



Mullins Messenger

Mullins United Methodist Church

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November 2023

Trust God for the Next Steps

*We can make our plans, but
the lord determines our steps*

—Proverbs 16:9

The New Living Translation

As we approach the end of the year, it is natural to start planning for the following year. In our tradition, it begins with the Charge Conference in October. To plan our budget for the ensuing year we are asked to pledge our financial support. After that come Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. On January 20th, we will have a church-wide planning meeting to set the agenda for 2024. And remember, from one year to the next, “Every Round Should Go Higher and Higher.” With this in mind, we should give thought to the idea that we are to Trust God for the next steps and for every step.

As we move towards 2024, join me in believing that by trusting God in each step we take, “Greater Things Are Yet to Come.” The following are the things that I am trusting God for wisdom, knowledge, understanding, and the resources we need to realize and complete the final part of our 3-year vision plan.

1. Develop a unique Discipleship System tailored specifically for Mullins.
2. Create a youth program, with the assistance of a seminary intern, to coordinate and implement it.
3. Enhance the men’s prayer breakfast by aiming to bring the men of Mullins together monthly for fellowship, sharing a meal, and prayer.
4. Strengthen our communication efforts. Why? To connect with, fellowship with, and form bonds with people within and outside our church, spreading God’s Message of Hope, Deliverance, and Victory.
5. Offer study opportunities in Christian Education that will enable individuals to learn, find inspiration, and grow in their faith in Jesus Christ.

As we move forward with our collective plans for today and tomorrow, let us trust God to guide our steps.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Pastor Russell

Golden Cross 'Mullins Talk'

Fellowship dinners are served at 5:45 Wednesdays, prior to a 6:15 "Mullins Talk." Don't miss our November kickoff speaker, Golden Cross Director **Laurie Garrison!** RSVP by noon Tuesdays for meals. (Adults, \$10; age 70 plus \$7; age 12 and under, \$5)

All Saints Sunday

Mullins will observe All Saints Sunday on November 5. Families of our members who will be remembered during worship are invited to join us. Those to be recognized include:

Chris Boggan	Diana Bradberry
Kathy Brogdon	Earlene Earley
Marge Gresham	Jean Sibley
Barbara Southwell	Maureen Watkins
Paula Wilkinson	

'Sundays on the Steps'

Come enjoy the final concert in our "Sundays on the Steps" series at 4 pm Nov. 5. Flautist **Samuel Jesuyemi** will be joined by **Jonathan Gomez** on the bassoon.

United Women in Faith

Mullins UWF will gather joyfully at 10:30 am Tuesday, Nov. 7 in the Fellowship Hall. A great lunch (\$5) will follow meeting. Welcome!

St. John's Ministry Nov. 11

Mullins volunteers will meet at St. John's UMC Nov. 11 to share fellowship, food, and takeaway bags with soup kitchen guests. Join us! **Maggie Lyons & Julia Howell**

Thanksgiving Donations!

You can provide Thanksgiving meals for families in need by donating \$25 gift cards from Kroger or Walmart to **United Methodist Neighborhood Centers**. Please turn in cards or cash to Mullins office or **Molly Tracy** by Nov. 14 for timely delivery to families! Thank you!

Brenda Carson & Molly Tracy



Special Celebration Nov. 18!

All are invited to a **Community Thanksgiving Celebration** Saturday, Nov. 18, at 3:30 pm in the sanctuary. Monetary donations and canned and dry goods for the **Mid-South Food Bank** will be collected during the event. The theme is Psalm 107:1: *Let's give thanks to the Lord, for He is good and His mercy endures forever.* (See attached flyer for sharing!)

Concord Chilly Chili Benefit

The Mullins campus will once again be the site of Concord Academy's Chilly Chili benefit, which includes the Ken Novotny 5K and one-mile fun run. The event is Nov. 18.

Commitment Sunday Nov. 19

Stewardship letters and pledge cards are in the mail! Please return your cards on Commitment Sunday Nov. 19!

Bake Sale

Don't miss the great bake sale Nov. 19 to benefit Maanza a Leza.

Visit our tables in the conference room between and after Sunday services to gobble up treats for your family or as gifts. We'll have French bread, holiday breads, muffins, cupcakes, cookies, and more! *Text 901-487-8743 to donate baked goods or supplies.* **Ready, set, bake! Margaret Carbaugh**



Wesley Foundation Nov. 28

Mullins will serve dinner to Wesley Foundation students Nov. 28. To help, please see **Julia Howell**.

