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“A CHURCH ALIVE AND SERVING CHRIST”
SINCE 1845

Sunday Morning Worship Services:
8:45 in Mullins’ Chapel ~ 10:50 in Mullins’ Sanctuary



Mullins Pulpit – January 24, 2010

Scripture: Luke 4:21-30
Sermon: “And Reaction”



Pastor’s Corner

Dear Friends,

There is a newsletter I read, which is directed toward church leaders. Recently the newsletter included an article on church

conflict. I appreciated the approach one article took and want to share a portion of it with you.

“Most of us who are leaders in the church do not like conflict. First, it goes against our nature as caring people. Second, the image we have of the congregation as a community of faith does not feature conflict in any significant way. Third, those involved in congregations are dealing with stress and conflict in many areas of their lives and neither want nor need more conflict when they come to church. If church is a place of stress and conflict, they just might stop coming.”

All that fits generally with my experience. There have been many folks over the years say something to the effect of: “I don’t want a leadership role in the church. If I take one, then I’ll just have another source of conflict in my life, and I come to church to relax.” We tend to avoid stress and conflict in the church, even if we might need some of both in order to grow. What are common stress areas in the

average church, after all? Again, to cite the newsletter article:

“The congregation, for example, may struggle over balancing the budget or venturing into a new ministry to which many believe God is calling them. To bring this issue into the open and to encourage dealing with it will increase stress. But it will also help the congregation deal with important issues related to the balancing of material concerns and God’s will. In doing this, it can have a direct impact on the way people in the congregation deal with similar tensions in their own lives.”

As we move through, as we live into 2010, let’s recall that it is possible to disagree without being disagreeable, as my grandfather use to say. Let’s also remember that nothing grows without some degree of stress, nothing is born without some conflict, nothing is created without a minimum amount of stress and conflict being present. The point will be to remember that the person opposite you is the image of Christ, so let that vision guide how you deal with both stress and conflict.

Grace for the journey,

Brad Gabriel

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

In memory of **Joe Wright** by Taylor and Mary Beth Richardson

In memory of **Virginia Swearingen** by UT Medical Group



OUR PRAYERS

As members of the body of Christ, we are always in prayer for one another. At this time our thoughts and prayers go out especially for:

Marge Gresham at home

Martha Siler in Room 138, Allen-Morgan Healthcare

OUR SYMPATHY,

love, and prayers go out to:

The family and friends of **Russell Vaiden**

The family and friends of **Julia Ettman**

Faith is the art of holding on to things your reason once accepted, despite your changing moods.
-C.S. Lewis

FOOD-RELATED OPPORTUNITIES IN FEBRUARY!



Soup and Sandwich Lunch

Crossroads Sunday School Class is sponsoring a Soup and Sandwich Lunch immediately following worship on February 7. You can eat in, or take out! No reservations are needed, but donations will be gratefully accepted.

All proceeds will benefit Maanza a Leza. Jewelry will also be for sale, with a special silent auction on select pieces of jewelry. This is a great opportunity to do your Valentine shopping!

**Sweets For Your Sweetheart—
Baked Goods Auction Fundraiser**

The third annual Bake Sale Auction will be held February 10, 2010, in the Fellowship Hall. No one's sweetheart (or sweet tooth) should be neglected on Valentine's Day! Get out your cookbooks, don your apron, and rush to the kitchen to concoct your most delectable, delightful Valentine treat!



Each person should include a description of the item, along with his or her name and an opening bid. Prizes will be awarded for the best Valentine theme. It's going to be fun, as well as delicious! Proceeds will benefit the church library.

Kids Can Cook

Come help bake for the February 10 Sweets for your Sweetheart Auction and Bake Sale!

- When: February 7, 12:30–3:00 p.m.
- Where: Miss Margaret's house (4924 Marion Avenue)
- Who: Member of Dolphins Class (3rd–5th Grade)
- Bring: Snack lunch
- Needed: One dozen large eggs
- RSVP: 682-2299

Pancake Breakfast

The Boy Scouts of Troop 75 invite you and your family to the 18th Annual Pancake Breakfast served in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 14, 2010, from 8:00–9:30 a.m. The price of admission is a canned good that will be donated to the Scouting for



Food campaign. Please join us for a delicious breakfast with time for fellowship among family and friends on Valentine's Day morning!



February is Food Pantry Month

In a long-standing tradition, February is the month Mullins UMC helps stock the Food Pantry shelves at United Methodist Neighborhood Center. The need is greater than ever—please help by bringing donations of canned goods and non-perishable items to the church

during the month of February. Monetary donations are welcome as well! Make checks payable to Mullins UMC and designate “Food Pantry UMNC.” Your neighbors will be very grateful!

Fifth Sunday Gathering

All Sunday School classes will meet with the Fellowship Hall this Sunday, January 31, during our regular Sunday School time (9:40 a.m.). We will sing fun and lively tunes from the Cokesbury Hymnal, have a lesson, (perhaps a display of unusual talent), and hear any pressing news.



MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR JANUARY 31:

Children’s Message: Cyndi Watkins
Children’s Church Leader: Angie Smith



THE MENU FOR FEBRUARY 3:

- Turkey and Dressing
- Creamed Potatoes
- Peas
- Cranberry Salad
- Bread
- Dessert

Adults \$5, Children 12 and under \$3,
Family Max \$20

Dinner is held on Wednesday nights at 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a brief prayer service and an interesting program. Everyone is invited to attend and to enjoy the fellowship. Your first dinner is complimentary!

If you’re not already on the list, please call the church office to let us know you’re coming so we’ll be sure to have plenty of food.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Mullins’ 11th and 12th Grade Boys Basketball Team won their game Saturday against Incarnation. The score was 42-35.



CHANCEL FLOWERS

... in loving memory of my husband Harold in remembrance of his birthday, by Ann Smith.

... in memory of Julia Ettman by Carolyn Luton Ivie.

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OUR PRESENCE (LAST WEEK):

8:45 Worship Service.....	28
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sunday, January 31

- 8:45 a.m. Worship—Chapel
- 9:40 a.m. 5th Sunday Gathering—Fellowship Hall
- 10:50 a.m. Worship—Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Youth
- 5:00 p.m. Yoga Class

Monday, February 1

- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- 9:30 a.m. Church Women United—Buntyn Presbyterian
- 6:15 p.m. Woodwinds Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, February 2

- 6:30 a.m. Career Support Group—Gym
- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- 10:30 a.m. UMW Board Meeting—Room 117
- 6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class—Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Yoga Class—Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 3

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast—Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- 5:45 a.m. Fellowship Dinner—Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Education/Nurture Committee—Room 117
- 6:15 p.m. Children/Youth Programs
- 6:15 p.m. Maanza a Leza Beading—Room 209
- 6:30 p.m. Program: Psalm 138—Dr. Gabriel
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 4

- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym

Friday, February 5

- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym

Saturday, February 6

- 9:00 a.m. Boy Scouts—Lamplighter Room
- 11:00 a.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall