



Mullins Messenger

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“A Church Alive and Serving Christ”
 Since 1845

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Sunday Morning Worship Service
 February 13, 2011

8:45 in Mullins’ Chapel – 10:50 in Mullins’ Sanctuary

Scripture: Deuteronomy 30: 15 - 20, I Corinthians 3: 1–9,
 Matthew 5: 21 - 37

Sermon: ‘SCOUTS ALL THE WAY’

Pastor’s Corner

As the man once said, “If it ain’t on the page, it ain’t on the stage.” That is a rather earthy way to say we need regular reminders of important matters. The support of United Methodist missions, institutions and people in ministry beyond a local church setting is an important matter. We support those matters with our prayers and with our money. The money part of the support is divided among local UM congregations and is known as Apportionments. The Book of Discipline reads in part (Paragraph 247.14): “Payment in full of these apportionments (The World Service Fund & Conference benevolences) by local churches is the first benevolent responsibility of the church.” Mullins UMC has increased its percentage of apportionment payments over the past three years. We are moving toward 100% payment. Our church Finance Committee has approved a two-tier approach to our payments this year.

Some Apportionment items are to be paid in the same proportion as the pastor’s salary. 100% one place means 100% in the other or consequences are possible. The total of those funds for Mullins this year is \$34,693. The church budget includes that amount and a bit over. The second tier (which does not mean, and no one should construe to mean, second rate or of second importance) includes the ministries and institutional funds listed elsewhere in the newsletter. Beginning Sunday the entire congregation is invited to **“Make a Change with Your Change”**. Look for receptacles around the church marked “Apportionments–2011”. Drop your change into those receptacles. We will use the money placed there to pay our apportionments beyond the proportional funds. We will collect change until there is enough to pay one fund in full. We will then move on to the next fund. We will pay out the funds based on first, the New Testament principle “the last shall be first”, and the personal finance principles of “pay off the smallest amounts you owe first and roll on with momentum to the larger amounts owed.” Once we collect enough to pay the \$69 apportioned for Grace Place Ministries, we will start collecting for the \$103 for UMNC, and so on through the year. This approach allows each of us to target a ministry. If support for Africa University is high on your list of

missions, then you will help us get there by targeting other funds as well. As always, any Mullins member, Sunday School Class, small group, etc. can designate gifts to a special fund, such as the United Methodist Neighborhood Centers. You may give over and beyond our apportioned amount. Again, in all cases, we ask that individuals or groups route your gifts through the church office so that we can apply those gifts to our Apportionments. Finally, yes, we will have regular, seasonal opportunities to give to ministries like the Reelfoot Christmas Store that go beyond these amounts. While I will rejoice loudly if this approach allows us to meet 100% of our Apportionments, I will be happy for a lesser amount this year. Remember— bring your change and change the world.

Grace for the Way,

Brad

“Make a Change with Your Change” Mullins UMC Apportionment Funds

Grace Place Ministries	\$69
UMNC	\$103
District Hispanic Ministries	\$137
Interdenominational Cooperation	\$170
Africa University	\$195
Area Executive Assistant	\$442
Jurisdictional Askings	\$699
General Church Administration	\$706
Black College Fund	\$872
New Church Development	\$1,022
Lakeshore	\$1,689
Campus Ministries	\$2,045
Ministerial Education Fund	\$2,186
Lambuth University	\$2,851
District Administration	\$3,628
Conference Administration	\$5,525
Connectional Ministries Team	\$6,116
World Service	\$6,472
Total	\$34,927

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:

Marguerite Cooper, Baptist East, Rm. 4358

Clifton Watson, St. Francis, Rm. 389 ICU

Lynn Sweatt, The Village at Germantown Rehab

Virginia Lawson, Primacy Healthcare Rm. 210-B

Our Sympathy

...Carolyn Rose & family in the loss of her husband, Bob

...to Rev. Jerry Wilson & family in the loss of his wife, Carol.



Memorial Gifts

Please consider the **Endowment Fund** when giving memorials or honorariums for friends and family.



Readings for Sunday, February 13:

Deuteronomy 30: 15 - 20

Psalm 119: 1 - 8

1 Corinthians 3: 1 - 9

Matthew 5: 21 - 37

Pancake Breakfast

Mark your calendars for this Sunday, February 13, for the annual Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. The price of admission is a canned good (s) that will be donated to the Scouting for Food campaign. Enjoy a delicious breakfast with time for fellowship among family and friends, as well as the scouts and leaders of Troop 75.



February Means UMNC Food Pantry!

Each February Mullins UMC members help our community by collecting canned goods and non-perishable items for the Food Pantry at United Methodist Neighborhood Centers. Though we collect food all year long, February is the month we place a special emphasis on helping restock Food Pantry shelves. Please bring donated items all during the month and place in the containers located by the church office and by the ramp leading to Fellowship Hall. Your donations will make a difference in our fight against hunger in the Memphis community.

