



Mullins Messenger

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Dear Church Family and Friends,

I greet you in the precious name of Jesus and want to remind you about our discipleship development program that we're beginning with the invaluable assistance of Jen McGee. We still need members who will join our initial development committee. We're looking for about 4 to 6 individuals who can join us as we embark on this journey through "See All the People" to explore how to create an intentional discipleship system tailored to our church's unique needs. Please don't hesitate to contact Jen or me and let us know if you'd like to be part of this excellent opportunity. Your involvement will be instrumental in shaping the spiritual growth of our church community.

As we embark on this journey, you might wonder, "What is an intentional discipleship system, and how does it align with our mission?"

Our discipleship system is inspired by the United Methodist Church's "See All the People" program. "See All the People" is more than just a training program; it's a dynamic approach to ministry that recognizes our congregation's and community's diverse spiritual needs. This initiative will guide us in fulfilling our mission of being the hands and feet of Jesus by intentionally reaching out to others, nurturing spiritual growth, and creating a vibrant, welcoming faith community.

Here's how "See All the People" will shape our intentional discipleship system:

Meeting People Where They Are: We recognize that everyone has a unique spiritual journey. "See All the People" encourages us to meet people right where they are and invite them to grow in faith alongside us.

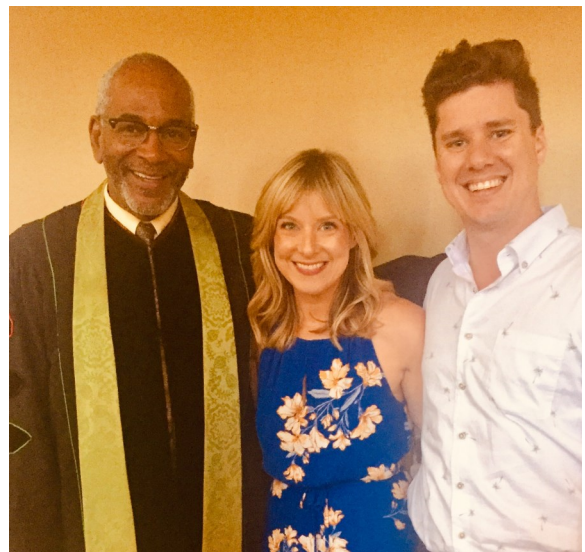
Nurturing Spiritual Growth: Our discipleship system, influenced by "See All the People," will provide opportunities for every member to deepen their relationship with God and grow spiritually.

Creating Authentic Connections: We aim to create a supportive and loving community where genuine connections are forged. We will build strong bonds among our church family through small groups, outreach initiatives, and community engagement.

In the coming weeks, we will share more details about the specific programs, resources, and opportunities that will be part of our discipleship system. We are excited to roll this out and believe it will enrich our individual and collective faith experiences.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Russell



Pastor Russell with Jen and Justin McGee

Breads & Spreads Fellowship

The Worship Team is hosting a Breads & Spreads Fellowship from 9:45 to 10:45 on World Communion Sunday, Oct. 1. The joint Sunday School potluck buffet will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Bring favorite items to share!



Retreat Deadline

Please remember that the deadline to turn in registration forms for “The Journey” retreat at St Columba is Sunday, Oct. 1!

United Women in Faith Oct. 3

The Mullins UWF circle will meet Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 10:30 in Room 117. Welcome!

Concord Community Day Oct. 3

Concord Academy’s Community Day is Oct. 3 in the Mullins Gym. To learn more or RSVP, visit apitcher@concord-academy.org or call 901-682-3115.

Concert Series Starts Oct. 22!

Our special outdoor concert series, “Sunday on the Steps,” begins Oct. 22 on the Mullins front lawn. See below!



Outdoor Concert Series

Sunday, Oct. 22, 4:00 pm

Aaron Brock, Classical Guitarist

Sunday, Oct. 29, 4:00 pm

Jacquelyn Reddick-Jones, Vocalist

Sunday, Nov. 5, 4:00 pm

Samuel Jesuyemi, Flautist

FREE and Open to the Public

Bring your picnic blanket, folding chairs or just join us on the steps for an afternoon of light music this fall.

Trustees Update

Thanks again to all who donated to the PDO wall painting project. Work will begin on fall break. Also during fall break we will begin repairing windows on the second floor of the education building.

—James Williams

Maanza a Leza Report

The MaL ministry’s 4th quarter report is available on the Mullins website. Check it out! (Hard copies also are available on tables at church entrances.)

Wesley Foundation Oct. 24

Mullins will serve dinner to Wesley Foundation students Oct. 24. To help, see **Julia Howell**. Looking ahead, we also are scheduled to provide dinner Nov. 28.

‘Older Adults’ Event Oct. 26

Encore Ministry is hosting “Building Community with Older Adults,” its first TWK conference-wide event for older adults and older adult ministry leaders. The event* includes worship, networking, and sessions on topics such as grandfamilies, older adult care, legal services, mental health, transitions of care, and congregational care. It will be held at Franklin (TN) 1st UMC and live-streamed on Thursday, Oct. 26. **Pastor Morrow** will host a live-stream viewing at Mullins for those interested. RSVP to Mullins office by October 18. We hope to have a “Mullins Talk” by an Encore representative at an upcoming Fellowship Dinner.

**held with UT Chattanooga’s School of Nursing*

All Hallows Event

Good news: Plans are underway for a special All Hallows event for Mullins UMC! Stay tuned for details!

Note of Appreciation

Thank you for opening your doors for our community health screening in your area. It is because of your generosity that Life Line Screening is able to bring these health screenings into your community, and for that we are very appreciative.

—Amy Thweatt, Life Line Screening

October

Birthdays

Name	Date
Luanne Hearn	1
Danny Lyons.....	2
Jackie Westergaard	6
Huston Likely	7
Steve Black	9
Cheryl Eddins	12
Hal Baker	13
Olivia Burton.....	13
Carolyn Rose.....	14
Charles Speer	15
Pam Stratton	16
Kent Stratton	17
Laura Doyle	17
Bill Dugger	18
Sandra Rice	19
Theresa Kennedy	20
Angie Smith	23
Allison Webb	23
David Cox.....	25
Scott Shelby	25
Payton Campbell	27
Almeda Zent	27

Anniversaries:

Judy (Cohen) & Alan Miller.....	9
James & Katie Williams	15
Philip & Ginny Wilcox.....	17
Jimmy & Edna Williams.....	25

(Please contact church office with additions)

Fellowship Dinners

Join us at 5:45 pm each Wednesday for good food, great fellowship, and an inspiring "Mullins Talk"! Please RSVP to office (685-8253) by noon Tuesdays. (Adults \$10, age 70 and older \$7, age 12 and under \$5)

Golden Cross

Many residents of Wesley Living are very much in need of basic necessities such as paper, hygiene, cleaning and laundry products. Place donations in blue collection basket downstairs or see **Barbara Kercher** or **Frances Speer**. Move-in kits are still in much demand as well. Please remember our seniors and make life a little easier for them. Thank you! — **Barbara & Frances**



New Members

We are happy to announce more new members! **Lucy Townsend**, who joined us Sept. 10, is the sister of Greg Forsyth. **Rev. Bill Marler**, Jacob's Ladder director, also joined Sept. 10, and his wife, **Lana**, is a new affiliate! Welcome, all!

Blessing Bags

Thanks to all who are making contributions for blessing bags! We also appreciate the two Sunday School teams who will assemble bags Oct. 29! Our goal is 100 bags. Please check updated donation list on table in Hall of Apostles. —**Suzie Morris**

St. John's Outreach Nov. 11

Mullins volunteers will gather at St. John's UMC soup kitchen Nov. 11 to share fellowship, food, and takeaway bags with homeless guests. We served 61 guests in September and expect a large group again.

—**Maggie Lyons & Julia Howell**

Ready, Set, Bake!

Thanks to your generosity, we raised more than \$1,000 in the Easter bake sale. And, pardon the pun, that's a whole lot of dough for breads and other baked goods! Proceeds were donated to two homeless ministries. Put your baking caps back on and get ready for our next event: "Thanks for Giving," Nov. 19, to benefit Maanza a Leza. We are asking for donations of breads & desserts! Think of items suitable for your own table, for busy career people to take to a Thanksgiving dinner, or for families to enjoy. And remember, many breads, pies and cookies freeze well, so you might want to make items suitable for Christmas. Please text by Oct. 31 if you plan to bring something or have ideas.

—**Margaret Carbaugh**, 901-487-8743

A Message From André Duvall

Dear Mullins Family:

I've been incredibly fortunate to serve Mullins UMC these past ten years alongside wonderful clergy, staff, lay leadership, and the whole congregation. It's a church full of love and service to others. As some of you have recently heard, a new opportunity has come my way to join the staff of Germantown



@michelleevansant

United Methodist Church starting in January 2024. I shared this news mid-September with Tom Machen and Pastor Russell, followed by the SPRC and the Chancel/Handbell choirs. Because we work closely together in the church's music ministry, I wanted them to hear this update from me before hearing it elsewhere. I wish it had been possible to tell everyone individually, but since it is not, I'm writing here.

Many of you have been a meaningful part of my life in some way: as spiritual mentors, friends, music makers, and as fellow disciples aiming to make our community better. I'm inspired by how Mullins works together and gives back to others in Christian love, regardless of individual differences. From Deborah Suddarth to Russell Morrow, I've gleaned wisdom from every minister with whom I've served. In Tom Machen, I have had a colleague who shares values of musical integrity and thoughtful service planning. I'm grateful to have played for his amazing vocals and expert choir directing. It has been a recent joy to have Carolyn Childs join me in the early service and to

get to know her. I'll cherish the memories made with the Chancel Choir, Mullins Ringers, and various musicians and friends who I invited to present special music with me over the years. I'm thankful for Aaron Foster, who introduced me to Mullins and invited me to play for him long before I knew I'd be returning to Memphis. This is a place where I've been able to grow along with you. As Pastor Russell says, every round goes higher and higher. I was not searching for a new position, and I accepted Germantown UMC's invitation only after a significant period of prayer and reflection. At GUMC, I'll have access to expanded ministry resources in the areas of piano, organ, chimes/bells, and personnel. I'll be working alongside a fine staff whose approach to ministry I respect, and who felt, along with their retiring organist/pianist, that I was the right fit for their team and vision.

