



From Dave's Desk...

I attended a conference committee meeting a few weeks ago and the chair of the committee asked the question, "What have you done that has eternal significance?" We all had to take time to ponder and search out thoughts on this question. What had I done that will have eternal significance? I guess any pastor would like to think that his/her sermons would fit that category. But that is not the case.

That was a hard question to answer. We concluded that our children and their children etc. would have eternal significance by our teaching them the spiritual truths that God has given us. This can have an eternal impact on generations yet to come. I felt this question and answer was important since I have returned recently from Olympia Washington where I was visiting my first grandchild.

What a happy baby Sebastian Malakai Hummel is! He would laugh, coo, play with his stuffed animals and entertain himself. I got to feed him, give him his bottle, burp him and rock him to sleep. When he needed a diaper change I gave him back to his parents. That is the grandparent's prerogative. I hope and pray that what I taught my son, Aaron, will be taught to his son. That is one way we live on-in the teachings passed down from one generation to another.

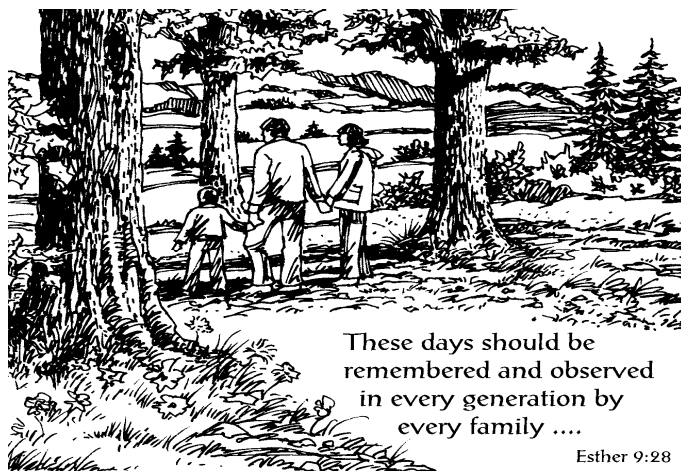
Jesus entrusted his teachings to his disciples. His disciples taught their families and others who taught

their own families and the church has become strong and vibrant in this way. There is a song that's titled "Pass It On." That's what we need to do from one generation to the next.

One scripture that I never cared to memorize was the begats in Matthew. But now that I have a child, it takes on a new meaning for me. Because we are a part of the begats as new generations are born. "...and James C. Hummel begat Russell E. Hummel who begat David C. Hummel who begat Aaron M. Hummel who begat Sebastian Malakai Hummel..."

May what we say and do with our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren have eternal significance. Amen.

Pastor Dave



These days should be
remembered and observed
in every generation by
every family

Esther 9:28

October Sermons

5th: Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20
"Take Two Tablets for Spiritual
Health"

12th: Exodus 32:1-14 &
Philippians 4:1-9
"Rethink, Repent, Redo"

19th:
Laity Sunday

26th: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 &
Matthew 22:34-46
"What the Future Holds"

Thanks to the 60 people or so who participated in Promotion Sunday School September 7th and attended their Sunday School Classes. Breakfast goodies were delivered to each class. Thank you especially to the wonderful Sunday School teachers and Subs who are always present to generously provide God's love and teachings.



Dania Remaly
Sunday School Coordinator

F.R.O.G.S. Class

The past month has been big for our class. Two students have graduated to the High School class-Whitney Simon and Kristen Gould. Congratulations ladies.

We have had two people volunteer to sub for the class and we would like to say THANK YOU to them for doing such a wonderful job. Elaine Simon and Brett Peden are welcome to come back any time.

Children's Sermons

Many thanks to those who have participated in presenting childrens' sermons for our Church services: Becki Farley, Cindy Cullom, Cathy Harden, Rita Cornell, Betty (Perry) Skiles, Dania Remaly, Nancy Doyle, Diane Walker and Carol Nagy. Your dedication to this program is appreciated ☺
Barb Seager & Patty Wright

Super Sunday Class

Our lessons have encouraged us to remember that God promises to take care of us if we believe and trust in him! There are many ways we can show Gods love to others and that is what God wants us to do. We are to use the God-given talents/abilities that we have in ways to help others as well as ourselves. God wants us to encourage others to love and obey Him and to do His work. Sometimes in our lessons we tell stories by using sign language and sometimes we draw pictures to tell the lesson story. We have enjoyed getting to play games, and especially when we get to go outside! Thanks to Betty (Perry) Skiles for being our teacher this month. ☺



Greetings from Wee Blessings!

