



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: 15TH

Pastor: Linda Dolby
Associate Pastor: Craig Overman
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 Sun
Blue Jean Service: 11:00 Sun
Bible Study: Tue at 7:00 pm &
Wed at 10:00 am
Women's Bible Study: Tue at 5:30am at the
Church

Wee Blessings Preschool:
Director: Sarah Wilson
Teacher: Sarah Wilson
Teacher: Mary Kay Finnerty

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October Birthdays

11/1 ...Debbie Coons	11/19 ...Glenn Hart
11/2 ...Jim Humrickhouse	11/20 ...Samantha Wilson
11/2 ...Katie Kemmerer	11/21 ...Nancy Doyle
11/3 ...Kendra Synesael	11/21 ...Randy Thies
11/4 ...Ryan Platt	11/22 ...Kristi Walker
11/6 ...Joe Walker	11/23 ...Joanne Weber
11/6 ...Melissa Cook	11/23 ...Marissa Kraner
11/11 .Betty Skiles	11/23 ...Sydnie Kas
11/11 .Ben Thayer	11/24 ...Rene Kemmerer
11/13 .Amanda Hart	11/26 ...Jim Dyer
11/17 .Mary C. Bennett	11/28 ...Eldon Skiles

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

Dear Friends,

From the Associate Pastor's Heart

As I was growing up, I had a father, a mother, two brothers, a stepmother, and a stepbrother. We all had different names. We looked different, acted different, sounded different, and we all had different interests, likes, and dislikes. But, in spite of our differences, we were a family. We lived in the same house, shared our meals together, played games together, and six of us graduated from the same high school. Through good times and bad, through laughter and tears, we loved each other. We were a family.

I am so encouraged by the revival of the Mulberry Ministerial Association. The pastors from Cornerstone, Gloria Dei, Trinity, and MUMC are meeting once a month to help enable our churches to work together to address the needs of our community, share fellowship time together, and worship our Lord Jesus Christ together.

Our churches have different names. (After all, that's what the word "denomination" means) They look different and have different interests, likes, and dislikes. But we live in the same community, we share meals together, we work and play together, and most of our children go to the same school. We are a family. We are one in the family of God. That was the theme of our community worship service in the park last June.

Last September 11th we held a community service to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the attack on our country. On November 21st we will be having a community Thanksgiving service at Trinity Church with all of our churches participating.

One of our primary goals right now is to explore all the ways our churches can work together to help needy individuals in our community. We are talking about how to expand the food pantry, coordinate information, and more efficiently utilize the resources we have available.

So much can be accomplished when the people of God work together. If you share this vision, we can use your support and your prayers. Pray for unity in the community!

God bless you all,

Rev. Craig Overman

SUPER SUNDAY

We have started our new curriculum called "God's Big Picture". In the first part of the program we have talked about the royal history that began with the book of Samuel, and Saul the first King of Israel, then the versatility of David whose name is still honored today, and Solomon who was the wisest of men. Each week we read the story Bible verse out of the Kid's Study Bible. The second part of each lesson is a story board which is being led by Michelle Albitz. We welcome Michelle to our list of those who help lead our class. The last segment of our lesson is an activity which coordinates with the story lesson. The students have also been working on reciting "The Lord's Prayer" and just about have it accomplished! The following kids have been attending: Emily and Olivia Waugh, Haley Cornell, Coriden and Drew Schilling, Ian Newhart, McKenna Sellars, Nicole Burke, and Zeke Gouvan. CONGRATULATIONS to Ian Newhart who brings his own Bible to class every single week!!

The Abba's Place Kid's Club

4th & 5th grade Kid's Club has been having a great time at Abba's Place. We've introduced our service project of collecting shoebox items for Operation: Christmas Child. Last week's lesson was about making wise choices for our lives even when we're confronted with peer pressure. We viewed the Veggie Tale video "Josh and the Big Wall" and then played the old TV game show "Let's Make A Deal" where the kids had a great time deciding which box, curtain, door, etc. to choose even when their friends were (loudly) trying to convince them otherwise. Deb Turner did a great job in her role as host Monty Hall! We're looking forward to our Harvest Party at the Mulberry Park on November 1st with the Clinton Prairie FCA.

