

# Mullins Messenger

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## *Rehab: A Lenten Worship Series*

When we think about “rehab,” short for rehabilitation, we generally think about getting back into the swing of things after an accident, illness, or addiction. We think about occupational therapy, physical therapy, counseling, and support groups. Through rehab, we seek to restore ourselves into a better condition. This is also what we do during Lent. We seek to restore our spiritual condition and the way we live in order to get us back in line to where God would have us be. Lent is a time for us to engage in a spiritual rehab—improving and reclaiming our better selves as followers of Christ.

This year, our Lenten “rehab” will include a special worship series along with a weekly study that coincides with the previous Sunday’s theme. I am grateful for Camille Bradley, who kicks off our worship

portion of this series on Ash Wednesday, February 14. I am also thankful for Jacques Kambol for leading the five-week study on Wednesday evenings, beginning February 21.

I invite you to participate with us as we “rehab” together, making progress through the themes of mortality, wilderness, intervention, program, recovery, and promise. I believe once through our “rehab,” we will have hearts ready to enter Holy Week and Easter.

Peace,  
*Scott*

## **Ash Wednesday Feb. 14th**

Rev. Camille Bradley will introduce our Lenten “Rehab” series in a special service at 6:30 pm Wednesday, February 14, following the fellowship meal. This will be a memorable way for the church family to begin the Lenten journey together.

Please call the office for reservations if you want to come for the meal at 5:45 and aren’t already on the Wednesday night list. If you prefer, you are welcome to come directly to the sanctuary at 6:30.



## “Thank You, Mullins!”



Family Life wants to send our thanks for the many and wonderful desserts that our members provided for the Christmas Dinner.

Your willingness to participate in this night is always such a blessing to our committee and the Mullins family. We are grateful for you!

---**Linda Mayhan**

Family Life Committee

Wesley Senior Ministries ended with a good year and they are looking forward to a blessed 2018. All the residents of the different communities enjoyed Christmas with dinner and a gift. Support from Mullins is greatly appreciated!



---**Barbara Kercher**

Golden Cross Key Woman



Thank you, Mullins, for donating school supplies to support teachers and students at our Adopt-A-School partner, White Station Elementary. It

was my pleasure to deliver the supplies to the school Jan. 11. I wish I could express to each of you how appreciative the teachers were with the supplies.\* Thank you again for your generosity.

---**Margaret Brown**

Mullins Liaison to WSES

*\* 32 boxes tissues, 27 multi-packages paper towels, 24 multi-packages disinfectant wipes, 534 each #2 pencils, 8 large packages Astro Brilliant card stock, 1 box copy paper, \$100 cash donations to be used as needed*



To my dear Mullins friends,

Thank you so very much for your kind thoughts and prayers these past weeks during my illness. I appreciate it so much! Please continue to remember me.

**Jeptha Rust**

## BOX CITY



The Mullins Youth thank you for all the warm clothing and blankets donated during the month of January and the night of Box City. Scott Shelby and Rev. Camille delivered everything to Manna House Jan. 22, filling the sorting room! Special thanks also to our chaperones and food angels!



## FAMILY MINISTRIES

On Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, Mullins children, youth, parents, and volunteers participated in our first “Family Ministries Mission Sunday!” Everyone gathered to assemble blessing bags and make homemade cards to go inside. We also made a large “LOVE” poster to go to Manna House and shared a meal together. Thank you to all who participated!

NOTE: *Please see story on page 5 about a new plan for Family Ministries at Mullins!*



## Chancel Choir

It is such a pleasure to serve the Mullins church family...Your response, week after week, as a congregation encouraging our efforts is very gratifying. I already contacted those who joined in our Christmas concert, but I'd like to congratulate them here again for a job well done. I was very pleased and proud of each of you. Blessings,

---**Tom Machen**

Director of Music Ministries

## Scout Sunday Feb. 11th

Pancake  
Breakfast



Boy Scout Troop 75 will sponsor a pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 11, from 8 to 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. Monetary donations will be accepted to support troop activities. Scouts will also participate in the 10:50 worship service. Enjoy a delicious breakfast and support the ministry of Scouting!

