

# THE MESSENGER

December 2005

Building Bridges To The Families Of Mulberry, Leading Them To Christ And Christian Commitment

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 Pastor: Craig Overman  
 Music Director: Angie Schilling  
 Pianist: Esther Creamer  
 Custodian: Sarah Wilson  
 Admin. Asst.: Chris Gipson  
 Nursery: Wendy Simon

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

Traditional Worship:  
 Sunday: 8:45 am  
 Sunday School: 10:00 am  
 Blue Jean Service: 11:00 am

Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7 pm &  
 Wednesdays at 10 am at the Church  
 Women's Bible Study Groups: Tuesdays,  
 5:30 am @ the Church & Thursdays, 7:15  
 pm at the Brose Residence

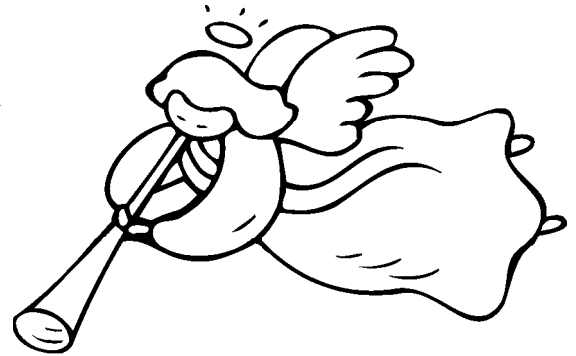
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## FROM THE PASTOR



My Mother has a phrase for people in the Church who were steadfast and faithful no matter what. She called them pillars.

Now, a pillar doesn't do that much, it just stands there and holds the whole structure up. But without pillars, you don't have a Church. I want to pay tribute to J.C. Judge, a pillar of Mulberry Church. J.C. passed away last month, leaving us with his legacy of faithfulness. He was a pillar, or as a former Pastor put it, "the stabilizing center of the Church."

Who will be the pillars of our Church for the next generation? Here are some qualities of a pillar:

1. A pillar doesn't move from building to building. It stays put. A pillar is not a Church hopper. They realize that no Church is perfect, but they trench in and get to work and don't complain.
2. A pillar is willing to do what ever needs to be done in a Church regardless of whether it is in the background or not. They don't need the praises of men, the praises of God is good enough for them.
3. A pillar never gauges their giving by how happy they are with the Church. They give as unto the Lord, and they tithe, that is, 10%. They will lay down their life for the Church to survive, but also want the Church to thrive.

A pillar loves and cooperates with the ordained leadership of the Church. You will never hear them mean-mouthing the Pastor and they come to his defense with those who do.

Who will be the pillars of our Church for the next generation?

*Pastor Tom*

# December Birthdays

# ASK FREIDA



## Birthdays This Month

Dear Freida,

What can I give my family for Christmas when I don't have any money?

Answer: Love, Joy & Peace

# Freida

- 12/2.....Marc Garriott
- 12/3.....Crysta Kas
- 12/6.....Nancy Hart
- 12/6.....Angie Schilling
- 12/7.....Eric Woods
- 12/8.....Evelyn Troxel
- 12/9.....Claudia Timmons
- 12/12.....Bill Davis
- 12/12.....Rick Garriott
- 12/15.....Carol Nagy
- 12/19.....Bill Patton
- 12/20.....Coralee Judge
- 12/20.....Esther Creamer
- 12/21.....Laura Brassie
- 12/23.....Hanna Synesael
- 12/24.....Christoph Weber
- 12/25.....Mary Lou Clendenning
- 12/27.....Dick Howe
- 12/30.....Whitney Simon
- 12/30.....Becky Humrickhouse

Now you are the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:27

Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours; yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ is to look out on a hurting world; yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good; yours are the hands with which He is to bless now.

*Teresa of Avila*

If your birthday has not been listed, please contact the Church office (296-3399).

### Just My Opinion

Wouldn't it be great if we had stadiums full of people, roaring, hands stretched towards the heavens, joy and love in their hearts, not rejoicing for the sports team of the week.... but proclaiming that Jesus Christ is King of Kings?



