



## Thank you...

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, & gifts during Pastor Appreciation Month. Your generosity and caring is over whelming. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

*Pastor Dave*

## Advent Bible Study

Our Advent Bible study will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. and Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. at the Church. This begins Tuesday, November 30th & Wednesday December 1st.

This study will be "The A-Hahs of Christmas." Bring your Bibles; Pastor Dave will lead each lesson.

## Thank you...

Thanks to our church for its loving support of Alice over the years. Especially: Pastor Dave for his visits and the thoughtful funeral reflections to the ladies of the UMW who fixed and planned the funeral luncheon; to Frank and Marie Myers who visited and shared with Alice so often during her years at MHRC; to Dick and Wilma Howe who helped Alice in so many ways at MHRC; to Barb Seager who often dropped off church bulletins to help Alice stay connected to her church and who brought tasty left-overs from dinners to Fred and Alice; to Jean Sutton who made sure Alice had a ride to Home Study Circle; to Bridge Builders for the many cards; and to the many others who sent cards and kept Alice in their prayers. Thank you all. You meant a lot to Alice!

*The family of Alice Marshall*



## Worship This Month

5th	Advent II Communion- Isaiah 11:1-10	Lions & Leopards and Cows, O My!
12th	Advent III	Cantata ONE SERVICE 10 a.m.
19th	ADVENT IIII	Isaiah 7:10-16 & Matthew 1:18-25 A Little Bundle of Joy
24th	Christmas Eve Services	6 p.m. & 8 p.m.
26th	ONE SERVICE 10 a.m.	A Family Christmas

## UMW Health Kit Collection

Thank you to everyone for all the support with the health kits. Because we didn't gather complete kits, I can't tell you exactly how much we had as a total. BUT I can tell you that the Indiana United Methodist Women as a whole collected 1,775 pounds of kit supplies at the annual meeting. Everything was loaded on a truck and taken directly to the distribution center in Illinois. Thank you to Matt Simon for help in finding our drop off point in Indianapolis.

*The following is a program that Ad. Council brought to many groups in the church and they are now choosing to support.*

### **CLINTON PRAIRIE FOOD BACKPACKS**

Please thank all those in your Church who are helping with this project! Here is some information about what we are doing:

We sent bags to 28 families and this involves 54 CP Elementary students. We are MAXED out!

- Nine families have 3 kids at the elementary
- One blended family has 5 kids at the elementary (we send 2 bags to this home)
- One has 4 kids at the elementary
- One has 2 kids at the elementary

As far as we know the other families have one student in school but others at home.

Thought this might be interesting for all to know.

Thanks again,  
*Sandy Thompson, committee member*

## Greetings from Wee Blessings

We hope that you are enjoying the beautiful weather and counting your blessings! During this busy season we hope that we all remember that we have much to be thankful for!

Wee Blessings would like to thank all the parents for the wonderful snacks, treat bags and volunteering to make our Fall Party so special for the children! I would also like to thank the parents for all the delicious food for our Thanksgiving Feast! The children loved dressing up as pilgrims and enjoying all of their favorite foods!

The children have been busy learning their letters, Bible Verses, numbers, sequencing, writing their names using upper and lower case letters, art projects, and so much more. We are so proud that the children are also learning their phone numbers and addresses!!!

In closing, thanks for all the support in our fundraiser, it was a huge success. We will put the money that we raised to good use! We wish each of you a wonderful Thanksgiving!

*God Bless,  
Mary Kay and Patty*

### **Pass the rolls please!!**

*Wee Blessings* would like to "thank you, thank you" for your help in selling and buying Texas Roadhouse rolls. We were overwhelmed with your generosity! Total number of rolls sold was 438 dozen!! Jenna Collins was the big seller from the class with 48 dozen sold and Matt Simon, Church member, sold 127 dozen: way to go ☺

*Steering Committee & Staff*

## MISSIONS NEWS

Wow, it's hard to believe that it is December already! What an exciting and successful year it has been thanks to this wonderful congregation. Thank you for your financial support as well as your prayers and encouragement. Mulberry UMC can do amazing things when we all work together! Let me mention a few.

