



Consecration Sunday

The Finance and Stewardship committee wants to thank all that participated in this year's consecration campaign. A group of 51 church members sat down to a bountiful feast of ham and homemade delights. We had a good day of fellowship on a wet cold day

Special thanks go out to Matt & Wendy Simon for making the dinner happen. Thanks go to the Men's group for setting up and tearing down. I also want to thank Betty Campbell and her dedicated group of counters and the church treasurer Andrea Burke. No wonder that this church does well with the involvement of such wonderful people. Praise be to God.

Thanks to all and God bless,

John Harden
Finance Committee Chair

It's Not to Late!!!

After counting the giving cards, on consecration Sunday, it appears that we are about 35 cards shy of what we sent out. After counting the amounts on the giving cards, it appears that we are about 15% short of our proposed 2009 budget for the general fund.

If you have not turned in your giving cards (and you want to turn one in) please mail or bring it with you next time your in church. We won't turn your pledges away just because they are late. We have extra cards if you have miss placed yours. Please see Wendy or pick one up in the foyer.

We will be setting the 2009 budget in the next few weeks. It would be a great help if we receive the giving cards before December 8th.

Looking forward to a generous 2009
In Gods holy name
The finance & stewardship committee

Senior High Sunday School Class

December 20th from 11 a.m.– 4 p.m. The Senior High Sunday School Class will be providing a gift wrapping service for the church family and the whole community. We'll be set up at Abba's Place for your convenience, free will donations will be accepted. Donations received from this service will be used to purchase gifts for those in need. If you prefer specific wrapping paper please bring it.

Contact Chris Waugh with questions 654-8878.

Bible Study begins Tuesday, December 2nd at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, December 3rd at 10 a.m. Bring your Advent booklet. We hope to discuss and explore what we are reading every day during the Advent season.

November Sermons

7th: Advent II-Communion
Isaiah 40:1-5 & Mark 1:1-5
"Preparation for Reparation"

14th: Advent III ONE Service
10 a.m.
Cantata: Together for Christmas

21st: Advent IV
Luke 1:26-38 & Luke 1:46b-55
"How Can This Be?"

28th: Isaiah 61:10 &
Psalm 148:1-14
"No Better Time Like The Present"



News From KUC

K-3rd Grade:

Our first semester has come to a close. We averaged around 10-12 kids most nights. Our curriculum this year is called Making It Connect. We just finished our first unit called "That's Incredible." We learned about the life changing principles Jesus taught us during his time on earth. The lessons were about Incredible Change, Incredible Compassion, Incredible Giving, and Incredible Power. The kids also collected enough items for Samaritan Purse to fill 10 shoeboxes!! What great givers! For family night, we honored 3 Kids with perfect attendance: Aaron Carson, Haley Cornell, and Nina Harshman. The Handy Helper awards went to Grace Anes, Aaron Carson, Autumn Anes, Nathan Elliott, Jalen Lane, Olivia Waugh, Haley Cornell, Nina Harshman, Taylor Mckinney, TaylorHermann, and Drew Schilling. Nina Harshman also earned her Crew Member award!! Ashtyn Defries and Grace Anes were recipients of bibles this semester! Great job kids. We also welcome newcomer Joey Curtin. We had a wonderful group of kids and we hope to see them all back (plus more) for the spring semester.

4th-6th: The Abba's Place group had an average of 12 kids each Wednesday. The last few weeks we have been preparing for the Christmas season and the birth of our savior. We've studied the Old Testament prophecies that foretold Jesus' birth and all the details surrounding it, like where Jesus would be born (in Bethlehem), what family or lineage he would be from (Jesse's), what he would be called (Immanuel- "God with Us"). We're going to finish up this semester with a Jesus' birthday party celebration at Abba's Place on Wednesday, December 3rd at 5 p.m. That night the kids will also be "spending" their points that they earned this Fall. **THIS IS ONLY FOR THE 4-6TH GRADE GROUP.** We've had a wonderful time and are looking forward to getting back together in January.