## Ministry Assistants

### Traditional Service

**Communion Steward:** Nancy Doyle

**Acolyte:** Whitney Simon

**Greeters:**

**4th** Jay & Judy Gascho

**11th** Coralee Judge

**18th** \*

**25th** \*\*

**Worship Leader:** Sherri Stewart

**Pray With The Pastor:** (8:30 am)

**4th** Mary Lou Clendenning

**11th** Marlene Boyd & Claudia Timmons

**18th** Shelly Surber & Mark Newhart (9:45)

**25th** Judi Hoehner & Cathy Harden (9:45)

**\*Christmas Cantata\***

**Combined Service Greeters:**

**The Seager Family &  
The Weber Family**

**\*\*Combined Christmas Day Service\*\***

**Greeters:**

**\*\*Todd & Sherry Gouvan & Family\*\***

### Blue Jean Service

**Children's Church:**

**4th** Hanna Synesael

**11th** Katherine Townsley

**18th** \*Combined Service\*

**25th** \*\*Combined Service\*\*

**Greeters:**

**4th** Elaine & Cassie Walden

**11th** Cathi Godfrey & Family

**18th** \*Combined Service\*

**25th** \*\*Combined Service\*\*

## Meetings & Events

**1st** Annual UMW Auction 7 pm @ the Church

**3rd** Blood Drive 9-1 @ Gloria Dei

**3rd** Java Jam 7 pm @ Abba's Place

**4th** Communion Sunday. Bring an ornament for the tree!

**11th** Youth/Adult Christmas Caroling 4-5:30 pm with Pizza Party afterwards

**12th** Administrative Board Meeting 7 pm @ the Church

**12th** Java Jam Committee 6 pm @ the Church

**15th** Missions Committee 7 pm @ the Church

**18th** Christmas Cantata Service 10 am

**24th** Christmas Eve Candle Light Services 6 & 8 pm

**25th** Christmas Day Service 10 am

### Weekly Calendar

**Sun:** 8:30 am Pray with the Pastor  
8:45 am Traditional Service  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Blue Jean Service  
4:00-5:30 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth @ Abba's

**Tues:** 5:30 am Women's Bible Study  
9 am Craft Ladies @ the Church  
7 pm Bible Study @ the Church  
8 pm AA Meeting-Church Basement  
8 pm Worship Team Rehearsal @ the Church  
8 pm Special Needs Prayer @ the Church

**Wed:** 10 am Bible Study @ the Church  
7 pm Choir Practice @ the Church

**Thurs:** Women's Bible Study 7:15 pm @ the home of Vickie Brose

**2nd & 4th Saturday each month:** Men's Bible Study/Breakfast 7:00 am @ the Church

MUMC Vital Signs

Offering Received

Oct. 16	\$2,756
Attendance 165	
Oct. 23	\$2,757
Attendance 181	
Oct. 30	\$3,619
Attendance 153	
Nov. 6	\$5,320
Attendance 157	
Nov. 13	\$4,871
Attendance 168	
Nov. 20	\$2,378
Attendance 160	
6 Week Offering Ave.	\$3,616
6 Week Attendance Ave.	164

Wee Blessings News

We are in full swing this month. Everything is right on track. We are studying our shapes. Everyone is working hard and getting along together as a class. On October 20th, we enjoyed a visit from the Madison Township Fire Department and the Mulberry Ambulance. They taught the children about fire safety, where to meet at their home if they have a fire, stop, drop & roll and basic fire rules. The ambulance personnel taught the children what to expect if they had to be taken to the hospital in an ambulance. Then we went out in the parking lot and honked horns, sprayed water, sat on the ambulance bed and turned on sirens. The kids loved it. A big thank you to Jeff Smith, Glenn Wilson, Lee Anthrop and Blaine & Melinda Butler, Jr. It was a great day. We had Fall Break at the end of the month and a Fall party on Oct. 27th.

