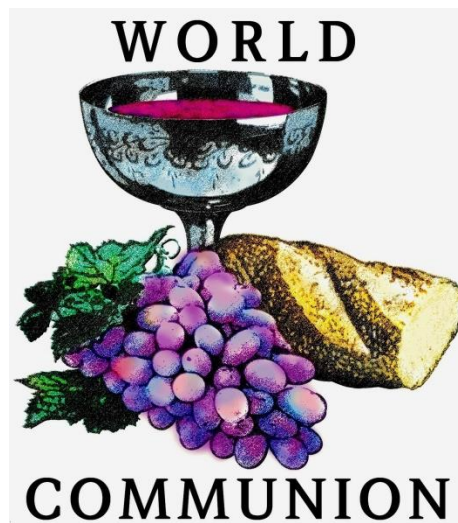


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Reflections on the meaning of worship . . .

Worship. It is an encounter with the living God through the risen Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. Through our worship we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving to the One who called us into being and who calls us to gather together as the Body of Christ. As we worship, we direct our hearts and minds toward God who, in turn, reveals his grace in our lives in many different ways.



I believe worship is one of the most important things we do as Christians, realizing that every day of our lives is a time for worship. Of course, I believe that we are not called to simply worship. We are to worship well and with integrity. This involves the dedication of both those who plan the weekly worship service as well as those who gather to take part in the service.

From my experience, the more we are actively engaged in the worship service, the deeper our connection is with God and with those with whom we gather. True worship has

power. It lifts us to the gate of heaven and sends us through the door of service.

How do you worship? Is it in spirit and in truth? Is it with an openness to God's grace? Do you actively participate in the service?

May our worship be pleasing to God and instill in us the call to worship through our service.

Peace,
Scott

'Breads and Spreads' Follow World Communion Service

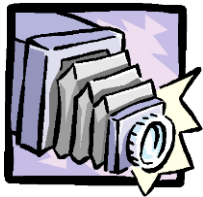
What a wonderful way to begin the month! All are invited to gather in the Narthex and share delicious "Breads and Spreads" following the 10:50 worship service on World Communion Sunday, October 1.

Special breads from around the world, baked by volunteers from the congregation, will be served with a variety of tasty "spreads" or "side items" donated to compliment the breads. Don't miss this!

---Worship Committee

Sign Up Today For New Church Directory

Plans are moving forward for a new pictorial directory for Mullins.



Photographer Sonny Johns has designated the first two Saturdays in October for directory appointments. He is scheduling appointments from **10 am until 1 pm** on both

Saturday, Oct. 7, and Saturday, Oct. 14. (Use Circle Drive entrance and look for directions.)

Sign-up sheets will be placed in the Hall of Apostles on Sunday and in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evening. Please choose a time and sign up as soon as possible. (A make-up day will be added later if necessary.)

Now is also the time to notify the church office of any changes in your contact information, such as dropping a landline phone or adding a new email address.

Mullins has experienced many changes in the three-plus years since the last directory was published (including three different pastors)! The goal of the new directory is to include as many people as possible and to make participation as convenient as possible.

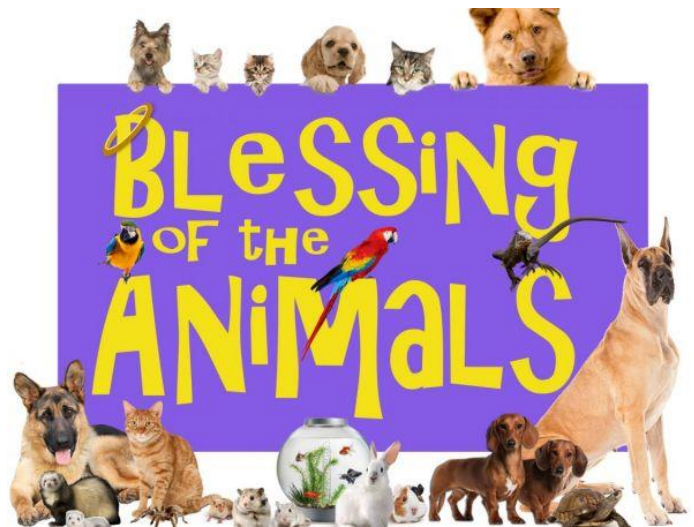
The directory is a useful tool of ministry and is important to help build community and assimilate new members.

