



### **Parish to Participate in Sale**

Mill Creek Summit Parish will participate in the upcoming 400-Mile Garage Sale along Highway 36 on September 15, 16, and 17. The “gold building” at the Washington Fairgrounds has been secured for our purposes. We can use furniture, office equipment, desks, clothing (clean and in good repair), household items, linens and towels, baskets, knick knacks—all treasures found in a big garage sale.

Some donated coats and jackets will be “saved out” for the United Methodist Mexican-American Ministries in Garden City. This mission project also includes Dodge City and Liberal. There is always a tremendous need for coats and jackets.

Proceeds from the sale will be used for Missions and Ministries apportionments.

Items may be left at the Washington UMC beginning September 10 or can be picked up. If you are cleaning house and have items now that you would like to get rid of, these too, can be picked up at any time. Call Patty Smith (325-2323), Alice Dyck (325-3212) or the church office at 325-2158 and leave a message.



### **Food Bank**

Our Parish will have the opportunity to serve at the Washington County Food Bank on Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. Come to the Brethren Church located on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Pierce Streets at 4:00 PM if you would like to help.

### **United Methodist Men Host Open Meeting**

The United Methodist Men of the Mill Creek Summit Parish met at 7:00 PM on May 24, 2006 with a special guest speaker. Pastor Cindi (Price) Stewart of the Pilger and Stanton, Nebraska United Methodist Churches presented a power point presentation on her trip to the Holy Land in January. Refreshments followed the presentation. Cindi Stewart is the daughter of Ken Price.

The men will have their next meeting in Washington at 7:00 PM on September 27, 2006 at Washington UMC. All men of the parish churches are urged to attend.



**Haddam:** This year memorials for “Bob” Novak were used to purchase the copier and large print Bibles were given from Pauline Hardenburger, Arlene Rhine, and Robert Blecha. Thank you to these families for their generous gifts to our church.

**Washington:** Many memorial gifts were made to the Building Fund to help pay off our debt. These funds, totaling \$1,126, were received in memory of Bernice Hyland, Edna Perkins, and Margaret Baird. Thank you for supporting the conclusion of our debt on our new building.

**Linn:** A gift from the Van Winkle family in memory of Gary and Frances, and also from Wilbur “Gene” Chayer in memory of Clyde Chayer.

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Michael McCune on his ordination as an Elder in The United Methodist Church. His grandfather, Kenny McCune, was able to attend the service in Indianapolis.

## **Mission & Ministry Funds 2005**

In 2005 all four churches of our Mill Creek Summit Parish paid 100% of our Annual Conference M & M's. This is a great accomplishment for our churches. Each year it is a challenge to go the second mile and give generously to the mission of our conference. We received a Certificate of Appreciation for our gifts from our Bishop, Scott Jones, and the President of the Administrative Ministries Council, Reverend Wayne Flanders. (A copy of the certificate may be found with the Pastor's Pen.)

### **Thank You!!**

All the churches would like to thank all those who have helped with the many funeral dinners that have been provided by all the churches this year. Each time there has been a need, many have volunteered and stepped up to help with the preparation of food and also served the families in their time of grieving.

Thank you so much for your unique gift of Christian compassion to the families of our communities.

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Please remember to include the following in your thoughts and prayers:

**Lois Zenger's** mother has had successful surgery and is now living in Belleville. **Tim Zenger** is having back problems. **Herb Dyck** is in the Washington County Hospital with broken ribs. **Lamoyne Hardenberger's** mother. **Doris Beasley. Shirley Woolen. Wilma Woodcock's** great-grandson, Noah, for recovery from surgery. **Frank Blaha** is doing well after bypass surgery. **Ray Woodard. Tim Stanton. Mary Finlayson. Mark and Linda Pfeiffer** on the death of Zita Pfeiffer. **Wilma Woodcock** on the death of her brother.

## **Gathering Sunday—Church in the Park is July 30<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 AM is our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Parish Gathering at the Washington City Park. Come and share the 'warmth' of our church family as we worship and fellowship together in celebration of our Fourth Year as The Mill Creek Summit Parish. It has been not so long ago that we began this spiritual adventure together. Let's celebrate the unique Christian community we are which serves our various communities.

**Haddam folks can ride together by meeting at the church to car pool rides at 10:00 AM.** This can make your journey eastward more fun. Thank you to those who will provide the rides over to our celebration.

Bring a lawn chair and food to share for our worship together. The United Methodist Men of our Parish will provide barbecue for our meal.

Pray for a breezy and cool day as we worship together. In case of 'difficult' weather, we will meet at the Washington church.

### **Cut Those Codes!**

Save the bar codes from your **Shurfine** and **Best Choice** labels! Both the Haddam and Washington churches collect and send in these labels for cash refunds. They are collected, cut, and sent in for cash for our church budgets. Please place your "bar codes" in the boxes in the foyer.

The Washington church collects many other labels. Contact Patty Smith for the list. By simply saving these labels we have added a great deal to our church budget. Thank you for your continued help.