In November we finished shapes and started working on numbers. We made a placemat with all the shapes and a turkey on it for our annual Feast. Thanks to all who stayed and helped or prepared food. We have a bunch of helpful parents and grandparents and babysitters. Our Bible lessons have been about how God is with us always and everything we are thankful for.

Fall is such a beautiful time of the year. Take time to look at all God's beauty.

Sincerely,

**Mrs. Wilson**

Breaking News.....

Phyllis Huffer left a dish at the Brettnacher Services. If you know the whereabouts, please call her at 296-2800....

Elaine Walden is looking for 12" squares knitted or crocheted. Any color, any yarn will do. They will all be put together to make blankets for shelters....

The Praise Team is looking for a Dulcimer~  
Anyone who has one laying around could let us put it to good use....

## 36th Annual Holiday Boutique

We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way in making the boutique successful. We really appreciate everyone's help with making noodles, cutting meat, peeling vegetables, washing dishes, donating items, shopping, eating, etc.

We especially want to thank Randy & Donna Garriott, for their donations of most of the groceries for the luncheon.

The winner of the quilt was Carlie McKinzie. Carlee is the great-granddaughter of Janie Garriott.

*Thanks again!!!*

*The UMW and Boutique  
Committee*

And she shall bring forth a son,  
and thou shalt call His name  
JESUS: for He shall save  
His people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21

## Kid's Club News

"GOT WISDOM?" is what we've been asking in 4th and 5th grade Kid's Club at Abba's Place. We've discussed how the world's pop culture tries to influence us as to how we should live through TV, music, movies, video games, commercials, etc. But we've discovered that real wisdom about life comes from the Bible. It's our true guide for successful living.

We've been partying too! Our Harvest Party was held at the Mulberry Park, complete with a weiner roast, s'mores, scavenger hunt, games and the finale was singing around the campfire. Our thanks to Cheryl and Craig Overman and the youth group for leading the games and songs.

Also, thanks to Deb Turner for putting together our craft night. Deb helped the kids make miniature "GOT WISDOM?" scrapbooks that had pockets to hold their bible verse memorization cards from the semester. They then decorated them with stamps and stickers. The kids has a lot of fun-this is really an artistic group!

As you can tell, we're having a great time this semester!

*Cathy Harden*

## Kickboxing @ Abba's Place

Kickboxing is still going on at Abba's Place every Monday & Thursday at 6 pm. The cost is \$2.00 per session. The Instructor is Amy Maish.

### Committee Chairpersons

**Bridge Builders:** Sandy Seager

**Children's Church:** Elaine Simon & Mary Kay Finnerty

**Missions:** Ryan Turner

**Worship:** Cheryl Overman

**Pastor Parish Relations:** Paul Reddix

**Trustees:** Terry Thayer

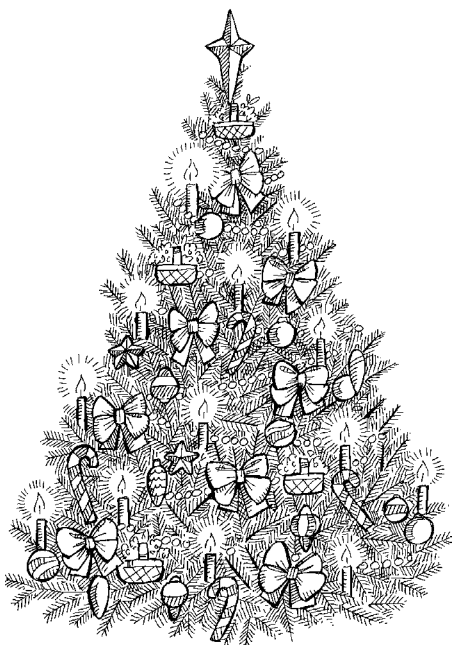
**Nominations:** Pastor Tom Hoehner

**Finance & Stewardship:** John Harden

**Java Jam:** Cathy Harden

**Accountability:** Barb Seager

**Administrative Board:** Jerry Fultz



## Kid's Club

The fall portion of Kid's Club is coming to a close already. Our jump in attendance to 32 children in K-3rd grade has been a joy. We have learned how the Bible is like a seed planted in our heart. Harvest Night was fun and games with sweet treats to end the evening. On Craft Night we watched a movie and made cross necklaces along with a small book of our songs and lessons. The kids loved being able to take this home to share.

