

Mullins Messenger

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Hope in Christ

Jesus Christ came to give us hope and in a world that can be full of desperation that is truly Good News. I just came from Highland Heights UMC where Mullins makes breakfast for Lunch every 5th Monday. In the world where people are suffering and struggling just to stay alive hope is the only thing that can fill our emptiness.

Psalm 142:5 reminds us where to go when desperation hits. It says, ***“I cry to you, O Lord; I say you are my refuge my portion in the land of the living.”*** In Psalm 50:15 God says to us, ***“Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you shall glorify me.”***

God is calling on desperate hearts to hear His words of hope. He is asking His children here on earth to reach out to those who, in their despair, search for the answers only He can give. He is counting on His church to be the example, telling all through their words and actions where to go when desolation comes.

Our Savior died because He received a desperate cry from His people to be saved and He rose again to give us the only kind of hope that could fill the empty void in our hearts.

We look at our world and how it seems to be crumbling morally around us and we realize we are indeed in desperate times.

We look at the state of our church in America and we see a church that is not

desperate enough. Even in our own church, desperation has given way to



complacency in many ways. If we want to make it through desperate times then we must come to God with a desperate faith to help us weather the storm. Desperation beyond comfort, beyond reputation, beyond tradition. We must be desperate enough to risk ridicule, desperate enough even to risk failure.

If, in your faith, you find no desperation then I ask you to check your faith. If you haven't been able to risk anything for Christ, even your reputation and your livelihood, then I ask you to look at your life and ask yourself how much Christ is a part of it.

Jesus Christ calls on us all to come to Him with a desperate faith with the understanding that only He can give us what we yearn for most of all. He is asking you and me to come to Him with the same kind of faith that led the woman at the well to trust Him (John 4) when it felt as if all were lost.

You have heard it said that desperate times call for desperate measures. Well, today we face those desperate times. Praise God that He is big enough and powerful enough to hear all our desperate cries. Praise God that He loved us enough so that through the death of His only Son we might have the promises that empower a desperate soul.

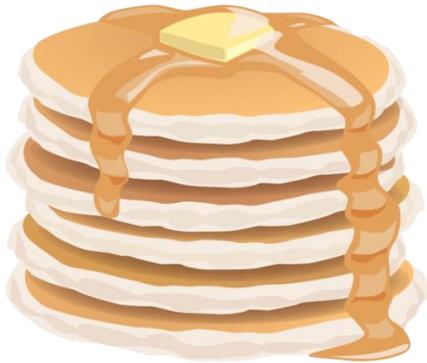
These are desperate times and we are called to reach out to Jesus Christ in desperate faith. May you come to understand just how urgent the call is and how much Christ is needed in our anxious state. And ***“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”*** (Romans 15:13).

I HOPE to see you Sunday,

Ken

Scouts to Sponsor

Pancake Breakfast



Make plans to come early for a special treat Scout Sunday, February 12, when we will enjoy the annual Pancake Breakfast sponsored by members of Boy Scout Troop 75 at Mullins. This is a great way to start the day and support the scouts. Follow the welcoming aromas to the Fellowship Hall starting at 8 am. Donations of canned goods will be gratefully accepted.



St. John's Ministry

Mullins will be serving the Saturday meal in the St. John's United Methodist Church Soup Kitchen on February 18th. For more information on this rewarding opportunity contact Ginny Wilcox.



Maanza Meals to Go Feb. 19th

Enjoy a great carryout meal after the Sunday worship service February 19 and support the Maanza a Leza Ministry in Zambia at the same time. Order forms for the black beans and salsa meals will be in Hall of the Apostles on Sunday, February 4, at the beautiful Maanza jewelry table.

Men's Prayer Group Issues Invitation

Women of the church are invited to be special guests at the Men's Prayer Breakfast at 7 am February 15. Come to the Fellowship Hall for a special Valentine's Day celebration.





Godspeed, Randy

Mullins member Randy Watson left January 27 for Munich, Germany to begin a joint research training appointment between St. Jude and the Max Planck Institute. He will receive training on the use of cryo electron microscopy and will return to the US before 2018 to use this skill to study cancer. "I'll be praying for the church during my absence," Randy says, "and I'm thankful for all the thoughts and prayers I'm getting during this adventure."

