



Mullins Messenger

Mullins United Methodist Church

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Peace & Blessings, Church Family,

As we journey through each season of our church's life, we find new opportunities that propel us forward. In our continued effort to work out our soul's salvation, we are reminded of the road we travel towards eternal life with our Lord..

Between now and Advent, several activities and events will shape the life of our church.

One important event I'd like you to focus on is our upcoming Charge Conference. For new members, and as a refresher for existing members, here is a brief overview:

The Charge Conference is the governing body of our local church and is composed of all members of the Church Council. The Charge Conference meets at least annually and is presided over by a district superintendent or an appointed elder.

Functions of the Charge Conference:

1. Election of Officers and Leaders: Elects key leadership positions in church.

2. Review and Approval of Reports: Reviews and approves reports covering finance, property, and ministries.

3. Pastoral Relations: Discusses and re-

commends changes in pastoral relationships and handles matters related to compensation and benefits for pastor and staff.

4. Connectional Relationships: Facilitates alignment of local church with the broader Methodist Church and its policies.

5. Missions and Outreach: Sets goals to align with the United Methodist Church's mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

The Charge Conference ensures that our church operates in compliance with denominational rules and responds effectively to the needs of our congregation and community. It exemplifies the connectional nature of the United Methodist Church, linking our local congregation with the wider denominational framework

We will make available an information sheet for you to look over and discern, with God's guidance, how you can serve in the ministry and work of Mullins amid our congregation and diverse community.

Let us embrace these opportunities with enthusiasm and dedication, united in our mission to live out the gospel.

In His Service,
Pastor Russell

BBQ Kicks Off Active Month

Thanks to volunteers, supporters and a matching gift donor, the Maanza a Leza Labor Day fundraiser will bless children in Zambia! Pick up delicious pre-ordered picnic packs Sept. 1, as Mullins kicks off a new month of ministry opportunities!

Home Communion Sept. 1

Mullins offers Holy Communion to members who are homebound. For information on the visits, please call the office.

Life Line Screening Sept. 6

Mullins will host a Life Line screening event in the gym Sept 6.

More information [Click Here](#).

Men's Service Project Sept. 7

The Men's Prayer Group (and women!) will convene at 8 am Saturday, Sept. 7, at 397 Boston (in the Belt Line area near the Liberty Bowl.) We will assist Jacob's Ladder ministry with modernization of lower income senior housing. Plans include painting, landscaping, and construction of a decorative fence and flower box. Brent Milton will provide coffee and sausage biscuits to get us started and we'll also enjoy lunch at 11:30.

Contact: **Rev. Bill Marler**

901-338-7055 or jacobsladdercdc@aol.com



Litter Mates Sept. 7

Litter Mates will meet at 10 am Saturday, Sept. 7 for an hour of service at the Marion Hale Community Center in Willow Lake Park! Donuts & equipment provided. To learn more, contact **Emily Pittman**

United Women in Faith

Good news! UWF members will re-gather Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 10:30 in Fellowship Hall. Rev. Camille Bradley will speak on Justice Seekers & Peacemakers. A great lunch by Kathy Carter (\$5) will follow! Please join us! (Friendly reminder: It's time to renew annual pledges!)



A Call for Volunteers:

Sunday School & Extended Care Need You!

We are off to a great start after our recent **Blessing of the Backpacks** and presentation of Bibles to children! At the same time, we are issuing a call for more volunteers to join our great ministry to kids! You don't need to be a teacher, just enjoy children! Give us a try! Contact **Margaret Brown** today!

573-1307, mbrown@dbrown.com

(Blessings to current faithful volunteers!)

Let the little children come to me!

—Matthew 19:14

Special Appreciation

*To volunteers who welcomed students and staff returning to our adopted school, White Station Elementary, and to generous donors of school supplies and staff treats!

*To the **Women's Prayer Group** for donating treats for Concord students and to the **Men's Prayer Group** for assembling treat sacks for Concord.

*To greeters and donors of treats for children enrolled in Mullins PDO!

Wesley Foundation Sept. 12

Mullins will share fellowship and lunch with Wesley Foundation students Sept. 12. To help, contact **Maggie Lyons**.

St. John's Outreach Sept. 28

A meaningful experience awaits Mullins volunteers who will gather at St. John's UMC soup kitchen Sept. 28! We'll share fellowship, food, and takeaway bags with homeless guests. Please join us! If you have any questions, please contact: **Maggie Lyons**

September

Birthdays

Name	Date
Dave Brown	1
T. J. Scruggs	1
Gwynne May.....	2
Knox Martin	3
Whitney Coulombe	5
Doris Ruleman.....	7
Lori Waddell.....	7
Kathryn Black	9
Charles Carter	11
Linda Morris.....	11
Patrick Murphy	11
Ben Dean Malone	12
Laura Love	16
Lucy Townsend.....	16
Ron Turnpaugh	18
Kathrine Parker	18
Anna Johnson.....	18
Johnny Welch	20
Reed Burton.....	21
Fredda Benton	21
Laura Cordera	22
Julia Howell	23
Diana Phillips.....	24
Margaret Brown	28
Sarah Lienhard	28
Allison Eddins	29

Anniversaries:

Greg & Amanda Rigg	1
Richard Park & Cusi De La Cruz.....	2
Charles & Frances Speer	3
Diana & Rob Phillips.....	5
Cheryl & David Eddins	6

Grief—Don't Do It Alone

We have started a "friendship group" here at Mullins for anyone dealing with the loss of a family member or friend. This is not a formal or structured program. It is a safe place to share thoughts with others in similar situations. Our small group is currently meeting every other Tuesday at 9:45 am. We meet in the Parlor in the Fisher Wing. Our next two meetings are Sept. 3 and Sept. 17. If you would like more information, please contact Emily Pittman or Harriet Montgomery.



