



Mullins Messenger

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Dear Church Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we journey through this conference year together, I want to pause and give thanks to God for each of you and for the faithful ways you continue to serve through the ministries of Mullins United Methodist Church. During this conference year, our focus is guided by two sermon series that are shaping our lives together as a congregation.

First of the sermon series "The Five Priorities of The TWK and how they align with our mission statement. The five priorities of our conference:

- * Mental Health: Creating a safe space for healing and wholeness.
- * Professions of Faith: Encouraging new commitments to Christ
- * Culture of Call: Helping our young people hear and answer God's call.
- * Spiritual Leadership: Developing leaders for today and tomorrow
- * Dismantling Racism: Living as witnesses of God's inclusive love.

The Second series, "The Joy of the Lord Is My Strength." *Don't Let Nobody Steal Your Joy * What Does the Lord Require of Us (Revival Theme) *Light In the Darkness, August 3rd.

The purpose of these sermon series is to give encouragement and inspire renewed energy as we journey through this conference year, taking us another round higher.

About My Sabbatical

This seven-week sabbatical is a sacred time set apart for spiritual and physical renewal, reflection, and preparation for life beyond itinerant ministry. I will spend this time in places of rest and retreat, while practicing my spiritual disciplines of prayer, writing, meditation, and occasional fasting. This sabbatical is a holy reset, a time to breathe, seek God's direction, and renew my strength. I trust that I will return to Mullins with fresh energy, clear purpose, and a ready spirit to serve in this final season of my pastoral journey.

I invite you to use this time to cultivate the youth ministry, explore new possibilities in the music ministry with Terell and Rebecca. Remember, they welcome new or former voices to the choir.

I want to thank Camille, who will serve in my place during my absence. Our preachers will be Rev. Camille, Rev. Renee Dilliard, Rev. David Weatherly, Rev. Tondala Hayward, and Mullins' very own Pat Mason.

Thank you for your faithfulness, your prayers, and your commitment to the mission God has given us. Let us continue to walk in hope, deliverance, and victory, knowing that God is doing a new thing among us.

Peace & Blessings, **Pastor Russell**

“Pastoral Pause”

Blessings to Pastor Russell as he begins a sabbatical, or “pastoral pause,”* which the conference encourages for health and renewal.

(*See “Pastoral Pause: A Practical Guide to Personal Leave,” Upper Room Books)

Thank you, Rev. Camille!

We thank **Rev. Camille Bradley** for leading worship in Pastor Russell’s absence, giving “bookend” messages Aug. 10 & Sept. 14, and scheduling 4 other speakers in between: Pat Mason, Rev. Dr. David Weatherly, Rev. Tondala Hayward & Rev. Dr. Renee Dillard.

“Litter Mates” Lend A Hand

Litter Mates will gather at 10 am Aug. 2, to clean Grahamwood Elementary grounds. Equipment & donuts provided. *Thanks to our July helpers at Cancer Survivors’ Park !*

Emily Pittman

Adopt-a-Park Aug. 3

Clean up of Avon Park will be Sunday, Aug. 3, at 1:30 pm! Grabbers, gloves & cold treats provided. Join the fun! **Maggie Lyons**

Back to School Sunday,



Join us in worship Aug. 3 for Blessing of the Backpacks! Students, teachers, and other school helpers will be recognized and encouraged, as we pray for the 2025-2026 year.

Mullins School Outreach

- *Adopt-a-school, WSE, Aug. 1, staff treats
- *Adopt-a-school, WSE, Aug. 4, greeters
- *PDO, Aug. 4 & 5, Welcome gifts
- *Concord, Aug. 11, Welcome gifts



“5th Sunday” on Hiatus

Please note: We will not have our “5th Sunday” joint Sunday School gathering originally scheduled for Aug. 31. Individual classes will meet as each decides.

Rev. Camille & Study Committee



All ages celebrated Mullins’ birthday during the 4th of July weekend, enjoying fellowship, food, fireworks, face painting & (big favorite) an ice cream truck! We give thanks to God as we step forward in faith to greet the year ahead!



Labor Day Fundraiser!

Maanza a Leza’s popular BBQ fundraiser is scheduled for Labor Day weekend! This year we’ll

keep it simple and have pulled pork by the pint or quart available by pre-order. We also will offer a limited supply of baked beans & cole slaw by the pint on a first-come, first served basis on the day of pickup, Aug. 31. Please note: pre-order deadline is Aug. 24!

Thanks to everyone who supports the amazing mission of MaL through time, donations, & prayer!

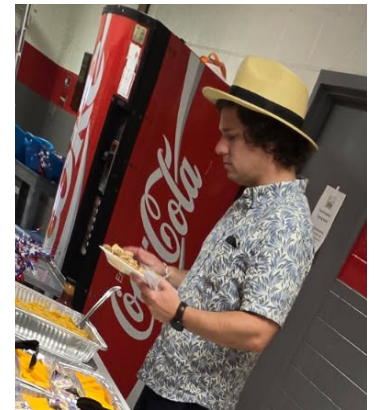
Maggie Lyons





Mullins
Celebrates
180 Years

Thanks be to God!