They also respected my desire to not leave Mullins in a time-pressed situation before the autumn choir season and Advent prep (I declined their first invitation in June because they needed a September start date). In my new role, I can continue serving part-time in church music ministry while maintaining my other educational and performance-related work in the region.

My last Sunday at Mullins will be on Christmas Eve. I let Pastor Russell, Tom, and SPRC know I'm willing to use my community resources to help with transitions this winter, to whatever degree they feel it is appropriate. I know Mullins will continue to live into its mission statement and make positive impacts from the corner of Walnut Grove and Mendenhall and beyond. I'm truly blessed to have been a small part of that 178-year legacy. We will stay in touch! Meanwhile, I'll see you for several more Sundays.

Peace and best wishes always,

André Duvall

October Worship Notes

Our 10:50 Worship services are live-streamed on Facebook and also available at <https://vimeo.com/mullinsumc>

October 1—World Communion Day

Message: Dr. Russell Morrow preaching



October 8

Message: Dr. Russell Morrow preaching

October 15

Message: Dr. Russell Morrow preaching

October 22

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October 29

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Liturgist: Ruth Cox

Ushers: Johnny Welch, David Cox,

Sandra Rice, Shan Tracy

Communion Offering:

Mid-South Food Bank



Altar Flowers Reminder

Sign up to honor or remember loved ones with flowers. The calendar is posted outside the church office, or call the office and we will be happy to assist you. The cost is \$75 per arrangement.

Monthly Prayer List



Recent Requests:

Martha & Jim Sledge

Barbara Brown Lyndall Jones

Jo Staub (Emily Pittman's grandmother)

(The complete Prayer List is on tables at church entrances. Please call office for additions or changes.)

Our Sympathy

*To **Bob Earley** & family in the loss of his wife and our sister in Christ, **Earlene Earley**

*To **Michael & Emily Pittman** in the loss of his uncle, **Billy Revell**

On-Site Attendance

Sept.	3	10	17	24
8:30 am Chapel	16	11	20	16
10:50 Worship	74	96	99	79

Special Gifts

Budget

In memory of Maureen Watkins by Andy & Terrye Mastin

Capital Improvements

In memory of Earlene Earley by Carolyn Childs

Music Fund

In memory of Maureen Watkins by Shan & Molly Tracy

St. John's Ministry

In memory of Maureen Watkins by Lyndall Jones

e-Giving

Remember that e-Giving is available at Mullins in addition to giving by cash and check. You may give online from our website, by clicking the Give Here link. You also may text "Mullins" to 73256.

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General Weekly Schedule:

Sunday

8:30 am, Chapel Service

9:45 am, Sunday School

10:50 am, Worship, Sanctuary

Tuesday

6:30 pm, Pastor's Online Bible Study

Wednesday

11am, Women's Prayer Group

Noon, Pastor's Bible Study, Lamplighter Rm

5:45, Fellowship Dinner & Mullins Talk

6:50, Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

6:30, Community Orchestra rehearsal

Monthly Meetings & Events

Oct. 1-- World Communion Sunday

-- Breakfast Breads & Spreads

--Home Communion

-- Girl Scouts, 2 pm, FH

Oct. 2 --Trustees 6 pm; Adm. Council, 7 pm

Oct. 3-- Concord Community Day; UWF

Oct. 6 & 7--Retreat at St. Columba

Oct. 16--Charge Conference, 7:30, Chapel

Oct. 19---Maanza a Leza meeting, 6 pm

Oct. 20--Concord Dance & Parents Potluck

Oct. 22---Girl Scouts, 2 pm, FH,

--"Sunday on the Steps" 4 pm

Oct. 24--Wesley Foundation Dinner

Oct. 26--"Older Adults" Livestream

Oct. 29--Blessing Bag Assembly

--"Sunday on the Steps" 4 pm

Oct. TBD--All Hallows Event

Looking Ahead

Nov. 3-4—Maanza @ Bartlett UMC Fair

Nov. 5—All Saints Sunday; DST ends;

— "Sunday on the Steps"

Nov. 7—UWF General Mtg & Lunch

Nov. 11—St. John's outreach ministry

Nov. 12—Veterans Sunday

Nov. 18—Concord's Chilly Chili 5K

Nov. 19—Bake Sale

Nov. 23—Thanksgiving

Nov. 28—Wesley Foundation Dinner

Dec. 3—Advent begins; Maanza a Leza sale

Dec. 10—Maanza sale; Christmas Concert

Dec. 24—Christmas Eve service

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Mission Statement

We are the hands and feet of Jesus by loving our church family and embracing our diverse community through worship, study, service and witness.