

Mullins Messenger

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Good News About a Special Month . . .

“It’s the most wonderful time . . . of the year!” Can you hear the melody? Does it bring happy images to mind? Of course, you may be thinking of Christmas, but I am speaking of Stewardship Month! We know that it’s coming and expect it close to the end of Daylight Savings Time and the beginning of cooler weather. Well, it’s almost here!

People react differently to the discussions about stewardship. Some of us get anxious and nervous, because we don’t like talking about money, even though we recognize that we must. Some of us may not feel the need to focus on stewardship, because we are already following a plan and pattern of giving. Some just wish to push through this month and forget about stewardship until next fall. However, don’t be afraid, for this year’s approach to stewardship brings good news! During the month of November, Mullins’ members are going to study a great book, James A. Harnish’s “EARN. SAVE. GIVE.--- Wesley’s Simple Rules for Money”.

Wesley’s direction is simple: *Earn all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can.* Some of us might need some assistance as we work to follow these directions, and this short

and informative book will provide some of that help. These lessons will allow us to see that stewardship isn’t book-ended by the beginning and ending of a month. Following Wesley’s suggestions will help us to live in year-long and life-long stewardship.

In addition to this reading, we will be treated to reminders and examples of stewardship from fellow parishioners at Wednesday night dinners and Dr. Alford on Sunday mornings.

May this time of year be wonderful for you and your family as we begin to prayerfully consider what we wish to return to God and His work through Mullins.

Vicki Rush

Stewardship Committee

Sunset Service Nov. 5 At Shelby Farms Park



Join us for an informal worship service at 3 pm Sunday, November 5, at Shelby Farms Park. We will gather on the lawn to the southwest of the First Tennessee Foundation Visitor Center on Hyde Lake. Bring friends, lawn chairs and blankets for a service of word, song, and communion. (Rain date is Nov. 12)

Manna House Program

Guests are invited to the UMW general meeting at 10:30 am November 7 in the parlor. The speaker will be Rev. Camille Bradley, who will discuss Manna House.

The meeting also will include a discussion of the upcoming Mullins Crafts Fair. If you wish to stay afterwards for lunch in the Fellowship Hall (\$4), please notify the church office to add your name to the lunch roster.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Baskets of food for families in need will be distributed during mid-November by United Methodist Neighborhood Centers. If you are interested in contributing, you may call UMNC for details about requested food items and deadlines for delivery (901-323-4993). Your generosity will be appreciated.

Directory Update

An updated pictorial directory for Mullins UMC is nearing completion.

Photographer Sonny Johns, ably assisted by Jean Sibley, donated the first two Saturdays in October to update directory photos and collect new contact information on members. Carol Griffin and Susan Tutt



subsequently have been reconciling the contact changes with church records. Last, but certainly not least, editor Cyndi Watkins has been repositioning a number of photos from our most recent directory and inserting some self-submitted digital photos into a new template. The updated product is scheduled to be completed shortly after All Saints. Thanks to all who have cooperated and contributed.

Communications Committee

Flu Shots Cancelled

The tentatively scheduled date with Methodist Healthcare for on-site flu shots had to be cancelled. Mullins members are advised to schedule flu shots elsewhere. **Scott Campbell**

Welcome New Member

Please welcome the newest member of our congregation, **Steve Cochran**, who joined our church family on October 1. Steve lives at 4977 Lynbar Avenue, Memphis, 38117. He already is actively involved in church life, singing in the Chancel Choir and heading the Choir Council!



Baby Shower

A baby shower is being given for Allison Webb at noon, Sunday, November 5th, in the Fellowship Hall. Blessings to Allison and Justin, who are expecting a daughter in December.

Recognition of Veterans

Special Chapel Service Nov. 12

Veterans of Mullins UMC will be recognized in the chapel following the 10:50 Sunday worship service on November 12. The brief program will include music as well as prayer.

A list of Mullins veterans appears below. Please contact the church office if you have additions or corrections.

Diana Baker, Air Force
Hal Baker, Air Force
Chris Boggan, Marines
Charles Carter, Army National Guard
Larry Clayton, Army
Jerry Cohen, Army
Rita Hilgenhold, Army
Bob Earley, Marines
Andy Mastin, Army
Richard McNeil, Air Force
Brent Milton, Marines
Linda Morris, Army
Bob Newcomb, Army
Bill Phillips, Marines
Taylor Richardson, Army Natl Guard
Ken Sigman, Marines
Clint Trusty, Navy
John Weaver, Army
Elmer Wrobley, Army
Hazel Wrobley, Army



Countdown to Nov. 11th Crafts Fair and Bake Sale!