## The Directors

### Thank You

Thanks to all who helped with the dinner at the Church on November 12th. Many compliments were received for the *delicious* food provided by: Sharon Maish, Ronnette Peden, Wilma Fultz, Jan Dyer, Nancy Doyle, Terri Lenehan, Steve Percy, Mary Fultz, Elaine Walden, Dania Remaly, Wilma Howe, Sandy Reddix, Lisa Scott, Kellie Simon and Sarah Wilson. Those who worked in the kitchen were: Sandy & Kathy Seager, Becki Farley, Linda Ward, Betty Campbell and Barb Seager. We appreciate your contributions to this mission of our Church.

A special thanks to Julia Percy and Jean Sutton who did all the calling!

UMW  
(United Methodist Women)

## Administrative Board Meeting September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Members Present: Jerry Fultz, Barb Seager, Pastor Tom Hoehner, Pastor Craig Overman, Cheryl Overman, Ryan Turner, Paul Reddix, John Harden, Nancy Doyle, Rita Cornell, Dania Remaly, Terry & Amy Thayer and Chris & Margarita Gipson.

On Consecration Sunday there will be one combined service, with a "Singspiration" starting at 9:30, service at 10:00 and then Consecration Sunday Dinner at 11:30 at the Mulberry Town Park.

Consecration Cards should be placed in offering envelopes. 110 reservations for Consecration Sunday Dinner-so far.

**Bridge Builders** (Barb Seager): Sent 61 cards; no \$ spent (\$9.12 in donations).

**Children's Church** (Barb Seager): Bought a kit for Children's Church.

**Missions** (Ryan Turner): Missions donations \$6,074 to date (2005); Mission trip expenses-\$6,606; Easter Breakfast brought in \$594. Ryan is trying to recover monies spent for the air plane tickets from the postponed 2005 Haiti trip. Pie Fundraiser is being handed over to Barb Seager. Missions report will be included in the next newsletter.

**Worship Committee** (Cheryl Overman): May have a Prayer vigil. Pictorial scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. Members will receive a free 8 X 10 photo. Guaranteed back by December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Pastor Parish Relations Committee** (Paul Reddix): Met 9/11/05; set Pastor's salary for 2006: 2% increase to \$45,696.00. A motion was made and was seconded. Motion passed to accept the PPRC's figure for Pastor's salary.

**Trustees** (Terry Thayer): Thanks to Jerry Fultz for repairing the Parsonage guttering. Electric Chair-lift repaired. Guttering on garage also repaired.

**Finance & Stewardship** (John Harden): Discussed Consecration Sunday Dinner; will be calling those who have not turned in their cards; Jerry is cooking for the consecration Dinner.

Gen. Fund: \$7,922.98

New Church Fund: \$13,051.43

Organ Fund: \$297.06

It was determined that the Pipe Organ should be tuned. Music Director will be informed.

**Membership Committee** (Nancy Doyle): Report forthcoming.

**Wee Blessings** (Barb Seager): The 4's are attending three days per week-going well. 15 are enrolled-no waiting list.

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**Pastoral Care** (Craig Overman): Visiting people. No problems.

**Memorials**: Amy Thayer will be taking over in 2006

**UMM**: No Report

**UMW** (Rita Cornell): Fun night @ Barb Seager's. Becki Farley is a new member of UMW. Boutique is coming up-November 5<sup>th</sup>. Susan Bennett from the Lebanon Children's Home will be a guest speaker for UMW. UMW want John Harden to be their Auctioneer for their annual auction.

