

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

Messenger



November

MULBERRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2007

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: 15TH

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: Tues. 7 pm
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

Church Office: (765) 296-3399
Pastor's Home: (765) 296-3390
Abba's Place: (765) 296-2090
Pastor's Email: lkdolby@mintel.net
Church Email: mlbymc@mintel.net
Web-site: www.mumc-in.org
Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30-1:30

Stone Soup Food Pantry

If you or anyone you know is in need of food 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"

I am writing to let you know the plans for the near future. As you know we are going to have a new Pastor and his wife come to be a part of our Church family. Pastor David Hummel and wife Mary Alys will be joining us on December 1st 2007. This will be a big day for them and for us as we will have communion and celebrate as the body of CHRIST.

As years have come and gone so have Pastors and their families, but we are the church and must stay and maintain the programs and all the good that we can possibly do in the community. We need to find out what our talents are and use them as GOD wants us to. We need to fulfill the promise that we made on consecration Sunday last year when we pledged to tithe to the LORD. We still have bills and salary's to pay and missions to do and programs to work on. Because of the shortfall in giving to the church Missions, Trustees and some Sunday school classes have given to various programs and groups in the church to keep things running as smoothly as they can.

So I ask you to please give and give from your heart as we have many programs that are doing wonderful things in this community. Also keep in mind Consecration Sunday will be soon and we will need to make our pledges for next year. We will have a new Pastor and he will encourage us and inspire us to do GOD's work.

After doing your own personal reflection take time to reflect on where you can plug in at church to advance the Kingdom of our Lord. That may come in the way of catching up in your giving or becoming more involved in one of many volunteer rolls the church has, or being a person of encouragement to those struggling to stay connected to church. God may want you to tune into more than you thought you could. Be sure to include thoughts of helping our new pastor getting settled here in Mulberry. Be open to new ideas and growth for the future. Let's aim high and wide so we give Pastor Hummel room to grow us and lead us to new territory for our church in the name of Jesus Christ.

In closing I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, support, words of encouragement, cards and telephone calls. May GOD bless each and every one of you and Mulberry United Methodist Church!

IN CHRIST LOVE

*Steve Percy, Chairman
Staff/Parish Relations Committee*

Thank You!

Dear Friends,

It is hard to know just where to begin. You all shared in our joy and excitement in finding out we were finally going to have children of our own, but then so suddenly you also shared in our loss and pain of losing them. We are so grateful for the cards, phone calls, visits, but most of all the prayers that we have received from so many of you. We are so glad to be a part of such a loving, caring church.

We want to thank all who were involved the day of the service. Pastor Linda gave us a wonderful service, and then you as a church came together to provide food, child care, or whatever it was we needed on such a difficult day. Again, we are so grateful to have all of you in our lives.

We ask that you continue your prayers for our family. While we look forward to getting to heaven and holding our little angels someday, we have not lost hope for while we are here. We know that some day we will be blessed with babies to hold, it is just going to take time and prayers. Thank you again for your love, support, and continued prayers.

God bless,
Tony and Liz Stewart



A long overdue thank you is owed to the UMW for the new kitchen play set in the nursery. Also there is a baby doll dressed in pink that has appeared in the nursery. The children enjoy both things very much. A warm thank you to the UMW and whomever brought the baby doll.

Love,
The children in the Nursery

November Birthdays

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

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



The United Methodist Women

Coralee Judge presented *wonderful* pictures of her recent trip to China for the program at the October meeting of United Methodist Women. Thirteen members were fascinated by the cultural differences, the beauty of the country and the vastness of the area. Coralee brought some of her souvenirs to share including beautiful handwork in wood pieces and clothing. Thanks to Rita Cornell who hosted the evening decorating with festive fall colors and serving delicious pumpkin dessert :) President Vicki Hastings reminded everyone to come help set up for the boutique at our next meeting on

Thursday November 1st at 7:00 p.m.

District Lay Leaders Visited

On October 6 MUMC hosted the District Lay Leaders. Lay leaders from all of the Lafayette District churches are invited to these bi-monthly meetings which are hosted by different churches each time. Chris Knochel, Lafayette District Lay Leader led the meeting.

