

Mullins Messenger

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A Time for Change, and for Joy

Change is hard but expected. The seasons of the year continue to change bringing with them ever changing weather, colors, and even allergies. What beauty we have before us now as Spring fills our senses with colors and the freshness of warm breezes. Yet it wasn't too long ago that we were overwhelmed with the beauty of Fall and the crispness of Winter.

Like the seasons, our lives continue to change. Loved ones enter into our lives bringing overwhelming emotions and leave with such sweet sorrow that we have a hard time masking our emotions. The hairs on our heads change either to a silver gray or we wonder at the loss. It seems that even our faith changes in the seasons of life. We have seasons of longing, dryness, and seasons filled with the richness of praise. But one thing for sure, in the midst of all this change there is the joy of God's guiding love.

I love the word "joy". What a powerful and yet humbling place to live: Joy. Episcopal Priest Samuel Shoemaker, who was a significant influencer in the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous, said: *"The surest mark of a Christian is not faith, or even love, but joy."*

The word joy appears 218 times in the Bible. It goes hand in hand with faith. But just what is this joy? Well it is not happiness. Happiness is more dependent on your circumstances. We feel happy when we get a job promotion or achieve a financial dream. We are cheerful when our favorite team wins, and especially happy when they make it to the dance of the Sweet Sixteen. But these feelings last only until the next trial or failure occurs. With happiness, there is no enduring significance to any event or material possession. Joy, by contrast, is not dependent on circumstances. No matter what comes our way, you can have joy because you are walking with Jesus. (See article "How to Have a Joyful Life" below)

With all the changes coming here at Mullins I am filled with joy knowing that, as Loyal Murphy so wonderfully shared, "God has us!" I don't know the future but I know the One who does.

May the Joy of Christ be our grounding as God continues to mold us.

See you Sunday,

Ken

Children's Egg Hunt Saturday, April 15th – 10am



Easter at Mullins

Palm Sunday

Worship at 9 am & 10:50 services



Maundy Thursday

Sanctuary service with Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm



Good Friday

Chapel service with guest speaker, Rev. Amanda Hartman Westmoreland, Associate Pastor of Family Life Ministries at Bolivar First United Methodist Church, 11:30 am



How to Have a Joyful Life

(A postscript to Rev. Ken's article on page one)

Jim Grassis in an old book titled *Heaven on Earth* shared these suggestions on how to have a joyful life:

- “Don't take yourself so seriously; nobody else does.
- Givers are more joyful than takers.
- Enjoy the little things of life - there are so many to choose from. Focus on the possibilities of tomorrow rather than the defeats of today.
- Recognize that your ultimate joy comes from knowing you are a child of the King. You are assured of eternal life without pain, suffering, or despair.
- Joy does not depend on circumstances that fluctuate from day to day. It is grounded in the assurance of God's love.
- Joy comes from Jesus, not from your journey in life. He is the ultimate companion and friend who will never leave you or forsake you.
- Joy is experienced in the fullest when you take risks and stretch your faith. The joy of the Lord is my strength (Neh. 8:10). Look beyond your circumstances with an expectant heart knowing that you will have sufficient courage from Christ (Phi. 1:20).
- Don't let worry or fear steal away even a moment of your joy. The temporary struggles and pain you experience are just that – “temporary.”

Easter Sunday April 16th

Sunrise Service, 6:30 am

Fellowship Breakfast

Sanctuary Worship, 10:50 am

Celebrating Concord Academy

We want to celebrate with Nan Miller and all the teachers and students at Concord Academy on their successful Bluegrass and Blue Jeans yearly auction and fundraiser. It was a wonderful night with so much energy and excitement. Concord continues to touch hearts all over our city and beyond. We are blessed with this amazing school here at Mullins. This year God blessed them with a record breaking \$92,000 fundraiser!

---Ken Stewart

Piano Donation

What a blessing! Children of the late Millie Hill, an accomplished musician and cherished Mullins member, have donated her beautiful Kawai grand piano to Mullins, where it has received a place of honor in the historic Mullins chapel. The piano was first played in the chapel communion service Sunday, March 26, by Mullins pianist Andre Duvall, who describes the piano as a beautiful instrument which has been lovingly maintained. Two of the four donors, Jeff Acred and Megan Kuehl, were guests March 26.



Easter Clothes Donations



Thank you to all who have donated clothing for children at the Salvation Army Purdue Center for Easter! New clothes for girls and boys sizes 4 – 14 still are needed. Monetary donations will help buy shoes, underwear, etc. Donations may be turned into the office or given to Nancy Blankenship by April 2!

