



# Mullins Messenger

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“A Church Alive and Serving Christ”  
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Sunday Morning Worship Service  
March 27, 2011

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

Scripture: John 4: 5 - 42

Sermon: “WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON, THEN?”

## Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

The King James Bible turns 400 this year. The journey to that text is long and rocky. John Wycliffe translated the first English language Bibles in 1380. His were handwritten. Johann Guttenberg printed a Latin Bible in the 1450s, though it was a Latin text. William Tyndale first printed, rather than hand copied, scriptures in English. The KJV is not the oldest complete New Testament/Old Testament Bible in English. That distinction belongs to the Geneva Bible (sometimes called the Breeches Bible because the translators rendered the garments God made for Adam and Eve after Eden as 'Breeches', an old fashioned for of britches). James became king in a period of religious and civil unrest. Well, the unrest involved many areas of life, but strong religious feelings stirred many of the conflicts. The Geneva Bible was in use in England but was causing more than a little stir itself. Marginal notes in the Bible were decidedly anti-monarch. King James I declared such notes “seditious, and savoring too much of dangerous, and traitorous conceits.” I changed the spelling of several of the words in that last sentence into modern English. The Geneva Bible had been brought back to England by the more extreme puritan type Protestants, many of whom had been exiled before James. As exiles often do, these men and women had become more radical while away. James' clergy asked him for an alternative Bible, one that would have less political direction and more word clarification or cross-references of scriptures in the margins. James convened a gathering of good and wise and faithful church men and they produced the Bible that he authorized in 1611. Today, this is the Bible that you'll find in hotel night stands and in many church pews. This is also the Bible that is the source

of the old joke, “I want a Bible like the one Saint Paul used”. This is the Bible that will introduce most of us to what we think of as Shakespearean English. You know — all the ‘these’ and ‘thous’ that can roll so dramatically off the tongue of a well-trained public speaker. I like the KJV but think that it is not long for widespread public use. This is not a sudden occurrence. In 1800 a thousand different editions of the Bible in English had been published. The number and variety grew so much that by the 1970s, the American Bible Society stopped trying to collect every new edition in English. More and more English speaking Christians want a Bible that is accessible, that needs fewer explanations as to what the words are so that they can concentrate on what the words mean. And there is the point - what do the words mean? Since the Bible is our story, found in all the stories and letters and histories and poems it holds, we need to spend time with it and with other believers we trust. That is why we read significant parts of it every Sunday. Truths found in the Bible are not found by casual wanderings in the words, but after serious exploration. We need to read, discuss, seek guidance, accept the direction and celebrate the grace that comes from serious, sustained and spiritual reading of the Bible. Right now we are wrapping up a lengthy Sunday afternoon study. On Wednesday nights in Lent we will look at a focused study and on Thursday mornings we are moving sedately through the entire Bible. If you cannot make one of those times and know that you will be a better and more complete person spending time with the Bible and Christian companions during the week, let me know when you are available and what approach you find most helpful in Bible study.

Blessings,  
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:

**Phyllis Pope**, Baptist East, Room 4405

**John Montgomery**, Baptist East on 3/24

**Paul Hausmann**, Methodist Germantown 308 South

**Mary Lee Curry**, At Home, tests on 3/24

**Saja Mason**, At Home

## Honoring Our Loved Ones

Gifts have been given to:

### BUDGET

In memory of **John Wagner** by George and Mary Walker

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

In honor of **Jay Phipps**, for his 90th birthday, by Mrs. H. C. Williamson, Jr.

## In the Pulpit on April 3

Rev. Scottie Brafford will give the message on Sunday, April 3 at both worship services. Dr. Gabriel will be out of town March 30 - April 3.

## Upper Room

The March/April issues of *Upper Room* are now available outside the Sanctuary. The cost is \$1 each. Don't miss out on this great devotional material.

## Don't Forget!

Please remember to write your name on your offering envelopes!