Started the Kids' Collection. Who would have thought that something as simple as decorated chip cans passed by our beautiful children could become such a fantastic project? Since this started in February, we have collected nearly \$3500, which has purchased two calves for Henderson Settlement, helped pay for materials for the Henderson Settlement work project, purchased a shelter and water purification system for a family in Haiti, and will help brighten Christmas for two families in Kentucky. WOW!

Henderson Settlement Work Team in August. This 18 member team, including 11 first timers, worked 5 days roofing, replacing soffit and windows, and sharing God's love with our new friends in Chenoa, KY. What a wonderful week of fellowship!

Gift Basket Silent Auction and Holiday Pie Sales. Our two annual fundraisers, again a great success thanks to your participation and support. 13 BASKETS DONATED AND 196 PIES SOLD THIS YEAR!

Donations to special projects on local, national and international levels, including UMCOR's Haiti Earthquake Relief, Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti, Strong Missions in Costa Rica, Native American Doors to Promise, the Lebanon United Methodist Children's Home and Bashor Children's Home, Habitat for Humanity of Clinton County, Rainbow Haven, Pregnancy Resource Center, CP Christmas families, the New Hope CP Backpack program, Abba's Place, and other ministries within our church.

Many volunteer time and talents to projects and training. Four attended UMVIM Leadership Training in April. Several have helped with our demolition project at Vicki Hastings' place. Thanks for your manual labor in this endeavor. Many thanks to Vicki for the donation of the project and the great lunches! Also, many thanks to the entire Simon family for your long hours of dedication and work. Proceeds from the salvage will go to the Native American Project we adopt for Summer 2011. (More info on work team to come.)

General plans for 2011 include a spring planting trip to Henderson Settlement, a work team to a Native American Mission, and encouraging individual or small group participation in international mission trips offered by Volunteers in Missions.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING— DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> @ 7PM IN THE HOPE CLASS.**

Blessings,

Deb Schutz for Missions

*May Life Always Give You Reasons To Smile And Laugh! - An Indian Blessing*

### **Funeral Dinner Served**

Many thanks to the UMW for providing a dinner for the Alice Marshall family. Those preparing the meal were Betty Skiles, Sue Golden, Nancy Doyle and Barb Seager. Salads were provided by Nancy Doyle, Wilma Howe, Wendy Simon, Wilma Fultz, Patty Wright and Janet Fisher. Desserts were made by Sandy Seager, Barb Lee, Jane Leak & Kathy Townsley.

The family was most appreciative.



### **Heartfelt Appreciation**

For the past month Hope Class has been studying the book of Daniel with the Triple F Class during Sunday school. What a joy that has been. We, the Hope Class, want to thank Wayne Walker for leading and teaching us. Also, thanks to the rest of the class for the fellowship, we pray that you have enjoyed it as much as we have.

Thanks, Ronnette

Taken from UMW November Mission Messenger

### Putting Distance in Perspective

HOW FAR IS IT? A question I have asked myself (and have heard) several times since we became a new District and Conference meeting to plan for the next event or what mission we are going to help with the money we have. Come on it's just a meeting, right? Well, what if it's more than just a meeting or just a gathering? What if it's a time to "be a neighbor" as Jesus said, to others at our meetings or gathering? What mission work won't be done if we don't come together and work together to raise money or do a hands on mission project? Lots of questions. But it's so far to go!

All of this made me start thinking of a man who was in missions for three years. I wondered how far he had to go to celebrate the Lord's Day, to do speaking engagements, to bring his special "hands on" ministry to others. Well, leave it to the internet I found a web site that gave me a pretty good idea. Of course the man I'm talking about is Jesus.

Here is some information to think about. I'll give the web site at the end of this article. It makes interesting reading and all this is estimated on the low side.

Total miles Jesus walked during His 3 year public ministry: 3,125! Along the roads there were no toilet facilities, water or other travel needs. Life was tough in those days for the traveler. In the summer time the heat could reach up to 120° F and in the winter there is often snow along the route. The way included mountains, valleys, rivers, desert and wilderness. There were bandits and killers hiding along the roadside.

-Grand total of miles Jesus walked in His 33 years on earth while traveling on trips:

-400 miles: Jesus walked from Egypt to Nazareth.

-18,000 miles: Jesus walked from Nazareth to Jerusalem and return by age 30.

-3,125 miles: Jesus walked during His 3 year public ministry.

