



# MULLINS MESSENGER

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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 – February 7, 2010

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11  
Sermon: “Call Answering”

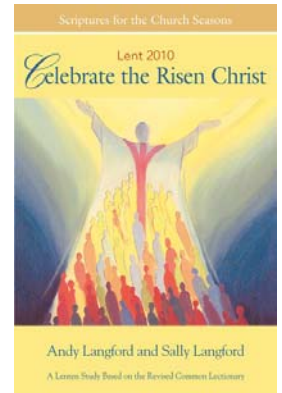


## **Pastor’s Corner**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
Lent begins Wednesday, February 17. Our observance of the season will begin with an Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel. During the season, we will have two significant opportunities for prayer and bible study. Rev. Scottie Brafford and will lead us on an exploration of the wonder that is prayer for our Wednesday evening programs from February 24 through March 31. Rev. Gabriel will lead a bible Study reflecting on the scriptures read in worship during Lent. The Bible study will meet in Room 212 each Sunday afternoon from February 21 through March 28. We will take a break on Easter Sunday and then resume on April 11, finishing the study. The resource we will use is titled Celebrate the Risen Christ, written by a United Methodist clergy couple Andy and Sally Langford of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference.

Cokesbury Press states that the Reverends Langford “...challenge us to follow Jesus and his disciples to Jerusalem and the sites of Jesus’ death and resurrection. We will journey out of our ordinary lives into a wilderness spirituality and ultimately toward

*abundant and everlasting life. We will walk not only with Jesus and his followers, but with other faithful travelers. We will read in Scripture how Abraham, Joshua, Moses, and the prophet Isaiah claimed the promises of God for themselves and future generations. The Apostle Paul and first century Christians in many different congregations throughout the Roman Empire will also accompany us as we risk leaving safe, comfortable places to follow Jesus toward the kingdom of God. The whole of Scripture encourages us to engage in such a journey and to celebrate new life offered through the risen Christ.”*



The books cost \$8.00. We need to order the books as soon as possible. If you are interested, please contact the church office as soon as possible so that we may place the order in time to begin on February 21.

Grace for the journey,  
*Brad Gabriel*

**HONORING OUR LOVED ONES**

Gifts have been given to:

**BUDGET**

In honor and memory of *Lena and Edward Melsa* and *Leslie Lee Melsa* by Otto Melsa



**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 Facility

**OUR SYMPATHY,**

love, and prayers go out to:

Dave and Margaret Brown and family in the loss of Dave's sister, Bettye Brown Green



**CHANCEL FLOWERS**

... in honor of the women in the church given by an anonymous donor

**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 (3<sup>rd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **Thank You**

Our United Methodist Neighborhood Centers of Memphis, Inc. is grateful for your recent donations both to the Thanksgiving basket drive and the Christmas Toy store. Through your gifts, over 300 families received Thanksgiving baskets and from the overflow, another 40 baskets were distributed during Christmas. The Christmas Toy Store served over 350 families where some 700 children received gifts. There was such abundance in gifts that after those who were preregistered were taken care of, we donated gifts to families of our teachers in our Miriam Child Development and several church requested assistance for families in need.

Your donations remain critical to our capabilities to serve our neighbors in need. We are witnesses that God is a wonderful and loving God as revealed through the graciousness of your works. Again, thank you for your prayers and donations and may you be truly blessed in 2010.

For the first time in over a year, last November we completed the month without a deficit. That trend has followed into our new year. We are hopeful that this is a permanent financial turnaround for UMNC. We invite your continued support and prayers. If you have further interests in volunteering or other ways in assisting us in our outreach to help those who need a helping hand, please visit our website at [www.umnc.org](http://www.umnc.org) or contact me at 323-4993, or [edavis@umnc.org](mailto:edavis@umnc.org).

Wishing you God’s peace,  
Elvernice “Sonny” Davis, Executive Director



## **MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR FEBRUARY 7:**

**Ushers:** Phillip, Ginny and Jesse Wilcox  
David Williams  
Joe Wyrick

**Greeters:** Betty Williams  
Marilyn Williams

**Children’s Church Leader:** Angie Smith  
No Children’s Message—Communion  
Sunday



## **THE MENU FOR FEBRUARY 10:**

Ham  
Potatoes  
Broccoli  
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.



## **SPRING SPORTS SIGN UPS**

Interested in playing volleyball, soccer, or baseball/softball??? Contact Lauren Gam at 685-8253.

## Hospice Volunteer Training



Just an hour or two each week can help ease the loneliness, fear and isolation of a person with a terminal illness. If you can listen to life stories, hold a hand, read, sing,

bake cookies, play a musical instrument, or just want to help, there's someone who needs your friendship. Both Crossroads Hospice of Tennessee and Baptist Trinity Home Care & Hospice will have training sessions in the next few weeks. Baptist Trinity Hospice will have training on Saturday, February 27, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, please call Sandra Livesay at 767-6767. Crossroads Hospice has a two-day training class on Thursday, March 4, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 6, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. To sign up, please call 382-9292. Individual training is also available upon request.

## Lakeshore Wants Your Camp Memories

Lakeshore United Methodist Assembly is collecting stories and pictures in an effort to compile a Thanksgiving and Advent Devotional for November and December 2010. Please write about your Lakeshore Memory and include a scripture for your story. Send all stories to:



Bill Walker  
1458 Pilot Knob Road  
Eva, Tennessee 38333



## Haiti Relief

The response has been amazing. Requests came from UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) for health kits and funds that were so desperately needed after the Haiti earthquake. As usual, Methodists were already there helping in so many ways, and they will be there after others leave. The Director of UMCOR and another Methodist minister were among those killed in this tragedy, and another worker was injured but able to escape.



Mullins was quick to respond and donations of needed items and money were received. As a result, 165 health kits were prepared here, and \$1,575 (so far) was donated, all ready to be sent to UMCOR. Special thanks to those who helped fill the health kits.

We hope to continue collecting funds. Here's how you can still donate:

1. Write a check made payable to Mullins UMC, designated as "Haiti Relief."
2. Write a check made payable to UMCOR, designated as "Advance 418325."
3. Donate online at [www.umc.org/haiti](http://www.umc.org/haiti)
4. Send a check to UMCOR, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087.

Be assured that 100% of the donations will be used in Haiti. Please also be in prayer for this and other desperate situations.

**THANK YOU, MULLINS!!!**

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**OUR PRESENCE (LAST WEEK):**

8:45 Worship Service.....	12
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

**Sunday, February 7**

- 8:45 a.m. Worship—Chapel
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:50 a.m. Worship—Sanctuary
- 12:00 noon Soup and Sandwich Lunch—Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Super Bowl Party
- 5:00 p.m. Yoga Class

**Monday, February 8**

- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- 6:00 p.m. Caregivers Support Group—Reception Room
- 6:15 p.m. Woodwinds Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts—Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts—Gym
- Today is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America!*
- 7:00 p.m. Missions/Outreach Committee—Room 117

**Tuesday, February 9**

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

**Wednesday, February 10**

- 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. Children/Youth Programs
- 6:15 p.m. Maanza a Leza Beading—Room 209
- 6:30 p.m. Sweets for Your Sweetheart—Baked Goods Auction
- 6:30 p.m. Program: Psalm 138—Dr. Gabriel
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 11**

- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- 7:00 p.m. Companions in Christ—Room 212

**Friday, February 12**

- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- 5:00 p.m. Parents’ Night Out

**Saturday, February 13**

- 11:00 a.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall