

Mullins Messenger

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Sunday Morning Worship Service
September 4, 2011

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

Scripture: Exodus 12:1–14; Romans 13:8–14; Matthew 18:15–20
Sermon: “Not Multiple Choice”



Pastor's Corner



Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Almost ten years ago, “in the middle hour of our grief,” Americans gathered to mourn the attacks that changed our world. To honor of the service

and sacrifice of that day and all the days since then, to continue our healing, and to renew our sense of hope we will host a Memorial Concert next Sunday, September 11, at 4:30 p.m. I hope that you will be there. Below you will find the lyrics to a hymn written in response to those attacks.

When Sudden Terror Tears Apart*

Common Meter (suggested tunes: Bangor, Detroit)

When sudden terror tears apart
the world we thought was ours,
we find how fragile strength can be,
how limited our powers.

As tower and fortress fall, we watch
with disbelieving stare
and numbly hear the anguished cries
that pierce the ash-filled air.

Yet most of all we are aware
of emptiness and void:
of lives cut short, of structures razed,
of confidence destroyed.

From this abyss of doubt and fear
we grope for words to pray,
and hear our stammering tongues embrace
a timeless Kyrie.

Have mercy, Lord, give strength and peace,
and make our courage great;
restrain our urge to seek revenge,
to turn our hurt to hate.

Help us to know your steadfast love,
your presence near as breath;
rekindle in our hearts the hope
of life that conquers death.

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Grace for the Journey,

Brad

P.S. Mailing of Church Newsletter Reduced

The Mullins Messenger is available on line Wednesday evening each week. Printed copies of *The Messenger* are available Friday morning at church. Copies of *The Messenger* will be mailed each week to the primary address of church members who are either home bound or who live at a distance and who do not have online computer access. Everyone else is encouraged (but not required) to help reduce the costs of paper, printer's ink and postage by picking up *The Messenger* at church. Those who are not members of Mullins UMC and wish to have *The Messenger* mailed to them may inquire to the church office regarding newsletter subscriptions.

* You can listen to the song here: <http://www.hopepublishing.com/html/main.isx?sub=31&workid=2316>

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:

Judy Cohen, at home

Virginia Lawson, at Home

NOTE: Prayer is a wonderful gift from God. We are always willing to add friends and family to our prayer list. However, please help us keep the prayer list up to date by letting the church office know when names can be removed from the list. Thanks for your help in this matter.



Honoring Our Loved Ones

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

In honor of **Daniel Gabriel** upon achieving his Boy Scouts of America Eagle rank, by Ann Smith

In memory of **John Griffin** by Ann Smith

In memory of **John Barnes** by Ann Smith

In memory of **Barney Magargel** by Ann Smith



Upper Room

Current 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!

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The Wednesday morning Prayer Breakfast resumes on September 7. The doors open at 6 a.m. and breakfast is served at 7 a.m. All men of the church are invited!

Change Making a Difference

This year Mullins UMC made an extra commitment to meeting our apportionment obligations. In addition to budgeting more of our Sunday offering to go to this "first priority of beneficent giving," we have also placed a large green glass jar on the table outside the west doors to the sanctuary. You have been encouraged to empty your change into the jar each Sunday.

The bank deposit last week from this collection, coins and bills alike, was over \$400! This is money that you contributed over many weeks. We will be able to meet our apportionment for the Nashville Area Bishop's Executive Assistant within another week or so, adding to a growing number of apportionment lines paid out in full. You are making a difference.

Please remember your change and dollar bills make a difference when you place them in the green glass jar this Sunday.

Re: Mary Jane Melton

Please note that Mary Jane's telephone is no longer in service. She can be reached at Jane Cannon's number, 683-7709.



UMW Events

You are extended an invitation to **Re-Discover the Wesleys** during the UMW September 13 General Meeting. Our meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel, and Dr. Brad Gabriel will present pictures and history of the Wesleys approximately at 11 a.m. If you are not able to attend our business meeting at 10:30, come listen to Brad and stay for lunch (\$3 per person). Please call the church office to make a reservation if you do not regularly attend the UMW lunch.

UMW Asbury District Annual Meeting will be held September 11, 2 p.m. at Bartlett UMC. The meeting will be over in time to attend the Memorial Concert at Mullins at 4:30 p.m.

UMW Conference Annual Day is September 24, Jackson First UMC in Jackson, Tennessee. Registration is at 8:45 a.m. The \$15 registration fee includes lunch (Layettes for UMCOR and contributions will be taken to this meeting).

UMW Officer Training is October 22, 9 a.m., at Wesleyan Hills UMC.