## Africa University Your Change

This apportionment helps fund the development of a United Methodist university located in Zimbabwe, Africa. This university provides opportunities for students throughout Africa and includes schools of theology, agriculture, and education.

This fund supports the only United Methodist degree-granting university on the continent of Africa - serving young men and women from all over Africa. Its mission is "to provide a higher education of excellent quality, to nurture students in Christian values, and to help the nations of Africa develop the leaders of the future."

One of Africa University's unique characteristics is its culturally diverse, multi-lingual, multi-traditional student body. Besides a variety of classes, students enjoy stimulating discussions from classmates of different cultures and beliefs. While Africa University is a private institution, it is not an elite one. The university takes pride in welcoming students from a variety of backgrounds, languages, traditions, values and lifestyles.

The university's mission is "to provide higher education of high quality, to nurture students in Christian values, and to help the nations of Africa achieve their educational and professional goals. Africa University will play a critical role in education of the new leaders of African nations." (Copied; Florida Annual Conference)

Mullins UMC has an apportionment of only \$195 for this unique ministry. Your coinage on Sunday, March 20, was \$12.70. That leaves us a balance of only \$182.30. Let us all remember to save the vending machine and quick stop change so that we can do our fair share to keep the only United Methodist University in Africa, and the only private university in Zimbabwe, healthy and open.



## Fashion Show, Luncheon & Silent Auction

Bartlett United Methodist Women will have a Fashion Show, Luncheon and Silent Auction on Saturday, April 9, 2011. Silent Auction 11:30 - 12:30, lunch served at 12:00 Noon. Women's fashions are by Chico; children's fashions are by Strasburg Children. Entertainment will be provided by Todd Wilson, Vocalist; Fred Astaire Dancers, and Karen Strawhecker on the piano. Tickets are \$15 per person, advance ticket sales only. Tickets are available from any UMW member, or call Bartlett UMC office at 386-4563. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the missions of Bartlett United Methodist Women.

## Potluck Lunch

Join us this Sunday, March 27, in Fellowship Hall immediately following the 10:50 worship service, for our annual Spring Potluck Lunch, sponsored by the Family Life Committee. Please bring one or two of your favorite dishes to share. Potluck food is the BEST! We'll enjoy delicious food and great fellowship!



## A Request to Parents Who Are “Emptying Their Nests”

Mullins would like to keep in touch with your young adult children, and we need your help in order to do so. Be sure to contact the church office with updated addresses, cell phone numbers and email addresses as your chicks find new locations to roost or re-roost.

## MIFA Goodie Bags

Your Mullins United Methodist Women are asking for your help to purchase items for Birthday Goodie Bags for MIFA Meal clients. We will do the shopping if you will make a generous donation. Simply make a check to Mullins UMW and list for Goodie Bags. Want to save checks? When you make your tithe to church, simply add on a donation and indicate that amount is for MIFA Goodie Bags. We look forward to your continued support.



## Easter Lilies

Beautiful lilies will adorn our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If you would like to order lilies in honor or remembrance of loved ones, please complete this form and return, with payment, to the church office. The deadline to order is Sunday, April 3. The cost is \$10 each.

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

# lilies ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_

## Members in Service for March 27:

**Liturgist:** Rev. Scottie Brafford

**Ushers and Greeters:** Lawrence Lewis, Head Usher; John Montgomery, Jerry Cohen, Elmer Wrobley

**Children's Church:** Debi Gray

**Children's Time:** Cyndi Watkins

**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 March 30:

*Vegetable Lasagna  
Italian Salad  
Garlic 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.

## Life Line Screening

...will be at Mullins UMC on Friday, April 1. This stroke health screening is sponsored by Methodist South Hospital. Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-324-1851 for an appointment.