We have hit the ground running at Wee Blessings. Donna and Mary Kay welcomed six smiling and wonderful children to their class. They have already started working on their shapes, colors, Bible Verses and their names. They also have been having a great time at their Centers! We still have a few openings in the three year old class.

Mary Kay and I welcomed 15 four year olds to the PreK class. They are amazing children and we are excited to have them in class. We have started working on your letters, numbers, Bible Verses, writing our names and listening and following directions. Please check out all the art on both bulletin boards. Please know that we would love for anyone to come volunteer in the classroom or just to visit with the children. Thank you for your support and encouragement!

God Bless,
The Staff of Wee Blessings

*I apologize for not getting the following article in last months newsletter.—Wendy Simon

Power Lab!!! VBS

Whew!!!! Another Vacation Bible School has come and gone. Dr. Wonkenstein (**Pastor Dave**) Powered up his lab so the kids could learn the Power Jesus can have in our lives. The kids experienced how the lepers were treated and how thankful one was to be cured. They pretended to be blind and then cured by Jesus and how important it is to help others. They walked on water to see how Jesus gives us the power to be brave. They learned the importance of repenting our sins, that with Jesus we can have everlasting life. Thanks to **Becki Farley, April Farley and Joann Weber** for making the Bible blast memorable. **Angie Schilling** taught them new songs, and sang some of their favorite old songs. **Rita Cornell** helped them learn some new crafts. **Sarah Wilson, Pat Weber, and Vicki Hastings** fed them some delicious test tube treats. **Patty Wright and Samantha Wilson** showed them fun things to do with bubbles, pool noodles, balls, balloons and soda. As always, **Carol Nagy** got them started by telling them of the missions, daily challenges and introduced them to Chadder the chipmunk. By the end of the week the balloons for our daily challenge box overflowed into another box, pools and the floor, because the kids didn't do just one challenge, some did all four daily challenges!! We collected enough money, with the help of the FFF Sunday School class and our missions committee, to send 48 soccer balls and books to South Africa!! This church family never ceases to amaze me with it's generosity and volunteerism. I believe that the volunteers got as much out of it as the children. I want to thank all of the volunteers for giving up their week to guide all our little lab techs around.

In Christ, Ronnette
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The Family of Leslie Huffer wish to thank our many friends, neighbors and relatives for the floral tributes and other acts of kindness shown to us during our time of sorrow. We wish also to thank Pastor Dave for his visits to Mom and Dad and for Dad's funeral service and also to the church ladies for the dinner they prepared for us, it was greatly appreciated.



Thank you to all for bringing Health Kits for UMCOR. With hurricane season in full swing, I'm sure the kits will be used quickly. We will announce which service won "The Health Kit Challenge" on Sunday, 10/5. God Bless you all,

The Missions Committee



Sometimes thank you just doesn't seem enough. That is how I am feeling these days. During this difficult time my family and I have been the recipients of so much kindness we just don't know how to express what it has meant to us. This church family has shared so much with us that we are humbled. The cards, food, visits and volunteering in the office have said so much about the kind of church MUMC is. In you we truly see the face of Jesus.

For me personally I have been truly blessed by the brave women that have shared their personal stories with me. Never would I have thought that so many of you had such stories to tell. Your sharing and trust have really had a strong impact on me. I will cherish our conversations always. I hope that one day I may have the opportunity to give to each of you as you have to me.

Thank you Mulberry United Methodist Church for being the heart of Christ to me and my family.

Wendy Simon



The Mulberry United Methodist Women had their September meeting on the 4th in the church basement. Vicki Hastings was the hostess and Wilma Howe gave the devotions. We discussed the bake sale for the Church Garage Sale on the 20th, the Boutique on November 8th, and we voted for Betty Campbell to continue for another year as our secretary. We also had the opportunity to view the finished quilt for the boutique. It is beautiful!