The directors would like to thank the following adults for their help this fall. Barb Seager, Jerry Fultz, Janet & Ed Fisher, Pat Weber, Marie & Frank Myers, Wilma & Dick Howe, Elaine & Tim Simon, Rita Cornell, Linda Bennett, Pastor Dave, Rene Kemmerer, Brett Peden, Dania Remaly, Deb Turner, Suzie Kelsey, Jan Dyer & Andy Schilling. We wouldn't have been able to do it without you. You are greatly appreciated!

KUC Directors Cathy Harden, Becki Farley, and Carol Nagy



Greetings from Wee Blessings!

Thank you, thank you, thank you again!!! The children and staff of Wee Blessings would like to thank each and everyone of you for supporting our fund raiser! We NEVER thought that we would sell over 800 dozen rolls, but we did. We would also like to thank Gene and Linda Marshall for their kind donation to Wee Blessings!

It's hard to believe that I'm writing the December newsletter, time seems to go by too quickly! The children have been working so hard and we are very proud of them.

The three's have continued to work on their colors, shapes, Bible verses and are beginning to write their names! They have also been doing experiments that have been very exciting for them! We love seeing all their art hanging on the bulletin boards or at the Mulberry Library!

The four's are working on learning their letters, numbers, bible verses, writing their names, rhyming words and making a two part pattern. We continue to work on listening and following directions. The four's also have their art work displayed at the library and on the bulletin board.

We would like to thank all the parents that helped at the Fall Party! The children had a wonderful time! We hope that each of you and your family had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

God Bless,
Patty, Donna and Mary Kay

Our Texas Roadhouse rolls fund raiser was a great success! You were all wonderful sales people. We sold an unbelievable amount of rolls.

- The 21 preschoolers sold a total of 494 dozen rolls!
- The church people sold a total of 286 dozen rolls!
- Wee Blessings profit is \$1950 plus \$115 in donations.

Winners for dozens sold are:

- 3 year old class-James Torrance selling 30 dozen, and Austin Albitz selling 29 dozen.
- 4 year old class-Morgan Ubelhor selling 89 dozen, and Cameron Bowen selling 63 dozen.
- The church winner was Diane Walker selling 62 dozen rolls.

This successful fundraiser makes it possible for us to buy special items for our room and to help with scholarships.

Coralee and the Wee Blessings Searing Committee

Missions News

Thank you to all for making our Holiday Pie Fundraiser a great success this year. We sold 256 pies, almost 100 more than last year! As promised, the funds will go to local missions and we are sending checks to the Pregnancy Resource Center in Frankfort, Rainbow Haven in Frankfort, and the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon in time for Christmas.

Special thanks to Matt Simon and Federal Mogul employees for all of their support.

We would like to welcome Elaine Simon and Becky Farley to our committee in 2009 and say goodbye and thank you to Barb Paddack and Tom Simon as they leave us this year.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 7 p.m. at church.

Thank you and God Bless everyone this Holiday Season

Deb Schutz



Mulberry United Methodist Women

Annual December Action is in the basement of the church December 4th at 7 p.m. Bring items to donate as well as plenty to spend. All proceeds go to the Pregnancy Resource Center and families in need this Christmas. All ladies are welcome and don't forget to bring your husbands.

The United Methodist Women wish to thank all those who were a part of the last two church dinners. Those who provided salads and desserts were: Wilma Howe, Patty Wright, Coralee Judge, Sandy Seager, Nancy Doyle, Michelle Albitz, Rita Cornell, Betty (Perry) Skiles, Liz Stewart, Barb Paddack, Cindy Cullom, Barb Seager, Mary K Finnerty, Mary Fultz, Kellie Simon and Janet Fisher. Those working in the kitchen were: Lisa Scott, Sue Golden, Wilma Howe, Barb Seager, Betty (Perry) Skiles, Dania Remaly, and Marlene Boyd. Thanks to Jerry Fultz for taking care of tables and chairs. The Simon and Hastings families were most appreciative.