Cathy Harden, Director

Wee Blessings Pre School

Happy Fall everyone! Preschool is fal-l-l-l-ling into place. Our first two months have been busy and great!

Our four year olds have started studying shapes and they are doing a great job. We made a circle pumpkin with oval & triangle pieces for the face. They created their own. We made a triangle web and decorated it with glitter glue for Halloween. On one Friday we talked about pumpkins and gourds and felt the pumpkins smooth surface and the gourds bumpy or rough surface. We then opened the pumpkin and let the children put their hands in the pulp and seeds. They loved it-then we made a face and for snack we tried lots of things made from the pulp. We had pumpkin from the can, bread, seeds, pumpkin candy, pie and squares.

On the 20th the fire truck came to visit and talked about fire safety and the kids got to climb all over the truck inside and out, honked the horn, sounded the siren and sprayed water. What a treat! A big thank you to the Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department for taking their time to give these kids a fun-filled day! We had our Fall party on the 26th and then Fall Break.

The three year old class is still studying their colors. They are doing a great job with these and had a color review on the 23rd. They enjoyed their first show & tell. They brought in one item that showed the sign of fall. They came up with some neat items. Their fall party was on the 25th and then Fall Break.

Thank you to all parents, grandparents, babysitters for donating things for the parties and for being such good helpers.

Both classes have memorized around eight Bible Verses and we have lessons that they do each Monday. Happy Halloween. Have a safe fall break!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Sarah Wilson

Kids Club

Kids Club is moving right along with our study of God's Unstoppable Love. We are ending this semester with the birth of Jesus and what a gift God gave us in Him. The kids have been bringing small items for the Operation: Christmas Child shoe box program. On Harvest Night we all brought in a canned good for the food pantry. As well as played games of berry-ring toss on Indian corn. Hot-pumpkin (instead of hot-potato) and a relay race with a balloon between the knees. A special treat that night was hot dogs for all. Our Family Night will end the semester on November 15th.

Carol Nagy & Wendy Simon, Directors

On Sunday, October 29, we remembered our loved ones who have died this last year. Please continue to pray for the families of....

J.C. Judge *Member of Mulberry UMC,
Coralee's husband*

Rosalind Clark

Sherry Gouvan's great-aunt

Satine Marie Clendenning

Mary Lou's granddaughter

Pete Cline

*Andy Albitz & Sandy Seager's
grandfather*

Monica Coffing

Sherry Gouvan's aunt

Jan Greenson

Friend of Chris & Margarita Gipson

Karen Hibbard

Ester Creamer's daughter, sister to

Julie Percy, Diane Walker,

Mary Lou Clendenning, David Miller

Ethel Keifer *former member or MUMC*

Marie Myers's sister

Paul Leon Kotterman

Pastor Linda's cousin

Chester D. Lane

Chris Gipson's grandfather

Mel Leach

Pat Weber's uncle

Francis Miller

Father of Julie Percy, Diane Walker,

Mary Lou Clendenning, David Miller

Stan Nelson

Friend of Chris & Margarita Gipson

Sara Rinaldi

Coralee Judge's granddaughter

Dorothy Schmitter

Rita Cornell's aunt

Runt Timmons

Husband of Claudia Timmons

father of Chris Waugh

Chester Weber

Jeff Weber's father

Charles Wolf

Carol Nagy's father

Zelma Wright

Ginny Miller's aunt

Healing prayers for...

Tim DeLong, healing from accident

Diane Walker's grandson who will be
having surgery

Hilary Doyle, knee injury

Don Spray, hospitalized for pneumonia

Sherry Gouvan's mother, breast cancer

Sandy Seager and Andy Albitz, death of grandfather

Timmy DeLong and friend Brandi, car accident

Alice Marshall, eye surgery

Terri Lenehan, hospitalized with infection

Judi Hoehner, kidney infection

Larry Garriott, tumor

Frank Myers, hospitalized with low blood sugar and flu

Congratulations to Elaine Walden and Randy Lawson who
will be united in

marriage at our church on Nov. 22.

Congratulations Andy, Angie, Coriden, and Drew Schilling
on the birth of Clara Bell Rose, 7lbs 3 oz on October 28th.