Hospice Volunteer Training

Baptist Trinity Hospice will have volunteer training on Saturday, September 17, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. For more information, please call Sandra Livesay at 767-6767. Evening and special shifts available.

Announcements for Sunday

Please send all announcements for Sunday to the church office by Noon on Fridays. Email information to brad@mullinsumc.org. Thanks for your help with this important matter.

Craft Night Returns

If you have a craft and you want to hang out with your church friends to work on that craft, meet us in Room 117 on Friday night, September 9, from 6 p.m. to Whenever. Bring a snack to share.

Children's Ministry News

Exciting changes for Children's Ministry are underway as we move into fall! On Sunday, August 28, we held an Open House and Registration for Children's Ministry in the Fellowship Hall, and this Sunday we begin with several new formats for Mullins' children.

Handouts from the Open House and Registration forms will be available outside the Sanctuary doors for several weeks. Be sure to check the curriculum display located in the Hall of the Apostles and be up to date on the offerings for children this fall.

Below is some of the information shared with parents at the Open House.

Time: Sunday School begins at 9:45 & ends at 10:40.

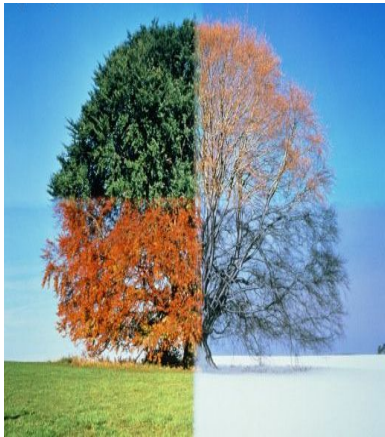
Preschool Class: For children 3 years old by August 1: Kindergarten Room 100 in the Education Wing hallway (enter Education Wing hallway near the gym entrance; first classroom on the left)

Teachers: Brenda Carson, Margaret Brown, Margaret Methvin

Elementary Class: For children Grades 1 – 6: Room 101 in the Education Wing hallway (enter Education Wing hallway near the gym entrance; first classroom on the right)

Teachers: Debi Gray, John Montgomery, Terrye Mastin

Curriculum: *Seasons of the Spirit*



- Check www.seasonsonline.ca. Tabs of interest include *Explore Seasons*, *Library & Action Zone*, *Links*, *Planning-Overview*
- *Seasons* used by ages Preschool – Youth at Mullins UMC. All ages experience the same scripture reading on the same Sunday
- Based on Revised Common Lectionary (scripture read in worship)
- Flow of class modeled upon flow of worship service (Gathering, engage story, respond to story, bless)

Parents, please note:

- An offering will be collected during Sunday School. This is a great opportunity to teach your child about stewardship!
- No food will be offered to your child on Sunday mornings. Good mornings begin with having breakfast before you arrive at church.
- Parents of elementary children have the option of allowing their child to leave Sunday School unescorted by an adult; however we must have your permission to do so. Please mark your preferences on the Children's Ministry Information Form.
- Parents who pick up your child after Sunday School, if you arrive after 10:40, your child will not be in the Sunday School classroom. On their way to worship, Sunday School teachers will transition your child to the Teddy Bear room for childcare. This classroom is set up for young preschoolers and is not intended for elementary-age children.

Members in Service for September 4:

Liturgist: Rev. Scottie Brafford

Ushers and Greeters: Members of the Classy Class (Young Adult Sunday School Class)

No Children's Message—Communion

Chancel Flowers for September 4

are being placed to the glory of God:

- in honor of the church staff by Clint Trusty
- in honor of the Hostess Committee by Clint Trusty

Gluten-Free!

Gluten-free communion wafers are now available for those with special dietary needs. The gluten-free wafers will be in a bowl on the communion tray on first Sundays when we celebrate communion.

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 September 7:

Fish sticks
Potato Bar
Salad
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.

Children's Recreation Ministries

1. Please mark your calendars now—September 25th is going to be Soccer Sunday, here at Mullins!

We will begin with a “meet and greet” of our soccer teams and their parents in the Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend. We will have refreshments provided by the Classy (Young Adults) Class. This is an excellent opportunity to show our support for these children and our sports ministry program. The children will be wearing their uniforms and recognized during the worship hour. The Children's message should be a wonderful site! Join us at 10 a.m. to extend the right hand of Christian faith and fellowship to these families.