If you have not already done so, please volunteer for the 40th annual Mullins UMW Crafts Fair and Bake Sale scheduled to run from 9 am to 4 pm Saturday, November 11! Sign-up sheets are located in the Hall of the Apostles. The Crafts Fair takes all of us! Any way you can help is needed! Thank you!

Volunteer Opportunities

Wednesday, Nov. 8, following Fellowship Dinner:

Clear out Fellowship Hall and mark booth spaces. Cover Gym floor and mark vendor spaces

Thursday, Nov. 9, 3 to 6 pm:

Continue marking off booths in Fellowship Hall and Gym; place holiday decorations

Friday, Nov. 10: 2:30-5 pm, *Set up PDO rooms for vendors*

3 to 6 pm, Check in exhibitors; 6 to 9 pm, Check in exhibitors

7 pm, Place signage off-site for additional parking

9 pm, Church doors locked

Saturday, Nov. 11 – BIG day in life of church!

7 am, Church doors open!

Shuttle van service begins. Driver and assistant needed for these shifts:

7:15-9:30 am; 9:30-11:30 am; 11:30am -1:30 pm; 1:30-3:30 pm,; 3:30-6

(Drivers must submit copy of license to church office by Nov. 8)

8 am, Food trucks arrive! (Caliente and Memphis Mojo's)

4 pm, Begin clean up of all buildings; exhibitor tear down



The Bake Sale Needs YOU!



Congregation, start your cookin' now! The Mullins UMW Crafts Fair and Bake Sale needs your pies, cakes, cupcakes, cookies, jams, jellies, pickles, or anything you love to bake. (No custards or items needing refrigeration, please.) Remember to wrap/bag items in clear plastic, identify items, and put your name on each item. Your generosity is always greatly appreciated!

Delivery Notes: The Health Department requires each item to be signed in and your name to appear with identified baked goods. On Friday, Nov. 10 BEFORE 3 pm, use kitchen sign-in sheet and leave items in kitchen. AFTER 3 pm, bring items to Bake Sale room (next to PDO office) to sign in. On Saturday, Nov. 11, deliver items to Bake Sale room by 8 am.

Forty Years of Fairs

In the Bible, 40 years is a significant number, often symbolizing a generation, or a span of importance. That thought comes to mind as the Mullins Crafts Fair celebrates 40 years in 2017, rather amazingly with one of the same leaders who helped launch the fundraiser for missions and outreach so long ago, UMW President **Margaret Brown!**

Back in 1977, Margaret recalls, the very first Mullins fair was entirely run by the women of the church. All the sale items were made by members. Over the years the event grew and evolved, outside vendors were added, and leadership changed. This year, however, Margaret returns to the helm, serving with co-chair Diana Wright. New fair features in 2017 include food trucks, and expanded gift categories. Happy anniversary!



Notes of Appreciation

Thank
You!

St. John's Ministry

With heartfelt gratitude, I would like to thank the **New Directions Class** and the **Lamplighter Class** for their generous donations to the St. John's Soup Kitchen Ministry. Others also have made individual donations and/or given their time to prepare and serve meals to continue our Faith in Action by serving those in need. All donations are important to sustain our outreach support for the homeless. Matthew 25:34-44

God Bless you, **Ginny Wilcox**

Blessed and Comforted

To my Mullins Family, For all the cards, notes, and calls, and my beautiful prayer shawl, I thank you so much. I felt blessed and comforted. Also, for the message that the ministers and members were offering prayers from my recovery was very special. May God bless each of you with His love.

Sincerely, **Helen Addington**

Prayer Shawls

Thanks to all who contribute (prayers, skill, yarn, funds) to the prayer shawl ministry. Recently three shawls were delivered to Ms. Vernetta Eddleman, director of client services at the Family Safety Center, Memphis & Shelby County center for victims of domestic violence. Ms. Eddleman was thrilled to receive the shawls.

Kathy Carter, Diana Baker

"This is My Story" Retreat

The **Crossroads** and **Friends and Followers** Sunday school classes joined for a retreat at Nelson Woods in Millington Oct. 21. We were grateful to have Scott Alford facilitate the theme of "This is my Story." There was good weather, good scenery, good food, good fellowship and a thought provoking exchange of ideas about creating personal stories of faith.

