

Mullins Messenger

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God Has Great Things In Store For Us!



Since arriving at Mullins just a couple weeks ago, one thought has been an overarching theme in what I'm

learning about ministry with you---God has great things in store for us! I sense a passion for Christ here; I feel a willingness to roll up sleeves; I hear a desire to grow our community of faith in various ways. Honestly, that excites me. As time goes by, you and I, together, will discern God's direction for the Mullins congregation. You and I, together, will work to live into our mission of embodying Christ in the world, through service, study, worship, and witness.

I can't promise all will be easy, but I believe that we can and will bear fruit for God's kingdom if we remain faithful to looking beyond ourselves and toward making disciples. As my father-in-law, now a retired United Methodist minister, used to remind his congregations, the best is yet to be.

Peace,
Scott

Let's Talk!

As I continue to get acquainted with the Mullins congregation, I want to hear from you about your hopes and dreams, your likes and dislikes, what's important, what needs tweaking. These conversations will be informal times where we can get to know one another as we move forward into the future I believe God has in store for us.

I would like for these groups to be as diverse and intergenerational as possible. That way we can learn from each other as well.

I invite you to sign up for one of the following dates/times through Susan in the church office. I believe it would be more fruitful if these groups remained relatively small. If we need additional times, we can certainly schedule those.

- Thursday, August 3, 10:00 am
- Sunday, August 6, 2:00 pm
- Monday, August 7, 6:30 pm

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

---Jeremiah 29:11

Blessing of the Backpacks

Most students in the Memphis area will be starting a new school year during the week of August 7. As has been the tradition at Mullins in recent years, our congregation will offer prayers for students and teachers in our church and our community as part of the worship services on “Backpack Sunday,” August 13. Students and administrators are invited to bring their backpacks, briefcases, or other school symbols to the service they attend.



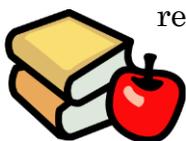
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White Station Elementary School Mullins Collects Supplies For Adopt-A-School Partner

The Mullins Adopt-A School Committee is requesting donations for White Station Elementary School for the coming year. Items may be placed in the collection box at the Circle Drive entrance. If you would like to help, specific items requested are as follows:

- No. 2 pencils
- wide-ruled note paper
- boxes of tissues
- hand sanitizer



Lipscomb Scholarship Was Happy Surprise For Kambol Family

A Letter of Appreciation

A few hours before flying to the US from Zambia, I received news that I was going to be a recipient of the Lipscomb Scholarship. But what surprised me the most whilst reading the email, was the amount that I was awarded. At that time, my wife and I realized that we will not have to worry much on where to find additional funds to pay for other academic and living expenses.



I was able to complete my first semester at Memphis Theological Seminary and I am grateful for the Lipscomb Scholarship Committee members who, despite not really knowing who I was, decided to waive some criteria in my favor in order to allow me to be a recipient of the scholarship.

Together with my family, we will forever be grateful to Mullins United Methodist Church and especially to Debi Gray who helped me through the application process of the scholarship, and to Patrick Mason for advocating to the other committee members on my behalf. I am now getting ready to start my second semester and hope to be able to sing with the chancel choir regularly.

God bless you,

Jacques Kambol

We're Going Back To School



New Directions Food Drive Fills Highland Heights Pantry

Great news! The New Directions Class, with donations from other Mullins members, was able to fill the food pantry shelves twice during the summer at Highland Heights UMC. The donations were especially



appreciated because Highland Heights serves many families with children who may miss meals during the summer vacation when they are not participating in their school lunch programs.

Melissa Johnson and Kathy Carter were the super shoppers who stretched the donated dollars and stocked the shelves. Many thanks to all who contributed, and to all those who provided the Fellowship Lunch at Highland Heights July 31 as well.

Prison Ministry Milestone

“A Journey of Grace,” a celebration of ten years of Grace Place United Methodist Church and five years as a chartered United Methodist congregation, is scheduled for noon Saturday, August 5 at First United Methodist Church in Covington. Attending from Mullins will be Helen Addington, Marion Haynes, and Nancy Blankenship. Rev. Diane Harrison is the pastor of this special ministry to women.



St. John's Soup Kitchen



Volunteers from Mullins will be preparing and serving the evening meal at the St. John's United Methodist Church soup kitchen Saturday, August

19. For more information, please contact Ginny Wilcox, the ministry team leader.

Pardon Our Construction!

Concord Academy Remodels Kitchen in Mullins Gymnasium

Concord Academy is very excited with the addition of the life skills teaching kitchen and job training room off the Mullins gym.

Construction has begun on the kitchen and should be completed by the middle of August. The renovated kitchen will include a range, stackable washer and dryer, dishwasher, and refrigerator.

The PAES Program has been ordered for the job training room. This will be a work development lab where the students become employees and teachers

become employers. The lab will be used to assess

students' competitive work potential and interest levels, while simultaneously

exploring various jobs, using real tools, and developing proper work behaviors. The goal is to teach the students independent living and job skills before they graduate from high school. The space will remain shared space with the youth group and church members. Concord really appreciates this opportunity to expand this program.

