

Mullins Messenger

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**Merry Christmas to All
from the Mullins Staff!**

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John Muehlen

Susan West

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Camille Bradley

*This will be a sign
to you. You will find
a baby wrapped in
clothes and lying in
a manger.*

---Luke 2:12

Candlelight Communion Service At 5 pm Christmas Eve

Invite family and friends to the beautiful candlelight service at 5 pm Christmas Eve in the sanctuary at Mullins. We will

gather for a service of word, song, and Holy Communion. This is a wonderful time to create a lasting family memory as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.





Church Christmas Dinner

Make plans to attend the annual Mullins Christmas Dinner following the Christmas Cantata December 10th.

To make your reservation, please call the church office. Be sure to invite family and friends to share in this wonderful evening of music and fellowship celebrating the holy babe in the manger.



Following the holiday meal, children of the congregation will present a brief program!

Sanctuary Decorations

Volunteers will gather at 10 am Saturday, December 2, to help decorate the Mullins Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. ---Worship Arts Committee



Poinsettia Orders

If you would like to order poinsettias in honor or memory of loved ones, the cost is \$12. Call Susan in the church office by Dec. 3, or fill out the order form in the Sunday bulletin and place in offering plate. Poinsettias will adorn the sanctuary Dec. 17-24.



Call for Holiday Desserts

We are looking for 15 members who will help provide desserts for the annual Mullins Christmas Dinner. If you will bring a favorite holiday treat please contact Linda Mayhan. --- Family Life Committee



Breakfast With Santa

Children will enjoy light snacks and make crafts in the Fellowship Hall at 10 am Saturday, Dec. 9, before meeting and making individual requests of our special guest! Please contact Rachael Scarbrough or the church office for reservations!



UMW Christmas Lunch

UMW members and guests will meet at the church Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 11 am to carpool to the Crescent Club for a Christmas lunch. Paid reservations (\$20) are due to Lyndall Jones by Dec. 1. If any questions, please call the office.

Manna House Donations

If you wish to contribute, donations of men's white socks and cotton underclothing will be collected for guests at Manna House during the Church Christmas Dinner Dec. 10. Place donations in the container by the door.

UMC Bus Tour Promotes "True Meaning of Christmas"

Memphis is one of 21 cities on the United Methodist Church's 16-state Advent Tour promoting the "True Meaning of Christmas." The tour bus will arrive in Memphis Friday, Dec. 8. UMC churches are encouraged to participate in the national advent campaign by hosting local hot cocoa fellowship events during the season to reach out to our neighbors.

Annual Cantata Dec. 10

A CHRISTMAS CAROL GALLERY

Portraits of the Season

Arranged & Orchestrated by Larry Shackley

Performed by the Mullins Chancel Choir
with Orchestral Accompaniment

Conducted by Thomas Machen

5:00 pm Sunday, December 10
Mullins United Methodist Church

All are invited!





Thank You, Mullins!

UMW Crafts Fair A Success

Your support and prayers put the 40th UMW Crafts Fair in the success column. Our Mullins Youth, guided by Rev. Camille Bradley, were phenomenal, and Boy Scouts from our Troop 75--- with leader Kenny Dold---spent the day taking care of business. Both were well behaved, polite and an asset.

Former Crafts Fair lead planner Sandy Scruggs passed along a valuable information file when she retired. The file enabled the 2017 Crafts Fair Committee to move forward seamlessly putting on the 40th Crafts Fair. Sandy and Tommy Scruggs both responded to



texts and phone calls whenever needed. Thank you!

We certainly cannot forget to thank everyone for the wonderful baked goods donated for the bake sale! Once again, this was a very popular component of the Fair.

Also, Mojo's food truck had great food, although some of our vendors missed food from the Mullins kitchen . . . Maybe next year!

Thank you all for another successful project for missions and outreach!

Mullins Crafts Fair Committee
Margaret Brown, Diana Wright, Kathy Carter, Marcia Taylor



Music Notes for December



Dec. 3

Chancel choir presents “People Look East,” a lively French tune with a festive Advent text by Eleanor Farjeon and arranged by Craig Courtney. We will feature our own Andre Duvall on piano, along with gifted guest pianist **John Peoples**, in this fun four-handed arrangement

Dec. 10

Sunday morning the Mullins Community Orchestra will play and **Charles Bradley** will be the featured soloist. Our Chancel Choir will be singing from the congregation, in anticipation of the Christmas Cantata in the afternoon.