**Youth**: Youth "Kick-off" October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Overman's, with a Hayride and hotdog roast; Jr. High meet weekly; Sr. High meet every other week.

**Kid's Club** (Barb Seager): K-3 begin this week. Wendy Simon is running this group with Carol Nagy assisting.

**Kid's Club** (Barb Seager): 4-5 Kid's Club eats, does "Getting to know you", then they come over to the Church.

**Sunday School** (Dania Remaly): Promotions for the younger kids; goodie trays going to all the Sunday School classes.

Blank Consecration/Giving cards will be available on Consecration Sunday.

PLEASE! Turn down thermostats and SHUT DOORS!!!!

Becki Farley will be over-seeing "Helping Hands"-our Volunteer list!

Copies of the Accountability Study/Report were distributed by Barb Seager.

The rising cost of fuel was discussed and how it may impact the MUMC budget. Also, insurance is rising-which has been eating up money in the Trustee's account.

## Administrative Board Meeting October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Members Present: Barb Seager, Pastor Tom Hoehner, Pastor Craig Overman, Cheryl Overman, , Rita Cornell, Angie Schilling and Chris Gipson.

**Bridge Builders** (Barb Seager): Sent 49 cards; no \$ spent (\$4.94 in donations). Upper Room sent to College kids as well as monthly post cards.

**Children's Church** (Barb Seager): Elaine Simon has reported that Children's Church had 12 kids.

**Missions**: No report.

**Worship Committee** (Cheryl Overman): Working on the Unbirthday Party/Gift Night, to be held October 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 4-6 pm at the Church. Cakes are still needed. Getting ready for the Pictorial.

**Pastor Parish Relations Committee**: No report.

**Trustees**: No report.

**Finance & Stewardship**: No report

**Membership Committee**: No report.

**Wee Blessings**: No report.

**Memorials**: No report

**UMM**: No report

**UMW** (Rita Cornell): Met last Thursday night. Had a speaker from the Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon. They watched a video about the home. The Boutique is coming up on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth**: Youth "Kick-off" was a big success-had 46 kids! 9 Jr. High & 7 Sr. High kids at Youth meeting last week. Meeting at Abba's Place weekly on Sundays from 4-5:30 pm.

**Kid's Club**: No report.

**Sunday School**: No report.

**New News**: Pastor Tom reported that the monies from working the Purdue Concession stands are coming in! The Mid-week Bible Study class and Pastor Tom have discussed using some of this money to remodel a room into a "Parlor". This would be used for counseling, wedding preparations, etc. It was determined that Youth class would take over the old Faith classroom and that the back room of the Church would be used for said "Parlor". Chris Waugh was contacted via telephone and was ok with this. There will be an Interior Design Committee formed from within the Mid-week Bible Study class and Pastor Tom will be sure they want to use the money for this project.

Angie stated that the Worship Team needs a new wireless microphone. The cost is around \$400.00. Use of the

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Audio/Video Fund to pay for this was discussed. The Ad Board decided that Angie should go ahead and purchase the mic, but to also check with Jim Cullom regarding this. Barb asked about getting a Monitor for the Choir loft-so they can view the same as the overhead screen. Angie agreed to check on this.

Babysitters were discussed for Tuesday Night Bible Study. Erin Overman will be available again after this week.

The Dyers have purchased a new DVD/VHS player for the Church!

Courtney (last name unknown) wants to be an Acolyte.

There is a telephone Prayer Chain. People can call Claudia Timmons or Chris to get on it.

### News From The Food Pantry

Stone Soup Food Pantry is still in need of donations. The Pantry was able to help several families over the last two months. The Pantry depends primarily on donations from food drives and contributions from our congregation. The other local Churches and Scouting organizations have helped on a regular basis also.

The Food Pantry helps between six and twelve families per year, on average. Without your donations, this would not be possible. Please try to be sure that your donation is dated and is not expired.

And remember....

*“If everyone gives just a little,  
there will be plenty for all.”*

“And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.”

Matthew 25:40 KJV

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