

# Mullins Messenger

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Sunday Morning Worship Service  
May 1, 2011

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

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3–9; John 20:19–31  
Sermon: “A Week Later”



## Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters on the Way,

They call it liturgy. That means “public work of the people.” In ancient Greece, where we find the term, anyone could do any number of public works, pay a theatre group, give a warship or host a civic banquet for example. An example of the technical term is found in Luke 1:23, when Zachariah (father of John the Baptizer) goes home after his days of ‘liturgy,’ public work in the Temple, are finished. When the church grew in Greece and Greek speaking areas, we used the terms at hand for what we did. So it is that “liturgy” became the public worship work of church people. The emphasis here is public and not our private devotions, prayers, etc.

Well, Mullins UMC has seen some serious liturgy over the past forty plus days, hasn't it? The people here have created glass crosses and wooden crosses. People have prepared lunch and breakfast, and decorated tables for each meal. Mullins members have moved chairs outside and inside along with tables, candles and an overwhelming variety of stands, holders, musical instruments, Easter eggs, flowers and some things I'm still not 100% sure what they were. Mullins members have created daring, soaring, challenging and exciting music from composition to presentation. Mullins members proclaimed the gospel, the Psalms, the prophets and the apostles' writings with courage and conviction. Mullins members created banner art, spatial art, and celebratory art. Today is Monday after Easter Sunday and I'm still in amazement

at all that you did. All the work you did. All the service you did. All the liturgy you did. What is next, then?

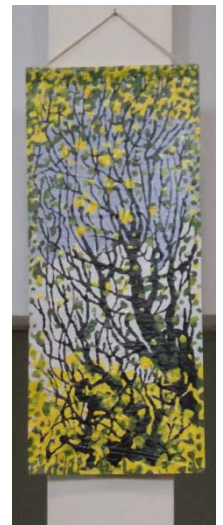
What is next is that we celebrate Easter for the next seven Sundays. For seven weeks, we will celebrate the truth of the Resurrection. We will see again:

- The disciples expected nothing except a possible round of persecution from the Romans.
- That the women expected there would be corpse in the Tomb.
- That confusion and uncertainty often went hand in glove with resurrection appearances.
- That these accounts actually support the early believers more than any celebration might have.

This means, naturally, more opportunities for liturgy. More people will find opportunities to create worship space, worship experiences, worship content. If you are interested, please contact me or Reverend Brafford or Mullins Worship Chair, Linda Morris.

Many 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:

**Don Dunavant**, Trace Way, Rehab Section, Room 708, 2800 West Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38801

**Mary Lee Curry**, surgery 4/28 or 4/29 at Methodist University Hospital

**Ed Johnson**, at home

**Helen Russell**, at home

**Our Sympathy**, love, and prayers go out to:

**Carol Doyle** in the loss of her mother, Kathryn Hitz



## Honoring Our Loved Ones

Gifts have been given to:

### BUDGET

In honor of **Mary Jane Melton** for her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday by Terrye, Andy, and Jennifer Mastin, Ann Smith, and Bill and Betty Pickel

### EASTER

In memory of **Van and Lucille Ball** by Peggy Dennie

In memory of **Jack Dennie** by Peggy Dennie



## Upper Room

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

## Mullins UMC's Unsung Heroine 2011

Lisa Weaver is the 2011 Unsung Heroine of Mullins United Methodist Church. Lisa has many roles in life. She is a daughter and sister a wife and mother, a health care professional, and an active disciple of her Lord Jesus Christ. Not content to just sit in the pew on Sunday morning, Lisa is Chair of Mullins' Education and Nurture Work Area, sometime VBS organizer, director, and creative force, Sunday school participant and often church photographer. She shepherds her own and other children to church, music lessons, and sports activities, engages in personal evangelism, and does all of this with a gentle spirit, firm will, and gracious smile.



Mullins is proud to recognize Lisa Weaver as our 2011 Unsung Heroine.

## VBS Meeting

There will be a VBS Meeting on Saturday, May 7th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in volunteering during this year's VBS or participating in the behind-the-scenes work the week before, please make plans to attend!

## Mother's Day Gifts

If you haven't gotten a Mother's Day gift for that someone special on Mother's Day, consider a bracelet from our beadars at Mullins. This specially designed bracelet holds a charm that



opens. Inside of the charm will be a scripture that will be especially meaningful for mothers. A display of the bracelet will be in the Narthex after morning worship, if you would like to order your gift.

