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THANK YOU FOR 10 YEARS

By Pastor Curt

THE LAST FEW WEEKS HAVE BEEN A TIME OF MANY DIFFERENT EMOTIONS FOR ALL OF US. IF YOU HAVE BEEN LIKE PAM & I THEY HAVE BEEN UP AND DOWN. WE HAVE RECEIVED MANY WONDERFUL CARDS AND PHONE CALLS. SOME OF THEM HAVE HAD INTERRUPTIONS BECAUSE OF TEARS. PAM & I MAY BE LEAVING THIS COMMUNITY AND YOU ALL...BUT THE GREAT MEMORIES WILL ALWAYS BE WITH US.

PAM & I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR HOW WONDERFULLY YOU HAVE TREATED US. WE HOPE YOU FEEL THE SAME WAY WITH US. YOU ALL MEAN SO MUCH TO US. AS I WRITE THIS MY TIME IS GOING TOO FAST FOR ME. ONE OF THE THINGS I'M GOING TO MISS IS ALL THE KIDS. THEY HAVE BEEN SUCH A PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO BE WITH. CONFIRMATION CLASS, SPORTS EVENTS, PLAYS AND MUSICALS, AND TAKING THE KIDS TO SIX FLAGS HAS ALWAYS BEEN A BLAST FOR PAM & I. SO THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES.

IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS (JUNE 28) PAM AND I WILL BE MOVING TO OUR NEW ASSIGNMENT IN MT. CARMEL, IL. SOON AFTER, YOUR NEW PARSONAGE FAMILY WILL BE MOVING TO DOWNS. PAM & I PRAY GOD WILL HAVE HIS WAY WITH ALL PARTIES INVOLVED... THAT IN ALL THAT HAPPENS...GOD WILL RECEIVE GLORY AND HONOR.

PAM & I LOVE ALL OF YOU VERY MUCH...AND WILL MISS YOU.

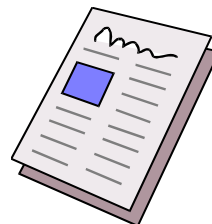
IN HIS SERVICE
PASTOR CURT & PAM

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The only thing in life that stays the same is CHANGE.

Anonymous





Thank you to everyone that helped in any way or provided supplies for VBS. What a great way to witness to children and parents!

VBS Co-ordinators:

Barb Fisher and Peggy Stark

Other leaders were:

Crafts: *Dawn Ramirez*

Snacks: *Michelle Forbes*

Nursery: *Jon Nelson*

Recreation: *Beth Wilsey,*

Justine Lanchester, & Rachel Lewis

Group Leaders: *Lindsey Cuba, Becky Duncan, Diane Scherr, & Shari Riley*

Other helpers: *Kate McNeese, Ashley Cline, Alicia Solvie, Jill Wilsey, Kyle Connour, Blaise McNeese, Jamie Ward, Tara Cox, Morgan Campbell, Kim Ash, Jean Riordan, Jen Nelson, Janice Cuba, Brent Ward, Pam Rush, Jessica Cuba, Kourtnie Cobstill, Chelsea Stark, John Fisher, Landon Cuba, Chris Stark, Lauren James, Steve Stark, Courtney Kahle, Heather Miller, & Kevin Goveia*

July Birthdays

1 Greg Lanchester	18 Sydni Ravera
2 Kathy Bustle	19 Andy Williams
4 Lyndall Cuba	20 Chris Chaszar
9 Landon Cuba	20 Amanda Lewis
9 Andrew Kahle	20 Anna Lewis
10 Kim Lewis	21 Jon Spelde
10 Chris Nalley	22 Brandon Whitted
11 Jeff Turnbull	23 Cindy Halloran
12 Shannon Simpson	23 Jackie Palmer
15 Ginger Campbell	23 Connie Zumwalt
15 Blake Dahms	31 Bryan Fike
15 Dennis McNeese	31 Kristen Palmer
15 Addi Ramirez	31 Jody Simpson
16 Charlie Prochnow	
17 Debbie Fuller	
17 Keaton Fuller	
18 Kenneth Garling	
18 Dawn Ramirez	

July Anniversaries

10 John & Tex Kahle
10 Ed & Donna Clark
10 Gary & Marla Brotherton



Days to Celebrate!



UMW is down to their last case of Cookbooks.

This cookbook is a combination of prior cookbooks along with new recipes at the time of printing. Don't miss out! When they are gone they are gone. Cost is \$12.00 each

July 2006 Mission Minutes

By Pam Rush

We collected \$126.12 in the June mission buckets. We will give \$300 to Golden Cross for their ministry work.

Since last newsletter, we have given \$2079.14

\$79.14 Traveler	\$100 Children' Miracle Network
\$300 Golden Cross	\$100 Support for camp counselor
\$200 Relay for Life	\$1000 Family expenses/husband/coma
\$300 Peace Meals	

We received a very nice thank you from Donna Thomas. She is always so appreciative of any donation we give her toward feeding the homeless. The thank you is on the side bulletin board.

We get a monthly newsletter from Salem Ranch. On the cover page is usually a testimony from one of the residents about how Salem (& God) have totally changed their life. It is well worth reading...see on the side bulletin board, also.

Ginger Campbell will be the new Outreach Chairperson. Peggy Stark & Donna Clark are her committee. If you know of any needs, please contact one of them.

It has been a blessing to serve on this committee. Your generosity makes our job easy. I feel Downs UMC is the outstretched hands of Jesus. And as Bob Hope would say, "thanks for the memories."

