



From the Pastor's Desk...

It looks like summer is over. Kids are in school; vacations are over; the leaves have begun to change; the nights are becoming cooler. Change is a part of life.

But we don't like change. At least change that we didn't choose for ourselves. Change comes whether we want it or not. Nothing really stays the same.

Sometimes the change is weather and we have to pick out different clothes to wear accordingly. Sometimes change is our choice, like with a new job because we were looking for more money or more opportunities. Sometimes it isn't, like when someone is laid off from work.

But whether the change is a welcome one or not, God is still there with us. God is the constant in our lives yet God seems to like change. God created the changing seasons and the great variety of living plants and animals and people. And the nations of the world are all different with different languages and different customs.

And every day there is a new sunrise and a new sunset and in-between there are opportunities for new beginnings, new chapters in our lives. So if you had a bad day today, well, tomorrow is a new day and a new beginning and maybe it will be a great day. Made mistakes today? That's ok. Tomorrow is a day for new beginnings and those mistakes are over and done.

And God gives us grace new every day. Grace is the constant gift from God; the gift that keeps on giving; the gift we can give others and never run out of.

Take a chance on tomorrow. Tomorrow is a gift from God brimming over with

possibilities. Tomorrow look for Jesus in the faces you see. Look for God in the beauty of the sunrise.

The Bishop is asking us to look at things different. He is asking us to see the possibilities that could take us to new ministries, new missions, new members. We already do amazing things in this church. We do a lot of outreach and mission work. But we can always do better and we can always find new ways of serving God.

Where is God leading us now? What new things can we try? Are you ready? God isn't done with us yet. There is still much work to be done in the world. Is there something we could do?

The story is not done. The journey continues. The possibilities are waiting.

In Joy,
Pastor Nancy

CALLING ALL YOUTH! CLAIM THE NAME!

Confirmation means a continuation of their faith journey. Confirmation classes include an overview of the Christian faith, Scripture, history and heritage, practices, beliefs and commitments as United Methodist Christians.

This is an opportunity for youth to explore the faith and experience it through the Christian community, relationships, spiritual disciplines, service and other activities.

Class begins October 23, Jr High youth 3-4:30 and Sr High youth 4:30-6.

**CLAIM THE NAME
UNITED METHODIST!**

Super Sunday

The last few weeks we have been studying how INCREDIBLE life is with God in the picture! We saw incredible CHANGE, COMPASSION, GIVING and POWER. Then we learned how the Church was BUILT TO LAST through the foundation of Jesus, the rock of Peter and community built by you and me. It is up to us as Christians to know, love, share and celebrate God's word. We learned how important the disciples were to Jesus and the telling of His story.

Join us on Sunday mornings in the Church basement: ages 4-4th grade ☺



Lebanon United Methodist Children's Home

We have learned that the Children's home is changing their format to be a more family oriented program. Their goal is to continue to maintain the same level of service as they have in the past.

With the Christmas season fast approaching consider including this facility in your Christmas list.



Library News

If you like biographies, here's a list that we have in the Church Library

John Wesley, Suzanna Wesley, Albert Schweitzer, Jimmy & Roslynn Carter, Women of the Bible, & Famous couples of the Bible

Stop by the Joy Classroom to check out the many other books available.

Greetings from Wee Blessings

Fall has finally arrived and we hope that you all are enjoying the cooler weather. Our year has gotten off to a *Great* beginning.

Mrs. Finnerty and I are enjoying this group of children so much. They are hard working, polite, and loving children and it is a joy to work with them.

The children have been busy working on shapes, letters, numbers, learning Bible verses, and writing their names. They have also started writing stories and doing lots of art projects. We hope that you will take a minute to check out our bulletin boards.

Thank you for all your support...we truly appreciate it.

May God bless each of you

Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Finnerty

September meeting of UMW

Our first meeting after the summer break was September 1, at Abba's. We had a brief meeting, voted to send a donation to Rainbow Haven and the backpack project at New Hope Church. We had the pleasure of spending the evening with the Stewart quads, Miss Lilya, and mommy, Liz. Liz told us how they were doing physically and shared the challenges and loving experiences that the family has been sharing. We opened it up for anyone wanting to help out by giving diapers, purified water, bottles, or whatever they felt could help. We even had some things for Miss Lilya!! The babies were passed around, loved on and snuggle with. Coralee Judge was our hostess, we had great snacks, drinks, and fellowship!! A big thanks to Liz for taking the time to share her little miracles, all five of them!

We are gearing up for the November boutique, volunteers are needed, please call Nancy Doyle or Barb Synesael. Betty Campbell will be showing her beautiful quilts at our October 6th meeting at church at 7 pm. Our hostess for the evening is Barb Synesael, with Marie Myers doing devotions. Please join us.

In His Service

The UMW wishes to thank those who helped with the preparation of a meal served at the Church: Nancy Doyle, Patty Wright, Sue Golden, Claudia Timmons, Chris Waugh, Barb Seager, Dick and Wilma Howe. We also appreciate those who provided salads and desserts: Patty Wright, Janet Fisher, Rene Kemmerer, Jan Dyer, Barb Seager, Wilma Howe, Betty (P) Skiles, Sandy Reddix, Wilma Fultz, Becki Farley, Vicki Hastings & Nancy Doyle. Also thanks to Wilma Fultz for doing the calling for food. The Simon Family was very appreciative.