---**Brenda Carson**

Time to Think About Poinsettia Orders

If you would like to order poinsettias in honor or memory of loved ones, the cost is \$12. You may call Susan in the church office for assistance by Dec. 3, or fill out the order form in the weekly church bulletin and place in offering plate.

The poinsettias will adorn the sanctuary on Sunday, December 17 and Sunday, December 24.



December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Name	Date
Taylor Richardson	1
Imogene Joyner	1
Stephanie Mason	1
Margaret Grace	2
Tracy Bryant.....	4
Jay Finzel	4
Lisa McLeroy	4
Hazel Wrobley	4
Patricia Bryant.....	7
Evan Furst	7
Charles Bradley	8
Erin Rigg Edmiston	8
Christopher McNeil	9
Suzanne Ruleman Sorrentino.....	10
Vicki Rush	11
Carolyn Carter	12
Betty Jeffrey	14
Ann Smith	16



James Williams	17
Debi Gray	24
Natasha Griffin.....	25
Jenny Eggers.....	25
Sally Lehning.....	27
Rebecca Edmiston.....	28
Colleen McNeil.....	29
Loyal Murphy.....	30

Anniversaries

Cyndi & Bob Watkins	8
Margaret & Dave Brown	9
Charles & Kathy Carter	10
Lisa & Loyal Murphy.....	10
Mary Beth & Taylor Richardson	17
Camille & Charles Bradley.....	20
Brenda & Wayne Carson.....	21
Hazel & Elmer Wrobley.....	29

Christmas Dinner



As Advent and Christmas fast approach, please 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.

Family Life Committee

Call for 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

Save the Date



5:00 pm Sunday, December 10

Annual Christmas Cantata and Concert

A CHRISTMAS CAROL GALLERY

Portraits of the Season

Arranged & Orchestrated by Larry Shackley

Performed by the Mullins Chancel Choir
and Orchestra

Conducted by Thomas Machen

Sanctuary Decorations

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

Worship Arts

November Worship

November 5 – All Saints Sunday

Message: *Earn All You Can*

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-31a

Altar Flowers:

In memory of L.C. (Buddy) Harmon & Louise

Harmon by Martha Harmon

In memory of Betty & Bill Pickel by Ann Smith

In memory of Becky Cohen and Marta Cohen

Weiss by Judy Cohen

November 12

Message: *Save All You Can*

Scripture: Luke 12:13-21

Altar Flowers: In honor and in memory of those who have, and are, serving our country by Anonymous

November 19

Message: *Give All You Can*

Scripture: Luke 21:1-4

Altar Flowers: In memory of Sidney Jones by Lyndall Jones & family



November 26 : Christ the King Sunday & Stewardship Sunday

Message: *What Kind of King is This?*

Scripture: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Altar Flowers:

In memory of James Murry Howell by Julia Howell

In memory of my husband, Norm, by Barbara Kercher

November Ushers and Greeters:

Friends and Followers Class

James Williams (Head Usher)

November Liturgist: Lisa Murphy

All Saints Observance

Families of deceased Mullins members who will be remembered on All Saints Sunday have received a special invitation to worship with us November 5th. Those to be remembered include:

David Campbell, Dow Crews, Carol Ann Moreland, John Parker, William Pickel, Chris Poindexter, Martha Siler, Martha Stone, Marta Weiss, Peter Westergaard, Nancy Whitley, Mary Winton, Jack Wohrman

Our Prayers



Recent Concerns:

Jeptha Rust

Sympathy to:

*Carolyn McCutcheon Carter on the loss of her mother, Henrietta McCutcheon

*The family of Voline Conlee, who passed away October 27

Our Presence

	Oct 1	Oct. 8	Oct 17	Oct 22
9 am Chapel.....	15	18	17	19
Sunday School	29	34	48	40
10:50 Worship	72	85	64	55

Our Special Gifts Honoring Loved Ones

Budget:

In honor of Harriet & John Montgomery and in memory of his donor family by Helen Addington

