

Mullins Messenger

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July 2017



MULLINS WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

Effective June 20, the Reverend Dr. Scott

On June 20, the Reverend Dr. Scott A. Alford, OSL, officially became the newly appointed senior pastor of Mullins United Methodist Church. His first Sunday in the Mullins pulpit will be July 2.

Our new pastor is coming to Mullins from his most recent appointment at nearby Colonial Park United Methodist Church. He is the son of a United Methodist minister, the late Rev. Jim Alford.

Church Celebrates 172 Years With Birthday Party July 2

Don't miss our church birthday party and 4th of July celebration Sunday, July 2nd, from 6:30 to 9 pm. The Mullins Family Life



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Committee has planned a great event, featuring delicious barbecue and fantastic entertainment. Bring your family and friends for an evening of fun! There is no charge for this special event, but

donations will be appreciated. Please call the church office to make reservations if possible. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our church heritage and to give thanks for the blessings of God on our congregation over the years.

He attended Lambuth University in Jackson, graduating with a BBA degree in 1995. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from Memphis Theological Seminary in 1998, and a Doctor of Ministry from Wesley Theological Seminary in 2011.

He is married to the former Dana Weller, whom he met while in college at Lambuth, and Scott and Dana have a daughter, Madison, and a son, Evan.

We look forward to their arrival and we welcome them to our congregation!

Welcome


Reception for Alford Family Scheduled for July 9th

On July 9, immediately following the 10:50 Worship Service, a welcoming reception will be held for Reverend Dr. Scott A. Alford and his family.

All are invited to attend and warmly greet our new pastor and his family.

Cuba Mission Team Seeks Partners For September Trip

Did you know that you can take part in a mission trip without flying 9,000 miles to Africa or just 900 miles to Cuba?

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission from all around the country have been meeting in Havana to sweat in the sun alongside our United Methodist brothers and sisters in Cuba. The tools they wield are hammers, saws, shovels, trowels, and paint brushes.  The spirit that rules and inspires the group is servant leadership, the type that Jesus taught us by example. The goal is to complete student and professor housing at a United Methodist seminary in Havana.

We cannot do it alone. We need your help.

How You Can Partner With Us:

First, pray for success of our construction project and for a deepened relationship with our brothers and sisters in Havana as Cuba becomes more open to North Americans.

Equally important, prayerfully consider donating one or more of the following items:

- * Handmade prayer shawls for pastors and their wives. (We need about 10)
- * Cotton bandanas
- * Broad-brimmed canvas sun hats
- * Leather or canvas work gloves
- * Sports socks that wick moisture away from the feet



To talk about these or other ways you can be a part of our

September 2017 mission, please contact Margaret1.carbaugh@att.net

Margaret Carbaugh
VIM Team Member

Lipscomb Scholarship:

I am writing to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the John and Molly Lipscomb Ministerial Scholarship Committee and the Mullins United Methodist Church for awarding me a scholarship to attend seminary for the 2017-2018 school year. I also extend heartfelt appreciation to Rev. Ken Stewart for keeping me informed about the decision of the committee and necessary next steps.

Thank you for your prayers and confidence in me as I answer and seek to fulfill the call to ministry. As I discern and follow God's will for my life, I am willing to go wherever God leads me.



I envision applying my gifts in pulpit ministry. Moreover, as I grow in biblical knowledge and application of pastoral care/pastoral ministry, I desire to teach in a seminary setting. I realize none of my dreams are possible without the Master of Divinity degree, therefore I am sincerely grateful for your generosity in helping me pursue and fulfill God's call to serve. Sincerely,

Dr. Benetra Mangum-Johnson

Special Appreciation:

*To House and Grounds---**Charles Griffin, Scott Shelby, & Loyal Murphy**---for beautifully refinishing the church sign!

*To **Margaret Brown** and all who helped her with the farewell reception for Rev. Ken Stewart.

*Special thanks, also, to **Tabitha Smith** for her awesome farewell cake!

(Check out the refinished sign and Tabitha's cake on Mullins' Facebook page!)

Summer Music Series

(All performances during 10:50 Sunday Worship Services at Mullins United Methodist Church)



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July 9 – Nick Black



Mullins' own soul artist Nick Black will be returning to kick off our fourth annual Summer Music Series. His young, modern sound blends hip hop with old school

rhythm and blues. Nick has been touring nationally and is working on a new CD for release in 2017.

July 16 – Bishop Duo

Anthony Lu, cello, and Andre Duvall, piano, have become an indispensable highlight of our summer series. Anthony is a freelance classical cellist who regularly performs in the cello section of a number of area orchestras, and he teaches private cello lessons as well.



July 23 – Chris & Diane Machen



Christian singers from Plano, Texas, Chris and Diane are making their second appearance at Mullins. Chris has spent more than 30 years in contemporary Christian music as a singer and

composer. He has appeared on national television and his songs have been played on Christian radio across the nation. He has been in a traveling concert ministry with his wife Diane for over 25 years. He is the brother of Tom Machen, Mullins' director of music.