NOTE: *For his Eagle Scout project, Will Giles is planning to install a 20-foot flag pole near the church marquee on the corner of Walnut Grove and Mendenhall. He also plans to install a display case in the Hall of the Apostles with Scout artifacts collected by the late David Campbell. Please contact the troop if you wish to donate to Will's David Campbell Memorial Eagle Scout Project.*

## Acolyte Training Feb. 11

Calling all 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders!!!

Serve your Church by becoming an important part of the worship team as an Acolyte. Training will be held Sunday, Feb. 11, beginning at 4 pm in the Sanctuary. After the training we will share a meal together!



## Wednesday Prayer Breakfast

Women of the church are invited to be special guests at the weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast February 14<sup>th</sup>, Valentine's Day. Please join the celebration in the Fellowship Hall at 7 am.



## UMW Invitation

The Mullins United Methodist Women invite all women of the church to our circle meeting at 10:30 am Tuesday, Feb. 20, in the Fisher Wing parlor. We will share fellowship, refreshments, a meaningful program, and a time of prayer. New faces are welcomed!



## St. John's Outreach Ministry

Volunteers are needed to help with the next St. John's Outreach Ministry on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 3:45 at St. John's United Methodist Church, corner of Peabody and Bellevue, If you can help, please call or text Ginny Wilcox, 901-619-6209. Thanks so much for your help.



## Muka's Story Makes News!

On January 3, Muka Kambol presented the Mullins UMC Wednesday night program, "From Muka's Eyes," telling of her life in Zambia and the impact of the Mullins-based Maanza A Leza mission in her home village and in her life. Lane Gardner Camp, conference director of communications, was a special guest and wrote a wonderful recap of Muka's story which appeared in the Jan. 24 Memphis Conference eNews. Check it out: [www.memphis-umc.net/newsdetail/10064743](http://www.memphis-umc.net/newsdetail/10064743)

NOTE: *Muka also shared her story during a recent joint meeting of the UMW of Mullins and Emmanuel UMC, and she is scheduled to speak at Covenant UMC the end of February. We hope that she will get more opportunities to speak while we are blessed to have her family in Memphis as her husband, Jacques, attends Memphis Theological Seminary. To schedule a program, contact Brenda Carson, 901-490-5466 or [carson4988@bellsouth.net](mailto:carson4988@bellsouth.net)*



# Birthdays of the Month

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date:</u>
Charles Griffin .....	1
Thalina Marques .....	2
Lisa Weaver .....	8
Juanita Freeman .....	9
Marion Haynes .....	9
Emily Parker .....	13
Evie Johns .....	14
Lyndall Jones .....	14
Judy Clayton .....	21
Allie Van Cleef .....	21
Tina Campbell .....	22
Kathy Carter .....	22
Martha Harmon .....	23
Jeptha Rust .....	24
Elmer Wrobley .....	25
Ryan Crews .....	27
Charlotte Williams .....	27

**Anniversaries:**

David & Marilyn Williams .....	5
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## “Prayer Beads” Program

A new program on “Prayer Beads” will be presented Feb. 20 at Collierville UMC by representatives of Maanza A Leza, the jewelry ministry based at Mullins UMC.

Prayer bracelets, which recently were created by Mullins Youth at their Christmas gathering, will be offered for sale at the meeting, to raise funds for educational needs in the village of Sichebeya, Zambia.

If you would like to help with this ongoing ministry or schedule a Maanza program, please contact Debi Gray or Brenda Carson.

