

Mullins Messenger

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Sunday Morning Worship Service
October 16, 2011

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

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1-6; 1 Peter 4:7-11
Sermon: "Our Spiritual Gifts in Today's World" by Larry Clayton

Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

This year our stewardship campaign is entitled "**Count Your Blessings.**" We are all invited to spend time in prayer and reflection with God and our family and make an honest assessment of our blessings. God blesses each of us. We are blessed with faith and health, family and wealth, happiness, and life itself. God does not bless you randomly. You are, as believers have always been, blessed to be a blessing. God's blessings to you of time, ability and money are essential resources for the church to be the body of Christ, the means of grace that redeems the world.

"Count your blessings!" as you decide what to do about God's invitation to be part of the renewal of human life, the recreation of the just community and the re-start of the faithful people in the middle of a wayward world.

"Count your blessings!" as you decide to make *what you have* consistent with *what you believe*. One commentator remarked "Stewardship is everything we do after we say "I believe" – it is about what we do." What will you do with your time and treasure and talent?

"Count your blessings!" as you decide what you need in order to grow more spiritually settled, mature and strong. Giving to the mission and ministry of your church is an essential part of the means of grace, the ways God provides for us to grow into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

"Count your blessings!" as you plan for the future. We have free will. We can allow others to carry our share of the responsibility for the mission and ministry of Mullins. Such a decision will lead to stunted spiritual growth, in effect; it is to choose to starve in the presence of a banquet table of spiritual growth and experience. Or, you can see your blessings a means to share the good news with others, a way to increase and refine Mullins'

mission and ministry, a door we go through to experience more fully God's blessed presence.

"Count your blessings," in prayer, discussion and honest evaluation of your condition. Be prepared to being your commitment to the mission and ministry of Mullins UMC to worship on November 13. Count your blessings and then make a decision to make your blessings count.

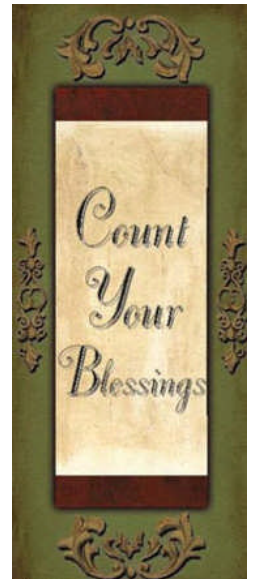
Isn't it enough that I put money I the plate each time I am at church?

That is what we did in the church I grew up in. Frankly, no. There are two reasons. First, making a commitment is a means of grace.

Pledging to support the ministries of your church connects you directly with those ministries. No longer is ministry something that "they" do. Ministry that you commit to support becomes "my" ministry. That commitment also opens you up to other areas where, through application of your treasure, time or talent; you are filled with the joy of actually making a difference in people's lives. We get back immeasurable joy from the commitment to making ministry happen. Second, Mullins needs a predictable income. The cost of doing ministry continues regardless of whether any one of us is at church or not. We can neither begin nor maintain ministries as we know them, or keep this physical plant open without a solid idea as to what money is available each year.

Grace for the Way,

Brad



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:

Nancy Blankenship, Healthsouth
Rebab-North, Room 108-A

Paul Blankenship, at home

Betty McCord, 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 memory of **Ruth Rice** by Anita Moore

In memory of **Virginia Lawson** by Vicki
Hendrickson and Anita Moore

ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY:

In memory of **Tom Curry** by Lyndall
Jones

In memory of **Ruth Rice** by Lyndall
Jones

In memory of **Elizabeth Douglas** by
Lyndall Jones

In memory of **John Barnes** by Lyndall
Jones

UMW Circle Meeting—October 18

Women of Mullins, come to our Circle Meeting on Tuesday, October 18, at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor in the Fisher Wing. This is your invitation to come be in fellowship with other women of Mullins through the United Methodist Women. Join in discussion and sharing led by Juanita Freeman or Gerry Gardner. Light refreshments will be served—no reservations required.