Youth Visit Islamic Center



On Sunday night, January 29, after discussion and prayer, the Mullins Youth decided to make a card expressing God's love to our neighbors at the Memphis Islamic Center. We called and got no answer, so we hopped into our cars and drove to the Center. We arrived in their parking lot just as several youths were exiting the building for some outdoor recreation. We introduced ourselves, told them why we were there, and gave them the card. They seemed glad we came and we took a group picture together. They asked for our church and contact information, and we agreed to try to get together again.

Youth say "Thank You"

The Soup, Beans and Gumbos Lunch was a big success. Thanks to all for your generous support.

Cub Scout Opportunity

Mullins and Cub Scouts have been together for years and have blessed the lives of hundreds of children, youth and adults. Our Cub Scouts continue to be an important part of our outreach to our community. Your help is NEEDED! The Cub Scouts are looking for a new Scout Leader. Margaret Carbaugh has been serving as a leader for a while now and is hoping to assist in training other leaders to assist. If you would like to know more please contact Margaret or the church office.



Co-Ed Soccer Team

Spring is a great time to enjoy our neighbors and sports all at the same time. Can you help us as we try to gather two kids' teams? We want to form a Mullins co-ed soccer team for kids aged 5-6 and under this spring. What we need first are a few folks who will help coach: no previous soccer coaching experience needed. We also need a name for our teams. But most of all we need to reach out to our neighbors and invite kids 6 and under to join this spring's soccer teams.



If you want to know more please call Rachael Scarbrough, our Children's Director, or Camille Bradley, our Recreation Director.

Anthems for February 2017

February anthems are all contemporary Christian songs and more recent expressions of faith.

February 5 Chancel Choir will reprise one of the most beautiful and successful anthems of our young century, IN CHRIST ALONE. Composed in 2001 by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty, and here, arranged by Camp Kirkland, it is a compelling blend of scripture and folk-like melodic writing. This confident ballad is a statement of faith and the power of Christ's redemption for mankind.

February 12 We introduced JESUS, DRAW ME EVER NEARER last spring and it was an instant Chancel Choir favorite. With a hint of a folk-song feel, this modern song of aspiration has found acceptance with all sorts of choirs. Mike Lawrence's arrangement dates from 2003 of a song by Margaret Becker and Keith Getty.

February 19 Composed by Laura Story, BLESSINGS is based on words from Hebrews 2:18, Luke 22:41, Proverbs 3:11-12 and Psalm 34:19. First heard in 2011, this song already has touched many with its tender message of assurance. It has topped the request list on many Christian radio stations and for good reason – it speaks to the heart of the Christian walk and reminds us that grace is present even in the valley experiences of life. It is expertly adapted by arranger Heather Sorenson.

February 26 DAYS OF ELIJAH is a pullout from the musical Lift Up Your Eyes arranged by Gary Rhodes. This song, with its music by Robin Marks and text by Donnie McClurkin, dates from 1996. The expectancy of the second coming of Christ, along with themes of righteousness, building a temple of praise, and reaping the harvest, all find expression in this popular praise song. With its references to Elijah and Moses we are using this lively selection to set the scene of excitement at the Transfiguration.

In our weekly bulletins, anthem texts are included to facilitate understanding of what we are singing and for your own insight and reflection.

Musically yours, Tom

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)

Feb. 1---Chickeny chicken and Dumplings, carrots, asparagus, salad, biscuits, ambrosia, cookies

Feb. 8---Goulash, lima beans, Asian salad, rolls, cobbler

Feb. 15---Turkey and Dressing, sweet potato casserole or mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry salad, rolls, pie

Feb. 22---Spaghetti, Italian salad, garlic bread, ice cream

Prayer List

RECENT CONCERNS

- Bill Pickel—Kirby Pines
- Christopher Lawrence---Ann Smith's son
- Susan Benson---Wilcoxes' friend, cancer
- Cameron Sasser---Wilcoxes' friend, cancer
- Joe Cooper
- Jack Wohrman
- Amanda Rigg

