



From Dave's Desk...

Three of my favorite months of the year are October, November and December. I enjoy October because of all the autumn colors. The bright oranges, reds and yellows of the trees are a delight to the eyes. Contrast that with the dark green of the pines and the clear blue of the sky and you have a portrait better than any painter can depict. Add to that the cool mornings and the warm days and it is perfect weather.

November has cool crisp mornings with frost on the ground and housetops and the smell of burning leaves. Harvest is being completed. It is the time to make soup with the last of the garden vegetables. Pumpkin pies are baking in ovens with hot chocolate being made in the evening. Then the great day of Thanksgiving ends this month. A time of thanking God for all we have been given. A time for families to get together and share in a wonderful meal with turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes, pies and so much more.

December is the great season of Advent. Preparing and waiting for the birth of Jesus anew into our lives. The world seems more hopeful and miracles seem possible to everyone. What our world needs today is hope! The familiar carols being sung, the trees being decorated, the lights shining in the dark cold nights are a few of the traditions celebrated by young and old alike. Then comes the Christmas Eve Service, which reminds us of the Christ child and the angels singing of "Peace on Earth." What a glorious time to be with our church family. And then Christmas with families

getting together once again, eating a meal together and remembering that God has remembered us.

Yes, there may be snow and bad weather, but the good of these months outweigh the bad. Enjoy the gifts God has given us. Be thankful and be a blessing to others.

Pastor Dave

Thank you

We would like to thank everyone for their cards, food, invitations to dinner and gifts for Pastor Appreciation Month. Your generosity has been overwhelming. We do feel appreciated as your Pastor family. Thank you for being so kind yet once again.

Holiday blues sneaking up on you? Try a study on Advent this year to bring the season into better focus. What exactly *should* we focus on during the season? Inspire yourself and your loved ones to feel the true spirit of the season this year.

Approximately a 2 week study

Tuesday, November 11th at 7
p.m. Wednesday, 12th at 10 a.m.



Advent
BIBLE STUDY

November Sermons

2nd: Revelation 7:9-17
"Song of the Saints"

9th: Malachi 3:8-12 &
Matthew 25:1-13
"Out Giving God?"

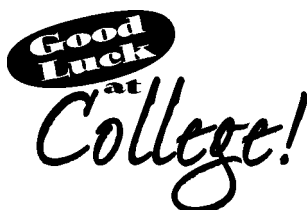
16th: Matthew 25:14-30 & 1
Thessalonians 5:1-11
"A Sure Investment!"

23rd: Matthew 25:31-46 &
Ephesians 1:15-23
"I Was the Stranger"

30th: Isaiah 64:1-9 &
Mark 13:24-37
"How Long Must We Wait?"

Did you Know???

We the Mulberry United Methodist Church should feel so proud to have 15 college kids in our congregation!! They are: Melissa & Michael Cook, Jessica Huffer, Elise Lenehan, Alyssa Maish, Brittany Paddack, Kenny Patton, Tyler Remaly, Kelsey Schutz, Nick & Kathy Seager, Brianne Thayer, Sarah Thies, MacKensey Toler, and Christoph Weber. These students are attending many different colleges and universities within the state. Way to go ☺



Greetings from Wee Blessings!

We have been very busy at Wee Blessings!!! The children have loved watching our caterpillars weave their cocoons and then watching the miracle of becoming beautiful butterflies. It was truly amazing and such a blessing!

The three's have been working very hard on learning colors and shapes. They have also been working on their Bible Stories and verses. I know that Donna and Mary Kay are enjoying each and every one of them. We do still have openings in the three's!

The four's have been working on their letters, writing their names using upper and lower case letters, numbers, listening and following directions, making patterns and their Bible Verses. They are truly amazing children and Mary Kay and I are having a wonderful time!!!

Our fundraiser began October 23rd and we are selling Texas Roadhouse Rolls and a quart of their special butter. The cost is \$5.00. There is an order form available for you to place and order if you so desire!

We would like to thank each of you for your continual support. Please know that we would love for you to visit us anytime.