Circle your calendar for the UMW General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, November 1, at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Pastor “Bee,” Birgitte French, will bring to us her many memories while serving as a missionary. Following the meeting and lunch, we will fill Christmas Goodie Bags for MIFA meal clients.

Community Thanksgiving Service

Mullins UMC is returning to a community-based Thanksgiving service this year. Tuesday, November 22, several faith communities will gather at Second Baptist Church on Walnut Grove. The choirs from all the groups are invited to wear their robes and join in the anthem. More information will follow but mark your calendar now to worship as a community Tuesday, November 22, at Second Baptist Church.

Thank You

Many thanks to all of the Mullins family for your cards, calls, and prayers. We all felt supported by you during this time.

Brad

Reelfoot Rural Ministries

Reelfoot Rural Ministries services needy families in the northwestern corner of our state. Their ministries include daycare, a thrift store, a food bank, dental services, eye care, a senior citizens center, the Christmas Toy Store, and other services. We are planning on making our third annual trip to Reelfoot to deliver toys (new and unwrapped), food items (can goods and non-perishables), and/or clothing (new or gently used). Bins will be placed outside the office and the sanctuary to collect donations. Please have your donations at the church by Sunday, November 6. Delivery date will be announced as soon as possible. You have been generous in the past, so let's all pitch in and make this the biggest Mullins contribution to Reelfoot ever! This is truly a worthy ministry of the United Methodist Church. If you need additional information, contact Wayne Carson (326-7828).



Baby Bottles of Hope

Hannah's Hope is a ministry of the Memphis Conference of the United Methodist Church. The agency provides adoption services and pregnancy counseling at no cost to any woman in need through the support of churches and individuals across our Conference. The Fill Baby Bottles of Hope project seeks at least 12 families/ individuals within our congregation who will purchase a baby bottle and fill it with loose change to support this important ministry. Just think what can be accomplished if all our local churches respond with at least 12 bottles each! The goal is to return the filled bottles to the church on Sunday, November 6. Please give this project prayerful consideration. If there are any questions, contact Wayne Carson (326-7828).



Lakeshore is Calling All Youth

Lakeshore Retreat for Junior/Senior High Youth is November 4–6. The cost is \$89 (scholarships are available). The deadline to apply is Sunday, October 24. For more information, the brochure for the retreat is online at: <http://lakeshoreuma.com/pdf/2011/conference-retreat-jr-sr-high-nov-4-6-2011.pdf>. Contact Tammy Williamson if you or your youth would like to attend.

Change Making Change

Your change this past Sunday totaled \$21.10 toward our 2011 conference apportionments. Bit by bit Mullins UMC continues to move forward in our commitment to support the missions and ministries of the United Methodist Church, locally, regionally, and internationally. Please remember “the green glass jar” in the hall of the Apostles. Your change makes a big difference in the lives of others.

Thanks So Much

Thanks to the youth and sponsors who cleaned up flower beds at my house this weekend. The youth did a great job and earned money to renovate the youth room.

I am back at home and recovering from a surgical procedure to correct a heart problem. Having the flower beds cleaned up was a tremendous blessing, as I couldn't begin to tackle it, especially during allergy season!

Margaret Carbaugh



Members in Service for October 16, 2011:

Sermon: Larry Clayton

Liturgists: Charles Bradley and Barbara Southwell

Song Leaders: Julia Howell and Cyndi Watkins

Ushers and Greeters: Mullins' United Methodist Women, Margaret Brown Head Usher, Helen Addington, Marion Haynes, Millie Hill, Lyndall Jones, Barbara Kercher, Ben Dean Malone, Harriet Montgomery, and Macy Williamson

Children's Message: Rachael Scarbrough

Chancel Flowers for

October 16 are being placed to the glory of God in honor of the Sewing Circle by Carolyn Ivie.

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 October 19:

Round Steak
Broccoli
Sweet Potatoes
Salad
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.