Annual Holiday Boutique

It is with great pleasure that we say this years Boutique went exceedingly well. This years boutique had such joyous fellowship it could be felt in the air. Because so many commented on how nice our church people and the community are I couldn't have been more pleased. So thank you to everyone that worked, attended, and prayed for the boutique.

One special thanks to the kids in the F.R.O.G.S. Sunday School class for cleaning away dishes and wiping down tables all day. These kids worked really hard Jasmine Cavender, Jacob Simon, and Kayla Simon.

The final numbers have come in on the money raised during the boutique. \$2,292.50 with all proceeds going to the mission work of the Mulberry United Methodist Women.

Because we intend for the Boutique to continue into the future we have put together a committee to explore options to for keeping the boutique a vital part of UMW. So pray for this committee as we plan next years 30th annual Boutique.



Looking for a way to help the church? We have just the thing, it's small but very important.

Turn off the lights.

When everyone is leaving an event at the church be sure ALL the lights in the church are OFF. Even the foyer light is to be off. This will save the church in energy costs.

Thank you.

*MUMC Finance & Trustees
Committees*

Audit time again!

Prepare your books to turn into the finance committee. **ALL** bank accounts that are connected to MUMC must be audited by the finance committee. See John Harden before January 10th.

Worship Assistants

November Communion Steward Vicki Hastings

*If you are unavailable on your date, please call the office at 296-3399.

Traditional Service 8:45 a.m.

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Prayer w/ Pastor</i>
12/7	Jade & Crysta Kas	Rita Cornell	TBA	Rita Cornell
12/14	Tom & Kellie Simon—10 a.m. combined service			Wayne Walker
12/21	Rita & Randy Cornell			Mark Newhart
12/28	Jerry & Barb Seager			Shelly Surber

Blue Jean Service 11:00 a.m.

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Children's Church</i>	<i>Prayer w/ Pastor</i>
12/7	Steve & Julie Percy	Julie Percy	Communion	
12/14	Tom & Kellie Simon—10 a.m. combined service			Wayne Walker
12/21	Vicki Hastings		Katherine Townsley	
12/28	Vicki Hastings		TBA	

Attendance & Offering

<i>Date</i>	<i>Total Attend.</i>	<i>Sun. School</i>	<i>Gen. Fund Offering</i>
9/7	129	66	\$3085
9/14	133		\$2,721
9/21	131	60	\$4,512
9/28	132	55	\$1,588
10/5	126	67	\$3,525
10/12	120	54	\$3,455

November Birthdays

12/2	Marc Garriott	12/20	Ester Creamer
12/3	Crysta Kas	12/20	Coralee Judge
12/5	Sandy Seager	12/23	Hanna Synesael
12/6	Nancy Hart	12/24	Christoph Weber
12/6	Angie Schilling	12/25	Mary Lou Clendenning
12/9	Claudia Timmons		
12/12	Bill Davis	12/27	Dick Howe
12/12	Rick Garriott	12/29	Diane Walker
12/15	Dan Nagy	12/30	Becky Humrickhouse
12/15	Carol Nagy	12/30	Whitney Simon
12/19	Bill Patton		

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

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	Bible Study: Tues. 7 pm & Wed. 10 am	Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30-1:30
Choir Director: Mary Lou Clendenning	Women's Bible Study: Tue at 6 am at the Church	Church Office: (765) 296-3399
Pianist: Esther Creamer	Men's Bible Study 7 am 2nd & 4th Sat.	Pastor's Home: (765) 296-3390
Organist: Angie Schilling	Youth Group Sun. At Abba's 4-5:30	Abba's Place: (765) 296-2090
Nursery: Sherry Gouvan		Church Email: mlbymc@mintel.net
Custodian: Jerry Fultz	Wee Blessings Preschool:	Web-site: www.mumc-in.org
Admin. Asst: Wendy Simon	Director & Teacher: Patty Wright	Food Pantry: By Appointment
Traditional Worship: 8:45 am Sun	Teacher: Donna Kirkpatrick	Call Church Office
Sunday School: 10:00 am Sun	Assistant Teacher: Mary Kay Finnerty	
Blue Jean Service: 11:00 am Sun		

True Christmas

By Julia Pearcey

Just what is Christmas
Why everyone knows,
Christmas is Santa, and presents, and snow.
It's laughter and food and parties for fun,
Why Christmas is happiness for everyone!