Please join us on October 2nd for our next meeting. Betty (Eldon) Skiles will host the meeting at her home and Mary Alys Hummel will be the giving the program. All Women Are Welcome and encouraged to come!!!



A carnival kicked off the year for Kids Under Construction (formerly Kids Club). It was held in the church parking lot Wednesday, September 10th.

Approximately 40 kids in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade enjoyed a beautiful evening of fun, games and food. There were all kinds of carnival games such as Ring-the-bottle, Frisbee throw, Bean bag toss, Bowling, Fish Pond, etc. The kids really worked up a sweat jumping and climbing in the huge moonwalk with climbing wall and slide that was set up in the parsonage yard. After that they headed straight for the cooler filled with lemonade and took a break with hot dogs, cotton candy and popcorn. Then it was on to visit Mimi the Clown for balloon hats and face-painting!

A great big thank you to all the adults who helped out for the evening.

There were at least 16 adults willing to run games, prepare and serve the food and monitor the Moonwalk -- and it took every one of them! Thanks also to our Missions Committee for financing the Moonwalk - it was definitely a big hit!

We had so many kids in Mulberry and the surrounding area who showed up for the evening and a lot of parents who came and stayed during the carnival.

It was definitely an outreach to the families in our community.

Thanks so much,
Cathy Harden

****A big "thank you" to Cathy Harden for putting the Carnival together for our opening night of KUC!**



October is the month for telling the pastor how glad we are to have him and his family with us.

Take the time to in some way express your feelings of appreciation to Pastor Dave and Mary Alys this month. Be it a card, phone call, or a sweet treat help to make them feel cared for by this church family.

We know that you may feel the need to do this through out the year but lets make this month extra special. ☺

Duct Tape or a Nail

A man dies and goes to heaven.

Of course, St. Peter meets him at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter says, "Here's how it works.

You need 100 points to make it into heaven.

You tell me all the good things you've done, and I give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in."

"Okay," the man says, "I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart."

"That's wonderful," says St. Peter, "that's worth three points!"

"Three points?" he says. "Well, I attended church all my life and supported its ministry with my tithe and service."

"Terrific!" says St. Peter. "That's certainly worth a point."

"One point!?!!"

"I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veterans."

"Fantastic, that's good for two more points," he says.

"Two points!?!!" Exasperated, the man cries. "At this rate the only way I'll get into heaven is by the grace of God."

"Bingo, 100 points! Come on in!"

We often try to fix problems with WD-40 and duct tape.

God did it with a nail.
AMEN

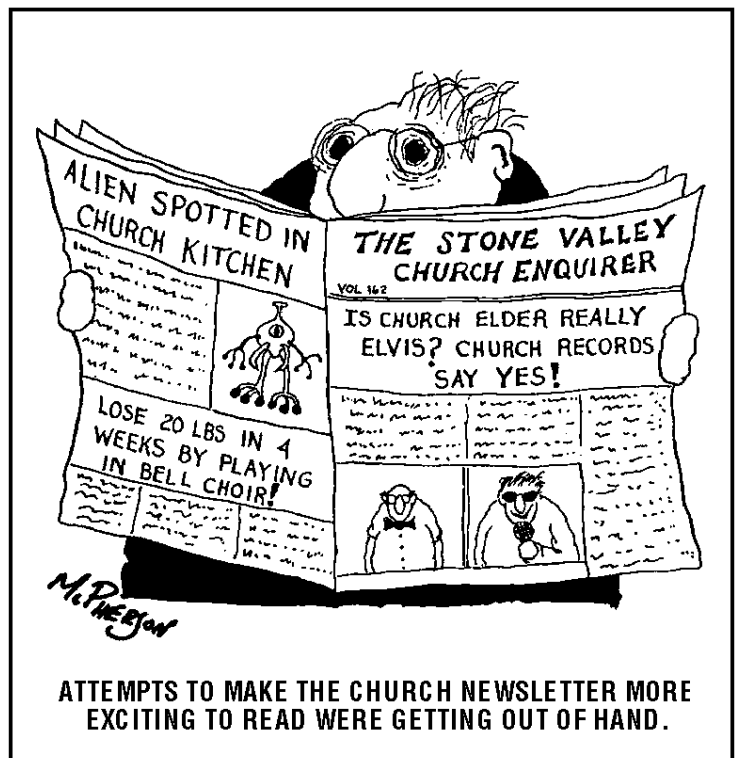


Holiday Pie sales will begin Sunday, October 5. As in previous years there will be multiple items to choose from, all a delicious addition to your holiday meals. Sales will run through Saturday, November 8, on which day we will have an order table at the UMW Boutique. Pick up date will be Saturday, November 22, from 10 am to 12 noon in the Church Basement.

