you to the ladies that boxed everything up. You know who you are.

*All as one for the Glory of God!*

## Mulberry United Methodist Church Ad Council August 13, 2007

Attending were: Steve Percy, Jerry & Wilma Fultz, Barb Paddock, Andrea Burke, Mary Lou Clendenning, Rita Cornell, Roger Lewis, John Harden, Vicki Hastings, Coralee Judge, Barb Seager, Nancy Doyle, and Pastor Linda Dolby.

Rita opened the meeting with a reading from Psalms.

The minutes were read and approved. We looked over the financial reports. We are very low on money right now and committee chairmen are asked not to spend money until finances improve.

Consecration Sunday is being worked on ...there is a meeting on Aug.28 for the committee planning that celebration.

Jerry reported that the trustees have been busy! The following has been done-

- New seamless guttering on the parsonage garage
- New motion light on back porch of parsonage
- Removed old AC unit from parsonage garage
- Fertilized yard at parsonage
- Sprayed for weeds at parsonage and church
- Removed brush from front of parsonage
- Repaired ceiling and wall in sanctuary
- Seal coated semi-flat roofs on church
- Trimmed shrubs at parsonage
- Had church parking lot repaired and seal coated
- Purchased a new hose reel for parsonage
- Replaced light bulbs in church chandeliers

The building needs and assessment committee had no report.

Nancy reported that the membership stands at 224 with Craig and Cheryl Overman transferring their membership.

Steve Percy said there would be a Pastor/Parrish meeting in Sept.

Barb S. said that 51 cards have been sent and \$13.40 has been spent. She also said that in Wee Blessings there will be 15 students in the 4's (a full class) and we have 9 registered for 3's. Open house will be the last week of August. And classes start Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>.

No report from the fellowship committee, but something will probably be planned for later in the fall.

Tom and Elaine Simon have taken leadership of the Stone Soup Pantry.

Vicki said the worship committee consists of herself, Dania Remaly, and Kathy Townsley,

UMW will be Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at Coralee's.

Linda reported the steering committee has been meeting for Abba's Place and programs are to start in January.

Coralee said that the district lay leaders will be at our church on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. We will provide breakfast and lunch for them.

Roger asked about some hearing assistance devices in the sanctuary. That is being looked into.

Coralee made a motion and Vicki seconded, that we hold a garage sale on September 22 for 8am to 1 pm. Motion carried.

John brought a request from Melinda Butler for using Abba's place for a brownie troop meeting. We agreed to Monday's after school.

Linda said that Charge Conference will be Thursday Oct 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Barb P, Coralee, and Linda gave very interesting reports on the mission trip to Costa Rica. We are so thankful that all have returned safely. We will learn more at church on Sunday.

Rita closed the meeting with prayer.

Nancy Doyle, acting secretary

## Service Assistance

### Traditional Service

#### Prayer With Pastors:

10/ 7 Mark Newhart  
 10/14 Linda Marshall  
 10/21 Marlene Boyd  
 10/28 Cathy Harden

Communion Steward: Claudia Timmons

Worship Leader: Nancy Doyle

Acolyte: TBA

#### Greeters:

10/7 Linda Bennett  
 10/14 Patty & Ron Wright  
 10/21 Jerry & Wilma Fultz  
 10/28 Betty Campbell

### Blue Jean Service

Worship Leaders: Kathy Townsley

#### Children's Church:

10/7 Becky Staley  
 10/14 TBA  
 10/21 Traci Patton & Macy Kraner  
 10/28 Becki Farley

#### Greeters:

10/7 Vicki Hastings  
 10/14 Beth & Holly Loveless  
 10/21 Sandra Davis  
 10/28 Kathy Townsley

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

*Thanks*  
 for your  
 participation

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## MUMC Vital Signs



	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Attend.</u>	<u>S.S. Attend.</u>
Aug 12	\$1,937	128	102	50
Aug 19	\$3,236	\$66	160	64
Aug 26	\$2,428	\$59	115	55
Sep 2	\$2,722	\$33	106	54
Sep 9	\$3,081	\$69	142	70

\*Average Sunday Service Attendance as of 9/9: 138



Thank you! Thank you! I can't say thank you enough to the anonymous donor that gave so generously to the church office. I commented in a couple of meetings that

the office needed to get a new printer for the computer soon. After encouragement to find the kind we should get I left the information on my desk one night and the next day it was gone. Just a few days later I came in to find the new printer on the desk. No one has come forward to claim responsibility so I don't know who to thank.

Please know how much this is appreciated. After many paper jams and extremely slow cooperation from the old printer the new one is a blessing.

What an amazing church we have here!

*Wendy Simon*  
*Administrative Assistant*