Screenings offered are: 1) Stroke/Carotid Artery Screening - Ultrasound evaluation of the carotid arteries that screens for buildup of fatty plaque - the leading cause of strokes. 2) Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation) - A quick and easy test using EKG electrodes placed on the arms and legs to identify the presence or absence of an irregular heartbeat at the time of the screening. 3) Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening - Ultrasound is used to screen for the presence of an aneurysm in the abdominal aorta that could lead to a ruptured aortic artery. 4) Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening - Evaluates for peripheral arterial disease (plaque buildup) in the lower extremities. It is 4-5 times more likely you will die from heart disease if you have peripheral arterial disease. 5) Osteoporosis Risk Assessment - An ultrasound measurement of the heel bone to determine abnormal bone mass density. Osteoporosis is painless and silent in its early stages.

Stroke, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package - all 4 tests for only \$139. Add an osteoporosis screening for \$10 more; all 5 tests for \$149

Life Line Screening has screened over 6 million participants and has partnered with hospitals across the country. Ultrasound screenings save lives.



## Concord Academy Spring Flower Sale

Concord Academy is offering spring and summer annuals for sale. These flowers are grown locally and offer you a rare opportunity to buy from one of the largest suppliers to professional landscapers in the area, Stockyard Horticultural Supply, Inc. Plants are landscape size; there are 18 4-inch plants to a flat. Plants are sold by entire flats only. The cost is \$13 per flat for standard items and \$20 per flat for Wave Petunias, Lantana, and Dragon Wing Begonias. Order forms are available in the church office or from Concord Academy. The deadline to order is Friday, April 1. Payment is due with order; make checks payable to Concord Academy P.T.O. Plants will be delivered Wednesday, April 20, and be available for pickup in the school parking lot by the fence between 2 and 4 p.m.

## Flower Calendar for 2011

Beautiful flowers on the Chancel each Sunday greatly enhance our worship experience. Please consider signing up for a date or two on our Flower Calendar for this year. The cost is only \$30 per arrangement—quite a bargain!

The calendar is posted outside the church office for your convenience. You may also call the church office at 685-8253, and we will be glad to assist you.

Remember, Chancel Flowers are not a budgeted item—if no one signs up, we won't have flowers for that Sunday. Many, many dates are available.

## Birthday & Anniversary Info

By popular demand, we are listing the Birthdays & Anniversaries 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.

Also, help us keep our records up to date by notifying the church office of changes in your address, phone number, and email address. Thanks for your help in these important matters!



## FISH FRY!!!

The Annual Meeting of United Methodist Men is Tuesday, April 19, at Archer's Chapel UMC. Dinner is served beginning at 5:00 p.m. — all you can eat Catfish, Country Ham and the trimmings. The cost is \$12 per person. Entertainment provided by Fincher Family Singers of Archer's Chapel. Reservation forms are available in the church office at Mullins.

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**OUR PRESENCE (LAST WEEK):**

Sunday:

8:45 Service.....	22
Sunday School .....	58
10:50 Worship Service.....	114
Prayer Breakfast.....	7
Prayer Service .....	56

## This Week at Mullins:

### Sunday, March 27

- 8:45 a.m. Worship—Chapel
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:50 a.m. Worship—Sanctuary
- 12:00 Noon Potluck Lunch - FH
- 4:00 p.m. Jump Start! - Gym
- 4:00 p.m. Youth
- 5:00 p.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall

### Monday, March 28

- 6:00 p.m. Evangelism Com. - 209
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts - Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Court of Honor - Chapel & FH

### Tuesday, March 29

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

### Wednesday, March 30

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

### Thursday, March 31

- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- 6:15 p.m. Wind Ensemble

### Friday, April 1

- 8:15 a.m. Life Line Screening - FH
- 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym

### Saturday, April 2

- 11:00 a.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall

## Upcoming Events

April 21: Tenebrae Service

Prayer Walk today thru Easter Sunday

April 22: Good Friday Lunch & Program

April 23: Easter Egg Hunt

April 24: Easter Sunrise Service

Easter Worship Service at 10:50

April 27: Aaron Foster at Bartlett UMC's Marguerite Francis Concert Series