

Mullins Messenger

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Thoughts for 2018

Well, 2017 is over, and a new year has just begun. Time certainly moves on with or without us. In his book, "Here and Now," Henri Nouwen has this to say about a new year:

A new beginning! We must learn to live each day, each hour, yes, each minute as a new beginning, as a unique opportunity to make everything new. Imagine that we could live each moment as a moment pregnant with new life. Imagine that we could live each day as a day full of promises. Imagine that we could walk through the new year always listening to a voice saying to us, "I have a gift for you and can't wait for you to see it!" Imagine!

*This is the day
the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and
be glad in it!*

---Psalm 118:24

God does, in fact, give us gifts. As this new year moves forward, I invite us to look for those gifts as we strive to draw closer to him and one another, especially as we remember the greatest gift . . . that of God, himself, incarnate as Emmanuel. May his eternal presence fill us with the strength, courage, and openness to partner with what God is doing in our congregation.

Peace,

Scott

Metro Laity Meeting Jan. 29

A Metro District Laity Meeting---"A Conversation with Bishop Bill McAlilly"---is scheduled for 6 to 8 pm Monday, January 29, at Bartlett United Methodist Church. All laity are invited to attend.

The primary topics for discussion are (1) the progress on our conference's shared mission and vision, (2) an update on the Commission on a Way Forward, and (3) a proposal to merge the Memphis and Tennessee Conferences.



School Supply Drive for White Station Elementary

As students return Jan. 2 for second semester, teachers at our Adopt-A-School partner, White Station Elementary, are in need of classroom supplies.

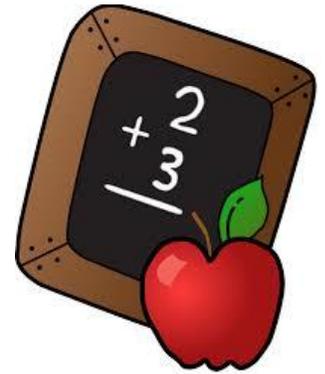
Helping with supplies will show “we are the hands and feet of Jesus by caring for our church and embracing our diverse community.”

Supply List items, in order of greatest need, are:

Boxed tissue, #2 pencils, Clorox wipes, colored copy paper, white and colored card stock, paper towels.

You may leave your donation in the box provided outside the church office, or make a check payable to Mullins UMC (and note for WSES supplies) and shopping will be done for you!

Donations will be taken to the school **January 11th**. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.



“Thank You, Mullins!”

Dear Mullins Congregation,

It means a lot to all of us at Manna House that you remembered us by asking for donations of socks and underwear to attend your Christmas Dinner! Thank you.

This time of year is especially hard for Manna House guests, and your donations and thoughtfulness go a long way.

May you be blessed with the hope and peace of Christ in the New Year!

---Manna House Guests and Friends

---Margaret Brown
Mullins Liaison to WSES

UMW Invitation for Jan. 9th

The Mullins United Methodist Women invite all women of the church to our first general meeting of 2018 at 10:30 am Tuesday, Jan. 9th in the Fisher Wing parlor.

Our popular guest speaker, Rev. Dennis Neenan with Wesley Senior Services, will enlighten and entertain us as always.

We are a great group of women who’d like to know you better and for you to learn what the UMW does besides the yearly Crafts Fair. Following the meeting, we’ll gather for lunch (\$4) in the fellowship hall. If you are a visitor, you are our guest.

---Margaret Brown

Highland Heights Outreach



Monday, January 29, is our next opportunity to serve lunch to the homeless in our community at Highland Heights UMC.

If you want to help cook, be there at 9:30 a.m. Servers should arrive by 11:45. The cost to provide this meal is approximately \$200. Donations to help with the cost are greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all who participate in this meaningful “fifth Monday” ministry.

---Melissa Johnson

Youth Group

Hosts Box City

Friday, Jan. 19th

The Mullins Youth are accepting donations of adult size coats, sweaters, jeans, blankets, caps, scarves, gloves--- anything to help keep someone warm! And, of course, moolah. \$\$\$

Everything will be donated to Manna House in Memphis. You may bring items to the church now or wait and drive through Box City the afternoon of Friday, January 19th. We will be out on the front corner lawn beginning at 3 pm. If you use the Circle Drive, a youth will accept your donation and you will not even need to get out of your car! Thank you for your support!



FAMILY MINISTRIES

MISSION SUNDAY!

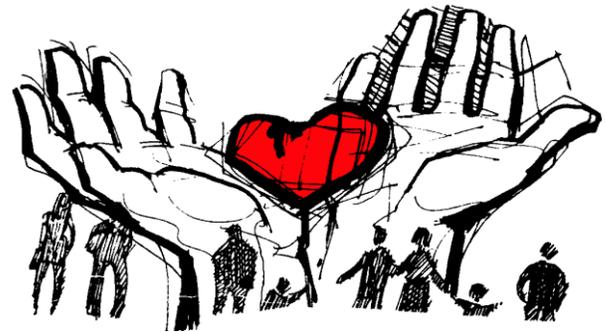
4 to 6 pm, January 14th

On Sunday, January 14th, Mullins children, youth, parents and volunteers are invited to participate in our first "Family Ministries Mission Sunday!"

Everyone will gather to assemble blessing bags and make homemade cards to go inside. We also will be making a large "LOVE" poster to go to Manna House guests along with the donations of warm clothes and blankets being collected for Box City.

All of us will share a meal together and talk about why, as children of God, we are called to put our love into action for our brothers and sisters experiencing poverty and homelessness.