**Please turn in any announcements for the Sunday bulletin by 4:00 PM on Wednesday afternoons. Thanks!!!**

## Church Happenings...

**Haddam:** The UMC served the Memorial Day noon meal at City hall following the Service of Remembrance at the Haddam City Cemetery. They also hosted the service for Rev. Walter Woods.

**Linn:** The UMC held their annual soup supper and offered Sunday School for children.

**Washington:** A celebration was held for the paying off of our Building Fund. This was a great accomplishment since we began the year of 2006 with a balloon payment of \$33,878.25 due by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to all those who helped us reach our goal.

## Parish Preachers

During 2006 our Mill Creek Summit Parish Preachers have served the churches of our parish each week. We want to thank each and every one of these Parish Preachers for their offering of their time in preparation and for sharing their faith each week. Their willingness to share their faith is a witness to show us that we can serve God in so many ways.

In 2006 these will be our Parish Preachers: Bill Bryant, Christine Buchanan, Leland Cook, Alice Dyck, Jenny Joonas, Steve Joonas, Rachel McVean, Sharon Pierce, Ken Price, Ron Scott, Larry Stoppel, Don Terpening, and the UMW women.

This year we also will hear from: Walter Molzahn, Gary Oetinger, Bob Severance, and Rev. Terry Turner.

Others who have preached since beginning our Parish Preachers in July of 2004 are: Beverly Blaha, Frank Blaha, Peggy Chapin, Rick Dean, Herb Dyck, Tim Matlack, and Audrey Wurtz.

**If you would like to volunteer to share your faith contact Pastor Phil. There are a few remaining opportunities in December.**



**Thanks to all who donated items or helped with the food stand at the Tractor Show in June. The food stand earned approximately \$1900 in profit!**



## God's People in Community

Annual Conference this year quickly approved Bishop Scott Jones' "Strategic Plan". The plan will follow four differing tracks: **1)** strengthening and revitalizing churches: the plan includes developing leadership among both laity and clergy. In small churches less than 50 in attendance, a new emphasis will be placed on children's ministries, intergenerational fellowship, small groups, Bible study, mission involvement and vital worship. **2)** Ethnic Diversity is emphasized in seeking to meet the needs of all those peoples within the state. **3)** United Methodist Student Ministry will focus on the college campus within our state and improving their facilities and ministries. **4)** New Church Development is to be led by a Director, to develop new congregations within our state.

This is a bold decision that will hopefully impact all churches within our annual conference. It is my hope that included in the future of our conference will be the support and leadership development for our small rural parishes within the state.



**This newsletter is also available on our website:**

[www.umcwashington.org](http://www.umcwashington.org)

**Please visit for the preaching schedule and other information.**

## Mill Creek Summit Parish UMW Spring Banquet Celebrates 50 Years of Full Clergy Rights for Women



Jeanne Walker, Sharon Pierce, Peg Chapin, and Ruth Ann Fischer stand with speaker Pastor Marilyn Wullschleger. She is the pastor at the Presbyterian Churches in Frankfort, Marysville, and Washington.



Approximately 50 women gathered together for the UMW Annual Spring Banquet. All enjoyed the 1950's themed celebration.



A memorial gift from the Evelyn Foster family has purchased new choir robes for our Trinity Choir. The choir will wear the new robes for the first time at the September 17<sup>th</sup> service of worship at the Washington UMC. The choir thanks Charlie and his family for giving these beautiful new robes.



### Volunteers Needed

The City of Washington is requesting help from volunteer citizens, groups or organizations to help build a fitness trail at Munchkinland Park. The trail will consist of a one-half mile sidewalk, several fitness stations, and outdoor lighting. If you or your organization would like to volunteer, please contact Caroline Yungeberg at 325-2284.

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## TRINITY TIMES

The Trinity Times planning group has organized several upcoming events instead of week-long VBS. Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> is a movie night at the Washington UMC. There will be a Sunday School Kick-off Party at noon on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Washington City Park—sponsored by the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. A game night is planned for Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. All parish members are encouraged to attend. More information and details will be available in the coming weeks, check the bulletin.



## **Celebrations are opportunities... Pastor Phil Morris**

Celebrations usually mark accomplishments completed, high school or college graduation, a new job, a new marriage, and a new child. The reality is that celebrations don't end or truly complete, they are simply another beginning again.

Graduation means another school, more learning and more tests. New job or marriage begins the journey and the journey will continue for many years to come. As we face celebrations we surely must be thankful for all that has been done, and then look forward. Look forward to the "next", the one that is coming.

Life is always moving us forward into new and unknown territory, and that is life. Then too, as we move forward into the new, we have with us, surrounding us, God's power, wisdom and strength. God is the constant in life. God is the One who is always here and present.

Celebrations come and go, opportunity for the new come and go, and still hopefully in the middle of your life is the One, constant and loving God.

May God continually watch over you, and may you know and accept God's presence in your life.

**The following is an example of the Certificate of Appreciation each church will be receiving for 100% payment of 2005 Mission and Ministry Funds.**