The pastors appreciate you, too..... Thank you for
making October such a fun month for us as we received
cards, baked goods, gifts and words of appreciation for our
ministry with you. It is an honor to serve you and we are
grateful....Linda and Craig

PARSONAGE OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, Nov. 12

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

105 East Perrin Street

It's your house and our home! Cleve and I invite everyone to
stop by for warm cider and a great big thank you for all your
kindness to us since our arrival. Tour the house and see the
wonderful improvements that have been made. We look
forward to greeting you! Your Pastor, Linda

United Methodist Women

We would like to thank Janie Garriott for having the
UMW meeting in her home. We had 9 members present, with
Ryan Turner speaking about missions for the church. Thank
you to Ryan for sharing his time and love of missions with
us.

** Our next meeting will be in the basement on November
2nd. Following a short business meeting we will work on
getting ready for the Boutique.

Traditional Service

Communion Steward:

Beth Newhart

Acolyte:

Freida Weber & Whitney Simon

Greeters:

- 11/5 Rick & Deb Garriott
- 11/12 Terry & Amy Thayer
- 11/19 Dick & Wilma Howe
- 11/26 Shelly Surber & Family

Worship Leader:

Nancy Doyle

Pray with the Pastor: (8:30)

- 11/5 Amy Thayer
- 11/12 Dania Remaly
- 11/19 Wayne Walker
- 11/26 Rita Cornell

Blue Jean Service

Greeters:

- 11/5 Jim & Janice Dyer
- 11/12 Terry & Terri Lenehan
- 11/19 Ed, Janet & Valerie Fisher
- 11/26 Jay & Mary Kay Finnerty

Scripture Readers:

Overman Family

Children's Church

- 11/5 Janice Dyer & Macy Kraner
- 11/12 Katherine Townsley
- 11/19 Janice Dyer & Macy Kraner
- 11/26 Elaine Simon

Shopping Rewards Will Benefit Your Church

When you shop for your groceries you can give help give money to your church. Currently MUMC is registered with Gordon Food Service, Meijer, and Marsh. If you already have a store card you can go online or call and designate Mulberry United Methodist Church to benefit from your shopping.

New Addresses...

Jerry & Rene Kemmerer
PO Box 160224
Big Sky, MT 59716-0225

Mary Caroline Bennett
508 Westview Ave.
Anderson, SC 29625

WHAT A CELEBRATION SUNDAY!

Thank you to everyone for making our Consecration Sunday such a success! Thus far we have received Estimates of Giving for 2007 totaling \$207,000 – quite a leap from 2006's estimated income of \$144,000! We have received several new pledges and many are moving toward tithing by increasing their giving, which results in a 47% increase for next year.

We had a wonderful dinner at “Laura’s Creative Catering” – fine food, facility and fellowship. Thank you to Amy Thayer for table decorations; Jim Cullom, technical wizard; Esther Creamer, pianist; the Praise Team and the choir for their music and to the Finance Committee for all their behind the scenes work.

God has blessed us and we look forward to the additional ministry opportunities that will be available because of your faithfulness. Again, thank you!

**We have submitted a grant request to the Indiana Youth Initiative to support Abba’s Place. If funded, we will receive \$20-25,000 dollars and consulting help. Notification should be received by Nov. 15. Please pray for this ministry.

MUMC Vital Signs

	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Attend.</u>	<u>S.S. Attend.</u>
Sep. 24	\$2,912.50	\$84.87	145	65
Oct. 1	\$3,341.00	\$386.18	140	71
Oct. 8	\$2,403.00	\$13.57	152	62
Oct. 15	\$2,968.00	\$414	126	71

Mulberry United Methodist Church Administrative Board Meeting

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Date/Time: 9/11/2006, 8:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Members Present: Myron Chezem, Rita Cornell, Linda Dolby, Jerry Fultz, Wilma Fultz, Vicki Hastings, John Harden, Cathy Harden, Linda Marshall, Cheryl Overman, Craig Overman, Steve Percy, Dania Remaly, Barb Seager, Wendy Simon, Amy Thayer, Ryan Turner

Non-Members Present: Lori Alsop

Rita gave devotions. The July minutes were read and amended as follows: Linda has a new e-mail address: ldolby@mintel.net. John said there is a finance meeting next Monday. Consecration Sunday is October 22 and there will be catered dinner. A small group is going to Anderson for a financial seminar on October 21. Vicki made motion to approve minutes and finance report. Jerry seconded.