Mullins Mid-Week

"O Come Let Us Adore Him!", an interactive exploration of what we do in worship and why, continues through February as our after-dinner program for adults. Dinner is available for \$6, beginning at 5:45. Following our time of community prayer, the Mid-Week program begins at 6:30.

Coming up...

Wed. Feb. 16

Holy Communion

Wed. Feb. 23

Holy Communion

Wed. Mar. 2

A Little Bit of Mardi Gras!

Wed. Mar. 9

Ash Wednesday

Find Your Ministry: Make a Difference

A treasury of old Mullins photographs, documents and slides has been carefully gathered together in a cabinet in the church library. Many of the photographs need names and the events need descriptions. Might your ministry lie in stewarding our local church history so that our story can be available to everyone? If you're interested, speak to Margaret Carbaugh, the Mullins Librarian, or to Scottie Brafford.

If you've 'found your ministry' — whether inside Mullins or beyond our doors — we'd love to share your witness. Contact Rev. Scottie Brafford, at Scot-tie@mullinsumc.org

New Address for Tabitha!

Tabitha Smith has a new address. Please send mail to:

Tabitha Smith

Tennessee Rehabilitation Center Box #68

460 9th Avenue

Smyrna, TN 37167

A SAVE-THE-DATE FOR ALL WHO ARE 20' — 30' SOMETHING

If the candles on your cake total between 20 and 30, join us for brunch on Sunday, February 20th. It'll be a "meet & greet" and we'll also explore possibilities for small groups and for regular fellowship. Brunch will be offered in the church Parlor, located in the Fisher Wing near the Chapel, beginning at 9:45 a.m. Watch for additional information, or contact Rachael Scarborough, Scottie Brafford or Brad Gabriel.

Lay Speaking Ministries

Lay Speakers witness to their Christian faith by Caring, Leading and Communicating. Brochures for Basic and Advanced Lay Speaking Courses are available on the table in the Hall of the Apostles, as well as in the church office. The dates for both classes are March 3rd and March 5th at Ellendale UMC. If you are interested in becoming a Lay Speaker, please pick up a brochure. For additional information about Lay Speaking, please chat with Brad or one of the Mullins Lay Speakers.

"Present yourselves as building stones for the construction of a sanctuary vibrant with life, in which you'll serve as holy priests offering Christ-approved lives up to God." I Peter 2: 5 (The Message)

Transportation Needs

The Nurture Committee at Mullins UMC wants to be sure EVERYONE has a way to get to church! If you or anyone you know needs transportation getting to church on Sunday mornings (or evenings for *The Connection*) please contact the church office. The Nurture Committee is working on a system to make sure those who cannot drive themselves can get to church.

News from *The Connection* Sundays 4-6 pm

Bring \$1/slice for pizza this Sunday evening. We're celebrating **2nd Sunday Pizza Night on February 13th!**

Prepare for Sunday Worship

...by reading and praying these scripture passages. You'll hear them again on Sunday morning. Your preparation will make a difference to your experience of worship!

Readings for Sunday, February 13
Deuteronomy 30: 15 - 20
Psalm 119: 1 - 8
I Corinthians 3: 1 - 9
Matthew 5: 21 - 37

"Focus on the Arts!" A Children's Event

Bring a friend and join us Saturday, Feb. 19, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the PDO Hallway, as we emphasize the importance of the arts. We will provide various stations with opportunities and skills to learn: string instruments, theater & skits, painting, singing, dancing, crafting. After the children explore the different art stations, they will also be able to fellowship with one another during a free pizza lunch and fun and games!

Members in Service for February 13:

Liturgist: Boy Scouts

Ushers and Greeters: Boy Scouts

Children's Church: Lynn Bergwerk

Children's Time - Dr. Gabriel

Chancel Flowers

are being placed to the glory of God

... in honor of the Scouts and Scout Leaders of Pack 75 and Troop 75 by the H. C. Williamson, Jr. Memorial Fund

...in honor of all the ladies of the church for Valentine's Day, by Charles Carter

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 February 16:

Ham

Crowder Peas

Turnip Greens

Bread

Dessert

Adults-\$6, Children 12 and under-\$4,
Family Max-\$23

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.

Make a Change for Appointments: Grace Place Ministries

Grace Place is a worshipping community of women at the Mark Luttrell Correctional center, a state prison for women located in Memphis. Started three and a half years ago by Rev. Diane Harrison, Grace Place is committed to their quest of becoming an "official" United Methodist congregation. Today, the Asbury (Mullins' district) District of the Memphis Annual Conference supports Grace Place through our District Apportionments.