In memory of my brother, David Lee Campbell, by Scott Campbell

Music Fund

In memory of Robert P. Cochran by Mullins Chancel Choir

Highland Heights Ministry

In memory of Frances and Rhodes Vawter, by Mary Beth and Taylor Richardson

November Calendar

Wednesday, Nov. 1

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, Nov. 2

8:45 am, Staff Meeting
5:30 pm, Web Team; 6:30 Community Orchestra

Sunday, Nov. 5 –All Saints Sunday

Daylight Savings ends at 2 am
9 am, Chapel Communion service
9:45 am, Sunday School
10:50 am Worship, Sanctuary
12:00 Baby Shower
3 pm, Sunset Service, Shelby Farms Park
4 pm, No Youth Huddle

Monday, Nov. 6

6:30 pm, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts

Tuesday, Nov. 7

10:30 UMW General Meeting; 5:40 Handbells

Wednesday, Nov. 8

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
Crafts Fair Set-Up

Thursday, Nov. 9

3 – 6 pm, Crafts Fair Set-Up
6:30 Community Orchestra

Friday, Nov. 10

2:30 – 9 pm, Crafts Fair Set-Up

Saturday, Nov. 11- 9 am–4 pm, CRAFTS FAIR

Sunday, Nov. 12

9 am, Chapel Communion service
9:45 am, Sunday School
10:50 am Worship, Sanctuary
12:00, Veterans' Recognition, Chapel
4 pm, No Youth Huddle

Monday, Nov. 13

5:40 Handbells
6:30 pm, Scouts

Wednesday, Nov. 15

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, Nov. 16

6:30 pm, Mullins Community Orchestra

Saturday, Nov. 18

Concord 5K
3:45 pm, St. John's Soup Kitchen



(November Calendar, continued)

Sunday, Nov. 19

9 am, Chapel Communion service
9:45 am, Sunday School
10:50 am Worship, Sanctuary
2 pm, Charge Conference, Christ UMC
4 pm, Youth

Monday, Nov. 20

5:40 Handbells
6:30 pm, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts

Tuesday, Nov. 21

10:30 am, UMW Circle Meeting
Noon, **December Messenger Deadline**
6:30, Cantata & Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, Nov. 22 – Church Closed

Thursday, Nov. 23 – Church Closed, Thanksgiving

Friday, Nov. 24 – Church Closed

Sunday, Nov. 26 – Commitment Sunday

9 am, Chapel Communion service
9:45 am, Sunday School
10:50 am, Worship, Sanctuary
4 pm, Youth

Monday, Nov. 27

5:40 Handbells, 6:30 pm, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts
Wednesday, Nov. 29

7 am, Prayer breakfast, 5:45 pm Fellowship meal
6:15 pm, Children and Youth programs
6:30 pm, Adult program, Cantata; 7:15 pm, Choir

Thursday, Nov. 30

6:30 pm, Mullins Community Orchestra

LOOKING AHEAD:

Dec. 2, 10 am, Decorate Sanctuary;
2 pm, Maanza Beading Bee

Dec. 3, 1st Sunday in Advent

Dec. 9, Breakfast with Santa

Dec.10, Christmas Cantata and Dinner

Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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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)

November 1 --- **Turkey & Dressing**, sweet potato casserole, rolls, cranberry sauce, apple crisp

November 8 --- **Mastin's Barbecued Pork**, cole slaw, baked beans, pasta salad, buns, pudding and cookies.

November 15 --- **Beef Brisket**, creamed potatoes, Brussels sprouts, salad, rolls, cake

November 22 --- **No Dinner**, Thanksgiving break

November 29 --- **Lasagne**, Italian salad, garlic bread, ice cream

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

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.

Activities include labeling boxes for jewelry, sorting beads, stringing beads in simple patterns, using a die cutting machine on tin containers, and cleaning tarnished silver jewelry. If anyone is interested in learning to finish already strung pieces or would like to learn to make earrings, lessons would joyfully be given!

Volunteers to help with upcoming sales events also would be welcomed.

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

Maanza Program

Muka Kambol spoke to the Emmanuel UMW Oct. 17, recalling her educational support in Zambia from the Maanza a Leza jewelry ministry based at Mullins. She also discussed how God provided for her young family's recent pathway to Memphis. Members of the Mullins UMW were guests at the meeting, and a jewelry sale followed Muka's presentation,

Upcoming Maanza jewelry sales:

Mullins Crafts Fair, Nov. 11

Ellendale Elementary evening sale, Nov. 16

Mullins UMC, Sunday mornings, Nov. 26 – Dec. 10