But wait—what's that sound heard above all this joy,
Why look in that corner—it's just one small boy,
Crying as if his poor heart would break,
Think I'll take him some punch and a small piece of
cake.

"There, there little boy
It can't be that bad
Look around you,
It's Christmas—no time to be sad!"

"But I'm cold," said the boy
With no shoes on my feet, no wood for the fire and
nothing to eat."

"But it's Christmas," came my rapid reply.
"For turkey and dressing and blueberry pie.
And Santa brings sacks and sacks full of toys, and
gives real nice presents to good girls and boys."

"There ain't no Santa," came his feeble reply.
"Everyone knows that—even poor folks like I.
Just some silly old man all dressed up in red
Giving gifts to his friends—
Cares less if I was dead!"

"Oh no—you're wrong! That just isn't true.
He cares for all people and that includes you. Look, in
that corner, there's a child on his lap, and I'm sure he
has presents for you in his sack."

"Why should it matter to him if I'm here. He scorns
me and shuns me that test of the year!"

"But it's Christmas!" I said as I smiled down at him.
Then came the sad truth—the story within.

"Ma always taught me to be kind and good, to honor
and respect all of manhood.
She told me they'd laugh or ignore me the same, or
even go as far as to call me bad names."

"She's always right—she always knew best,

Clean up to the day she's laid to rest."

"Know what she told me that true Christmas was?
God taking time to give of his love,
No matter what color, ya be black or white, He sent
His son to save ALL that Night."

"Said one dark night a poor man, like us, led his
donkey all through the night in the dust. To get to an
inn so his babe could be bore,
With cows as his witness—least not many more."

"Laid in a manger and admired by all,
Then Mary, his mother, heard the Lord call,
'Make his name Jesus for he is my son.
I've sent him to earth to save everyone.'
So Mary said "Jesus" and that came his name. Lord
sent him to work cause it weren't no game."

"Lord guide him and led him and showed him the
way. He went out a preachin' most everyday. Teachin'
God's lovin' as best as he could Then the day came—
Lord said it would.
They nailed him high—high on a hill. For you see it
was Him they was trying to kill.
Know what He said as He hung on that cross?
Forgive them Lord—for I know they is lost."

"Then the Lord called Him, He made not a sound but
the sky grew darker and the Lord shook the ground.
"Cause you see God was mad at those people around.
He gave them their chance and they turned Him
down."

"Ma says there's no reason for being unkind Thinkin'
you is better than others is all in your mind. She said
that Christmas was just one big show That God was a
watchin', He's be sure and know."

"He'd write all their names in his great big book and
when their time came He would take one long look
and know if they had been good or not. If their spirit
would live in good, bad, or what."

So see, your big party means nothing to Him. Don't
you know that true Christmas must come from within?

Well, I looked at that boy, what he's said sure was
true. I'd left Christ our of Christmas
How about you?

Mulberry United Methodist Church Administrative Council—October 13, 2008

In attendance: Pastor Dave, Rita Cornell, Vickie Hastings, Steve Pearcy, Jerry Fultz, John Harden, Wendy Simon, Carol Nagy, Betty Campbell, Coralee Judge, Barb Seager, and Becki Farley. ●Rita opened the meeting with the lighting of a candle and prayer. ●The September minutes were approved as read.

●Wendy Simon-treasurer's report. We have \$20,000 cash which is much better than last year. Computer donations are going very well.

●John-Finance and stewardship report. Consecration Sunday is November 16th. We will have a carry- in after the service. Since attendance is typically down for combined services, we will go ahead and have two services. Pledge cards will be mailed out two weeks before Consecration Sunday.

●Jerry-Trustees report. It will cost \$975 to upgrade the electricity at Abba's, and the building permit is \$180. The money from the garage sale will be enough to pay for the upgrades. The renters are out, and we are in the process of cleaning the property. Two fire extinguishers and a new water heater are going to be installed at the parsonage.