Kate Walker, Lafayette District Superintendent, was also present. The group toured the church and learned some of its history. They also walked to Abba's Place . They were impressed with Abba's Place, and they also were impressed that MUMC not only saw the need for the Youth of the Community to have a place, but that we stepped out in faith and purchased the building. The UMW furnished both a delicious breakfast and equally delicious lunch. Thanks to all of you ladies who furnished food, served the food, and cleaned up after!--Coralee Judge MUMC Lay Leader

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

You can serve your Lord and your Church by volunteering to serve next year on one of the committees that keeps this church going. The nominations

committee will be meeting in a couple of weeks so call Wendy or Coralee and tell us on which committee you would like to serve.



Choir Music

Bring the sounds of the choir into your home! Now on sale are CDs from the "Great Day of Singing" service from



August 22, 2007. For a donation of \$5 you can help the Choir pay for new materials. Be sure to show them your support. Please see Mary Lou Clendenning, Choir Director, to get on the list to receive your copy.



SUPER SUNDAY

We have started a new curriculum called "The Fruit of the Spirit". The context of our lessons include love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. We show we are good members of God's family by the things we DO. We can thank God for good things in our lives no matter what the situation around us is at that moment. We can be peacemakers by putting needs and interests of others FIRST. We need to practice being patient with others. We should do good without expecting anything in return. We show goodness by choosing to obey God.

The format of our Super Sunday has changed a little in the past few weeks. Now our teachers rotate by teaching the class each Sunday for the allotted time and for a month at a time. Betty Skiles and Shelly Surber have been the teachers for September and October. We are happy to say that our class size is growing :-). Good work kids, keep it up!!



F.R.O.G.S. Sunday School Class

Our class is up to 5 kids regularly up from the two we started out with. Praise God! Our lessons include a video series that address issues that the kids are either facing themselves or that a friend is someone. We have good discussion talking about ways God wants us to deal with our problems. We have also started journaling in class. Writing about who we are today. A year from now we will look back to see how far God has brought us. We welcome Matt Simon to Class. The boys enjoy his involvement.

Wee Blessings Preschool

We would like to start off by thanking the fire station for coming to both the three and four year old classes. The children enjoyed seeing the fire trucks, the EMT truck, and all the equipment that the firefighters wear! It was also very informative to learn about everything that our fire department does for the community of Mulberry. In case you don't know, they will come to your house and design the best fire escape plan for your family! It's a free service they provide and I encourage everyone to take advantage of it! Also, please check the batteries in your smoke detectors. Secondly, we would like to thank Mrs. Marty for donating pumpkins and Indian corn to both classes. They loved being able to take a pumpkin home to decorate!!

The children have been learning about Moses and the plan that God had for him. They also have worked very hard on learning their Bible verses and they amaze us at how fast they remember them. Additionally, we have been working on our letters, shapes, colors, phone numbers and when to call 9-1-1.

Lastly, we would like to thank all of you for the treats and support that you continue to give Wee Blessings! Donna, Mary Kay and I truly appreciate all that you do for us! Feel free to stop by and visit with these amazing children.

God Bless,
Patty Wright

KIDS CLUB

Our beginning unit for K-3 this year is "Let's Take a Look at the Greatest Book: The Bible". Our lessons begin with a skit and include games to play to help us realize how to know that the Bible is different from any other book, and what the Bible tells us about God. The Bible also tells us that we can trust that whatever promises are made by God will be kept and that God's word tells us how to live. We sure enjoyed our "indoor" hot dog night where we got to see a movie and make a game! Our project for this fall is collecting items for shoe boxes to be a part of *Samaritan's Purse*. The last day to bring items for the boxes is **Wednesday, November 7th**. The boxes will be dedicated on November 11th and sent to needy children. We appreciate your support for our Kids Club and its activities :-)



Service Assistance

Traditional Service

Prayer With Pastors:

11/4 Amy Thayer
 11/11 Coralee Judge
 11/18 Wayne Walker
 11/25 Rita Cornell

Communion Steward: Beth Newhart

Worship Leader: Matt Simon/Nancy Doyle

Acolyte: Jasmine Cavender

Greeters:

11/4 Tom & Elaine Simon
 11/11 Frank & Marie Myers
 11/18 Claudia Timmons
 11/25 Jane Leak