Trustees Meeting Minutes Downs United Methodist Church June 4, 2006

Present: Jon Spelde, Darla Lanchester, Ken Garling, Andre McNaught, Craig Solvie

Jon opened with prayer.

Old Business:

↓ **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Andre made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. Ken seconded. Motion carried.

↓ **Memorial Money:** Darla made a motion the church consult a lawyer, along with the family involved with the memorial, to see if the money can be applied to sending kids to camps instead of capital improvements. Craig seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

↓ **May 7 Property Congregational Vote:** Vote to purchase was approved by congregation.

↓ **Other Property to Consider:** There are 22 acres across Route 150 from the property we are interested in buying (part of the Bethel trust). The cost of 22 acres is \$10,000 an acre, unless the acreage is split, then the cost is \$17,500 an acre. Discussed asking for "first right of refusal" on 22 acres in case the church wants to expand to a larger site, create a camp or a mission, etc. Craig made a motion we ask for a "first right of refusal" on the 22 acres. Andre seconded the motion. Motion carried.

↑ **Access to New Property from School:** Three school board members will meet with three church members (Jon, George Lewis, Andre McNaught) on June 19 to work through the details of accessing our property from the school's road. Craig Solvie will be an alternate in case one of the three from our church cannot attend.

↑ **New Property Purchase Details:** Cost is \$10, 000 an acre. Ron Turner is Bill Bethel's attorney. We will split the survey costs with Mr. Bethel. There will be a 1% down payment. Mr. Bethel will sell us a strip of land that borders Bruning's property (i.e, an easement). Jon will check to see how wide the strip needs to be. (It was agreed between the seller and us that the purchase agreement will include a "first right of refusal" for the easement area.)

↑ **Work Day at Parsonage:** In preparation for the new pastor, we may need to hold a work day.

↑ **Work Orders:**

Signs directing people to our church: No update.

Annex sink: No update.

↑ Andre made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ken seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:03 pm.

Programs at Downs UMC

- UMW Meets the 2nd Sunday of the month for breakfast at 7:30am. All ladies of the church are welcome. No meeting in July and August.
- Sunday School classes for Preschool through adults every Sunday at 9:15am
- Angel Choir practices every Monday night at 5:00pm Grades K and up. They take the summer off.
- Praise Band Currently taking a break
- Family Night has been Wednesday nights. Taking the summer off.
- DUMC Players—Drama group
- DUMC Choir—Singing 2nd service 1st Sunday each month. Practices for summer are at 10:10 on that Sunday.
- Youth Groups—Taking Summer off
- Bible Study—Taking Summer off



FALL PROGRAMS

Although Summer just started, plans need to be made for the Fall Sunday School and Family Night Programs. Family night on Wednesday night was a big success last year, but we need volunteers to help support this program. Please contact Peggy Stark with ideas and/or a desire to help. Remember, we are **ALL** called to serve God.



Welcome to Reverend Ron George, wife Kathy and family

They will be moving into the parsonage on Friday, June 30.

July Happenings

Daily	Prayer Room is open
Sunday, July 2	Communion Choir Sings 2 nd service Practice is at 10:10am
Monday, July 3	6:00 Trustees
Sunday, July 9	2:00 4H Meeting

This would be a great month to come clean up an area you may have seen that needs some attention. God loves when we serve in these small ways. Janice is compiling a list in the office, so if you need any ideas, please contact her at 378-4500 (home), 378-2651 (office), or email at officedumc@juno.com



Thank You July Volunteers

Power Point Operators

	<u>8:00 am Service</u>	<u>10:30 am Service</u>
2	Rhonda Nalley	Robb Erlenbush
9	Sue Colclasure	Laura Walters
16	Jake Nalley	Tom Coulon
23	John Fisher	Taylor Zumwalt
30	<i>Help Needed</i>	<i>Help Needed</i>

GREETERS 10:30 am Service

2	Dave & Darcie Jones, Ron Berry
9	Diane Scherr, Kay Hull, Jody Simpson
16	Sherry Reed, Mabel Courtney, Marcia Adams
23	Jean & Colby Riordan, Kathy Bustle
30	Mabel Courtney, Madeline Gelsthorpe, Betty Harvey

NURSERY SCHEDULE

10:30am Service

2	Help Needed
9	Brian & Janelle Zachow
16	Jen Nelson
23	Michelle Roop
30	Jamie Ward

2006 Official Role (Positions being Served)

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8:30 am - 10:30 am
Afternoons When Needed

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Recording Secretary: Lyn Edwards
Finance Chairperson: John Werner
Lay Leadership Secretary: Jamie Ward
PPRC Chairperson: Brent Ward
Lay Leader: Dave Caldwell
Lay Member to Confer.: John Werner
Treasurer: Janice Cuba
Financial Secretary: Rhonda Nalley
Nurture Chairperson: Sherry Reed
Outreach Chairperson: Ginger Campbell
Witness Chairperson: Etta Whitted
UMW President: Donna Clark
Youth Director: Peggy Stark
Camping Coordinator: Pastor Curt
Church Secretary: Janice Cuba

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Rhonda Nalley, Larry Stark,
Donna Kleinlein
Janice Cuba, John Werner,
Trustee,
Bill Erlenbush, Dave Caldwell

TRUSTEES:
Andre McNaught, Darla
Lanchester
Jon Spelde, Mac Fuller
Craig Solvie, Ken Garling,
Suzann Erlenbush

PPRC:
Tim Riley, Glenda Walsh, Larry
Stark, Brent Ward, Becky
Duncan, Jean Riordan

NOMINATIONS:
Jamie Ward, Ed Clark, Jan
Holmes, Glenda Fike, Sherry
Riley

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