●Steve-PPRC report. We will be meeting on the 29th to discuss the Pastor's salary.

●Barb-Bridge Builder's report. We sent out 29 cards in September. We budgeted \$22.78, and donations by committee totaled \$4.26.

●Barb-Wee Blessings report. Wee Blessings is going well. We would still like more 3 yr olds though.

●Coralee-Evangelism report. The fellowship in the park evening was well attended and worth while. We had approximately 40-50 folks there. We counted four families that do not attend our church. We thought possibly that the carnival at the church the week before might have put a bit of a damper on the attendance. At any rate, we all had a lot of fun.

●Rita-Partners in Prayer report. We met with Pastor Dave last night.

●Pastor Dave – Missions report. We delivered all the health kits to the annual conference. Pie sales have begun. For November, our mission will be the Indiana Children's Home.

●Stone Soup Food Pantry report. The Mulberry Telephone Company donated \$500 to the pantry. The food pantry isn't being used very much right now, but we suspect the need will increase during the upcoming months.

●Vickie-Worship report. – The large green altar cloth has been misplaced.

●Carol-UMW report. We had a meeting on October 2nd. There were 11 people in attendance. The meeting was at Betty Eldon Skiles' residence. Mary Alys was our speaker. UMW will support the effort to purchase a new computer for the office by giving the balance that is needed. The next meeting is on November 6th which will be the preparation for the boutique. UMW will be having a bake sale at the boutique. The auction will be on the 4th of December.

●Rita-Youth report. Rachel resigned from being the youth representative.

●Pastor Dave. Kevin, Matt, Wendy, and Pastor Dave met with some of the parents. We have sent out a survey and have had some surveys turned back in. One concern is that the youth would like to change the meeting time. The results of the survey will be sent to the youth. The Lay Leadership committee thinks they have almost every position filled. The committee will be meeting again on November 3rd. The Fellowship and Worship committees will be recombined. There will be an education committee (Sunday School teachers, KUC directors, VBS, youth group reps, Children's sermon representative, Children's church). All Ad Board members need to attend the cluster conference meeting on November 9th at Stockwell.

●Pastor Dave – thanks to everyone for the gifts and cards for Pastor's appreciation.

●Barb – KUC. We have new co-directors for KUC which are Carol & Becki. KUC is going really well. If you have any questions talk to Carol or Becki. KUC will be ordering t-shirts for the staff and the kids. Barb would like to thank the Simon's family for picking up the TV that was donated to the church. Abba's refrigerator needs some attention. Barb noticed there was food in the refrigerator that was expired and needed to be thrown out. We need to decide who will do this in the future.

●Coralee – some of you may have received an email about praying for the upcoming election. Please join in and pray that God helps our country, the upcoming election, and for the citizens and their morals.

●Betty had a wonderful weekend on the Walk to Emmaus. Betty shared that a girl fell out of a top bunk during the middle of the night on the Walk to Emmaus. The gal was unconscious and was taken to the hospital. Everyone prayed and went to bed. When they woke up she was back in bed and everything was alright. God is so good and prayer does work.

●Carol said that the Chicken Noodle Dinner will be February 7th. We need to be sure to get the dinner advertising over to the village.

●Wendy thanked everyone for the prayers and help during her recovery. She also thanked everyone for the concern around Matt and his kidney. There was a communication problem which is why there wasn't a Java Jam this month. The Java Jam committee should be added to the list of committees.

●The finance committee would like to thank all who donated to the computer and the UMW for picking up the balance.

●John said that UMM had the largest meeting ever. Approximately 15 men attended.

●Jerry said if the rewiring at Abba's gets done in 8 hours the food in the refrigerator and the freezer will be fine. If it takes longer than that Jerry will bring the food to the church. A week from Wednesday Jerry will be leaving for California. Matt will pick up the trash and major issues should be reported to Dan Remaly.

●Rita closed the meeting in prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Becki Farley.