Bake Sale Results

Thanks to all of you who supported the Youth Bake sale. The Youth baked lots of delightful treats and we even had some goodies donated by other church members. We raised \$134 to use for the Youth room renovation project. Thanks so much for your support!

Children's Sports

Basketball is in the air at Mullins! If you are interested in getting the word out about basketball registration or in COACHING, please contact Julie Tolbert at 753-6819 or Tolbertmail@aol.com.

Soccer has been such a success, we'd like to continue that with a great basketball program. Thank you for your support!

Crafts Fair Update

The Annual Crafts Fair is right around the corner, and we need you! We have many volunteer opportunities available. We also need mountains of yummy baked goods for the bake sale. This is a special time in the life of our church as we bring the community to our facility. Please volunteer by calling Sandy Scruggs at 754-4790. You will be glad you did!



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Mark Your Calendars

The 2012 Planning Meeting is Saturday, October 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Coffee, pastries, and fruit will be served at 8:30 a.m.

Please call the church office if you are attending, so we can get an accurate head count for lunch.

Flu Shots

Methodist Healthcare will be at Mullins UMC on Wednesday, October 26, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 6, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to vaccinate against influenza. The cost will be \$20 payable by cash or checks made out to Methodist Minor Medical. If you have Medicare Part B and have your card with you, there will be no charge.

The pneumonia vaccine is available if requested in advance. The pneumonia vaccine is covered by Medicare Part B **one time only**. If you have had it before or don't have Medicare Part B, the cost is \$45.

A sign-up sheet will be available in the Hall of Apostles on Sundays and in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings. More information on who should receive the flu shot as well as answers to your flu-related questions can be found on Methodist's website: www.methodisthealth.org.

Scott and Tina Campbell
Health and Welfare Mission Representatives

Funny Bones

Mark your calendar for the **Funny Bones Festival!** It will be on **October 22**, beginning at 4:44 p.m. We are looking for volunteers for set-up, trunk or treat, games and more! Many bags of individually wrapped candy are also needed for this event. Donation bins are located outside the sanctuary, by the church



office and Education Wing entrance. Please contact Rachael Scarborough or Julie Tolbert if you would like to help.

Laity Sunday is also Peanut Butter Sunday

On October 16 we will celebrate Laity Sunday at Mullins UMC. This day has also been designated as "Peanut Butter Sunday." Barbara and Tom Southwell are coordinating this effort to provide peanut butter for the Mid South Food Bank. Boxes will be provided at all entrances to the Sanctuary. Everyone is asked to bring at least one jar of peanut butter on October 16. If you can bring more than one jar or other canned goods and non-perishables, that would be great! Our goal is to collect at least 100 jars of peanut butter.

Thanks for your support of this mission outreach.

This Week at Mullins:

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Custodians:

Geraldine Finley
David Campbell



OUR PRESENCE (LAST WEEK):

Sunday:

8:45 Worship Service 15
10:50 Worship Service 97

Wednesday:

Fellowship Dinner 54

Sunday, October 16

8:45 a.m. Worship—Chapel
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship—Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Children's Soccer
4:00 p.m. Youth
4:00 p.m. Kids Konnect
5:00 p.m. Yoga

Monday, October 17

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

Tuesday, October 18

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

Wednesday, October 19

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast—Fellowship Hall
9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
5:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner—Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Children/Youth Programming
6:30 p.m. Adult Program—Maanza a Leza—Fellowship Hall
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, October 20

9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
10:00 a.m. Bible Study—Parlor
6:15 p.m. Wind Ensemble—Choir Room
7:00 p.m. House and Grounds meeting—Room 117
Set up for Funny Bones Festival

Friday, October 21

9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
Set up for Funny Bones Festival

Saturday, October 22

9:00 a.m. Planning Session—Fellowship Hall
11:00 p.m. Yoga
4:44 p.m. Funny Bones Festival

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, November 12

9:00 a.m. Crafts Fair