In addition to Sonny Johns, the Directory Team includes Executive Editor Cyndi Watkins, Membership Records Editor Carol Griffin, and Contact Information Editor Jean Sibley.

---Mullins Communication Committee

More photo options

If you are satisfied with your photo in the most recent Church directory, you may choose to keep it. Just sign the "Keep" sheet and Cyndi Watkins will transfer the photo to the new directory. Cyndi will accept some digitally submitted photos as well.



Sunday, October 8th

3:00 pm

At Avon Park

(Chickasaw/Pinewood Entrance)

All are invited to join Dr. Scott, his cat, Linus, Rev. Camille and her dog Blue, and the rest of our crowd for a Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 8.

The blessing of pets and animals is often celebrated on October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, or near that date. This custom is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. St. Francis (1182 – 1226) was a monk who founded the contemporary order of Franciscans. He was known for his vow of poverty and his special connection to animals, among many other things.

A Blessing of Animals witnesses to God's and the Church's love, care, and concern for creation. As we recognize our mutual interdependence with God's creatures, the Church's witness of stewardship of creation is strengthened. It is also a service with special appeal to children.

The Mullins Blessing of the Animals is a community event and will be held at Avon Park at 3 pm. Come early and enjoy all the festivities. If you are not able to bring an animal, you may wish to bring a picture of an animal you love or an endangered species.

---Luanne Hearn
Worship Committee



You're Invited!

Sunday, October 22nd

Family Movie Night On the Grounds*

The Secret Life of Pets

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**(Bring your blankets and lawn chairs
for the movie and popcorn!)**

***In case of rain, we will meet in Gym**

---Luanne Hearn



Sunday Sunset Service Set For Nov. 5th

An informal worship service is being planned for 3 pm Sunday, November 5, at Shelby Farms Park.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and join us for a service of word, song, and communion.

---Luanne Hearn

Funny Bones Festival!

Join the Fun
4 to 6 pm
Saturday,
Oct. 28th



Plans are underway for the annual Funny Bones festival for children of the church and surrounding community, held in the Mullins Gym and parking lot. Plenty of volunteers are needed, so please sign up in the Hall of Apostles. Donations of candy also are greatly appreciated.

We will have games, crafts, face painting, a scavenger hunt, candy, prizes, and our always popular Trunk or Treat!

Calling All Bakers . . .

Mullins is known for its wonderful baked goods and we don't want to disappoint visitors to the Mullins UMW Crafts Fair and Bake Sale November 11! Lots of baked goodies are needed for the customers waiting in line when the doors open!

Please make plans to donate cakes, pies, cookies and breads. Jams, jellies and pickles also welcomed! (No custards or items needing

refrigeration, please.) All items should be identified with name of baker and a description of donation. Thank you in advance for your generosity!





Mullins Celebrates 40th Crafts Fair Saturday, Nov. 11th

Mark your calendar now to help with the 40th annual Mullins UMW Crafts Fair and Bake Sale, scheduled to run from 9 am to 4 pm Saturday, November 11. The purpose of the fair is to bring our congregation together in fellowship and to raise funds for mission and outreach programs. Volunteer sign-ups will begin Sunday, October 1, in the Hall of the Apostles, before and after the 9 am and 10:50 worship services

Volunteer Needs

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 6 pm till

Strong bodies needed to prepare Fellowship Hall and Gym for vendors

Thursday, Nov. 9, 5 pm till

Complete set-up in Fellowship Hall and Gym, prepare vendor packets, and perform miscellaneous tasks

Friday, Nov. 10, 2:30-5 pm

Set up PDO rooms for vendors; Set up for Bake Sale

Friday, Nov. 10, 3-6 pm or 6-9 pm

Two shifts available for volunteers to greet, sign in, and assist exhibitors

Saturday, Nov. 11

Drive van or assist in parking lot during following shifts:

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

Saturday, Nov 11, 7 pm

Clean up and miscellaneous tasks



Mission and Outreach

The support of Mullins UMW mission and outreach programs is made possible only by the success of the annual November Crafts Fair. Recipients of last year's fair proceeds included:

Church Health Center
Reelfoot Rural Ministries
Golden Cross, Wesley Senior Ministries
MIFA Meals
UMCOR Disaster Relief
United Methodist Neighborhood Centers
Wesley Foundation, University of Memphis
Hannah's Hope adoption ministry
Grace Place prison ministry
Church Women United Tools of Hope
Heifer Project
Mullins Youth mission trip
Mullins UMC Elmore Fund

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Name	Date
Ginger Schuette	3
Nick Black	6
Zoe Woody	6
Paulette Forrest	7
Ben Mason	8
Lynne Sweatt	9
Lisa Johns	10
Carrie Likely	10
Denise Van Cleef	11
Veda Kennedy	14
Ella Hopkins	16
Helen Addington	18
Madison Alford	19
Helen McMahan	19
Joel Crews	20



Carmen Schmid	24
Bet Hendon	25
Martha Watson	26
Stephanie Hopkins	27

Anniversaries:

Tom & Lisa Machen.....	18
Bryan & Carolyn Carter	26
Al & Juanita Freeman.....	26

Flu Shots Available Soon

Methodist Healthcare tentatively will be at Mullins Sunday, Nov. 5, from 9:30 to 11 am to administer flu



vaccines. Most insurance plans, including Medicare A and B, will

be accepted. Please bring insurance cards and plan to fill out forms upon arrival.

At this time the complete shipment of the vaccine has not arrived. We will keep you posted. (We may have to reschedule.)

----**Scott Campbell**



Hurricane Help

Our neighbors at nearby Highland Heights UMC assisted some family members escaping the hurricanes in Texas and Florida recently, depleting the shelves of their church food pantry.

In response to a call for help, members of the New Directions Class at Mullins stepped in and filled the need, raising over \$600 to purchase a truckload of food to replenish the shelves and feed the hungry!

Highland Heights Fellowship Lunch

Volunteers from Mullins will prepare and serve the Fellowship Lunch at Highland Heights UMC on October 30. If you would like to help support this continuing food ministry, please contact Melissa Johnson.

Community Orchestra

The Mullins Community Orchestra will perform during the upcoming Pink Palace Crafts Fair, and several members also will contribute their time and talents to the Mullins UMC Blessing of the Animals in Avon Park!

October Worship Notes

October 1 – World Communion Sunday

Message: *Drink Deep*

Scripture: Exodus 17: 1-7

Altar Flowers: In memory of Art McGoldrick by Paula & Jane McGoldrick

October 8

Message: *Loving Gifts from God – Loving Response from Us*

Scripture: Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Altar Flowers: In honor of Hal Baker in celebration of his birthday by Diana Baker

October 15

Message: *The Good News of God Changing His Mind*

Scripture: Exodus 32: 1-14

In honor of all breast cancer survivors by Shan and Molly Tracy

October 22

Message: Seeing the Face of God

Scripture: Exodus 33: 12-23

October 29 – Rev. Camille preaching

Message: *Rendered Silent by Command to Love*

Scripture: Matthew 22:34-46

October Ushers and Greeters:

United Methodist Women

Margaret Brown (Head Usher), Helen Addington, Nancy Blankenship, Brenda Carson, Kathy Carter, Marion Haynes, Lyndall Jones, Barbara Kercher, Jean Sibley, Molly Tracy, Diana Wright

October Liturgist: Luanne Hearn



Thank you!

Dear Mullins Family,

I am so blessed to have such a wonderful church family! I have had so many things happen in my life these 4 ½ years since Norm's death. With God's love and your prayers, I make it through each thing. Thank you so much!

---Barbara Kercher

Thank you to the congregation of Mullins UMC for your continued support of Manna House.

---Manna House Memphis,
A Place of Hospitality

Prayer List



Recent Concerns:

Barbara Kercher – at Home
Dylan Craig – Vanderbilt Hospital
(Nancy Blankenship's grandson)

Our Presence

	Sep. 3	Sep. 10	Sep. 17	Sep. 24
9 am Chapel.....	20	15	17	18
Sunday School	37	40	37	39
10:50 Worship	90	69	64	76



Honoring Our Loved Ones

Budget:

In honor of Harriet & John Montgomery and his donor family by Diana Wright

In honor of Mary Lee Curry in celebration of her birthday Sept. 26, by Joyce & David Hall

In honor of Ruth Meyer in celebration of her 90th birthday by Lori & Kent Hansom

In memory of Chris Poindexter by Oliver & McLean Doughtie

General Weekly Schedule:

Sundays

9:00 a.m., Chapel Communion Service

9:45 a.m., Sunday School

10:50 a.m., Worship, Sanctuary

4:00 p.m., Youth

Mondays

5:50 p.m., Handbells

6:30 p.m., Boy Scouts, Cub

Wednesdays

7:00 a.m., Men's Prayer Breakfast

5:45 p.m., Fellowship Dinner

6:15 p.m., Children and Youth Programs

6:30 p.m., Adult Program, Cantata Rehearsal

7:15 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays

6:30 p.m., Mullins Community Orchestra



5:30 pm, Communication Committee

6:30 Community Orchestra

Saturday, Oct. 7- 10 am-1 pm, Directory Photos

Sunday, Oct. 8

9 am, Chapel Communion service

9:45 am, Sunday School

10:50 am Worship, Sanctuary

3 pm, Blessing of the Animals, Avon Park

4 pm, Youth

Monday, Oct. 9

5:50 Handbells

6:30 pm, Scouts; Lay Leadership Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 11

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, Oct. 12

6:30 pm, Mullins Community Orchestra

Saturday, Oct. 14- 10 am-1pm, Directory Photos

Sunday, Oct. 15

9 am, Chapel Communion service

9:45 am, Sunday School

10:50 am Worship, Sanctuary

noon, Worship Committee.

4 pm, Youth, Finance Committee

Monday, Oct. 16

5:50 Handbells

6:30 pm, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts

Tuesday, Oct. 17

10:30 am, UMW Circle Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 18

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, Oct. 19

6:30 pm, Community orchestra

(October Calendar, continued)

Saturday, Oct. 21

Crossroads, Friends & Followers Retreat

Sunday, Oct. 22

9 am, Chapel Communion service

9:45 am, Sunday School

10:50 am, Worship, Sanctuary

4 pm, Youth

6 pm, Family Movie Night

Monday, Oct. 23 – **October Messenger Deadline**

5:50 Handbells, 6:30 pm, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts

Wednesday, Oct. 25

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, Oct. 26

6:30 pm, Mullins Community Orchestra

Friday, Oct. 27

Set up for Funny Bones

Saturday, Oct. 28 – Funny Bones Festival, 4-6 pm

Monday, Oct. 30 – Highland Heights Lunch

LOOKING AHEAD:

Nov. 5, All Saints Sunday

Daylight Savings Time Ends

3 pm-Sunset Service, Shelby Farms Park

Nov. 7, UMW General Meeting & Lunch

Nov. 11, Mullins Crafts Fair

Nov. 18, St. John's Soup Kitchen

Nov. 23, Thanksgiving Day

Dec. 3, 1st Sunday in Advent

Hanging of the Greens

Dec. 10, Christmas Cantata and Dinner

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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)

October 4 --- **Fried Chicken**, creamed potatoes, green beans, Asian salad, biscuits, brownies

October 11 --- **Grilled Hamburgers**, buns and fixin's, potato patties, salad, cobbler

October 18 --- **Pork Loin**, garlic cheese grits, broccoli, salad, rolls, pecan or chess pie

October 25 --- **Spaghetti**, Italian salad, garlic bread, ice cream

Sunday Meals to Go

Cost is by donation

Sign up or email debigray57@gmail.com

October 1 --- **Rotel Chicken Spaghetti**

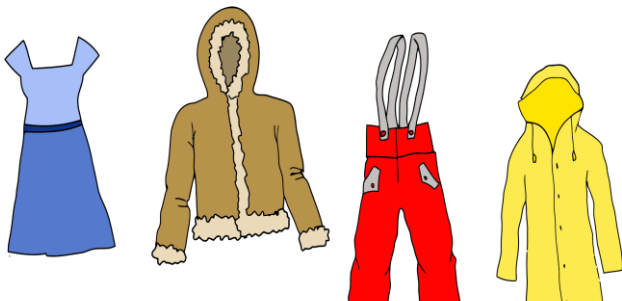
October 8 --- **Baked Ziti**

October 15 --- **King Ranch Chicken Casserole**

Please start saving your coats, sweaters, gloves, and blankets for donations to Box City and Manna House in the upcoming winter months.

More information coming . . .

---Rev. Camille



*Encourage
one
another
daily!*

---Hebrews 3:13