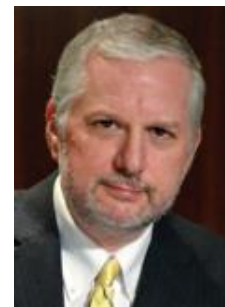
July 30 – Nancy Chase, bagpipes

Dr. Nancy Chase is returning for her fourth Mullins visit. A pediatric cardiologist for over 30 years, she enjoys promoting positive experiences for her patients, often gifting them with sports, concert, and theater tickets.



August 6 – Matt Carey, baritone

Matt, who had an extensive operatic career in Europe, is joining us for the first time! He is a speech therapist and a member of the voice faculty at Arkansas State University.



August 13 – Steve Becraft, clarinet

Dr. Becraft, professor of clarinet and saxophone at Henderson State University, also is making his debut in our series. He is a member of The Storm Trio, an Arkansas Arts on Tour performing group.



Andre Duvall, collaborative artist with several of the guests

Mullins' multi-talented organist, pianist, and handbell director also operates his own piano studio, is on the conservatory faculty of Lausanne Collegiate School, and is active regionally as a performer and music educator.

Sharing the Love . . .

**John and Harriet Montgomery
celebrate the youth of Mullins
with a special gift and letter!**

John Montgomery (right) gives a thumbs-up to Rev. Ken Stewart, who photographed John with Harriet and Rev. Camille the day after John's transplant surgery



Dear Members of the Mullins Youth Group:

Your group has a special place in our hearts for several reasons. First, as a group, you've done some awesome mission work, including Box City and the Costa Rica trip. Also, we've watched several of you grow and mature during the 11-12 years we've been at Mullins. **Callie** and **Ellen** were 5 or 6 when John and I, along with Margaret Methvin, started helping with Children's Church. **Zoey** was right behind them, calling me Tigger, which I'm sure embarrasses her now, but I still like.

John M had the privilege of being a mentor or sponsor when **John Thomas** was preparing for membership. We've watched him grow in confidence, maturity and love. We've seen **Maddie**, **Kendall**, **Hannah** and **Lillie** love being part of a special group of young Christians. It was a special pleasure to learn that Lillie is the daughter of a young man my family first met when he and two of my (Harriet) nephews attended junior high and high school together. Several of us in the family attended her parents' wedding!

Enclosed is a gift given in honor of you and your youth minister, Rev. Camille Bradley. Whether you use it for your local mission work or another event or celebration, we hope it allows you to do something that is meaningful to you. We look forward to hearing of your continued good works and fun activities. And to the 2017 graduates, please know that we wish each of you the very best life has to offer. You always have a home at Mullins.

In Christian love,
Harriet and John
Harriet and John Montgomery

Editor's Note: The letter above was written April 29, 2017, three weeks before John and Harriet received word that John would be having long-awaited liver surgery. Harriet has agreed to share this message with the congregation in appreciation for Rev. Camille and the youth. We hope you agree it shines a light on what Rev. Camille thankfully calls the loving and generous "nature of this church."

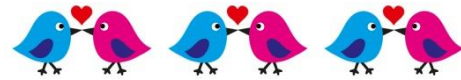
August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Name	Date
Ruth Meyer	1
Franklin Moore	1
Matthew Kernodle	2
Harriett Montgomery.....	6
Carolyn Irvin	9
Frank Bradley.....	10
David Williams	12
Matthieu Jambard	12
Evelyn Vowell	15
Sandy Scruggs	15
David Eddins	15
Addison Furst	15
Phillip Wilcox.....	18
Jimmy Williams	18
Kent Stratton, Jr.	20
Robert Newcomb.....	22



Mary Beth Richardson	26
Brenda Smith	26
Joy Jambard	26
Whitney Williams	27
Lisa Murphy.....	27
Ruth Cox.....	27



Anniversaries:

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

El Camino Pilgrimage Update

Mullins member Pat Mason is on the final leg of his El Camino Pilgrimage, a 500 mile walk across Spain. If you want to follow his journey electronically, go to: www.patrick-elcamino.com

Highland Heights Fellowship Lunch

Mullins volunteers will prepare and serve the Fellowship Lunch at Highland Heights United Methodist Church on July 31, just as they have on “fifth Mondays” for the past two years. Contact Melissa Johnson to join the team!

Call for Food Trucks!

On Saturday, November 11, Mullins United Methodist Women will host our annual Crafts Fair and Bake Sale. The Crafts Fair Committee is looking for Methodist owned/operated food trucks to set up at our Fair. We are soliciting from our Methodist membership first, before going out to the general public for trucks. Please



contact Margaret Brown if you are interested and would like more information:

www.mbrown@dbrown.com
or call 901-388-9190.

Margaret Brown

Mullins UMW President and Crafts Fair Co-Chairperson

UMW Seeks Funds For UMCOR Kits

The Mullins United 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 or Mullins UMW and designate for “UMCOR kits” on memo line. Thank you!