Bridge Builders (Barb Seager) – For August, there were 39 cards sent. They picked up sending The Upper Room to 15 college kids (UMW pays for the Upper Room and the postage, but Bridge Builders sends them). They spent \$30.14. \$5.00 had been donated, and they spent the remainder of that donation as well.

Memorials (Amy Thayer) – They had \$401.51, and they received \$200 for Ethel Kiefer that has been deposited. Now have just over \$601.

Java Jam Committee (Cathy Harden) – Next Java Jam will be October 7th at 7 p.m. Mike Hall, Worship Leader from Dayton UMC will be here along with some singer/songwriter friends of his. Linda will send the announcement to Conference and District to invite them.

Wee Blessings (Barb Seager) – Started last week; split the class – 3 year-olds on Mon. & Wed.; 4 year-olds on Mon. afternoon, Thurs, and Friday morning. There are 15 attending plus 2 more that are enrolled but haven't come yet.

Worship (Cheryl Overman) – Met and planned the remainder of the year. Movie this Sunday – End of the Spear at Abba's following youth. November 12th – *Pack a Pew – Bring Someone New*. Christmas activities planned – caroling and candlelight service. Considering a Thanksgiving Community Service on Tuesday, November 21st.

United Methodist Men (Craig Overman for Mark Newhart) – They played softball and having fellowship at the men's breakfast meetings.

United Methodist Women (Vicki Hastings) – The next meeting is October 5th at Janie Garriott's house. Ryan is coming to talk about missions. There is a kitchen cleaning day scheduled for September 23rd at 8:15 a.m. to prepare for Boutique. Leadership training classes on the 26th in Monticello.

Kids' Club – K-3 – Starts Wednesday; could use more staff, but we have enough.

Kids' Club – 4-5 – We will be including 6th grade with the 4-5th grade at Abba's Place. Fully staffed.

Youth (Cheryl Overman) – Kick-off was held last night with 26 kids attending. Two youth from Gloria Dei and 6 youth from Cornerstone will be participating in our youth. October 15th or 22nd music at Abba's Place. On November 5, they are going to see Mercy Me and Audio Adrenaline. Planning to attend Acquire the Fire again with it being paid for with concession monies.

Membership (Linda Dolby for Nancy Doyle) – Two new members. Planning a new membership class for 6-10 people who have expressed interest.

Audio/Visual (Myron Chezem) – Jim is looking into a screen for the choir loft. A flat panel screen might be good. The church needs a laptop. Andrea typically brings her laptop to use for 2nd service music, but if she isn't here, we scramble to find another option.

Trustees (Jerry Fultz) – Several activities: thermostats are locked upstairs; back door has been painted Methodist red; basement doors will be painted the same color; chair lift to be repaired tomorrow; planning to tear out piece of sidewalk to revamp a drain. Bringing in a lift to repair the plexiglass panes on the tower that are broken. Repaired water hydrant and installed a motion light on back door of parsonage; put up chain link fence. Moved the flagstone walk at the parsonage. Vicki planted flowers. Planning to get a volunteer to work on the handrails. Planning to seal a window and put outlet on the outside of the building for the nativity scene. Linda said the flooring at the parsonage is bubbling, so Bill will be coming to fix that. There is a black spot on carpet that they want to replace. Rita said that her husband mentioned painting the carpeting as an option.

Pastor Parish Relations Committee (Steve Percy) – Had a couple of meetings; letter sent to Bishop Coyner requesting that Craig be appointed as a pastor since he has completed his training. Completed a job description for Craig's position. Linda said that assuming we get good news, there will be a celebration of ministry on Sunday, September 24th. Will have Sunday school, but will have reception between the two services. Sent Wendy to UMC church secretaries training. Wendy is going to another conference on newsletters on September 28th in Lafayette.

Missions Committee (Ryan Turner) – Ryan talked to lady at a church in Fort Wayne about a possible mission trip to Roatan Bay Island, Honduras during the weeks of January 13-20 and January 20-27. One week of Bible school and one week of painting and building on a preschool – not sure which week is which. Cost is \$1,500 per person and includes air fare, a place to stay, food, plus \$200 per person toward project costs. We may be able to use our 11 airline vouchers that are valid until July 2007. Same price for one week or two weeks. There are 8 or 9 Methodist churches on this island. Linda suggested a second mission trip to include youth and college kids in summer. Linda Marshall said a group went there in the 80s. Coralee's daughter-in-law may be from there. The group wants to Ryan to follow-up. The Fort Wayne church has 20 tickets for the full two weeks. In other business, we bought 8 goats. Ryan will send the check for the goats to North Indiana Conference.