Nan Miller, Concord Academy



Defibrillator Location

The new church defibrillator, which was purchased with donations last year, is located in the passageway just outside the southeast Chapel door, near the organ. From this location, it is accessible to both the church and Concord Academy. Please call

the church office if you would like clarification about the location of this equipment.



Sent to Serve:

Youth Mission Week Targets Urban and Rural Projects

This year, the Mullins Youth chose to stay in the local Memphis area during Youth Mission Week, June 26th through the 30th. On Monday and Tuesday, the Youth served at **Manna House** in urban Memphis. Camille, the Youth, and Mullins UMC have a long-term relationship with Manna House. During Youth Mission Week the Youth served the guests with coffee, smiles, conversation, and a new picnic table! One of the guests sat on an old table and the bench broke underneath him. Along with our chaperone, Scott Shelby, we went on the hunt for an assembled picnic table but couldn't find one, so we bought one to be assembled. Later in the evening, our other chaperone, Loyal Murphy, helped assemble the table and the Youth put on the first coat of paint to dry overnight. On Tuesday morning we returned with the picnic table and put it in the backyard at Manna House where guests were invited to add their personal touches.



Reelfoot Rural Ministries

Wednesday through Friday, the Youth served in partnership with **Reelfoot Rural Ministries** Home Rehab Program. We helped in the construction of two ramps and the demolition of another in preparation for its replacement. Although demo and construction was loads of fun, visiting with the home owners was probably the most meaningful part of the work! Mrs. Smith was waiting to bring her husband home from the hospital but needed the ramp first! While demolishing Ms. Amy's front porch, she shared stories about recent deaths in her family, including her husband. Yet, when talking with

us, she continually thanked God for being with her and enabling her to be available to love and help the family and friends still with her.

Annual Planning Retreat: On the heels of a successful year and meaningful mission week, the Youth will be gathering on Friday and Saturday, August 4-5th, for their annual planning retreat to consider how they will be "Sent to Serve" in the upcoming 2017-2018 year. --- **Rev. Camille**

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Name	Date
Dave Brown	1
T. J. Scruggs	1
Gwynne May	2
Knox Martin	3
Whitney Coulombe	5
Doris Ruleman	7
Lori Waddell	7
Kathryn Black	9
Charles Carter	11
Linda Morris	11
Patrick Murphy	11
Ben Dean Malone	12
Katherine Parker	18



Julia Howell	23
Danial Jambard	24
Diana Philips	24
Imogene Howell	26
Mary Lee Curry	26
Margaret Brown	28
Sarah Lienhard	28
Allison Eddins	29

Anniversaries:

Kent & Pam Stratton.....	11
Hal & Diana Baker	14
Larry & Judy Clayton.....	19

UMCOR Kits

The United Methodist Women will be meeting August 15 to assemble kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

If you would like to make a contribution to help provide supplies (\$12 per kit), please turn in your donation to the church office or place in the Sunday offering plate.

Make checks to Mullins UMW or Mullins UMC and designate "UMCOR kits" on memo line. Thank you to those who already have contributed.



New Church Directory

The Communication Committee is making plans for a new church directory to be released in late fall. Watch for details to be announced soon.



Lifeblood

Lifeblood will be returning to Mullins Wednesday, September 13. If you are interested in donating, please sign up in advance in the Hall of the Apostles or in Fellowship Hall during Wednesday Fellowship meal. Photo ID is required.

Boy Scouts Resume Weekly Schedule

Boy Scout Troop 75 will resume weekly meetings at Mullins on Monday, August 7. They will have an Eagle Court of Honor in the Mullins Chapel August 14.

UMW Invitation

Dr. Scott Alford will be the speaker at the UMW meeting at 10:30 am September 5 in the Fisher Wing. Guests are welcomed! Please notify office if you plan to stay for lunch!

Fall Potluck!

Have you been missing the wonderful cooking of our members? Maybe some of Kathy Carter's brownies, or something yummy in Terrye



Mastin's crockpot? Well, your wait is almost over! Our Fall Potluck will be Sunday, Sept. 24, immediately after the 10:50 service. Bring a dish or two to share and bring your family and friends for some wonderful fellowship.

---Family Life Committee

August Worship Notes

August 6:

Message: We Believe: Resurrection and Life Everlasting

Ezekiel 37:1-14, Luke 24:36-49

Altar Flowers: In honor of Mary Beth

Richardson, by Lyndall Jones

Special music: Matt Carey, baritone

August 13: Backpack Sunday

Message: Walking Where

There Is No Ground



Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Matthew 14:22-33

Special music: Steve Becraft, clarinet

August 20:

Message: When Jesus Changed His Mind

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

Altar Flowers:

*In memory of Katherine Sigman, by Ken Sigman

*In honor of Samuel Hardin, by Hal & Diane Baker

August 27: TBA

August Ushers: Andy Mastin (Head Usher),

Terrye Mastin, Ann Smith, Bob Earley

August Liturgist: Margaret Brown

Prayer List



Recent Concerns:

John Montgomery – Methodist University Hospital, room 1019

Gerry Gardner – Germantown Village Rehab

T. J. Scruggs– home

Our sympathy ---to Jerry Cohen and family in the loss of his daughter, Marta Weiss

Our Presence

	Jul 2	Jul 9	Jul.16	Jul 23
9 am Chapel.....	17	17	22	18
Sunday School	45	52	52	53
10:50 Worship	92	106	90	96

Honoring Our Loved Ones

Budget:

In memory of Marta Cohen Weiss by Claude & Faye Bowers, Anita Moore, Barbara Kercher

In memory of Bill Pickel by Richard & Marilyn Klenz, Jan Castillo, Linda K. McDonald

In memory of Jack Wohrman, by Doug & Debra Owings

Music Fund: In memory of Marta Weiss by Lamplighter Class



Thank you!

Dear Friends, I want to inform you that I really appreciate all of your correspondence so far and I hope that you will keep it up! I have a very nice apartment in the same town as my son, Dan, and his wife. They were over to see me today and gave me some valuable information. Any of you who come this way are welcome to come by and see me! Sincerely, **Bill Phillips**
P.S. I have just been told I am 92 years old!!

Thanks to everyone who donated funds to purchase fireworks for our church birthday and 4th of July celebration! ---**Tommy Scruggs**



Mom [Agnes Sims] is moving the first week of August, so drop her a note if you can [so she can keep up with her Mullins friends]. *New Address:* Agnes Sims, Germantown Plantation Senior Living, 9293 Poplar Ave., Apt.324, Germantown, TN 38138

Thanks, **Liz Clayton**

August Calendar

Wednesday, Aug. 2

7 am, Prayer breakfast
5:45 pm, Fellowship meals resume
6:15 pm, Children and Youth programs
6:30 pm, Adult program, no choir

Thursday, Aug. 3

10 am, Let's Talk! Small group meeting
5:30 pm, Web Team Meeting
6:30 pm, Mullins Community orchestra

Friday, August 4

Youth Retreat (through August 5)

Saturday, August 5

Youth Retreat ends

Sunday, August 6

9 am, Chapel Communion service
9:45 am, Sunday School
10:50 am Worship, Sanctuary
2 pm, Let's Talk! Small group meeting
No Youth

Monday, August 7-SCS Schools start

6:30 pm, Let's Talk! Small group meeting
6:30 pm, Boy Scouts resume

Wednesday, August 9

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

Thursday, August 10

6:30 pm, Mullins Community Orchestra

Sunday, August 13 - Backpack Sunday

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

Monday, August 14

6:30 pm, Boy Scouts Court of Honor

Tuesday, August 15

UMW assembles UMCOR kits

Wednesday, August 16

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

Thursday, August 17

6:30 pm, Community orchestra

Saturday, August 19

St. John's Ministry

Sunday, August 20

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

Monday, August 21

6:30 pm, Boy Scouts

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., Scouts

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
6:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays

6:30 p.m., Mullins Community Orchestra

(August Calendar, continued)

Wednesday, August 23 - Messenger Deadline

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

Thursday, August 24

6:30 pm, Mullins Community Orchestra

Sunday, August 27

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

Monday, August 28

5:50 pm, Handbells resume, 6:30 Scouts

Wednesday, August 30

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

Thursday, August 31

6:30 pm, Mullins Community Orchestra

LOOKING AHEAD:

September 3, No Youth

September 4, LABOR DAY, Office Closed

September 5, UMW Meeting, Handbells

September 11---No handbells

September 13, Lifeblood

September 18, Administrative Council

September 19, UMW Circle

September 23, Choir Retreat

September 24, Fall Potluck

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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)

August 2 ---**Meatloaf**, scalloped potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, lemonade pie

August 9---**Fried Chicken**, garlic cheese grits, broccoli, salad, biscuits, ice cream sandwich casserole

August 16---**Pork Loin**, creamed corn, English peas, salad, biscuits, cake

August 23---**Chicken and Rice**, green beans, Asian salad, rolls, cobbler

August 30--- **Spaghetti**, Italian salad, garlic bread, ice cream

Sunday Meals to Go

Cost is by donation

Sign up or email debigray57@gmail.com

August 6---**Beefy Macaroni Casserole**

August 13---**King Ranch Chicken Casserole**

August 20---**Baked Ziti**

August 27---**Zucchini Pizza Casserole**

Pictured on the cover: "Team Alford"

Mullins UMC gives thanks for our new senior pastor, the Rev. Dr. Scott Alford, and his wife, Dana Alford, as well as their two children, Madison Alford and Evan Alford. The entire Alford family has become involved in the life of our congregation already, and all were stand-out helpers with Vacation Bible School. Welcome and thank you!



Thank you, volunteers!

*Encourage
one another*

daily!

Hebrews 3:13