Blessing Bags

It is time to gather items for blessing bags again. Our goal is to assemble 100 + bags. Watch for a list of needed items on the table in the Hall of Apostles. Monetary gifts and donated items both gratefully accepted. **Suzie Morris, Witness Team**

Notes of Gratitude

Golden Cross Donations

Thank you for recent donations given to me or placed in blue collection basket. We made 422 more Bible trivia kits and 2 move-in kits for Wesley Living in latest meeting!

Barbara Kercher

Maanza a Leza BBQ Fundraiser

To all the amazing volunteers & supporters: Thank You! Because of you, students in Sichibeya will be blessed yet again by God's love through you ... **Maggie Lyons**

From the Shelton Family

I want to thank the many people who have made our little family feel so welcome as new members of the church. The delicious cake we received was especially well liked and much appreciated by everyone in the family—age 1 to 67! Thank you so much. **Maura Shelton**

Lost & Found

Check the Lost & Found area outside Fellowship Hall! Two jackets, a casserole carrier and other items have been there for quite some time, so stop by and see if they might be yours before they disappear!

Travel Opportunity!

Learn about John Wesley with Dr. Deborah Suddarth on a Travel with Friends tour of England in May 2025. See office for details about this special opportunity!

Worship Notes

(10:50 Worship services are live-streamed)

Join us for Pastor Russell's weekly message of Hope, Deliverance, and Victory

September 1

Message: Dr. Russell Morrow



September 8

Message: Dr. Russell Morrow

Altar flowers: In memory of my parents, Willa & Atlas Rush, by Vicki Rush

September 15

Message: Dr. Russell Morrow preaching

September 22

Message:

Altar flowers: In memory of Imogene Howell by Julia Howell

In celebration of my 85th birthday by Johnny Welch

September 29

Message: Dr. Russell Morrow



Liturgists: Justin McGee & Justin Webb

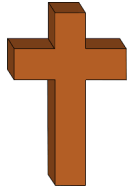
Ushers: Johnny Welch, Kathryn Black,
Kathy Carter, Tina Gault

Communion Offering: Grace Place

Altar Flowers

Sign up to honor or remember loved ones with flowers. The calendar is posted outside the church office. (\$75 per arrangement)

Monthly Prayer List



Recent Requests:

Charles Speer
Tommy Scruggs

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

Our Sympathy

*To Don & Linda Mayhan and Allison Webb in the loss of Don's mother and Allison's grandmother, Mary "Mumzie" Mayhan

On-Site Attendance

	August	4	11	18	25
8:30 am Chapel	—18—	—17—	—17—	—21	
10:50 Worship	—107	—107	—76	—77	

Special Gifts

Budget

In memory of Mary "Mumzie" Mayhan by Maggie & Danny Lyons

Prayer Group Notes

Today (Aug. 7) was a sad day for our prayer group. Our sweet friend, Mary Holbrook, is leaving to live with her daughter in Oakland. She served as our secretary and kept us informed of upcoming events. A chair will be empty next Wednesday. We consider our prayer group our "happy place." We share our joy & sorrows, & pray for each other, our pastor, & our church family. We love sending cards & making calls to shut-ins. It makes us feel like we have touched someone when they might be having a bad day. If you need a place to talk to God, please join us. Pastor Morrow does Bible study immediately following our meeting. Please join us as we pray for Mary's relocation to a new home.

Ruby Thompson

e-Giving

You may give online from our website, by clicking the Give Here link. You also may text "Mullins" to 73256.



Meetings & Special Events

- Sept. 1-- Maanza a Leza BBQ Pickup
--Home Communion
- Sept. 2--Labor Day (Office Closed)
- Sept. 3—Grief Support Group
- Sept. 6—Life Line Screening
- Sept. 7—Men’s Jacob’s Ladder Project, 8 am
—Litter Mates, 10 am
- Sept. 8—Girl Scouts, FH, 2 pm
- Sept 10—United Women in Faith, 10:30, FH
- Sept. 12—Wesley Foundation Lunch
- Sept. 17—Grief Support Group
- Sept. 22—Girl Scouts, FH, 2 pm
- Sept. 28--St. John’s outreach ministry
- Sept. 29—Girl Scouts, FH, 2 pm
- Sept. 30 —Concord Golf Scramble

Looking Ahead

- TBD—Charge Conference
- Oct. 1—UWF Circle
—Trustees, 6 pm; Adm. Council, 7 pm
- Oct. 5—Blessing of the Animals
- Oct. 6—World Communion Sunday
Breads & Spreads
- Nov. 3—All Saints Sunday
—Daylight Saving Time ends

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
- 6:30, Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

- 6:30, Community Orchestra rehearsal

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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. Please submit articles to the office. Deadline for the October issue is Sept. 24.

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.

Fall Blessings

“Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.”

—Psalm 29:2