All proceeds will go toward local missions such as: Stone Soup Food Pantry, Kids Under Construction, Wee Blessings, Pregnancy Resource Center, Rainbow Haven, and the Wesley Foundation at Purdue.

See any Missions Committee Member to order. We are: Deb Schutz, Ryan Turner, Barb Paddock, Tom Simon, Rachel Moore, and Paul Reddix. And of course, you can order from Matt, the Pie Man, Simon!

*Thank you all for your support,
The Missions Committee.*



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>
10/5	Bill & Mary Fultz	TBA	Eric & Michelle	Rita Cornell
10/12	Brett & Ronnette Peden	Matt Simon	Neidigh	Wayne Walker
10/19	Frank & Marie Myers	Matt Simon		Mark Newhart
10/26	Vicki Hastings	Matt Simon		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>
10/5	Steve & Julie Pearcy	Cathy Harden	<i>no Children's Church</i>	
10/12	Tom & Elaine Simon		Betty Skiles	
10/19	Perry & Betty Skiles		Hattie & Cindi Cullom	Cindi Cullom
10/26	Dave & Ginny Miller		Elaine Simon	

Attendance & Offering

<u>Date</u>	<u>Total Attend.</u>	<u>Sun. School</u>	<u>Gen. Fund Offering</u>
7/6	119	55	\$3,616
7/13	118	61	\$3,020
7/20	102	49	\$2,554
7/27	120	52	\$2664

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

October Birthdays

10/3	Travis Fultz	10/14	Mitchel Kraner
10/6	Mike Huffer	10/16	Vicki Hastings
10/6	Traci Patton	10/18	Evan Woods
10/6	Brett Simon	10/19	Frank Myers
10/7	Bill Fultz	10/23	Kristen Gould
10/7	Linda Marshall	10/23	Matt Simon
10/8	Rita Cornell	10/23	Jordan Surber
10/8	Elise Lenahan	10/27	Claire Schilling
10/12	Jon Hart	10/28	Kathy Townsley
10/12	Jean Sutton	10/30	Dana Burton
10/13	Kayla Scott		

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

Deadline to submit
 articles is the **15th**
 each month.



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
 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

Mulberry United Methodist Church Administrative Council—August 11, 2008

In attendance: John Harden, Betty Campbell, Rachel Moore, Tom Simon, Deb Schutz, Barb Seager, Jerry Fultz, Carol Nagy, Pastor David Hummel, Vickie Hastings, Steve Percy, Wendy Simon, Mary Lou Clendenning, Ronnette Peden, Rita Cornell, Becki Farley

Rita opened the meeting with the lighting of a candle and prayer.

July minutes stand as is and were approved.

Treasurers report – Wendy Simon. The budget has been corrected. We are currently under budget. Wendy says she and Andrea are working on another report which will show exactly what is in the General Fund. At the last meeting it was asked how much was given to flood relief which is \$1,635. Rita gave a motion to accept as is. Tom seconded. Motion passed.

Stewardship & Finance – John Harden. A meeting is setup for Wednesday night to review the state of affairs. Charge conference is coming up. Pastor Dave said he does not know the date but will call to find out. Thanks to Wendy and Andrea for getting the reports out. Rita asked about Consecration Sunday. John said they are not that far yet.

Memorials report – Rita Cornell. Memorials balance as of July 31st \$3,764.80

Trustees report - Jerry Fultz. New sign nearly done! Put a time capsule with church memorabilia in the brick that surrounds the sign.

PPRC – Steve Percy. We are going to have a meeting the last Wednesday of the month.