Finance Committee (John Harden) – Meeting next week. Preparing for Consecration Sunday.

Sunday School (Dania Remaly) – Promotion was held on August 20th - 6 kids who were promoted to the next grade. Have held two teaching seminars so far; Dania is planning the next seminar on Lesson Planning – no dates yet. Budget needs to be addressed. Adult ministries is over their budget. Dania said no one has requested curriculum. Children's ministries had to spend a little on curriculum for Frogs Class. Wendy said we only have spent \$13 but that she will need to buy more copies of the materials. Children's ministries includes children's church. Sunday schools have been laid out. The only change is Rene Kemmerer is moving on September 30th. She took care of activities for Super Sunday. Dania will do that until we find a replacement.

Food Pantry (Linda Dolby for Chris Gipson) – Chris has done a wonderful job. Lots of requests for benevolence. They are going to get together with the other churches and the township trustees to put together a process for handling the needs.

Children's Church (Barb Seager for Elaine Simon) – No report, **Needs and Assessments** – No report, **Lay Leader** – No report.

New Business – Charge Conference date is November 19th at 5 p.m. in Flora with a carry-in. The Ad Council is expected to attend. Rene Kemmerer and Mary Caroline are both leaving. Linda wants to recognize them at Craig's celebration. Dania will make a post with a picture of the church for everyone to sign. Steve Percy will talk with Jerry and John about setting wages. The group agreed to re-institute Trick or Treating at Abba's Place. Jerry said they are fixing up the basement of the parsonage for senior youth. Linda will provide a report on the status of the Texas property at the next meeting. The board agreed to donate the bed stored in the back room and perhaps the computer to Mountain Mission. Wendy will ask Kevin Garrett to make sure there isn't any sensitive information on the computer before it is donated. Donations need to be at the church by September 24th. Craig said we need a computer and a worship leader for 2nd service. Linda is taking lead on this. They need people to work the Purdue games. Craig said he put several books upstairs at Abba's that we want to keep for our next book sale. Cheryl said the directory has been sent. Linda said we will be observing the Feast of All Saints on October 29. Soliciting names of family and friends who have died in the past year. Linda asked everyone to read the Creating Effective Lead Pastors Is a Group Responsibility page from the conference. Ryan made a motion that we not participate in the Indiana Ice fundraiser, and Cheryl seconded. Ryan will take over the holiday pie fundraiser.

The next Ad Board meeting is October 9th.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Minutes by Lori Alsop
9/11/2006

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Java Jam

Mark your calendars for **Java Jam** on Saturday, November 4th at 7:00pm.

Trick or Treating

Trick or Treating at Abba's Place on Oct. 31st from 5-8pm. Treats for the kids, restrooms available, refreshments for the kids and for the adults with them.

UMW Annual Holiday Boutique

Saturday, November 4th from 8am to 2 pm Mulberry United Methodist Women will be hosting the annual holiday Boutique. Handmade crafts, baked goods, holiday gifts and more will be on display for your holiday shopping. Breakfast and lunch will round out the day. Come out and enjoy the start of the holiday season with friends and neighbors and help the UMW raise money towards missions work.

Pack a Pew Sunday – November 12

Bring a friend, neighbor, or relative and join us at church. Let's pack the church with friends that may be new to the church or the community.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 21 Trinity Church

Sponsored by Mulberry UMC, Gloria Dei, Trinity and Cornerstone Churches

Food Ingathering for "Stone Soup" Food Pantry – please bring non-perishable food donations.

It's A Concert....or 2....

Cleve Shields sings with the Lafayette Chamber Singers, whose Fall Concert is Sunday, Nov. 4 at 8 p.m. at University Church, 320 North St, West Lafayette. Tickets are \$15 or \$12 and will be available at the door.

Curley Myers and Harlow Hickenlooper to Perform

Curley Myers and Harlow Hickenlooper in Concert at the Frankfort Public Library on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. \$8.00 tickets at the door.