God Bless,
The Staff of Wee Blessings



KUC K-3 NEWS

K-3: Fall started out with Unit 1: That's Incredible! We are learning about Jesus through science experiments! The children have heard the stories about Jesus healing the blind, the Good Samaritan, and the Poor Widow. We've learned about Incredible Change, Incredible Compassion, and Incredible Giving. For Incredible Compassion, the kids had to act out situations where they could be compassionate or not! They had a fun time hamming it for the group! They've also been practicing their Construction Challenges and are doing great! We hope to have a celebration real soon for those who have completed their first level. There has been around 9-13 kids each week so we have plenty of room for more. If you know of a child in K-3, please tell them about KUC!

The Directors

KUC - 4-6th grade at Abba's Place

The 4-6th graders have been having a great time at Abba's Place so far this Fall. We've been averaging 15 kids per week. We've been learning about Jesus' disciples and how we can become disciples of Jesus too. In the process we've been memorizing the names of Jesus' 12 disciples as part of our Construction Challenges. We also introduced our service project which is "Operation Christmas Child". We will be bringing small toys and other items for children. These will be packed in shoeboxes and sent on to end up at Christmas time in another part of the world where children in very poor areas will receive them. For most of these children it will be their first toy or gift ever! We watched a video of these gifts being distributed and opened; it made us very excited and happy to be able to share with these children. We had fun decorating the shoeboxes that will be sent. On October 8th we enjoyed our Harvest Party at the Mulberry Park. We had a weenie roast complete with s'mores, a scavenger hunt, games and singing around the campfire. A special thanks to Andy Schilling and Chris Waugh for being our song leaders.

Cathy Harden



We are blessed to be part of the Simon family. When going through a loss like this it is impossible to really comprehend the range of emotions we go through. But as we go through them we have our rocks, our family, who are always there for us. Dad, Mom, Tom, Kellie, Matt, Wendy, Kate, Whitney, Kara and Brett, we don't know how to thank you enough for everything.

Love, Patrick, Heather, Kayla, and Jake

The entire Simon family wishes to express our heartfelt thanks to our church family for the overwhelming outpouring of thoughts and prayers, condolences, and hugs. We thank everyone who prepared food brought to the house and to the ladies who arranged a wonderful dinner for us following the service. Thank you for all the cards and gifts and to all who gave flowers, they were beautiful. We want to thank Pastor Dave for a very heartwarming and moving service. Thank you to everyone for being there for us in this emotional and trying time. At times like this when I think of my church family this verse of song always comes to mind,

"Lean on me when you're not strong and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on...For it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on."

Thank you all for letting us lean.

The Simon Family



"Thank You"

Many thanks to **Mr. & Mrs. Harold Witz** who donated their nice TV to MUMC. It works great for the stand in the basement! Many thanks also to Tom and Elaine Simon who worked on a hot day and delivered the TV to the church.



Mulberry United Methodist Women

October's meeting for Mulberry United Methodist Women was held on the 2nd. We would like to thank Betty (Eldon) Skiles for hosting the event and also Mary Alys Hummel for the wonderful program on "Names".

Next meeting will be November 6th at the Church. We will be preparing the church for the Boutique. Please come and join us!

*Carol Nagy
UMW President*



39th Annual
Holiday Boutique
Saturday November 8th, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Handmade crafts, Quilt, & Bake Sale
Breakfast & Lunch
*Come on out and join us for fellowship
& holiday shopping.*



**Church Women United
Of Clinton County**

World Community Day Friday, November 7th, Noon
At Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church
5490 N. State Rd 39
Lunch will be served and a free will offering will be accepted.
"God's Wisdom Sets Us Free"

Stone Soup Food Pantry

With the economy being what it is and could be in the near future we are giving praise to God for the ability this community has to help in even the smallest of ways. Because of the generosity of so many we are helping to meet the needs of many more these days. The **Mulberry Co-op Telephone Company** and **Girl Scouts** in the community have made recent donations that have helped us to cover some immediate needs. "thank you!"