Grace Place, using a model provided by a national organization, Prison Congregations of America, provides opportunities for incarcerated women to have worship, fellowship, discipleship and perform service while in prison. We currently worship each week with Grace Place participants acting as worship leaders. On Monday afternoons, we have a study group led by Rev. Dr. Virginia Finzel, Pastor of the Grand Junction Circuit. On Tuesday evenings, the Touch of Grace Prayer Shawl Ministry meets. They crochet prayer shawls for people in need in and out of the prison. On Saturday mornings our Book Club meets. The new UMW unit there received a Charter in December and had the first official General Meeting on January 19. This past Christmas, for the second year in a row, Grace Place put together and distributed 439 gift bags, one for every resident of the prison. They contained toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, toothbrush holder, soap holder, shampoo, conditioner, handcreme, body lotion, emery board, deodorant, lip balm, pen, pencil, journal, ruler, and a bag of chocolate candy. When the children came before Christmas to see their mothers, Grace Place, for the fourth year, made family photos with Santa. This past August, Prison Congregations of America recognized Grace Place as their 14th congregation, having met all the requirements. This puts Grace Place in a consortium of other congregations that learn and share information. Rev. Harrison was invited in October to come to Sioux Falls and be the keynote speaker at their annual meeting.

Grace Place looks for help in the form of: financial support, volunteer service, yarn to make shawls, and boxed birthday cards. Mullins' Apportionment for Grace is \$69.

Bill Cosby Benefit for Lambuth

General Admission tickets and a few tables remain for the April 5th performance by Bill Cosby that will benefit Lambuth University. The show will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Carl Perkins Civic Center in Jackson. For tickets, call the Civic Center Box Office at 731-425-8587. For tables and sponsorships, call 731-425-3259 or email ellis@lambuth.edu.



Birthday Calendar

By popular demand, we plan to start printing the Birthday/Anniversary Calendars again and making this information available to the congregation each month. Please take a few minutes to contact the church office with the birthdays and anniversaries of your family. If you do not call the office with this information, you run the risk of your church family forgetting to say "Happy Birthday" or "Happy Anniversary" to you on your special day.

A Letter from Lambuth

Dear Friends,

Last summer as our Conference affirmed continued support for Lambuth we were incredibly thankful to see the continuation of our shared history. That act of faith by the delegates of our conference was a source of great comfort to the Lambuth family—those who have sacrificed so greatly for the school's future. We had hoped to share our gratitude to the conference as part of the announcement of the much needed financial resources to stabilize Lambuth, an event that would have been made possible by your decision to continue to act in faithfulness. That day has been long in coming.

On Dec. 6, 2010 the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools (SACS) moved to remove Lambuth from membership thus revoking our accredited status. The Board of Trustees unanimously voted to appeal the SACS decision, in effect retaining accreditation through the appeal process. In late February SACS will review our appeal and give us their final decision. If SACS upholds their decision in February an injunction can be filed to continue our accreditation for any number of years.

In spite of these challenges Lambuth remains an institution of vision and faith. Over 400 students returned for spring classes, an incredible indication of the passion of our student body. Faculty and staff are energized to provide the quality of education that is the by word of Lambuth's legacy of learning. With the resolve of the Lambuth family ever present how can we give up until every possibility is exhausted?

As you graciously begin this new year of apportionments we humbly thank you for the continuing support of our unyielding efforts. As we prepare for the upcoming meeting with SACS and our response to that pending decision, we invite you to join with us in special prayers for our campus, students, faculty, administrators and staff during February and beyond. We will continue to act in faith for our historic institution and it would give us great comfort to know that you are enacting our shared faith as well.

While you prayerfully consider the future of Lambuth please remember the faith with which Lambuth's past was consecrated. From the decision of our 19th century predecessors to empower the women of our conference to the legacy of Dr. Womack employing the barter system to keep the fledgling Lambuth College afloat through the Great Depression. Lambuth has made resounding statements in a history shaped by acts of faith and vision.

Thank you for helping us stay the course in this long and worthy tradition and for continuing to be a vital part of "our" story of faith.

Resurrection Blessings,

Steven Fonville
Chaplain

Russ Ellis

Vice President for Development

This Week at Mullins:

Sunday, February 13

- 8:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast—FH
- 8:45 a.m. Worship—Chapel
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:50 a.m. Worship—Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. *The Connection*
- 4:00 pm. Youth
- 5:00 p.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 14

- 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts—FH
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts—FH

Tuesday, February 15

- 6:30 a.m. Career Support Group—Gym
- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- 10:30 a.m. UMW Circle Mtg.—Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 16

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast (All Men Welcome)—Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- 11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting—FH
- 5:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner—Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Children/Youth Programs
- 6:30 p.m. Program
- 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 17

- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study—Parlor
- 6:15 p.m. Wind Ensemble

Friday, February 18

- 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
- 3:30 p.m. St. Agnes Students—FH
- 6:00 p.m. Concord Academy—FH

Saturday, February 19

- 10:00 a.m. Children's Event: Focus on the Arts—PDO Area
- 11:00 a.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Private Event—FH

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, March 9

- 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service—Chapel

Saturday, March 12

- 9:00 a.m. UMW District Mission Study—Chapel & FH

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OUR PRESENCE (LAST WEEK):

Sunday:

8:45 Service.....	22
Sunday School	53
10:50 Worship Service.....	199
Prayer Breakfast	7
Prayer Service	57