

Mullins Messenger

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Don't Miss the Wonder In Mixed Bag of Spring

I just love springtime - I think mostly because it always seems to be a mixed bag of nuts. There seems to be so much going on, both wondrous and otherwise.

We open the windows of our homes to let the fresh air in - then there is the pollen that seems to bother so many people. Flowers are blooming all over the place and the aroma is intoxicating - then there are those pesky weeds that seem to beat the grass up every year. We have youth graduating, friends getting married, awards ceremonies at school, then lawn mowers to start, grills to clean, flower beds to prepare.

Church life seems to be the same mixed bag as well in the spring. From Easter celebrations, to the wonderful craziness of Egg Hunts; from graduation celebrations for all ages to Mother's and Father's Day plans, to El Camino hikes... well you get the idea.

But the real mixed bag of nuts in springtime is Easter. Easter continually reminds us that *everything is changed*.

Henri Nouwen once wrote about Easter: *Our little lives become great -- part of the mysterious work of God's salvation. Once that happens, nothing is accidental, casual or futile any more. Even the most insignificant event speaks the language of faith, hope and, above all, love.*

In other words, in the midst of all the mixed bag of nuts in your life don't miss the wonder and the promise that Easter brings. In spring, everything that has been dead through the winter months is waking up to new life, new vibrancy, a new time to grow and live and thrive.

Easter is that way to our souls. If we will allow the wonder of Jesus' resurrection to take root in our souls we experience freshness and new life again and again. That which once was dead springs forth into life.

This morning as I sat quietly, listening for God's voice, I heard the most beautiful singing. God was singing through the beauty of early morning birds outside my living room window. The song that was amazingly simple suddenly brought to mind that the bird's song must have been one of the first sounds that Christ heard that resurrection morning. In the mixed bag of spring God is everywhere I look, coloring our world....bringing in a change of scenery once again, a beautiful reminder that God is still alive and our lives will never be the same.

As you breathe in the freshness of springtime, as you observe life being re-born all around you, why not stop and enjoy the beauty of all that God creates. Praise God for the gift of life that is extended to you day after day, season after season, even when life seems to be a mixed bag of nuts.

See you Sunday,

Ken

Mullins Celebrates 2017 Graduates

Other Graduation News and Celebrations . . .

High School and College Graduates To Be Honored In Worship Service May 28

On Sunday, May 28, Mullins UMC will honor our high school and college graduates during the 10:50 worship service. If you have a graduate whose name is not listed please contact the office as soon as possible. We don't want to miss anyone in our church family!

HIGH SCHOOL:

Cece Cordera – St. George's Independent School

Addison Furst – Westminster Academy

John Thomas Hare – Homeschool

Lillie Hixson – White Station

Maddie Jackson – White Station

Hannah Kiihnl – White Station

Callie Likely – White Station

Kendall Rust – Concord Academy

Ellen Weaver – Westminster Academy

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY:

Anna Johnson – University of Memphis

Jesse Wilcox – University of Arkansas

Concord Academy

Thursday, May 11, 6 pm
Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
Rev. Camille Bradley, guest speaker

Mullins Parents Day Out

Monday, May 22, 1 pm
Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

White Station Elementary

Thursday, May 25, 8:30 am
School Auditorium
Rev. Ken Stewart, guest speaker

Adopt-a-School Invitation

Rev. Ken Stewart will speak to the White Station Elementary fifth grade students at their graduation to middle school on Thursday May 25. The program begins at 8:30 am. You are invited to attend and support our adopt-a-school partner and Rev. Ken.



Pastoral Changes

As already announced to our congregation, Mullins will welcome Dr. Scott Alford as our new senior pastor after Annual Conference appointments in June, when Rev. Ken Stewart will begin taking a personal leave of absence. The official pastoral moving day is June 20. Details of a farewell reception for Rev. Stewart and a welcome reception for our new pastor will be forthcoming.



El Camino Pilgrimage Program

On May 3 at the Wednesday Fellowship Dinner, Pat Mason will present “The El Camino Pilgrimage – A 500 Mile Walk Across Spain.” He will discuss why he is going on this journey and what it will be like, in addition to what preparations are needed. Don’t miss this! Please make meal reservations if you have not already done so.

UMW Invitation

Guests are welcome to attend the Mullins United Women General Meeting Tuesday, May 2 in the Fisher Wing parlor at 10:30 am. Following the business meeting, which will include a discussion of the Mullins Crafts Fair, we will welcome guest speakers Nigel and Joyce Bowen from Bartlett United Methodist Church. The Bowens will inspire us with stories of their volunteer outreach projects that have benefitted so many. Afterwards we will enjoy lunch (\$4 a person) in the fellowship hall. If you don’t attend our UMW meetings regularly, please call the office to make a lunch reservation.

UMW Metro Event

The Mullins United Methodist Women will be hosting a Metro UMW Social Action event on Saturday, May 20, in the Fellowship Hall. See details on flyer to be posted outside church office.