Blue Jean Service

Worship Leaders: Mark & Beth Newhart

Children's Church:

11/4 Frieda Weber
 11/11 April Farley
 11/18 Macy Kraner & Tess Wilson
 11/25 Becky Staley

Greeters:

11/4 Jon & Barb Paddock
 11/11 Vicki & Bill Brose
 11/18 Paul & Sandy Reddix
 11/25 Vicki Hastings

*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>
Sep 16	\$4,364	\$65	147	69
Sep 23	\$1,509	\$45	149	69
Sep 30	\$2,046	\$50	118	59
Oct 7	\$2,217	\$84	119	66
Oct 14	\$2,664	\$20	129	52

*Average Sunday Service Attendance as of 10/14: 138

Offering Reminder

Please Remember to write on your envelope *where* you would like your offering to go. *General Fund, Missions, Trustees* and so on. This makes the counters job easier and saves time. Thank you so much for all of your help.

Finance Committee

Coming soon: Renewal of stewardship commitment information. Be on the look out and in prayer about what God wants for your life at Mulberry United Methodist Church.

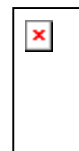
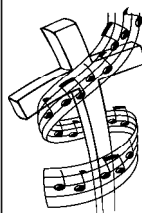
Java Jam

Saturday, November 3rd, 7 pm

The Eternals

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Mulberry United Methodist Church
 Worship Team



Attending were Rita Cornell, Barb Seager, Amy Thayer, Vicki Hastings, Mary Lou Clendenning, Steve Percy, Roger Lewis, Coralee Judge, Bill Brose, Nancy Doyle, and Pastor Linda Dolby.

Rita opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the August meeting were read and approved.

Finances were discussed and we hope that quarterly reports are given out at the end of the quarter. We still are very low on funds and are behind in our apportionments. Bill Brose will talk about our financial needs at Sunday services. Bill announced that Consecration Sunday would be Oct. 21st. The finance committee will be working on the details.

Amy said the balance of the Memorial Fund as of 7-31-2007 is \$1654.32.

For the trustees Linda reported on the problems at the parsonage when the upstairs toilet over flowed. The ceiling in the dining room will need to be painted and the wallpaper replaced. The toilet has been repaired. Also some possible problems with the sewer line were mentioned.

Nancy reported there are 225 members.

Steve said the PPRC will meet September 26th.

Barb said that Bridge Builders sent out 35 cards in August. \$23.74 was spent out of the budget and the committee donated \$1.21. We have 13 college students that cards are being sent to.

Celebration for Sunday School was this past Sunday, we have no children being moved this year, but Linda mentioned that one of the children's classes has grown in the last year.

Linda gave us the list she had compiled from our Evening of Dreaming in August and said that the Evangelism Comm. will be meeting this Thursday.

Kids Club will be starting this Wednesday.

There was some discussion about the up coming garage sale. The Hope Class and Discipleship 101 Class will have the food booth and UMW will do the bake sale. Linda said the garage will be available on the 16th for storage of items until the garage sale.

Roger asked about the hearing enhancements needed for the sanctuary and Mary Lou mentioned the needs of the choir for sound monitors and a computer monitor so that the choir can see what is on the screen. We are working on finding someone to do this.

Linda closed our meeting with prayer.

Nancy Doyle
Acting Secretary

A man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed.

As the barber began to work, they began to have a good conversation.

They talked about so many things and various subjects.

When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said:

"I don't believe that God exists."

"Why do you say that?" asked the customer. "Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist.

Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people?

Would there be abandoned children?

If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain.

I can't imagine a loving God who would allow all of these things."

The customer thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument.

The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop.

Just after he left the barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard.

He looked dirty and unkempt. The customer turned back and entered the barber shop again and he said to the barber:

"You know what? Barbers do not exist."

"How can you say that?" asked the surprised barber.

"I am here, and I am a barber. And I just worked on you!"

"No!" the customer exclaimed. "Barbers don't exist because

if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside."

"Ah, but barbers DO exist! That's what happens when people do not come to me."

"Exactly!" affirmed the customer. "That's the point! God, too, DOES exist!"

That's what happens when people do not go to Him and don't look to Him for help.

That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."