Men's Breakfast News!

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet on the first Saturday of each month, starting **Dec. 2**. The breakfast begins at 7 am, and all men of the church are invited to attend.



November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Name	Date
Liz Kambol	1
Ginger Schuette	3
Nick Black	6
Zoe Woody	6
Paulette Forrest	7
Ben Mason	8
Lisa Johns	10
Carrie Likely	10
Denise Van Cleef.....	11
Veda Kennedy	14
Helen McMahan	19

Suzie Morris	21
Carmen Schmid	24
Bet Hendon.....	25

Anniversaries

Charlsie & Gene Carrol	4
Nancy & Scott Shelby	6
Lisa & Sonny Johns	17
Tom & Lisa Machen.....	18
Bryan & Carolyn Carter	26
Al & Juanita Freeman	26
<i>(Please notify office of additions or changes)</i>	

Veterans Recognition

Mullins will observe Veterans Sunday Nov. 12. Living veterans (see list below) will be recognized, and deceased veterans will be remembered with a lighting of candles.

There's a \$5 donation to missions per candle. Send names to remember with check to office or put check in offering plate by Nov. 6.

Diana Baker, Air Force
Hal Baker, Air Force
Charles Carter, Army National Guard
Larry Clayton, Army
Bob Earley, Marines
Don Franklin, Marines
Rita Hilgenhold, Army
Andy Mastin, Army
Richard McNeil, Air Force
Brent Milton, Marines
Linda Morris, Army
Taylor Richardson, Army Natl Guard
Don Rice, Army
Jim Sledge, Air Force
Jim Solley, Army
Tom Southwell, Army
James Taylor, Army
John Taylor, Army
Clint Trusty, Navy
Ron Turnpaugh, Army
John Weaver, Army
Elmer Wrobley, Army



New Members!

Please welcome **Richard Park** and **Cusi De La Cruz**, who joined our church family on Oct. 22. (He transferred from El Redentor UMC and she became an affiliate member.) We are very thankful for both of them!

Poinsettias

If you would like to order poinsettias in honor or in memory of loved ones, the cost will be \$20. You may fill out the order form in the weekly church bulletin and place in offering plate, or call Susan Tutt in the church office by Nov. 8. The poinsettias will adorn the sanctuary Dec. 17 and Dec. 24.



Hanging of the Greens

Joyful servants will gather Saturday, December 2 to decorate the Mullins Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Watch for more details to follow!

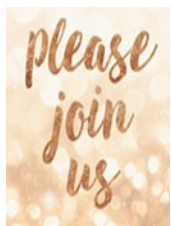


Music Notes



Fill the Choir Loft!

Join the Cantata Choir as we learn Go Sing It On The Mountain by Pepper Choplin. It's a sweet retelling of the Christmas story with a country flair (including banjo and fiddle). We practice in the Choir Room every Wednesday from 6:50 to 7:20 pm.. Who knew you could have so much fun in 30 minutes? Musically yours, **Tom**



Christmas Cantata December 10

Mark your calendars and save the date! The Mullins Chancel Choir's annual Christmas cantata is scheduled for 6:00 pm Sunday, Dec. 10th. Don't miss it!

Reunion Concert

The **Memphis Vocal Arts Ensemble** will have a reunion concert at 3 pm Sunday Nov. 12 at Mullins. Under the direction of founder **Tom Machen** the Ensemble had its debut in 1991 and for 19 years provided a forum for some of the Mid-South's finest singers. The reunion concert will feature Ensemble favorites as well as newer selections. A patriotic tribute will honor Veterans Day. Admission is free.

January Planning Event

Hold the date! A church-wide planning event is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 20, 9:30 am-2pm. Child care and lunch will be provided. Details to come —**Julia Howell**

Maanza a Leza

The MaL Quarterly Report is posted on the church web site under Ministries. For direct access you also should be able to

[Click here](#)

Special Appreciation

Blessing Bags

Thank you to all who donated items and money for the blessing bags. We assembled over 100 bags! They are located near the Circle Drive entry door and in the Hall of the Apostles. Please grab a few to hand out in your travels.

--**Suzie Morris, Maggie Lyons, Shan Tracy**

Adopt-a-School Treats

Thank you to those who donated candy for the Trunk or Treat event at our adopted school, White Station Elementary!



