



MULLINS MESSENGER

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“A CHURCH ALIVE AND SERVING CHRIST”
SINCE 1845

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Sunday Morning Worship Services:
8:45 in Mullins' Chapel – 10:50 in Mullins' Sanctuary



Mullins Pulpit – May 2, 2010

Scripture: John 13:31–35

Sermon: “Buffet”

Brothers and Sisters,

May is a full month. Flowers bloom and trees become fully green. We find all the damage that winter has done to homes and yards. We celebrate mothers and remember that our human bonds are always basic, organic and natural.

In opposition to the natural human life, all too often the world tries to make our relations complex, mechanical, or artificial. Mullins United Methodist Church has the wonderful advantage of being home to people who know who they are; basic, organic, and natural people who live out of their core selves.

At the very essential core of a human life, of course, is the image and likeness of God. We can never fully lose that image, that likeness, in this life. We can get it dirty, scratched, chipped, or even fractured, but we are still children of the Creator God. Since Christians are in the same family throughout the world, we can learn and teach one another, support and correct one another.

As we move through the remaining weeks of Eastertide and approach the birthday of the Church, the Feast of Pentecost, which falls on May 23 this year, let us remember that the image, the likeness, at the essential core of your life is good, is productive,

and is eternal. Allow the explosion of life we see all around, remind you that you are fully alive in Christ, you are producing work that is good, and you are journeying, not to an end but to always greater relations with God.

Grace for the journey,

Brad



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:

Margaret Callihan at Appling Woods Skilled Care, Room 307

Tom Curry at home

Marge Gresham at home

John Griffin at Germantown Village Rehab, Room 1103

June Phillips at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Room 1413

Kent Stratton at home (scheduled to have surgery in Belgium on April 28)

Lynne Sweatt at Germantown Village Rehab, Room 1129

Frances Vawter at home

OUR SYMPATHY,

love, and prayers go out to:

Gerry and Dick Gardner in the loss of her sister, Peg Jackson

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

ST. JOHN'S

In memory of **Peg Jackson** by Aaron Foster

COMPUTER CLASSES

DeNeuville Learning Center-Midtown is offering computer and GED classes for women beginning in June. The Center's mission is to assist women from all cultures and backgrounds in learning the skills needed to make positive changes for themselves and their families. Registration is June 1, and classes begin June 9. For registration, an appointment, or more information, please call 726-5902.



PLEASE HELP THIS WOMAN:



This lovely face belongs to our own Lisa Weaver, one of the nicest people at Mullins United Methodist Church. She is cheerful, kindhearted, and hard working. She is planning and coordinating an awesome Vacation Bible School (VBS) for Mullins UMC for 2010 called *Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace*. As kind and good and industrious as she is, Lisa cannot possibly put on a successful VBS without LOTS of help from our congregation.

Please sign up ASAP and save Lisa from sleepless nights wondering how it's all going to come together.

The volunteer sign-up sheets are in the Hall of the Apostles. We need people of all ages to sign-up to help with the many opportunities available.

Also, we are in need of the following items:

large baskets • large ceramic planters or urns • palm tree house plants • large area rugs (won't need until the week of VBS) • monetary donations to cover decorating expenses • PRAYER

VBS will be held June 14-17, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. There will be a Family Night on the 17th at 6:30 p.m. Ages for VBS participants are 4 (by June 1) through 11.

Contact Lisa Weaver for more information. It's going to be a great week!!!

PENTECOST APPROACHES (MAY 23)

Mullins United Methodist Church has a fine tradition of celebrating Pentecost—the birthday of the church—in very special ways. First, try to remember to wear RED to church that day. Red reminds us of what seemed to be tongues of fire, igniting the spirit in the early church (see Acts 2:1-13).

The second thing Mullins traditionally does is invite friends to church on Pentecost. The worship services that day will reflect the energy and enthusiasm experienced by Jesus' disciples when they first experienced God's Holy Spirit descending upon them. The music will be lively, and the preaching will be inspired. As part of our Pentecost celebration, we will have a "Baptism Renewal" at the 10:50 service.

We don't want you, or your friends, to miss worshipping at Mullins on Pentecost!

FIFTH SUNDAY (MAY 30)

A new tradition at Mullins is having all the Sunday school classes meet together in the Fellowship Hall on the 5th Sundays of months that have five Sundays. The next 5th Sunday happens to fall on Trinity Sunday! In addition to singing, we will be learning a circle dance. And the big event of our 5th Sunday Gathering is a game of "Mullins Trivia Red Rover." If you know a lot about our church, you will want to attend to share your knowledge. If you don't know a lot about our church, you will want to attend and learn about Mullins' history, geography (i.e., "Is that where we keep the biblical costumes?"), and general knowledge.

HYMNFEST

During both worship services on May 30, we will sing the first verses of the congregation's favorite hymns. Do you have a favorite hymn you want sung? Contact the church office with your suggestions. Choose your favorites from *The United Methodist Hymnal*, *The Cokesbury Hymnal*, or *The Faith We Sing*.



CALLING ALL MIDDLE-SCHOOL YOUTH!!!