With the holidays fast approaching we expect the need for groceries to grow. So we hope that you keep us in mind and pick up a few extra things to donate when you shop for your own families. Really we can use the same kind of things you normally use but here is a list to give you some ideas.

Cereals
Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Boxed Dinners
Dressing
Boxed Potato Dishes
Mac & Cheese
Pasta
Tomato Sauce
Cleaning Supplies
Light Bulbs
Toilet Paper
Trash Bags

Did you know that when a person is on food stamps they don't cover toilet paper or trash bags and other such things?

In one week recently we had 3 families served at the Food Pantry. While we hope that peoples lives will improve so they won't need the pantry any longer, we feel called to serve them as long as they are in need.

Thank you to everyone for helping to make this a community where no one goes hungry.

If you know anyone we can serve please tell them to call **Tom & Elaine Simon at 296-3539**



It's that time of year again. It's a time for tithing and stewardship. This year's consecration Sunday will be **November the 16th**. What is consecration? Literally it means "to set apart". Not only financially but to "set apart" time to be a good steward of the church. A "steward" is in charge of another's household, finances and affairs utilizing the gifts God gave us.

As we start into a new year, the outlook of the future is clouded with troubled times; the world situation, economical crisis, higher utility prices and job loss. The church realizes it will be difficult for our patrons (stewards) to be faithful. But we need the help of everyone both financially and physically.

On Sunday the 2nd and the 9th, we will be handing out giving cards. We hope you give serious thought and prayer toward your pledge. Then on November 16th Pastor Dave will ask for the cards either in the offering plate or to be placed on the alter. A pitch in celebration luncheon will follow second service.

Here is a tip where to invest your money from the finance committee: The stock markets and annuities are pretty shaky with no guarantees. Invest in your church and your returns will be ever lasting. *Malachi 3:10*

Thank you and God
bless *The Finance/Stewardship Committee*

Consecration Sunday
November 16th
Carry-in-dinner after second
service

Worship Assistants

November Communion Steward Beth Newhart
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>
11/2	Matt & Wendy Simon	Matt Simon	Whitney Simon	Linda Bennett
11/9	Rita & Randy Cornell	Nancy Doyle		Wayne Walker
11/16	Bill & Mary Fultz	Nancy Doyle		Mark Newhart
11/23	Jerry & Nancy Doyle	Nancy Doyle		Linda Bennett
11/30	Linda Bennett & Family	Nancy Doyle		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>
11/2	Jan Dyer	Jan Dyer	no Children's Church	
11/9	Ryan & Deb Turner	Jan Dyer	Betty Skiles	
11/16	Brett & Ronnette Peden	Jan Dyer	Beth Newhart	Cindi Cullom
11/23	TBA	Jan Dyer	TBA	
11/30	TBA	Jan Dyer	Vicki Hastings	

Attendance & Offering

<u>Date</u>	<u>Total Attend.</u>	<u>Sun. School</u>	<u>Gen. Fund Offering</u>
8/3	189	62	\$4,168
8/10	211	67	\$3,045
8/17	210	61	\$3,143
8/24	149	Combined	\$1,805
8/31	172	55	\$2,317

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

November Birthdays

11/1	Debbie Coons	11/21	Randy Thies
11/2	Jim Humrickhouse	11/22	Kristi Walker
11/3	Kendra Synesael	11/23	Sydney Kas
11/5	Shawn Burton	11/23	Marissa Kraner
11/6	Melissa Cook	11/23	Joanne Weber
11/6	Joe Walker	11/24	Chrissy Drock
11/11	Betty (Eldon) Skiles	11/24	Rene' Kemmerer
11/13	Amanda Hart	11/28	Eldon Skiles
11/17	Mary C. Bennett		
11/20	Sam Wilson		
11/21	Nancy Doyle		

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—September 8, 2008

In attendance: Rita Cornell, Becki Farley, Steve Percy, Carol Nagy, Vickie Hastings, Nancy Doyle, Betty Campbell, Deb Schutz, Tom Simon, Jerry Fultz, Wilma Fultz, John Harden, Andrea Burke, Pastor Dave, Cora Lee Judge, and Amy Thayer.

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

The August minutes were approved as read.

Treasurers report – Andrea Burke and John Harden. Andrea noted that the last offering has not been entered, and the custodial salary has been adjusted to reflect the current minimum wage. The report was approved.

Finances – John Harden. We had a meeting a couple of weeks ago. Church finances are in the black, and we are in good shape. Consecration Sunday will be November 16th. We are going to do the step up cards to go with Consecration Sunday.

Memorials - Amy Thayer. No change and no activity this past month. Balance \$3,764.80

Trustees – Jerry Fultz. We installed a new lock on the back of the parsonage. The signage is done and fully operational. The renters have not paid the rent for months, and we have sent them an eviction notice.

Membership – Nancy Doyle. – No change.

PPRC – Steve Percy. We are meeting this month. We went over the custodial duties. Jerry puts in between 20-24 hours per week. Steve questioned raising Jerry's pay noting that he has been getting less than expected. Andrea said that has been corrected and Jerry has been reimbursed. Steve asked if the custodial position is just a salary no matter how many hours he puts in. John said the salary is set with an assumption of 20 hours of work.

Bridge Builders – Rita Cornell – 40 cards sent out. Total budget \$5.40. Donations \$3.20. We delivered and sent 14 Upper Rooms to college students.

Wee Blessings – Nancy Doyle. Wee Blessings has begun, and the three year olds class is not full. The four year olds class is full.

Evangelism – Rita Cornell. Family Fun Day is Saturday, September 13th. Pray for a good crowd and good weather.

Partners in Prayer – Rita Cornell. We won't be meeting this Sunday as Pastor Dave is out of town.

Missions – Deb Schutz. We are collecting health kits for UMCOR. Pie sales will start on October 5th. We will be selling the pies at the boutique, and pickup day at church will be Saturday, November 2nd, from 10-12.

Stone soup – Tom Simon. One family needed assistance during the month.

Worship - Vickie Hastings. Nothing to report.

UMM – Tom Simon. The men need some new projects. We are looking for a new video series to give Wayne a break.

UMW - Carol Nagy. We had our first meeting on September 4th in the church basement. The meeting was well attended and we got a lot accomplished. We talked about the boutique, and Carol noted the quilt is finished and is very pretty. UMW approved having a bake sale at the upcoming church garage sale. The next meeting is October 2nd.

Pastor Dave – We had the youth meeting last night. Past Dave said that Becki will now be working with KUC and Matt and Wendy will be working with the youth, Kevin Garrett, and Rachel Moore. We are inviting parents to meet on the 21st. We will have our own group but will do events with other churches. We are talking about having a meal for the youth during the meetings. We plan to meet one more time and go from there.

Lay leader – Tom Simon. Want to remind everyone nominations are coming up.

Rita Cornell – The garage sale is September 20th. Trustees are putting the tents up, and will setup the tables Friday night. We need to put the garage sale info on the sign, in front of the church, after Family Fun Day is over. Nancy passed out the garage sale flyers.

Pastor Dave – The membership class will start beginning of October at the parsonage. New folks are attending the bible study, and that is exciting. We would like to have a confirmation class, but don't know how many kids would be in that class. Mary Alys and Pastor Dave usually do 8th graders or 9th graders. The class could start in November, and runs for 5 or 6 months. In the past the class has run October through March. The book of Galatians is the current bible study, and will end the 7th & 8th of October. Charge conference is November 9th at Stockwell. Sept 22nd the lay leader committee will be called to discuss nominations.

Cora Lee Judge – Asked for volunteers to help with Family Fun Day on Saturday. Anyone who can come and help would be greatly appreciated.

Steve Percy – October is Pastor appreciation month.

Jerry Fultz – The trustees next meeting is Monday. Jerry has two jobs for the UMM.

John Harden – We need to get a new computer for Wendy. John created a slide show to share with the congregation to help get donations to purchase the new computer for the office.

Pastor Dave closed the meeting in prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Becki Farley.