Our Service



July 2: Welcome Dr. Alford

Liturgist: Bet Hendon

Altar Flowers: In memory of the birthday of Louise Harmon, by Martha Harmon

July 9:

Liturgist: Bet Hendon

Altar Flowers: In memory of Clara & Trueman Wyrick, by Joe Wyrick

July 16:

Liturgist: Bet Hendon

July 23:

Liturgist: Bet Hendon

Altar Flowers: In memory of Kate Trusty, by Clint Trusty

July 30:

Liturgist: Bet Hendon

July Ushers: Melissa Johnson, head usher
Brenda Carson, Scott Shelby, Marcia Taylor,
Cyndi Watkins

Our Prayers

John Montgomery, Methodist University
Hospital ICU

Gerry Gardner, at home

Carolyn Baker-McCord

Dr. C. G. Herrington, Jr.

Angela Flippen

Karlos Bourne

Mike Lambert

Al Freeman

Sympathy:

---to the family of Dr. Jack Wohrman, who passed away June 11.

Thanksgiving:

---for Ryan Lane Crews, baptized June 11

Our Presence

	June 4	June 11	June.18	June 25
Chapel.....	18	17	17	16
Sunday School	NA	46	40	47
10:50 Worship	77	100	96	81

Our Special Gifts

Budget:

In memory of Dr. Jack Wohrman by Paula McGoldrick

In memory of Bill Pickel by Crossroads Class, Shan & Molly Tracy, Helen Addington, Charles & Anna Butler, Carolyn Rose

In memory of Carol Ann Moreland by the Robison Family, Barbara Kercher

In memory of Frances & Rhodes Vawter by Phil & Barbara Dagastino

Highland Heights Ministry:

In memory of Dr. Jack Wohrman by Taylor & Mary Beth Richardson

St. John's Ministry:

In memory of Carol Ann Moreland by Aaron Foster

In memory of Bill Pickel by Aaron Foster

Youth Missions

In honor of Rev. Ken Stewart by Jane Hobson

In memory of Jack Wohrman by Lyndall Jones

In memory of Bill Pickel by Ann Smith, Lyndall Jones

In memory of Carol Ann Moreland by Lyndall Jones

A gift has been given to Mullins UMC by Park Avenue Animal Hospital in remembrance of Martha Harmon's pet.

A Note From Ken

My dear faith family – It is with a heavy heart, yet one overflowing with joy, that I say goodbye. You have been a light of grace in my life, providing laughter, care, support, and love. Thank you for putting up with my shortcomings, my whistling, my lack of socks, and for allowing me to speak God's Word into your lives. I want to especially thank you for caring for my dad and for me in the time of his death. This is a special place where I have seen God active in many of your lives. I ask for your prayers in what lies ahead for my family. Know that I will continually pray for you. **Ken Stewart**



July Calendar

Sunday, July 2

9 am, Chapel Communion Service
9:45 am, Sunday School
10:50 am, Worship, Sanctuary
6:30 pm, Church Birthday Party

Tuesday, July 4---Independence Day
Office Closed

Wednesday, July 5

7 am, Prayer Breakfast
VBS setup

Thursday, July 6

5:30 Communication Committee Web team
6:30 Mullins Community Orchestra

Sunday, July 9

9 am, Chapel Communion Service
9:45 am, Sunday School
10:50 am, Worship, Sanctuary
Summer Music Series begins
Welcome Reception for Alford's
4 pm, Youth

Monday, July 10

9 am, Full Potential Camp (through July 14)
6 pm, VBS (through July 14)
7 pm, Finance Committee

Wednesday, July 12

7 am, Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, July 13

6:30 p.m., Mullins Community Orchestra

Sunday, July 16

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

Monday, July 17

7 pm, Administrative Council

Wednesday, July 19

7 am, Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, July 20

Mullins Community Orchestra

Sunday, July 23

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

(continued)

*“Encourage one another and
build each other up . . .”*

I Thessalonians 5:11



(July calendar, continued)

Monday, July 24

Deadline for August Messenger

Wednesday, July 26

7 am, Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, July 27

6:30 pm., Mullins Community Orchestra

Friday, July 28

Youth Retreat (through July 30)

Sunday, July 30

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

Monday, July 31

5th Monday Highland Heights Ministry



LOOKING AHEAD:

August 2---Wednesday Fellowship meals resume
August 7---Shelby County Schools reopen
August 9---Choir practice resumes
August 15---UMCOR Kits assembly
August 19---St. John's soup kitchen
September 4---Labor Day
September 14---Golden Cross Golf Classic
September 24---Family Life Pot Luck Lunch

Mullins VBS

July 10 – 14

6 to 8 pm

Register on-line at

vbspro.events/p/mullinsumc



Full Potential Camps

Full Potential Fitness and Sports Training will present the second “Train Like the Pros” Summer Camp session at Mullins July 10 to 14. The basketball camp is designed for ages 7 to 17 and will be held daily from 9 am to 1 pm. Check out the flyers at the church or go to www.fullpotentialfitness and sportstraining.com

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Sunday Meals-to-Go

You may place your order on the sign-up sheet in the Hall of the Apostles on Sunday mornings for the following week’s pickup. You also may order the meals online through Debi Gray at debigray57@gmail.com

(Cost is by donation)

July 2 ---Lasagna

July 9---Chicken & Rice Casserole

July 16---Jambalaya

July 23—Baked Ziti

July 30---Rotel Chicken Spaghetti