Join us each Sunday afternoon from 4-6. We'll have a lesson, activities, games, and lots of fun! Refreshments will be provided. Hope to see you Sunday!

NAVIGATING IN ROUGH WATER: A SUNDAY CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG ADULTS

Those of us who are younger than forty years old now came to maturity in a radically different world than those of us who are over forty. Those of us who are in our mid-twenties today have never known a world like the one that shaped those of us who are over forty. Blue laws and segregation, digital divides and grass-roots communications, globalization and economic earthquakes make the lives of young adults.

What has changes in the religious world is equally dramatic. Mainline denominations seem sidelined, other-than-Christian faiths are no longer rare, and the basic question of "So what?" is a more and more frequent response to any faith claim.

So beginning Sunday, May 2, you are invited to spend time on Sunday morning looking at tools to help us navigate life's rough waters. Over the weeks we will look at:

- Faith Beyond a Smiley Face
- What It Takes to Grow
- Boundaries that Matter
- Heart Healthy Friendships
- I May Not Choose Right, but I Will Choose Wisely
- Freedom is More Than "Nothing Left to Lose"
- Putting Others First is a Good Idea

The group will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 9:45 to 10:30 each Sunday morning. Rev. Gabriel will lead the group. We hope to see you there!

IN THIS WEEK'S METHODIST REPORTER:

This week's issue will include an article about Mukanyanga, the young woman Maanza a Leza has sponsored at Africa University. Debi Gray would like to have a few extra copies, especially one to send to Mukanyanga. Please look for the article, read it, then save it for Debi. [The article](#) can be found on the Newsletter page of our church website.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR MAY 2:

Liturgist: Lynn Bergwerk

Ushers and Greeters:

Scott Campbell (Head Usher),
Kathryn Black, Tina Campbell,
Carol Ann Moreland, Jackie and
Pete Westergaard

Children's Church Leader: _____

No Children's Message

CHANCEL FLOWERS

are being placed to the glory of God in loving memory of my mother, Bethena Poe, by Sammie Powell.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

invites you to join us on Sunday mornings in the Narthex for coffee and conversation following the 10:50 worship service.



THE MENU FOR MAY 5:

Tacos
Mexican Rice
Refried Beans
Fruit Salad
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.

BECOME A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER!

Volunteer training for Baptist Trinity Hospice will be held Saturday, May 1, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 6141 Walnut Grove Road. Lunch will be provided. For more information, call Sandra Livesay at 767-6767. Evening and special shifts are available.

ASBURY DISTRICT OFFICE IS RELOCATING!

On May 20 the Asbury District Office will relocate to space in Highland Heights United Methodist Church. Since they have shared office space with McKendree District for the past several years, they have also shared furnishings. They need new office furniture, decorations, and equipment. Primary needs are: waiting room furniture (chairs, lamp, coffee table), a conference table and chairs, and shelving units for office supplies. If you would like to make a financial contribution to help purchase these needed items, please send a check payable to the Asbury District, and designate it "for office relocation." Mail checks to: Asbury District Office, 5118 Park Avenue, Suite 610, Memphis, Tennessee 38117. If you have office furnishings to donate, please contact Tammy Carroll at 685-6255.

The Notre Dame Club of Memphis Presents a Hesburgh Lecture:

"WHAT IS THE PLACE FOR RELIGION IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE?"

Richard W. Garnett, J.D.

Dean Garnett says: "As citizens, we are entirely free to participate in public life, in the civic arena, and in politics as whole persons. Nothing in the text, history, or structure of our Constitution requires us to accept disintegration as the "price of admission" to the life of active, engaged citizenship. We need not bracket our faith, or translate our commitments. In our traditions, it is true, we wisely separate the institutions of religion from those of government. But the Church is not, and must not be, an arm or auxiliary of the state. But this is precisely in order to protect religious freedom, including the freedom to construct and live a faithful, integrated, public life."

Join us for a fascinating discussion about everyday life, law, culture and the Constitution, made especially timely by a recent court decision.

Tuesday, May 18, 2010
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Christian Brothers High School Auditorium
5900 Walnut Grove Road
Memphis, TN 38120-2174
Free and Open to the Public
Free Parking in Front of School

GRADUATION SUNDAY

On May 16, 2010, we will honor our 2010 high school and college graduates at the 10:50 service. Following the service, there will be refreshments in the Fellowship Hall for the seniors, their families, and church members. Tables will be set up with gifts and pictures honoring the graduates. Please send Lauren Gam any photos you would like displayed of your graduate.

If you have a son or daughter graduating whose name is not listed below, please contact the church office at 685-8253. We don't want to miss anyone!

Graduating from High School:

Frank Bradley – White Station High School
*Corey Carmichael – White Station High School
Grace Hayden – Central High School
Frankie Jordan – White Station High School
Kelcey Lewis – Evangelical Christian School
Chris Mason – White Station High School
Dalton McNeil – White Station High School

Graduating from College:

Justin Nelson – University of Memphis
James Williams – Lambuth University

*Graduates with Honors

COMMUNION OFFERING FOR MAY 2—GOLDEN CROSS MINISTRY

This Sunday, May 2, 2010, we will be celebrating Golden Cross Sunday and the ministry of Wesley Senior Ministries. This ministry to the elderly across the Memphis Annual Conference began in 1969. The average age of the 1200+ residents is 80 years old, with an average income of \$715 per month. Many have outlived their families and their financial security. You will be asked to support the ministry with your prayers and your financial support, which assists with rent, food, and medical emergencies as well as programs and activities that promote a better life.