This Sunday, May 1, after the 10:50 worship service, beadars will work together to make the beautiful Mother's Day

bracelets. Please, don't miss this opportunity to bead with those whose talents benefit school children in Zambia. All are welcome. A light lunch will be available in Room 209 before the jewelers begin.

The current mission project is to provide housing for a teacher who teaches in the classrooms funded by Maanza a Leza monies.

## David Francis To Be Honored

David Francis is among those noted individuals who will be inducted into the Memphis City Schools Alumni Hall of Fame on Saturday, April 30, 2011, at the Hilton Hotel. Proceeds raised from the event will support Memphis City Schools Foundation. To purchase individual tickets or tables, visit [www.givemcs.org](http://www.givemcs.org).

## United Methodist Women

The UMW will meet Tuesday, May 3, at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Our speaker will be Glenda Brown, Asbury District UMW President. All ladies of the church are invited to join us for the meeting and the for lunch to following in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of lunch is \$3 per person.

Immediately following the lunch, the UMW will fill the MIFA Birthday Goodie Bags.

## Calling All Kids

We invite you to join us each Sunday evening from 4:00 – 5:30 for our new JUMP START! Programming. We offer music instruction, a time of devotion, recreation, and fellowship as a way to start your week off right! Jump Start! is held in the Mullins Gym. We would LOVE to have you!

In preparation for Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8, we will be practicing songs to sing in honor of our mothers. Practices will be held at Jump Start! on Sunday evenings, so please make plans to attend.

## Mullins VBS 2011

In an attempt to plan ahead, we are currently collecting ANY beach-themed gear, shoeboxes, and small pails for crafts. Your donations make all the difference! Also, if you are willing to volunteer at VBS the week of June 13, please contact April Riley ASAP.

## Summer Fun!

Need a place for your kids to hang out this summer and meet some friends? The Boredom Busters Camp is a great place for elementary and middle school students to have summer fun. For more information, call Kimberly at 681-9217.

## Youth Rummage and Bake Sale

Our Youth are having a Rummage and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 21, from 9 to 1 in the Mullins gym. They will gladly accept donations as you do your spring cleaning. Items may be left in the youth office or call to schedule a time to have items picked up from your home. Contact Christian Sarran, 903-806-2809, or Tammy Williamson, 626-0671.



## Thank-You Notes:

Dear Mullins Church,

Thank you for your incredible generosity in allowing us to use your Sanctuary for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. It was a blessing to be so near our campus and in your beautiful facility. Your staff was gracious and your sound technician clan was a true servant. Thank you for blessing us and nearly 300 alumni with the use of your church.

Suzette and Skye  
Memphis Junior Academy

The Children's Ministry would like to offer a huge THANK YOU to those who helped with this year's Egg Hunt! We appreciate you all for making the event a success by donating eggs, candy, or time as volunteers. Thank you, Mullins!

## Members in Service for May 1:

**Liturgist:** Cyndi Watkins

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

**Children's Church:** Melissa Johnson  
**No Children's Message—Communion**

## Chancel Flowers

are being placed to the glory of God:

- in loving memory of Jeanne Crews in remembrance of her birthday, by L. Dow Crews.
- in loving memory of June R. Phillips

## 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.

Psalm 16  
John 20:19-31  
Acts 2:14a, 22-32  
1 Peter 1:3-9

## 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 4:

*Spaghetti  
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.

## Tim Keller to Speak

Noted Christian author and speaker, Tim Keller will be speaking at Christ United Methodist Church, 4488 Poplar Avenue, on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. Tim Keller is appearing as the featured speaker in the Dorothy and Kemmons Wilson Speaker Series sponsored by the Kemmons Wilson Family Foundation. The public is invited to attend this free community event. Tim Keller is an author, speaker, and the founder of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City. He is a noted church planter and grew Redeemer from 50 members to over 5,000.

Many refer to him as the “most successful Christian Evangelist In the city,” He has authored several books on the New York Times Best Selling list including, *The Reason for God*, *Counterfeit Gods*, *Generous Justice* and most recently *King's Cross*.