## Wednesday Night Menus

*All are welcomed to attend the Wednesday fellowship meals, or to place orders for carry-out meals. Please call the office for weekly reservations or request to be on the permanent list.*

**FEBRUARY SCHEDULE:**

(\$7 Adult, \$5 age 12 and under, \$25 family maximum)



**Feb. 7---Turkey**, dressing, sweet potato casserole, green beans, cranberry sauce, crumb rolls, heavenly pink dessert salad

**Feb. 14---Roast Beef**, potatoes, carrots, broccoli, salad

**Feb. 21---Potato Bar** (with meat options), salad, pudding and cookies

**Feb. 28---Lasagne**, Italian salad, Italian bread, ice cream

## Sunday Meals-to-Go Return!

What a treat! Sunday meals-to-go are resuming, and will be available three of the four weeks in February. Sign up in advance in Fellowship Hall during Wednesday night meal or in Hall of Apostles, or email your order to [debigray57@gmail.com](mailto:debigray57@gmail.com)

Cost is by donation.

**Feb. 4---King Ranch Chicken Casserole**

**Feb. 11---Lasagna**

**Feb. 25---Classic Chicken Pot Pie**



## Blood Drive March 7<sup>th</sup>

Lifeflood will visit Mullins UMC on Wednesday, March 7, from 5 to 7 pm. If you donate, your Wednesday fellowship meal is free.

Sign up in advance in the Hall of the Apostles or in the Fellowship Hall during Wednesday dinner. A medical questionnaire must be filled out on the day of donation and a photo ID is required.

Thank you in advance to those who participate!

**Scott Campbell**

# Family Ministries To Introduce “Orange Plan”



We are excited to share with you the Mullins United Methodist Church Family Ministry “Orange” Plan which includes you in partnership with us, the Church, and your children! We have been researching and coordinating these plans since last October, when Rachael Scarbrough, Mullins Children’s Ministry Director, and Rev. Camille Bradley, our Associate and Youth Pastor, went to an Orange Family Ministry Training. As a result, we invite and encourage you to attend a parents’ meeting on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, after the late worship service at 12:15pm.

Our goal for this one-hour or less meeting, including lunch, is to share with you the foundational information and resources we are beginning to implement in Mullins UMC Family Ministry. We need your help to make this a vibrant and faith growing ministry for your children and all the families here at Mullins UMC.

*---Scott, Camille, Rachael*

**Family + Church = ORANGE!**

## Anthems for February

*As we move toward the season of Lent and the celebration of Easter, you are absolutely welcome and heartily invited to join us in the choir room Wednesdays at 6:30 pm! I promise you, you will be such an important part of worship at Mullins. If you’ve taken some time off from choir there can be no better time than right now to return! Musically yours,*

**Tom**

**February 4** we are reminded of the limitlessness of God in the anthem IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE. The magnificent original words were penned by Walter Chalmers Smith in 1867, set to a Welsh melody, and here, arranged by largely self-taught composer and organist Eric H. Thiman in 1921.

**February 11** The anthem DAYS OF ELIJAH by Robin Mark and arranged by Gary Rhodes describes the Transfiguration of Jesus.. It was originally part of a musical, *Lift Up Your Eyes*.



**February 14** is Ash Wednesday. Our anthem will be a contemporary setting of the Lord's Prayer called MY LORD'S PRAYER with words and music by Regi Stone and Randy Cox, arranged by Mr. Stone and Lari Goss.

**February 18** marks the first Sunday of Lent. After being baptized by John, Jesus went into the wilderness for a 40-day period. The anthem CAN YOU DRINK THE CUP by Craig Courtney is a haunting selection, especially effective for times of self-examination such as Lent.