From the Heart...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our church family for all the prayers, cards, food brought in and the prayer vigil you held for Tom.

The funeral dinner was very nice, he would have loved it.

The whole Simon family is so grateful for everything you have done.

Thanks to all who have taken over the little jobs he did, he would be proud.

With all my heartfelt thanks.

Elaine

Library Annual Home Tour

Fall Mulberry Home Tour tickets are on sale now. Tickets are \$10 and help fund the **Mulberry Library's** early literacy resources for children in our community and beyond. Contact Michelle Albitz at 296-2575 or see her at church if interested in attending. There are 5 beautiful homes on the tour. The tour is Sun Oct 16 from 1-5.

MISSIONS

Paul writes in First Corinthians 12: 4-6, "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working but the same God works all of them in all men." Our purpose as a committee is to use our special gifts to do many kinds of service and works for the Lord. We would like to keep you informed of the missions we support, so a monthly "Featured Mission" will be added.

This month's "Featured Mission" is Grace Children's Hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Since 1967 Grace has been serving children with tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, malnutrition, and other diseases and injuries. Each year, the hospital receives thousands of children who are suffering. Children who are seriously ill are admitted to the sixty-bed inpatient ward, where they receive constant care from the hospital's all-Haitian staff. Both children and adults can be treated at one of Grace Children's Hospital's many outpatient clinics. People living in the slums around the hospital receive vaccinations, prenatal care, and other basic health services from specially-trained community health workers and volunteers.

There are a few of us who remember that hot, steamy day in August 2003 when we visited the hospital and met some of the children and staff. What a lasting impression! MUMC Missions has supported Grace Children's Hospital for several years and because of severe earthquake damage in 2010, our support is still greatly needed.

...and we continue our outreach because of your generous giving:

\$243.83 from the Kids' Collection to Operation Classroom in Africa for school supplies. We have done wonderful things through this "spare change" collection! \$1300 to various missions we support annually: Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti, Strong Missions in Costa Rica, Africa University, Operation Classroom Tubman-Gray School in Liberia, Lebanon Children's Home, Bashor Children's Home, Habitat for Humanity Clinton County, and New Hope Church Clinton Prairie Back Pack Program.

COMING SOON: HOLIDAY PIE SALES

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 5th @ 7pm
For Missions, Deb Schutz

*May Life Always Give You Reasons To Smile And Laugh! -
An Indian Blessing*

Worship Assistants

Communion Steward: Carol Nagy
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>Prayer w/ Pastor</u>
10/2	Vicki Hastings	Rita Cornell	
10/9	Patty Wright	Craig Carter	Wayne Walker
10/16	Pat Simon & Family	Rita Cornell	
10/23	Vicki Hastings	Rita Cornell	
10/30	Wilma Howe	Rita Cornell	Wendy Simon

**Arrive 20 minutes
 early to greet,
 review the
 scripture, or pray
 with the pastor.**

Blue Jean Service 11:00 a.m.

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Children's Church</u>
10/2	Paul & Sandy Reddix	Elaine Simon	Communion
10/9	Dave & Ginny Miller	Elaine Simon	Michelle Albitz
10/16	Pat Simon & Family	Elaine Simon	Kayla & Jake Simon
10/23	Katherine Townsley	Elaine Simon	Michelle Albitz
10/30	Carol Nagy	Elaine Simon	Rene' Kemmerer

Attendance & Offering

<u>Date</u>	<u>Total Attend.</u>	<u>Sun. School</u>	<u>Gen. Fund Offering</u>
6/5	92	44	\$3,848
6/12	141	one service	\$2,884
6/19	94	38	\$9,066
6/26	81	44	\$2,358

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

October Birthdays

10/3	Travis Fultz	10/13	Kayla Scott
10/6	Mike Huffer	10/14	Mitchel Kraner
10/6	Traci Patton	10/16	Vicki Hastings
10/6	Brett Simon	10/18	Evan Woods
10/7	Bill Fultz	10/19	Frank Myers
10/7	Linda Marshall	10/23	Matt Simon
10/8	Rita Cornell	10/23	Jordan Surber
10/8	Elise Geurs (Lenehan)	10/26	Abbie Gascho
10/12	Jon Hart	10/27	Claire Schilling
10/12	Jean Sutton	10/28	Kathy Townsley

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

October Wedding Anniversaries

10/5	John & Cathy Harden	10/11	Matthew & Valerie Bennett
10/10	Ben & Lauren Thayer	10/27	Tony & Liz Stewart
10/10	Ron & Patty Wright		

NewsLetter
 DEADLINE

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

Pastor: Nancy Richmond
 Choir Director: Mary Lou Clendenning
 Pianist: Esther Creamer
 Organist: Angie Schilling
 Nursery: Sherry Coffing
 Custodian: Paul Morrison
 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: call for information
 Women's Bible Study:
 Tue at 6 am at the Church
 Men's Bible Study 8 am 2nd & 4th Sat.

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

Wee Blessings Preschool:
 Director & Teacher: Patty Wright
 Assistant Teacher: Mary Kay Finnerty