---Camille Bradley



Blood Drive Jan. 17th

Lifeblood will visit Mullins UMC on **Wednesday, January 17**, from 5:00 -7:00 pm. If you donate and are on the Wednesday dinner reservation list, your meal is free. Sign up to donate 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 donors who participate!

---Scott Campbell

PDO Award

Congratulations to the staff and participants of the Mullins Parents Day Out ministry! Once again, Mullins was named “Best PDO” in the Memphis Parent magazine annual Family Choice Awards. The winners were announced in the December issue of the magazine.



Church Directory

The 2018 church directory was distributed Sunday, Dec. 17th. If you are pictured in the new directory and did not receive a copy, you may pick up your reserved copy in the church office. Many thanks to all who participated.



<u>Name</u>	<u>Date:</u>
A. L. Freeman	1
Andre Duvall	1
Rick Crews.....	6
Jeremiah Frye	6
Grace Dillender	10
Dan Eddins	13
Edna Williams	15
Clint Trusty.....	18
Ellen Weaver.....	19
Brenda Carson.....	20
Nancy Eddins.....	23
Camille Bradley.....	27
Rachael Scarbrough	27
David Williams	31

(No January anniversaries)

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.

JANUARY SCHEDULE:

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

Jan. 3---Chicken Cordon Bleu, mashed potatoes, broccoli, salad, rolls, pie



Jan. 10---Ham, rice casserole, green beans, salad, rolls, cake

Jan. 17---Meatloaf, creamed corn, asparagus, Asian salad, biscuits, cobbler

Jan. 24---Potato Bar (with meat options), salad, pudding and cookies

Jan. 31---Spaghetti, Italian salad, garlic bread, ice cream,

Muka presents program

On January 3, the Wednesday night program will be “From Muka’s Eyes.” Our own Muka Kambol will tell her life story and how the Maanza a Leza ministry based at Mullins has affected her life. Brenda Carson will assist by showing a slide presentation as Muka speaks. All are invited to attend this special program as we resume our Fellowship Meals in 2018 after the Christmas break.

Nursery Volunteers



Please consider taking a shift as a volunteer in the Mullins nursery on Sunday mornings (9:30 to 12) or on Wednesday evenings (6:15 to 7:30). There is a sign-up sheet in the Hall of the Apostles. If you have any questions, please contact Rachael Scarbrough.

Christmas Party, Youth Style



First, you must have the proper attire.



A healthy appetite.



Mad game skills. I mean, can you unwrap a Hershey Kiss while wearing oven mitts?



Wonderful, good-natured adult elves



and a Senior Pastor who
“nose” how to play!

January Worship Notes

PRAYER LIST

January 7---Epiphany

Message: Crossing the Bridge
Scripture: Ephesians 3:1 – 12;
Matthew 2: 1 - 12



January 14---Baptism of the Lord

Message: Signs and Symbols
Scripture: Genesis 1: 1 – 5; Mark 1: 4 – 11



January 21

Message: Swallowed
Scripture: Jonah 3: 1 – 5, 10
Altar Flowers: In memory of the birthdays of
Frances & Rhodes Vawter by Taylor & Mary
Beth Richardson

January 28

Message: Remembering One Another in Love
Scripture: I Corinthians 8: 1 - 13

January Ushers: Scott Campbell (Head Usher)

January Liturgist: Margaret Brown

2018 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 church office, 685-8253, and we will be glad to assist you. The cost is \$40 per arrangement.



Recent Concerns:

Jeptha Rust Marge Gresham

Sympathy:

*To the family of Louise Magargel, who passed away Dec. 22.
*To Ritter Arnold and family on the loss of his mother, Mary Ann Arnold.

Celebration:

Congratulations to Allison & Justin Webb on the birth of their daughter, Ava Mae, born December 12, 2017. Ava Mae weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. Her very proud grandparents are Linda & Don Mayhan.



Our Presence

	Dec 3	Dec 10	Dec 17	Dec 24
9 am Chapel	21	20	18	20
Sunday School	55	47	36	N/A
10:50 Service	71	90	79	74

Our Special Gifts

Budget:

In honor of my Sunday School Teachers: Diana Baker, Juanita Freeman, & Brent Milton by Lyndall Jones



In memory of John & Helen Russell and Bob Russell by Nan & Mike Woody and children

In memory of Judge William H. Williams by Trent & Lise Williams

JANUARY 2018

Meetings & Special Events:

Monday, Jan. 1---New Year's Day (**Office Closed**)

Wednesday, Jan. 3--- Regular schedule resumes;
6:30 Program: Muka Kambol

Thursday, Jan. 4---Web meeting, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 9---UMW general meeting & lunch
Speaker: Rev. Dennis Neenan

Thursday, Jan. 11--- School Supplies to WSES

Sunday, Jan. 14---Family Ministries Mission Event

Monday, Jan. 15---**Office Closed**

Tuesday, Jan. 16---UMW Circle meeting, 10:30

Wednesday, Jan. 17---Lifeblood, 5 to 7 pm

Friday, Jan. 19---BOX CITY Mission Event

Saturday, Jan. 20---Adm. Council planning day

Monday, Jan. 22---February Messenger Deadline

Monday, Jan. 29---Highland Heights outreach

Metro Laity Meeting, 6 pm, Bartlett UMC

General Weekly Schedule:

Sundays

9:00 a. m.---Chapel 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.---Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts

Wednesdays

7:00 a. m.-- Prayer Breakfast

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 Rehearsal

Thursdays

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

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