**February 25** Our anthem, the newest addition to the Mullins Music Library, is a popular setting of the Charles Wesley text AND CAN IT BE?, with music by Dan Forrest.  
(More about music for Lent and Easter next month)

# February Worship Notes



## February 4

Message---*A God Without Limits*  
 Scripture: Isaiah 40: 21-31, Mark 1: 29-39  
 Altar Flowers: In memory of the birthday of  
 L. C. (Buddy) Harmon, by Martha Harmon  
 Communion Offering: Hannah's Hope

Suzie Morris

Diana Wright

## February 11

Message---*What Takes Your Breath Away?*  
 Scripture: Exodus 24: 12-18, Matthew 17: 1-9  
 Altar Flowers: In honor of the lovely  
 ladies of Mullins---Happy Valentine's  
 Day, by Charles Carter  
 Special Recognition: Boy Scout Troop 75



## Sympathy:

\*To Dot Collins and family in the loss of her  
 son, Johnny Johnson

\*To the family of William Phillips, who  
 passed away January 26

\*To Charles and Carol Griffin in the loss of  
 his mother, Eleanor Griffin, January 30

## February 18 First Sunday in Lent

Message---*Rehab: Wilderness*  
 Scripture: Mark 1: 9-15  
 Altar Flowers: In honor of my lovely bride,  
 Kathy, in celebration of her birthday  
 Feb. 22, by Charles Carter

## Our Presence

	Jan 7	Jan 14	Jan 21	Jan 28
9 am Chapel	21	NA	17	19
Sunday School	53	NA	50	52
10:50 Service	78	NA	89	72

## February 25 Second Sunday in Lent

Message: *Rehab: Intervention*  
 Scripture: Mark 8: 31-38

## Our Special Gifts

**February Liturgist:** Alicia Butler

### Budget:

**Ushers:** Phillip Wilcox (head usher), Ginny  
 Wilcox, Molly Tracy, Shan Tracy

In memory of H. C. & Macy Williamson by Jim &  
 Sunny Williamson

## Flower Calendar



The Calendar for 2018 Altar Flowers is  
 posted on the church office window. Please  
 stop by and sign up for dates for the coming  
 year. You may also call the office, 685-8253,  
 and we will be glad to assist you. The cost is  
 \$40 per arrangement.

In memory of Mary Ann Arnold  
 by Concord Academy

### St. John's Ministry

In memory of Mary Ann Arnold by  
 Philip & Ginny Wilcox




**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please remember to  
 write your name on the outside of your  
 offering envelope! Thanks!

# FEBRUARY 2018

## Meetings & Special Events:

**Thursday, Feb. 1** ---Staff meeting, 8:45 am  
Web meeting, 5:30 pm

**Sunday, Feb. 11** ---Scout Sunday  
Pancake Breakfast 8-10 am  
Acolyte Training, 4 – 6 pm

**Wednesday, Feb. 14**--- **Ash Wednesday**   
7 am Valentine prayer breakfast  
6:30 service---*Rehab: Mortality*  
Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21  
Rev. Camille Bradley

**Saturday, Feb. 17**---St. John's Soup Kitchen, 3:45

**Tuesday, Feb. 20**---UMW Circle meeting, 10:30

**Wednesday, Feb. 21**---March Messenger Deadline  
6:30 study, *Rehab:Wilderness*  
Jacques Kambol

**Wednesday, Feb. 28**---6:30 study, *Rehab:Intervention*  
Jacques Kambol

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 2-3---River City Ring Handbell Festival

March 4---"Orange Plan" Family meeting

March 25---Palm Sunday

April 1---Easter Sunday



## General Weekly Schedule:

### Sundays

9:00 a. m.---Chapel Communion Service

9:45 a. m.---Sunday School

10:50 a. m.---Worship in Sanctuary

4:00 p. m.---Youth

### Mondays

5:50 p.m.---Handbells

6:30 p.m.--- Boy Scouts

### Wednesdays

5:45 p. m.---Fellowship Dinner

6:15 p. m.---Children & Youth Programs

6:30 p. m.---Adult Program

6:30 p. m.---Chancel Choir Rehearsa

### Thursdays

6:30 p. m.---Mullins Community Orchestra

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APPRECIATION

\*Appreciation to all who contributed to the new Fisher Wing doors!

\*Blessings to Susan Tutt, who observed 30 years of employment with Mullins in January!