Cecil Harris receives his Unsung Hero Award. We love you, Cecil!

CEMETERY REPAIR WORK



On Saturday, May 1, from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon, volunteers are needed to help with cemetery repair work. Charles Griffin and Andy Mastin are coordinating this project, and they need volunteers willing to lend a

hand that day. Please contact Charles or Andy and let them know they can count on you.

If it rains, we will reschedule.

FUN OPPORTUNITY FOR ADULT LEADERS

We have a great project planned to bring children and adolescents into Mullins: our 2010 summer film series, “Wizards and Wardrobes and Wookies, Oh My!” We need at least two adult volunteers to step up to the plate and help us make this happen, for our children, for the community, and for Mullins United Methodist Church.

Please e-mail Margaret Carbaugh this week and let her know of your interest. Her email address is: margaret.carbaugh@att.net.

Tentative Event Schedule:

Time: Sundays (either 1-3 p.m. or 2-4)

- Dates: June 20: (skip? If not, *The Wizard of Oz/ Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*)
- June 27: *Star Wars/Charlotte’s Web*
- July 4: (skip? If not, *The Sword in the Stone*)
- July 11: *Star Wars/Robin Hood*
- July 18: *Star Wars/How the Emperor Got His Groove Back*
- July 25: *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe/The Fox and the Hound*
- August 8: *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe/ET, the Extra-Terrestrial*
- August 15: *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe/The Wizard of Oz*

We will need to buy the *Wizard of Oz* and *ET* on DVD or VHS (cheaper) unless someone has copies we can borrow.

CROP NIGHT CHANGE

Usually we have our scrapbooking (and other crafting) night on the third Friday of the month. However, this month we are moving it to the second Friday due to a scheduling conflict.

So bring those projects you’ve been meaning to get finished and join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. (until whenever) on **May 14**.



VBS SCENERY PREP

For those of you who missed John Weaver’s announcement on Sunday (he wore an Egyptian headdress—priceless), on Saturday, **May 2**, starting at 11 a.m., come to the Fellowship Hall to start working on the scenery for VBS. Pizza will be provided.

This is a fun way for those of us who cannot be present during the actual VBS event to still help out and be a part.

Did I mention pizza?



MULLINS WEBSITE

The church website is becoming more and more complete and up to date. What would make it even more up to date and informative would be for everyone to email Cyndi Watkins, Communications Chairperson, and let her know of additional information to include. Her email address is: tinnalee@bellsouth.net.

“What kind of information can we put on the website?” you may be asking yourself. Here are some ideas:

- Sunday School information such as current studies or special events
- Information on groups such as UMW, Men’s Prayer Breakfast, Maanza a Leza, etc.
- Small group contact information
- Photographs
- Links to applicable websites
- Application forms, permission slips, etc.
- Events for the Calendar

Let Cyndi or the church office know about anything you want to put in the newsletter as well.

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OUR PRESENCE (LAST WEEK):

Sunday:

8:45 Service 28
Sunday School 55
10:50 Worship Service..... 115

Wednesday:

Prayer Breakfast..... 6
Prayer Service 62

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Thursday, April 29

9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
6:30 p.m. UMW Night Circle—Room 117—All Women Welcome!

Friday, April 30

9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym

Saturday, May 1

8:30 a.m. Cemetery Repair Work—see page 5
9:00 a.m. Hospice Training—see page 3
11:00 a.m. Yoga
11:00 a.m. VBS Scenery Prep. (Pizza will be served)—see page 5

Sunday, May 2

8:45 a.m. Worship—Chapel
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. New Sunday School Class—Fellowship Hall—see page 3
10:50 a.m. Worship—Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. Honor Thy Mother Tea
2:00 p.m. Golden Cross Awareness—Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group—Gym—see page 3

Monday, May 3

9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
9:00 a.m. Church Women United—Buntyn Presbyterian Church
6:15 p.m. Woodwinds Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts—Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Court of Honor—Chapel/Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 4

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—Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 5

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. Beading Group—Room 209
6:30 p.m. Program—Study of Psalms by Pastor Gabriel
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 6

9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym

Friday, May 7

9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
6:00 p.m. Concord Academy Awards Banquet

Saturday, May 8

11:00 a.m. Yoga

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, May 14–Sunday May 16, 2010

6:00 p.m. Singles Retreat at Lakeshore

Friday, May 14

6:00 p.m. Crop Night—see page 5

Sunday, May 16, 2010

10:50 a.m. Graduation Recognition—see page 4

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

7:00 p.m. Lecture: Religion in the Public Square—see page 4

Week of June 14-17

9:00 a.m. VBS—Egypt: Joseph’s Journey from Prison to Palace—see page 2