Sunday afternoon, at 5 pm, our Cantata will be accompanied by chamber orchestra, and will feature Andre Duvall on piano and several Mullins members on vocal solos. Drawing on a rich history of Christmas carols, composer Larry Shackley has created a sumptuous musical tapestry. The cantata is comprised of four suites, or portraits of the season.

Dec. 17

We will reprise “The Yearning” by Craig Courtney. This inspired anthem begins with a haunting melody that underscores the yearning of “hearts weighed down by ancient grief and centuries of sorrow.” The melody and lyrics gradually build to a dramatic climax of fulfillment that is found only in Emmanuel as his faithful people await “the day of his appearing.”

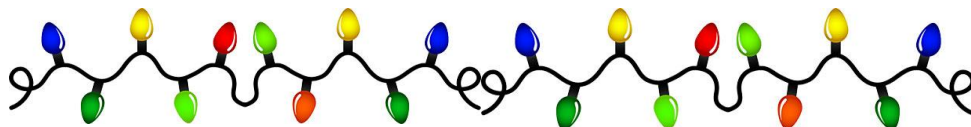
Dec. 24

Sunday morning Chancel Choir presents the anthem “Christmastime,” by Michael Smith and Joanna Carlson, arranged by Lloyd Larson. This celebratory anthem is teeming with energy and joy. We will also feature a number of our Christmas carols in anticipation and celebration of the day.

Sunday afternoon at 5 pm our annual Christmas Eve Service celebrates the joy of the season. Come prepared to sing Christmas carols and hear the magnificent story of our Savior’s birth in spoken word and song.

December 31

Chancel Choir reprises a selection from our cantata, entitled “Christmas Day in the Morning.” This happy medley from our “carol gallery” is sure to warm your heart. Joyous Advent and Merry Christmas to all! ---**Tom Machen**



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Please note:

December birthdays and anniversaries were listed in the November issue of

the Messenger. January birthdays will be listed in the first issue of 2018.



December Worship

December 3— First Sunday in Advent

Message: *The End We Need to Come*

Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9
Mark 13:24-37



Altar Flowers:
In memory of Becky Cohen & Marta Cohen
Weiss by the Cohens

December 10---Second Sunday in Advent

Message: *Getting Ready for the End to Come*

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11, Mark 1:1-8

Altar Flowers:
In honor of my lovely bride, Kathy, in celebration of our anniversary Dec. 10, by Charles Carter
In honor of Dana Baker Hardin for her birthday, by Hal & Diana Baker

December 17---Third Sunday in Advent

Message: *Good News---for Those Who Are Being Saved*

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-4,
John 1:6-8, 19-28



December 24 : Christmas Eve

Morning Message: *Glorying in the Promised End to Come*

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:26-38

Evening Message: *Repeat the Sounding Joy*
Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Luke 2:1-20

December 31: Rev. Camille preaching

Message: *Light*
Scripture: Luke 2:22-40

December Ushers and Greeters:

New Directions Class
Charles Carter (Head Usher)

December Liturgist: Greg Forsyth

December Communion offering: United Methodist Student Day

Our Prayers

Recent Concerns:

Pat Mason, at home
Diana Wright



Celebration:

Congratulations to Jacques and Muka Kambol on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth, on November 1, 2017. Elizabeth weighed 8 lbs., 12 oz. and was 19 3/4 inches. The baby has a big sister, Debi.

Our Presence

	Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 19	Nov 26
9 am Chapel.....	16	17	13	18
Sunday School	35	40	41	47
10:50 Worship	85	67	72	76

Our Special Gifts

Budget:

In memory of Voline Conlee, by Jean Sibley, Quinn Scott, Cindy & Chip Moreland, Chickasaw Country Club, Anastasia Vergos, Karla Overturf, Donna & Michael Glenn

In honor of Mullins congregation by Dixie Dudes & Dolls Square Dance Club for being allowed to meet at Mullins for 40-plus years

Music Fund

In memory of Robert P. Cochran by Crossroads Class



2018 Flower Calendar

The Flower Calendar for next year is posted on the church office window. Arrangements are \$40 each. Stop by or call the office and sign up for dates when you want to honor loved ones.

December Calendar

Friday, Dec. 1

UMW Lunch Reservation Deadline

Saturday, Dec. 2

10 am, Decorate Sanctuary

2 pm, Maanza Beading Bee

Sunday, Dec. 3 –First Sunday in Advent

9 am, Chapel Communion service

9:45 am, Sunday School

10:50 am Worship, Sanctuary

4 pm, Youth Huddle

Monday, Dec. 4

6:30 pm, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts

Tuesday, Dec. 5

UMW Christmas Luncheon, 5:40 Handbells

Wednesday, Dec. 6

7 am, Prayer breakfast, 5:45 pm Fellowship meal

6:15 pm, Children and Youth programs

6:30 pm, Adult program, Cantata; 7:15 Choir

Thursday, Dec. 7

5:30 pm, Web meeting

6:30 pm, Community Orchestra

Friday, Dec. 8- UMC Advent Bus in Memphis

Saturday, Dec. 9- 10 am–Breakfast with Santa

Cantata Dress Rehearsal

New Directions Class Party

Sunday, Dec. 10- Second Sunday in Advent

9 am, Chapel Communion service

9:45 am, Sunday School

10:50 am Worship, Sanctuary

4 pm, No Youth Huddle

5 pm, Cantata

6 pm, Christmas Dinner

Monday, Dec. 11

5:40 Handbells

6:30 pm, Scouts

Wednesday, Dec. 13

7 am, Prayer breakfast, 5:45 pm Fellowship meal

6:15 pm, Children and Youth programs

6:30 pm, Adult program, Choir

Thursday, Dec. 14

6:30 pm, Mullins Community Orchestra

Sunday, Dec. 17-Third Sunday in Advent

9 am, Chapel Communion service

9:45 am, Sunday School

10:50 am Worship, Sanctuary

4 pm, Youth

Monday, Dec. 18

5:40 Handbells

6:30 pm, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts



*Oh, Come
Let Us
Adore Him!*



(December Calendar, continued)

Tuesday, Dec. 19

January Messenger Deadline

Wednesday, Dec. 20

7 am, Prayer breakfast

No Fellowship Meal

6:30 pm, choir rehearsal

Thursday, Dec.21

6:30 pm, Community Orchestra

Friday, Dec. 22– Church Closed

Sunday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve

9 am, Chapel Communion service

9:45 am, Sunday School

10:50 am, Worship, Sanctuary

4 pm, No Youth

5 pm, Candlelight Communion Service

Monday, Dec. 25-Christmas Day, office closed

Tuesday, Dec. 26-office closed

Wednesday, Dec. 27

7 am, Prayer breakfast

No Fellowship Meal

Thursday, Dec. 28

6:30 pm, Mullins Community Orchestra

Sunday, Dec. 31-New Year's Eve

9 am, Chapel Communion service

9:45 am, Sunday School

10:50 am Worship, Sanctuary

4 pm, No Youth

LOOKING AHEAD: 2018

Monday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day

Wednesday, Jan. 3 – Fellowship meals resume

Sunday, Jan. 7-Epiphany

Tuesday, Jan. 9-UMW General Meeting

Friday, January 19 - Box City

**Saturday, Jan. 20-Administrative Council
Planning Day**



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Wednesday Night Menus

Please call the office for reservations by Monday for either Meals to Go or dine-in, if you have not requested to be on the permanent Wednesday list. (\$7 Adult, \$5 age 12 and under, \$25 family max)

December 6 --- **Potato Bar** (with barbeque and chili), salad, dessert

December 13 --- **Beef Stew**, cornbread, Asian salad, cake

December 20 & 27 --- **No Meals**, Holiday Break



Wednesday Meals will resume Jan. 3, 2018

Maanza Beading Bee Dec. 2

The Maanza a Leza ("Hands of God") ministry holds beading bees Saturdays in the beading room (Andre's office) close to the choir room. The next bee is scheduled for 2 to 4 pm on December 2nd.

For information, contact Brenda Carson, 901-490-5466 or carson4988@bellsouth.net

Upcoming Maanza jewelry sales:
Mullins UMC, Sunday mornings,
Dec. 3 and Dec. 10, Hall of the Apostles