Highland Heights Lunch May 29

Faithful volunteers from Mullins will prepare and serve the Fellowship Lunch at Highland Heights United Methodist Church on Memorial Day, May 29, just as they have on “fifth Mondays” for the past two years under the leadership of our “head chef,” Rev. Ken Stewart. Fond memories of this meaningful service for our neighbors will be part of Rev. Ken’s legacy at Mullins.

Blessing Bags

Thanks to a generous Mullins donor, new items have been purchased to replenish the supply of blessing bags available for pickup in the Hall of the Apostles.

Volunteers assembled the new bags Easter Sunday, during the fellowship breakfast after the Sunrise Service.

Members are encouraged to put bags in their cars and pray for opportunities to share them with neighbors in need.





God's Hospitality, Youth Style!

On Sunday, April 23, the Youth Hospitality BBQ took place in and around the Mullins Gym. After many weeks of planning and prayer, the Youth hosted eight guests for two hours of fun, food, and fellowship.

We started off the evening with a game of "Icebreaker Schism," where you catch the volleyball and say your name, then answer the goofy question written on the ball under your right thumb. We had three more games---paddle ball partners, Frisbee bull's eye, and free throw elimination---complete with incredibly sought-after stupid prizes!

Everyone sat on the middle bleachers for a short message from Camille. Then we went to the youth room. After lighting the "Huddle" Christ candle, the seniors took turns sharing what the youth group has meant to them over the years. We took prayer requests and then awkwardly huddled up in a circle around the candle arm in arm for prayer and a blessing for the meal. Outside on the grill Scott Shelby cooked hamburgers, hotdogs, and veggie burgers. The youth brought sides, Cyndi Watkins brought cookies by request, and Margaret McNeil sent her famous blonde brownies. As our guests left, each received a youth t-shirt and a gift bag with thank you's, invitations to come back, a youth brochure, and little gifts.

Special thanks to Scott, Martha Harmon, Cyndi, and Luanne Hearn for being present and helping in so many ways. I am very proud of the work and prayer that the youth did in preparation for this event and the way they shared God's hospitality with all who came!!! Thank you all for your prayers, and please continue to pray for those youth who attended so that God continues to speak to their hearts and lead them back to Mullins UMC.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Camille

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Name	Date
Callie Likely	3
Jacques Kambol	5
CJ Drew	6
Sammie Powell	9
Lynn Bergwerk	13
Clay Carter	14
Betty Williams	17
Nancy Blankenship	18
Ginny Wilcox	20
Scott Campbell	22
John Weaver	24
Pat Mason	24
Tom Southwell	24
Eliana Griffin	24
Carol Griffin	25



Margaret McNeil	27
Jane McGoldrick	28
Justin Webb	28
Joe Wyrick	29
Suzanne Wyrick	30

Anniversaries:

Jason & Miriah Denbo	2
Charles & Carol Griffin	4
John & Lisa Weaver	9
Don & Linda Mayhan	18
Kathryn & Steve Black	22
Barbara & Tom Southwell	29

Lakeshore Registration

It is time to register for summer camp at Lakeshore! There are elementary age camps, junior high camps, senior high camps, family camps, and specialty camps, such as wilderness, treehouse, hammock, and art camps.

Go online to get more information and to register: lakeshorecamp.org. Or call 731-584-6103.

This is the best Christian Summer Camp ever! Just sayin'!

---Rev. Camille

Full Potential Camps

Full Potential Fitness and Sports Training will present two "Train Like the Pros" Summer Camp sessions at Mullins this summer. The basketball sessions will be June 5 to 9 and July 10 to 14. They are designed for ages 7 to 17 and will be held daily from 9 am to 1 pm. Go to www.fullpotentialfitnessandsportsstraining.com.

Dave Brown Award

On May 6, Mullins member Dave Brown and his family will travel to Nashville where Dave will be inducted into the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame. Congratulations!

Blood Drive Scheduled May 10

Lifeblood returns to Mullins on Wednesday, May 10, from 5 to 7 pm.

The sign-up sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings and in the Hall of the Apostles on Sundays. Please remember to bring a photo ID.

If possible, you are asked to fill out the donor questionnaire online within 24 hours of your donation.

Thanks,

--Scott Campbell

Our Service

May 7:

Liturgist: Greg Forsyth
Altar Flowers: In honor of Rev. Ken Stewart, on his birthday today, by friends

May 14: Mother's Day Celebration



Liturgist: Greg Forsyth
Altar Flowers: In memory of the birthday of Judge William H. Williams, by Betty Williams

May 21:

Liturgist: Greg Forsyth
Altar Flowers: In honor of Sandy & Tommy Scruggs, Marcia Taylor, and Kathy Carter for their long-time Crafts Fair leadership, by United Methodist Women

May 28: Recognition of Graduates

Liturgist: Greg Forsyth
Altar Flowers: In honor of the birthday of Diana Baker, by her family

May Ushers:

Scott Campbell, Head Usher
Charles Bradley, David Cox, Ruth Cox

Our Thanks

Thanks to members of Mullins who donated clothes for children at the Salvation Army. I proudly took 38 new outfits and \$260 to buy shoes, socks, and underwear. What a happy Easter parade the 62 children had! ---**Nancy Blankenship**

Thanks for all the beautiful cards you send to me. I still have the St. Patrick card where I see it every day. Now my beautiful Easter card. Thanks so much. They mean more than you know.-----**Jane McGoldrick**

Our Prayers

Recent Concerns:

Bill Pickel – Kirby Pines #153A (hospice)
Gerry Gardner, Germantown Village Rehab
Wayne Carson – at home

Sympathy:

---to Rick Crews and family in the loss of his father, L. Dow Crews

---to Betty Williams and Ginny Wilcox in the loss of their sister and aunt, Virginia Hufferman

Our Presence

	Apr 2	Apr 9	Apr.16	Apr 23
Chapel.....	18	15	29*	17
Sunday School	54	49	42	49
10:50 Worship	79	98	130	77

*sunrise service

Our 1st Quarter Gifts

As of 3/31/17	March	Jan 1 – Mar 31
Gifts	36,685	112,178
Budget	37,721	113,162
Expenses	38,026	120,118

Recent Special Gifts

St. John's Ministry:

In memory of Dow Crews by Phillip & Ginny Wilcox

May Calendar

Meetings and Special Events

Monday, May 1

Church Women United, 9:30 am, Buntyn Pres
Staff/Parish Relations Committee, 6:30

Tuesday, May 2

United Methodist Women Gen. Mtg, 10:30 am

Wednesday, May 3

Fellowship Dinner Program, Pat Mason,
“El Camino Pilgrimage”

Thursday, May 4

Communication Committee Web meeting, 6 pm

Monday, May 8

Finance Committee, 7 pm

Wednesday, May 10

Blood Drive, 5 – 7 pm

Thursday, May 11

Concord Graduation, 6pm, followed by reception

Sunday, May 14

Mother’s Day Celebration

Monday, May 15

Administrative Council, 7 pm

Tuesday, May 16

UMW Circle Meeting, 10:30 am, parlor

Saturday, May 20

Metro UMW Social Action event

Monday, May 22

PDO Graduation, 1 pm, Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 24

Final Fellowship Dinner until August 2

Deadline for June Messenger

Thursday, May 25

White Station Elementary Graduation, 8:30 am

Sunday, May 28

Recognition of Graduates, 10:50 am worship

Youth Celebration, 4 pm, Rev. Camille’s home

Monday, May 29

5th Monday Highland Heights UMC Lunch

Office Closed (Memorial Day)

Susan Tutt on vacation (through June 16)

LOOKING AHEAD:

June 4---Pentecost Sunday

June 4-6---Annual Conference, Collierville UMC

June 18---Father’s Day Celebration

(Rev. Ken Stewart’s last Sunday)

June 26-30---Youth “Bigger Stuff”

June 5 - 9---Full Potential Summer Camp

July 10 - 14----Full Potential Summer Camp

July 10 – 14----Mullins Vacation Bible School



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., Cub Scouts/Boy 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

Friendly Notice No. 1

(Abbreviated Office Hours)

Susan Tutt will be on vacation in Italy May 29-June 16 and volunteers will be staffing the office in her absence. Your patience will be appreciated!

Friendly Notice No. 2

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the deadline for the June Messenger will be noon Wednesday, May 24. Please submit information to the office as soon as possible.

Sunday Meals-to-Go: A new Mullins tradition

Muka Kambol will be taking orders each week for delicious 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. The sign-up sheet also will be available inside the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday nights when we have fellowship meals. You also may order the meals online through Debi Gray at debigray57@gmail.com

Each Sunday, the meals will be ready for pick-up in the mirrored reception room immediately after the 10:50 service, or earlier that morning, if needed, by special arrangement. The price is a donation of whatever amount you choose.

If you want to receive a weekly email with the menus and an order option, notify Debi or Muka.

The planned meals for May are:

May 7-----Baked Ziti

May 14---Jambalaya

May 21----Pretty Penne Ham Skillet

May 28---Rotel Chicken Spaghetti

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Wednesday Night Menus

Please call the office for reservations by Monday for either take-out or dine-in, if you are not on the permanent list.

(\$7 Adult, \$5 age 12 and under, \$25 family max)

May 3 ---Homemade Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, lemonade pie, coffee, tea, lemonade

May 10---Fried Chicken, garlic cheese grits, salad, broccoli, biscuits, ice cream sandwich casserole, coffee, tea, lemonade

May 17---Pork Loin, creamed corn, English peas, salad, biscuits, cake, coffee, tea, lemonade

May 24---Lasagne, Italian salad, garlic bread, ice cream, coffee, tea, lemonade(May 24 will be final meal until Aug. 2)



(Please note: May 24 will be final meal until our Wednesday schedule resumes August 2)