2. Are you ready for some...BASKETBALL? We are getting ready to begin children's basketball registration. With that in mind, we are looking for some COACHES! If you love basketball or even if you just love to work with/teach children, we have a place for you. We have lots of Memphis Tigers fans here at Mullins and I am counting on you to step forward and coach these kids. The teams will be divided by age group/grade level (kindergarten through sixth grade). Please contact Julie Tolbert at 757-2239 to volunteer.



3. On September 9th, our soccer teams will each have their first game. You can see our Mavericks (Sr. K) team led by Don Mayhan play at Woodland Presbyterian's upper field. Both of our Junior K teams will be playing at Grace St. Luke's: the Mustangs led by Joe Wyrick and Tommy Scruggs will be on Field 1, and the Monkeys led by Michael Wiley and Miranda Byrd will be at Field 2. Come out and show your support!

Enjoy a fun game where anything can happen... and usually does!

MULLINS MAVERICKS GAME SCHEDULE 2011

Date	Time	Location	Visitor	Home
9-Sep	6:00 PM	Woodland Pres/ upper field	Mavericks	Woodland *Carr
16-Sep	6:00 PM	IPC/ IPC field # 2	KWBC	Mavericks
23-Sep	6:00 PM	Woodland Pres/ upper field	Mavericks	KWBC
30-Sep	6:00 PM	Holy Communion field # 3	Mavericks	Holy Comm *Griffin
14-Oct	5:30 PM	IPC/ IPC field # 2	IPC *Soefker	Mavericks
21-Oct	5:30 PM	Woodland Pres/ upper field	Mavericks	Holy Comm *Patterson
28-Oct	5:30 PM	IPC/ IPC field # 2	Woodland * Carr	Mavericks

MULLINS MUSTANGS GAME SCHEDULE 2011

Date	Time	Location	Visitor	Home
9-Sep	6:00 PM	Grace St. Luke's/ field # 1	GSL (Houseal)	Mustangs
16-Sep	6:00 PM	Grace St. Luke's/ field # 1	Mustangs	GSL (Cochrane)
23-Sep	6:00 PM	Holy Communion/ field # 2	Mustangs	Holy Communion (Jones)
30-Sep	6:00 PM	Grace St. Luke's/ field # 2	Mustangs	Grace St. Luke's Kitchin
14-Oct	5:30 PM	Holy Communion/ field # 2	IPC (Shanks)	Mustangs
21-Oct	5:30 PM	IPC/ IPC field # 1	IPC (Glankler)	Mustangs
28-Oct	5:30 PM	IPC/ IPC field # 1	Mustangs	Mullins Monkeys

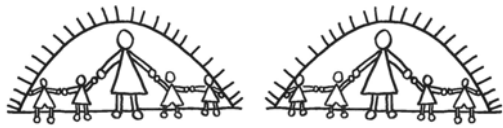
MULLINS MONKEYS GAME SCHEDULE 2011

Date	Time	Location	Visitor	Home
9-Sep	6:00 PM	Grace St. Luke's/ field # 2	Monkeys	GSL (Cochrane)
16-Sep	6:00 PM	Grace St. Luke's/ field # 2	Monkeys	GSL (Houseal)
23-Sep	6:00 PM	Grace St. Luke's/ field # 1	Monkeys	Grace St. Luke's Kitchin
30-Sep	6:00 PM	Holy Communion/ field # 2	Monkeys	Holy Communion (Jones)
14-Oct	5:30 PM	IPC/ IPC field # 3	IPC (Glankler)	Monkeys
21-Oct	5:30 PM	Holy Communion/ field # 2	IPC (Shanks)	Monkeys
28-Oct	5:30 PM	IPC/ IPC field # 1	Mullins Mustangs	Monkeys

10:50 Worship Care

The Nurture work area is evaluating and working to improve the quality of care for children at 10:50. On September 4 and 11, children ages 3 through Kindergarten may leave for ChurchTime Childcare. Children in grades 1 through 6 will remain in 10:50 Worship. Any child needing an adult "Worship Friend" may sit on the front row, pulpit side.

Two adult volunteers are needed each Sunday to provide childcare for children, ages 3 through Kindergarten during the 10:50 Worship. Safe Sanctuaries training will be provided. If you have any questions or comments, or want to volunteer for this important ministry of hospitality, contact Scottie@mullinsumc.org or via mobile phone, 497.2053. Thanks!



Soul-Ful Readers Update

Our new read has been selected! Get to your favorite library or bookseller, and grab a copy of *The Red Tent*, by Anita Diamant.

It's a classic. Completely fiction... and yet... the central character is the daughter of Jacob and Leah. Copyrighted in 1997, it became a New York Times Bestseller and was a Book of the Year Winner from an association servicing Independent Booksellers.