OUR SYMPATHY

...To Amanda Rigg in the loss of her father, Lee Gatlin

OUR THANKSGIVING

...For the January 29 baptism of Graycen Lane Glassell, daughter of Brenton and Gail Glassell, granddaughter of Pam and Kent Stratton



March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Bill Pickel-----	1	Larry Clayton-----	20
Jesse Wilcox-----	2	Cecil Harris -----	20
Paula McGoldrick-----	4	Agnes Sims-----	23
Diana Wright-----	4	Vernon Smith-----	24
David Weaver-----	5	Jay Parker-----	25
Charlotte Milton-----	5	Tabitha Smith-----	26
Sonny Johns-----	6	Joyce Campbell-----	27
Dustin Bryant-----	6	Pat Cooper-----	27
Madison Parker-----	6	Margaret Jambard-----	28
Stephen Malone-----	7	Greg Forsyth-----	28
Minette Harrison-----	8		
Brent Milton-----	10		
Jennifer Skinner-----	12		
Katie Williams-----	12		
Wayne Carson-----	14		
Virginia Armacort-----	15		
Linda Mayhan-----	16		
Richard McNeil-----	20		

Anniversaries

Joe & Suzanne Wyrick-----	25
Carrie & Stephen Likely-----	25



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Our Service

February 5:

Children's Sermon: Rachael Scarbrough
 Liturgist: Debi Gray

February 12:

Children's Sermon: Mullins Youth
 Liturgist: Debi Gray

February 19:

Children's Sermon: Ken Stewart

Liturgist: Debi Gray

Altar Flowers: in memory of the birthday of LC (Buddy)Harmon by
 Martha Harmon

February 26:

Children's Sermon: Terrye Mastin

Liturgist: Debi Gray

February Ushers:

Phillip Wilcox, head usher; Ginny Wilcox, CJ Drew, David Williams,
 Joe Wyrick

Our Presence

Jan. 1-----Jan. 8-----Jan. 15-----Jan. 22-----Jan. 29

9:00 Chapel Service-----	N/A-----	28-----	17-----	13-----	18
Sunday School-----	N/A-----	48-----	52-----	41-----	56
10:50 Worship Service-----	77-----	75-----	65-----	71-----	111

(Please note: The submission deadline for the March Messenger will be noon Monday, Feb. 27.
 Please submit information to Susan in the church office. Thank you!)

February Calendar

Meetings & Special Events

Wednesday, Feb. 1---Guest speaker, Keith Cole
Wolf River Conservancy

Friday, Feb. 3---Beading Bee, Parlor, 5 pm

Saturday, Feb. 4---District UMM Breakfast,
Ellendale UMC, 8 am

Sunday, Feb. 5---Mission/Outreach Comm., 12:15

Monday, Feb. 6---Church Women United
Buntyn Presbyterian, 9:30 am

Sunday, Feb. 12---Scout Sunday
Pancake Breakfast, 8 am
Evangelism Comm., 12:15
Metro Training Event,
Germantown UMC, 2 – 4 pm

Monday, Feb. 13---Worship Comm., 6 pm
Finance Comm., 7 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 15---Men's Prayer Valentine
Breakfast, 7 am

Thursday, Feb. 16---Staff Meeting, 9:30 am
Trustees, 7 pm

Saturday, Feb. 18---Red Cross Training, 9:30 am
St. John's Ministry, 3:45 pm

Sunday, Feb. 19---Maanza Meals to Go

Monday, Feb. 20---Church Office Closed for
Presidents' Day

Tuesday, Feb. 21---UMW Circle, 10:30 am

Feb. 27-28---PDO Book Fair



Looking Ahead:

March 1-----Ash Wednesday/
Beginning of Lent
April 16-----Easter Sunday

General Weekly Schedule:

Sundays

9:00 a.m. Chapel 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—
Fellowship Hall
5:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner—Fellowship
Hall
6:15 p.m. Children and Youth Programs
6:30 p.m. Adult Program—Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays

6:30 p.m. Mullins Community Orchestra