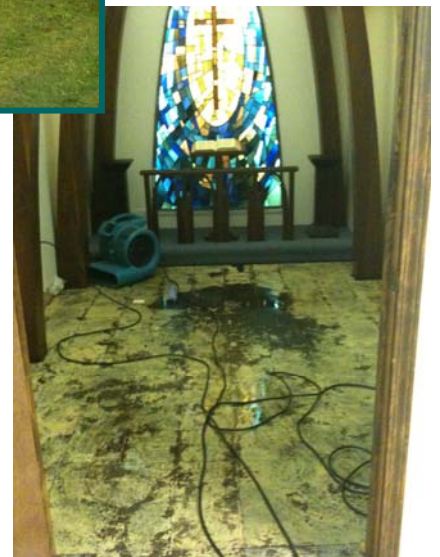
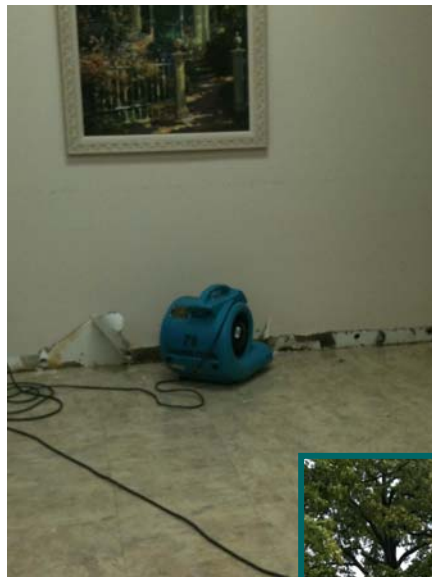
Christ United Methodist Church is hosting this event which is presented in partnership with Second Presbyterian Church, Second Baptist Church, Fellowship Memphis, and Mullins United Methodist Church.

Reserved Seating Tickets are available in the church office at Mullins but are limited.

## Flood Disaster Hits Close to Home

Due to the recent torrential rains, the drainage system at Mullins United Methodist Church was once again pushed beyond its capacity. A great amount of water, having nowhere else to go, leaked its way into a large underground cistern formerly known as the church Fellowship Hall, kitchen, etc. Although Service Master paid a visit to the church on Wednesday and cleaned up the mess, Wednesday night activities were canceled for the week.

Not only were the kitchen, fellowship hall, and prayer chapel flooded, but the “costume closet” behind the stage. Anything that was stored in cardboard boxes that were sitting on the floor of the costume closet will probably have to be thrown away.



## This Week at Mullins:

### CHURCH STAFF:

#### Senior Pastor:

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#### Custodians:

Geraldine Finley  
 David Campbell



### OUR PRESENCE (LAST WEEK):

#### Sunday:

Sunrise.....	75
10:50 Worship Service .....	223
Prayer Breakfast .....	7
Mullins Mid-Week Service .....	53

#### Sunday, May 1

8:45 a.m. Worship—Chapel  
 9:40 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:50 a.m. Worship—Sanctuary  
 12:00 noon Beading Group—Room 209  
 12:00 noon Youth Parents Meeting  
 4:00 p.m. Jump Start!  
 5:00 p.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall

#### Monday, May 2

9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym  
 6:00 p.m. Organ Guild Dinner and Program—Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary  
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

#### Tuesday, May 3

6:30 a.m. Career Support Group—Gym  
 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym  
 10:30 a.m. UMW Meeting—Chapel—see page  
 7:00 p.m. Pre-Conference briefing at St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
 7:00 p.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall

#### Wednesday, May 4

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  
 5:45 p.m. Nurture Meeting—Room 117  
 6:15 p.m. Children/Youth Programs  
 6:30 p.m. Program  
 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, May 5

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

#### Friday, May 6

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

#### Saturday, May 7

10:00 a.m. VBS Meeting—Fellowship Hall—see page 2  
 11:00 a.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall

## Upcoming Events:

#### Monday, May 9

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting—Room 212

#### Friday, May 13

Parents' Day Out Graduation

#### Sunday, May 15

12:00 noon. Crossroad Class Fundraiser Lunch

#### Monday, May 16

7:00 p.m. Administrative Council—Chapel

#### Saturday, May 21

Concord Graduation  
 Youth Rummage Sale

#### Monday, May 23

6:30 p.m. Evangelism Team Meeting—Room 117

#### Tuesday, May 31

Boredom Busters Begins—see page 3

#### Sunday, June 12

Chancel Choir Concert

#### Monday through Thursday, June 13 through 16

Vacation Bible School

A transcript of last week's sermon can be found at:

<http://mullinsumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/Sermon.042411.pdf>