Here's our calendar:

Thursday, September 15 at 7 p.m. ; discussing the first half of the book, chapters 1 – 3

Thursday, September 29 at 7 p.m.; discussing the conclusion, chapter 4 - 5

Watch the newsletter and bulletin for a new location for our meetings. With evening darkness arriving earlier, we'll move our conversations to a more accessible room. Parking will be encouraged in the east parking lot, near the gym walkway.

If you have questions or need additional information, contact Scottie Brafford, Scottie@mullinsumc.org.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Reimbursements and Receipts

For your convenience, the blue forms for reimbursement of expenses are now available on the table outside the church office. Please complete the form, with your name clearly printed on the top line, and sign at the bottom of the form. Remember to attach your receipts to the back.

You may leave your completed copy in the tray or bring it by the office weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Craft Fair

Mullins members, if you are interested in participating as an exhibitor in this year's Craft Fair, please contact Marcia Taylor at 624-0257. The show is Saturday, November 12, and the booth fee is \$75.



Two Important Lay Leadership Gatherings—All Call for All Laity

"Overview of the Call to Action"

Thursday, September 15, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Colonial Park United Methodist Church Sanctuary
5330 Park Ave, Memphis, TN 38119

Coffee & light refreshment will be served at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare is available for children birth to 4 years old. Space is limited. Call Tammy Carroll at 901-590-4820 to reserve space for your child(ren) by Tuesday, September 13.

SPRC Training

Monday, October 3, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Bartlett United Methodist Church
5676 Stage Rd, Bartlett, TN

Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to Tammy Carroll at tcarroll@asburydistrictumc.org or 901-590-4820 by Thursday, September 29th. Chairpersons and all members of the Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee (including 2012 nominees) are invited to attend. Training will highlight:

- Basic work of committee
- Building relationships with pastors
- The evaluation process
- Submitting preferences
- Team Concept

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Here is a list of Mullins members with birthdays and anniversaries in September. If you know of someone who is not on this list and who should be, have that person call the church office. We want to celebrate EVERYBODY!



Birthdays:

<u>Name</u>	<u>September:</u>
Dave Brown	1
T. J. Scruggs.....	1
Tammy Williamson.....	1
Pat Williams.....	1
Wayne Brafford	3
Knox Martin.....	3
Dick Sims.....	4
Pete Schuyler.....	4
Whitney Coulombe.....	5
Marsha Kerprich	5
Doris Ruleman.....	7
Roy Swearingen.....	7
Emily Gwinn.....	7
Kathryn Black.....	9
Charles Carter	11
Linda Morris	11
Ben Dean Malone	12

Nancy Whitley	15
Lauren Fausett.....	17
Dottie Smith	17
Kate Parker	18
Christy Conlee	20
Reed Burton.....	21
Dick Gardner.....	21
Mimi Simpson	21
Steve Gross.....	22
Julia Howell	23
Andrew Smith.....	23
Marta Weiss	24
Diana Phillips	24
Kathy Crews	25
Macy Williamson.....	25
Imogene Howell-Cummings.....	26
Don Dunavant.....	26

Scottie	
Brafford	26
Jack Hale, Jr.....	27
Rachel Fuchs	27
Margaret Brown.....	28
Riley Williamson	28
Sarah Lienhard	28
Allison Eddins	29

Anniversaries:

Amanda and Greg Rigg	1
Diana and Rob Phillips.....	5
Cheryl and David Eddins.....	6
Denise and Kevin VanCleaf	23
Betty and Bill Pickel.....	24
Dick and Gerry Gardner	26
Joseph and Suzanne Fenech.....	30

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This Week at Mullins:

Sunday, September 4

- 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
- 4:00 p.m. Youth
- 5:00 p.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 5

- 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym

Tuesday, September 6

- 6:30 a.m. Career Support Group—Gym
- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym

Wednesday, September 7

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- 11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner—Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Program—Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, September 8

- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study—Parlor

Friday, September 9

- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- 6:00 p.m. Craft Night

Saturday, September 10

- 11:00 p.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 11

- 4:30 p.m. September 11 Memorial Concert—see page 1

Upcoming Events

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 2

- 3:00 p.m. Rain or Shine
- Grassy Lawn along Walnut Grove

Who's invited to attend?

All God's creatures:

2 legged or 4 pawed

With wing or with fin

Slithers or hoppers

All God's creatures, Praise the Lord!

Sunday:

8:45 Worship Service	28
10:50 Worship Service	113

Wednesday:

Fellowship Dinner	50
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