**Grand Total Miles Jesus walked on trips: 21,525 miles!**

An average of 20 miles a day on all His journeys would mean that Jesus spent at least 1,076 days and nights on the road in his life! This is a total of 2 years, 346 days on the road! All these miles He walked by the age of 33. The distance around the world at the equator is 24,901 miles. This means that Jesus walked 'almost' the distance around the world!

WOW! That's a lot of walking! I guess a 4-5 hour trip to a meeting or gathering in an air-conditioned car with lots of rest stops and restaurants along the way doesn't sound so bad now. I guess I'll think twice

before I complain about "how far is it?" again!

**Remember, the longest mile Jesus walked was the last on to Calvary where He was crucified on the Cross for you and me! He walked the last mile 'for us'! Jesus has ascended into Heaven and opened the way for us to 'come on in'. It was your sins and mine that He carried to the cross so we may be forgiven and that we may know Him.**

I pray that this has given you something to think about but also when it comes to-How Far Is It?

By Linda Miller-President, Southwest District  
Web site: [http://gomitch.multiply.com/journal/item/15/How\\_far\\_did\\_Jesus\\_and\\_Mary\\_Walk\\_posted\\_Feb\\_20](http://gomitch.multiply.com/journal/item/15/How_far_did_Jesus_and_Mary_Walk_posted_Feb_20)

### Mulberry United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women wish to thank all the members of our congregation who helped in making the 2010 Boutique a success. As of this writing our profit is approximately \$2400. Some of this money will go to help purchase a new stove for the church, but much of it will go for the mission projects that UMW supports. Thank you again for working, baking, cooking, helping to set up, helping to tear down and clean up, buying items and eating! We are all blessed to be a part of a wonderful church family.



## Worship Assistants

\*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>Prayer w/ Pastor</i>
12/5	Matt Simon Family	Rita Cornell	
12/12	Vicki Hastings	Rita Cornell	Wayne Walker
12/19	Max & Sarah Coffman	Rita Cornell	Wendy Simon
12/26	Matt Simon Family	Rita Cornell	

### Blue Jean Service 11:00 a.m.

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Scripture Reader</i>	<i>Children's Church</i>
12/5	Pat Simon	Pat Simon	No C.C.
12/12	Perry & Betty Skiles	Pat Simon	No C.C.
12/19	Ken & Barb Synesael	Tom & Elaine Simon	Michelle Albitz
12/26		Tom & Elaine Simon	No C.C.

**Arrive 20 minutes early to greet, review the scripture, or pray with the pastor.**

### Attendance & Offering

<i>Date</i>	<i>Total Attend.</i>	<i>Sun. School</i>	<i>Gen. Fund Offering</i>
10/3	117	55	\$5,607
10/10	116	58	\$2,295
10/17	138	50	\$3,276
10/24	115	52	\$2,865
10/31	110	66	\$2,910

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

### December Birthdays

12/1	Jacob Simon	12/19	Bill Patton
12/2	Marc Garriott	12/20	Esther 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
12/6	Jerry Wilcox		
12/9	Janet Fisher	12/27	Dick Howe
12/12	Bill Davis	12/29	Diane Walker
12/12	Rick Garriott	12/30	Whitney Simon
12/15	Carol Nagy		

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please call 296-3399

### December Wedding Anniversaries

12/2	Jerry & Becki Farley	12/18	Tom & Elaine Simon
12/4	Ken & Barb Synesael	12/21	Curley & Anne Myers
12/10	Jerry & Carol Wilcox	12/22	Matt & Wendy Simon

NewsLetter  
DEADLINE

**Submission  
Deadline: 15th  
each month.**

Pastor: David Hummel  
 Choir Director: Mary Lou Clendenning  
 Pianist: Esther Creamer  
 Organist: Angie Schilling  
 Nursery: Sherry Gouvan  
 Custodian: Jerry Fultz  
 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: call for information  
 Women's Bible Study:  
     Tue at 6 am at the Church  
 Men's Bible Study 8 am 2nd & 4th Sat.

**Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30-1:30**  
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 Food Pantry: By Appointment  
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Wee Blessings Preschool:  
 Director & Teacher: Patty Wright  
 Assistant Teacher: Mary Kay Finnerty