Bridge Builders – Barb Seager. 46 cards sent out. Budgeted spent \$25.48 Donations by committee \$1.60.

Wee Blessings - Barb Seager. School starts September 3 which will be the first classroom day.

Fellowship report - Mary Lou Clendenning. The 4th of July celebration went really well. We will be meeting at the end of this month. Dedication of sign will be at the end of the combined service with carry-in lunch in basement after. Wendy will email everyone and the carry-in will be announced in church.

Evangelism report - Coralee. We are planning a Family Fun Day in the park on Saturday September 13, from 2-5. The entire town is invited. Games, refreshments, prizes, fun and fellowship.

Partners in Prayer – Rita Cornell. We met last night. Anyone is welcome to join this group.

Missions report - Deb Schutz. A meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening. Deb has met with Pastor Dave to see what we want to do with missions. Will be educating the congregation on what missions the church supports. May be putting together some flood buckets to replace the buckets that were used in the recent floods.

Stone Soup Pantry - Tom Simon. One family needed assistance this month. Received food from Gloria Dei and as well as frozen meat that was freshly butchered. Pat Burkhalter, from Gloria Dei, is getting material on how to plan cost effective meals.

Worship report - Vickie Hastings. Everything going ok.

UMM – Tom Simon. This past Saturday had only four men due to other commitments. Looking for more projects to do.

UMW – Carol Nagy. We haven't met since June. 11 women went to the Women of Faith conference at Indianapolis. Our next meeting is September 4th in the church basement. Vickie Hastings is the host. The date for the boutique is November 8th. UMW auction is December 4th at 6:30 pm.

Youth representative report – Rachel Moore. A couple weeks ago we took a few kids, who attended mission camp, and went to the Frankfort Christian book store to paint. This coming weekend we are going to the World Pulse festival. Pastor Dave would like the youth that went on the mission trip to share about their experience with the congregation.

Abba's Place report - Coralee. We are working on grants and with local businesses to solicit money for the Impact program. Impact will open right after Labor Day.

Lay leader report – Tom Simon. It's really nice to see the new faces at church. We need to be thinking about nominations because they are coming up. Be thinking about folks who might be able and willing to serve.

Pastor Dave. Starting a membership class in October, 5 people interested. The class will be 4-5 weeks long and meeting at the parsonage. Bible study will be the book of Galatians and will be starting the 1st Tuesday and Wednesday of September. Christmas Cantata will be combined choirs from all the churches in the community.

Mary Lou Clendenning asked about the List serves. Becki Farley explained that the List serves could be secure, setup for specific groups or purposes (prayer chain) and folks would sign up if they wanted to receive email from the List serve. List serves are free. A decision was not made to pursue any further.

Mary Lou Clendenning - suggestion, from Barb Seager, to move the graduation gifts to the bridge builders. Everyone thought that was a good idea. Mary Lou said she has received thank you cards from graduation gifts and posted the thank yous on the bulletin boards.

Wendy Simon said she is having surgery on Sept 2nd, volunteers lined up to come in and answer the phone. Pastor Dave will be out of the office from September 11-16.

Jerry Fultz said Jerry Seager helped hang the big TV up at Abba's. A registered eviction letter was sent to the tenants because they haven't paid the rent. Gary Neal is working to get the stove hooked up at Abba's Place. A new bulb was installed in the projector in the sanctuary. Jerry asked Pastor Dave to please compose a letter to the Garriott children to invite them to the dedication of the sign.

Betty Campbell said that on September 20th she may have an office at the UMW district level.

Barb Seager received a call wanting to know if she thought the church would be interested in a free, fairly large, TV-yes. Barb showed the MUMC ad in the Journal and Courier Community Connection magazine. Barb disappointed about the ad and that Mulberry was not represented on the area map. Not sure if it was worth the \$250 we paid.

John Harden said the video committee has started the process of getting quotes for a new computer for Wendy. Pastor Dave will get Wendy's old computer.

Rita Cornell said the garage sale is September 20th from 8:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. The Ad Council is responsible for the garage sale. The trustees will bring up all the tables from Abba's and setup and tear down.

Mary Lou Clendenning said that the FFF is funding the Christmas Cantata.

Pastor Dave closed the meeting with prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Becki Farley.