Call for Casseroles

A friendly reminder: Following the Easter Sunrise Service, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious hot breakfast featuring yummy breakfast casseroles. If you would like to make a casserole please call the office or contact Cyndi Watkins. Thank you!



Meals on Wheels Opportunity

MIFA is sponsoring “Ride Along Week” April 3 – 7 to attract new volunteers for its Meals on Wheels ministry. Veteran volunteers will accompany prospective volunteers on a meals delivery to “test drive” the experience. To participate, contact Isaiah Swanson (901) 529-4521 or iswanson@mifa.org.

Community Orchestra

The Mullins Community Orchestra will perform at Trezevant Manor Performing Arts Center at 4 pm Saturday, April 22. The concert is free and everyone is welcome!

Graduates Honored May 28

On Sunday, May 28, we 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
Addison Furst – Westminster
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

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY:

Anna Johnson – University of Memphis



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!

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. Check out the flyers posted at the church for more information or go to www.fullpotentialfitness.com and sportstraining.com.



Worship at the River

The location has been identified and we will have our first planning meeting soon for our informal worship service to be held on the banks of the Wolf River on **Sunday, April 30**, at 10:30 am. Please be in prayer that this will be an opportunity for us to reach out to our neighbors, to share the Gospel and to form new friendships. This service will not be in place of our regular worship services that morning but will be in addition to them. While we do not expect the entire congregation to come to the river, we want all to know they are welcome! We do hope to have a good representation of our congregation there to meet and join in worship with any walkers, runners, bikers or boaters who may feel comfortable to stop and join us for worship. Our very own Camille Bradley will be leading worship that morning. May God bless our mission.



God's Hospitality, Youth Style!

Old Friends, New Friends: Disciples Making Disciples

Our Youth Council has approved a special event to take place at Mullins on **Sunday, April 23**, at 4 pm. The goal of the event is to provide the present youth group, including our nine soon-to-be graduates, the opportunity to invite a younger person to this event so that they can experience

the source of their primary discipleship formation: the congregation and the Youth Group of Mullins UMC.

We will have a BBQ on the grounds, introductory and team building activities, a "devo" and time of sharing, a fun meal, a riotous game of Schism on the volleyball court, and a closing circle of prayer. Our guests will be our absolute focus as we share with them God's hospitality, youth style! Each participant will receive information about our Church and the Youth Group with a heartfelt invitation to return.

We need your help! Please be in prayer for this event and be open to God prompting you to invite a young person to attend (grades 6 through 12 in the fall). Think about your grandchildren, nieces, nephews, babysitters, lawn guys, bagger at the grocery, any regular acquaintances. You are welcome to accompany your young guest to the event, or talk with Camille and she will assign a youth ambassador to accompany your guest.

We would also like to invite our youth members who will be entering 6th grade this fall, as well as those youths who are members of Mullins but have not been active in the Youth Group. Come help kick off a new vision for the Mullins UMC youth community.

Loving you in Christ,

Rev. Camille

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Name	Date
Shan Tracy	4
Frances Herbert	5
Doris Ann Johnson	5
Bob Earley	6
Ken Stewart	7
Barbara Kercher	8
Anita Moore	8
Don Eddins	13
Peter Mason	15
Rachael Mayhan	17
Tommy Scruggs	19
Stephanie Bowen	22
John Montgomery	23
Janet Williams.....	23
Isabelle Smith	24



Kendall Rust	27
Diana Baker	29
Muka Kambol	29
Bryan Carter	30
Jerry Cohen	30
Betty McCord	30
Virginia Brooks	29
Jason Waddell	31

Anniversaries:

Vernon & Brenda Smith.....	12
Emily & Jay Parker	12
Harriett & John Montgomery	18
Bobby & Gwynne May	26
Tommy & Sandy Scruggs	28
Gregory & Natasha Griffin.....	21
Justin & Allison Webb.....	31

Anthems for April

APRIL 2 - Chancel Choir will begin the month with the lovely **BEHOLD THE LAMB** by K Getty.

APRIL 9 –The Palm Sunday sermon deals with the lesson we learn from the “strange” entry into Jerusalem of Jesus on the donkey. **ON THE ROAD TO JERUSALEM** by Joseph M. Martin deals with that precisely. It asks, “Where is His chariot, His robe of silk, His scepter and crown? How will He rule the land if He comes as a Prince of Peace, humble as a Lamb?”

APRIL 16 – On Easter Sunday we return to a piece debuted

last Easter, **THE TOMB STANDS OPEN WIDE!** Craig Courtney’s rhythmically driving anthem perfectly captures the excitement and triumph of Christ’s resurrection.