Opportunities to Serve:

Mullins Kids

We are grateful for our faithful volunteers with the children of Mullins!

Please note that we now are in need of additional helpers for 9:45—10:45 Sunday School and for extended care during 10:50 worship. Please contact **Margaret Brown**, 388-9190.

Room at the Inn

Covenant UMC is again hosting Room at the Inn monthly through March, 2024. To help, contact Bob Payne , 662-231-2769.

2024 Liturgist Sign-ups

If you are interested in serving as a liturgist in 2024, please stop by the Hall of Apostles where a list is available for you to sign. You will be contacted as to which month you are needed to serve.

November Worship Notes

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

November 5--All Saints

Message: *Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow*



November 12--Veterans Recognition

Message: *Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow*

November 19--Commitment Sunday

Message: *Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow*

Altar Flowers:

In honor of Anne Phillips by the Lyons family

In memory of Sidney Jones by Lyndall Jones



November 26

Message: *Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow*

Altar Flowers: In memory of James

M. Howell by Julia Howell



Liturgist: Vicki Rush

Ushers & Greeters:

United Women in Faith

Johnny Welch, head usher

November Communion Offering:

TWK Creation Cares Ministry

Altar Flowers

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. (Note: Poinsettias will adorn the altar Dec. 17 & 24.)

Monthly Prayer List



Recent Requests:

Ruby Thompson

Jim Sledge

Blain Tracy

Bet Hendon

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

On-Site Attendance

	October	1	8	15	22	29
8:30 am Chapel	—18—	11—	20—	17—	NA	
10:50 Worship	—90—	76—	98—	92—	NA	

Special Gifts

Budget

In honor of Dr. Russell Morrow by Chester Cocke

In memory of Earlene Earley by Linda & Don Mayhan, Shan & Molly Tracy, James Richardson, Janette Lookadou, Devin Sauer, Lynda Meyer, Betty Buchignan

Capital Improvements

In memory of Earlene Earley by Kathy & Charles Carter, Barbara Kercher

Music Fund

In memory of Maureen Watkins by Aaron Foster, Jose Kasalko, Kathy & Charles Carter, Harriet Montgomery

In memory of Earlene Earley by Paula McGoldrick, David & Ruth Cox

Golden Cross

In memory of Earlene Earley by Ruby Thompson, Lydall Jones

Maanza a Leza

In memory of Sandra Morris by Joyce Few

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

7:00, Developing Discipleship study (zoom)



Monthly Meetings & Events

Friday & Sat., Nov. 3-4---Maanza a Leza @
Bartlett UMC fair

Sunday, Nov. 5—**Daylight Saving Time ends!**

---All Saints Recognition

---Homebound Communion

---Girl Scouts, 2 pm

—"Sunday on the Steps," 4pm

Tuesday, Nov. 7—UWF Gen. Mtg & Lunch

Saturday, Nov. 11—St. John's outreach

Sunday, Nov. 12--Veterans recognition

Girl Scouts; MVAE Concert

Saturday, Nov. 18—Concord Chilly Chili 5K;

Community Thanksgiving Celebration 3:30

Sunday, Nov. 19—Commitment Sunday

—Bake Sale

Nov. 22-24—Office closed for Thanksgiving

Tuesday, Nov. 28—Wesley Dinner

Looking Ahead

Dec. 2—Men's Breakfast; Decorate

Dec. 3—Advent begins

Dec. 4—Trustees, Ad. Council Mtg

Dec. 10—2nd Sunday in Advent

—Christmas Cantata, 6 pm

Dec. 17—3rd Sunday in Advent

Dec. 24—Christmas Eve

Dec. 31—New Year's Eve

Jan. 20—Church planning day



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Mullins Messenger

The Mullins Messenger is prepared electronically and posted on the first of each month on the Mullins web page. Printed copies are available through the church office. Deadline for the December issue is Nov. 21.

Mission Statement

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



Daylight saving time ends Nov. 5



MULLINS UMC

*Community
Thanksgiving
Celebration*

THEME: LET'S GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD AND HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER
PSALMS 107:1

SATURDAY | DOORS OPEN
18TH NOVEMBER @ 3:00 PM

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GOODS OR A MONETARY DONATION TO
SUPPORT THE MID-SOUTH FOOD BANK

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