APRIL 23 – **TO THE LAMB ON THE THRONE**, by Dan Forrest, a majestic new setting of “Ye Servants of God,” will bring you to your feet, even before we invite you to join the choir for the final verse.

APRIL 30 – We close out the month as we return to a piece that may have you dancing in the aisles, **HE HAS THE POWER**, by composer and choir director Leon C. Roberts, a



schooled musician with strong roots in the black gospel tradition.

The Chancel Choir is thrilled as am I to share with you such beautiful and profound music to complement worship during this holiest period of the church year.

Musically yours, Tom

Our Service

April 2:

Liturgist: Bet Hendon
Altar Flowers: In honor of Rev. Ken Stewart,
by friends

April 9: Palm/Passion Sunday

Liturgist: Bet Hendon
Altar Flowers:
*In celebration of our 23rd anniversary, by
Margaret & Richard McNeil
*In memory of my husband, Norman, by
Barbara Kercher

April 16: Easter Sunday

Liturgist: Bet Hendon
Altar Flowers: Easter Lilies

April 23:

Liturgist: Bet Hendon
Altar Flowers: In memory of my son, Walter,
by Lyndall Jones

April 30:

Liturgist: Bet Hendon

April Ushers: Cyndi Watkins, Head Usher
Linda Mayhan, Scott Shelby, Ann Smith, Molly
Tracy, Shan Tracy

Prayer List

Recent Concerns:

Dow Crews – Baptist Hospital 5437
Bill Pickel – Kirby Pines #153A (hospice)
Larry Clayton – at home
Wayne Carson – at home

Our Presence

	Mar 5	Mar 12	Mar.19	Mar 26
9 am Chapel.....	17	19	17	17
Sunday School	52	44	49	52
10:50 Worship	83	57	89	105

Honoring Our Loved Ones

Budget:

In honor of Ken Stewart by Lyndall Jones
In honor of Ken Sigman on his 95th birthday by
Friends
In memory of Leah O'Donnell by Crossroads Class

St. John's Ministry:

In honor of Phillip & Ginny Wilcox by Lyndall
Jones

Music Fund: In memory of Martha Siler by
Marion Haynes, Anita Moore



Dear Mullins Church Family,

Thank you for your kind concern during our illnesses. The prayer shawl delivered to Wayne was put to good use. What a precious ministry!

Your prayers are still coveted as Wayne continues to fight pneumonia.

We certainly feel the comfort from your prayers. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brenda & Wayne Carson

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to remember or honor a loved one with an Easter Lily please contact the church office by April 9th. Price is by donation.



April Calendar

Meetings and Special Events

Monday, April 3

Church Women United, 9:30 am, Buntyn Pres
Trustees meeting, 7 pm, Conference Room

Monday, April 10

Finance meeting, 7 pm, Conference Room

Thursday, April 13

Maundy Thursday service, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary

Friday, April 14

Good Friday service, 11:30 am, Chapel
Office Closed

Saturday, April 15

Egg Hunt, 10 am

Sunday, April 16 **EASTER**

Sunrise service, 6:30 am

Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

Easter Worship Service, 10:50 am, Sanctuary

Monday, April 17

Church Office closed

Tuesday, April 18

UMW Circle Meeting, 10:30 am, parlor

Friday, April 21

Youth to host Parents Night Out

Saturday, April 22

Mullins Community Orchestra, 4 pm

Trezevant Performing Arts Center

Sunday, April 23

Youth BBQ and Hospitality Event, 4 pm

Sunday, April 29

Worship at Wolf River

LOOKING AHEAD:

May 2---Tuesday---UMW

May 3---Wednesday night special program:
Pat Mason, "El Camino Pilgrimage"

May 14---Mother's Day Celebration

May 28---Recognition of Graduates,
10:50 am worship service

May 29---5th Monday Highland Heights Lunch

June 4---Pentecost Sunday

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

June 18---Father's Day Celebration

June 5 - 9---Full Potential Summer Camp

July 10 - 14---Full Potential Summer Camp



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



Please note:

The deadline for the May Messenger is noon on Monday, April 24. Please submit information to the office as soon as possible. Thank you!

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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 list.

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

April 5 ---Chicken Cordon Bleu, scalloped potatoes, green beans, Asian salad, rolls, cake, coffee, tea, lemonade

April 12---Ham, potato salad, green peas, salad, biscuits, strawberry pretzel salad, coffee, tea, lemonade

April 19---Irish Potato Bar (with meat options), salad, pie, coffee, tea, lemonade

April 26---Spaghetti, Italian salad, garlic bread, ice cream, coffee, tea, lemonade



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