Arise2Read

New volunteer coaches are needed by Arise2Read. If you have ever considered joining this important ministry, now is the time to act. The 2025-2026 Kickoff Event is Aug. 26, with deadline for registration Aug. 15. For more info—and inspiration—contact **Julia Howell, Vicki Rush & Margaret Brown**, veteran coaches at White Station Elementary, and **Maggie Lyons**, who volunteers at Aurora Collegiate with students for whom English is a second language.

Community Chess Club

Breaking news! A **Chess Club** for families & individuals of all ages meets at 1:30 Saturdays at Mullins! Call Greg Forsyth (901-462-1097) or Archie Wilson (901-343-9462) for updates & evolving info on the new ministry!

Centenarian Celebration



Blessings to our senior member, **Jane McGoldrick**, on her recent 107th Birthday! She is featured, along with **Elmer Wrobley** and **Lyndall Jones**, in a video about centenarians on the Mullins website!

Appreciation

2025 Summer Revival

We are grateful for our July revival, “What Does the Lord Require?” (Micah 6:8) Special thanks to our guest lecturer, **Michael Walker**, and to our speakers: **Rev. Carol Mathis** from Covington UMC, **Rev. Chester Berryhill** (retired pastor), and **Rev. Amanda Westmoreland** from Millington First UMC. Wonderful music was provided by **Covington UMC Choir, Lewis Hall, Terrell Hall** and **Rebecca McGuire**!

Pictorial Directory

Thanks to all for the new directory, especially great photographer **Amy Carr** & editor **Emily Pittman**! This volume should be helpful for all involved in ministry at Mullins!

180th Birthday

Many thanks to the **Friends and Followers** and others who shared time & talents for the 180th birthday celebration!

New Adopt a School Liaison

Steve Cochran has agreed to follow **Margaret Brown** as our new White Station Elementary rep! Many thanks to both of them!

August Birthdays

Name	Date
Ruth Meyer	1
Tina Gault	5
Harriet Montgomery	6
Frank Bradley	10
David Williams.....	12
Matthieu Jambard	12
Sandy Scruggs	15
Phillip Wilcox	15
David Eddins.....	15
Bobby Childs	16
Jimmy Williams	18
RJ Phillips.....	18
Kent Stratton, Jr.....	20
Mary Holbrook	21

Mary Beth Richardson.....	26
Joy Jambard	26
Whitney Williams.....	27
Ruth Cox	27
Jacqueline Shepherd.....	27
Jim McMahan.....	31
Nora Phillips	31

Anniversaries:

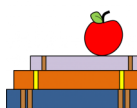
Pam & Kent Stratton	11
Hal & Diana Baker	14
Judy & Larry Clayton	19
Marcia Taylor & Dave Ellison	25
Bobby & Angela Childs	26
<i>(Contact office with additions or changes)</i>	

August Worship

Weekly services are live-streamed

Aug. 3—Holy Communion Back to School Sunday

Message -- Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow
"Light in the Darkness"
2 Cor. 4:6-8



Aug. 10

Message --- Rev. Camille Bradley

Aug. 17

Message --- Pat Mason



Aug. 24

Message --- Rev. Dr. David Weatherly

Aug. 31

Message -- Rev. Tondala Hayward

Liturgist: Charles Bradley



Ushers: Johnny Welch, Linda Mayhan,
Ruth & David Cox

Communion Offering: Jacob's Well

e-Giving

You may give online from our web site by clicking the Give Now link. You also may text "Mullins" to 73256.



Altar Flowers

The Flower Calendar is posted on the office window. Please sign up for dates to honor or remember loved ones by giving altar flowers. (\$75)

Prayer List

Recent Requests:



Returning Students & Teachers
Margaret Brown Bill Tutt
Terry Mastin Julia Howell
Rita Hilgenhold

(The complete prayer list is available at church entrances. Please report additions or changes.)

Our Sympathy

* To **Lisa Crawford** in the loss of her mother, June Clayton
* To **Don & Linda Mayhan** in the loss of his father, Odom Mayhan

On-Site Presence

	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
8:30 am Chapel	20	17	17	14
10:50 Worship	76	80	86	75

Special Gifts

Budget

In memory of Agnes Sims by
Lyndall Jones, Harriet Montgomery

Music Fund

In memory of Rubye Thompson by Paula
McGoldrick



Notes of Appreciation



Thanking each of you for the many prayers and each act of kindness shown to my son and to me during the last few weeks. God has blessed me with many wonderful friends. God bless each of you.

Carolyn Childs

Your Christian love, prayers, and support have been so encouraging, thoughtful, and appreciated as I recover from this accident. Thank you for being my anchor. May God bless each of you.

Tina Gault

Thanks to **Betty Ratcliff** for generously donating a chess set to our collection of sets for the new Chess Club! **Greg Forsyth**

August 2025

Meetings & Special Events

Friday, Aug. 1, Mullins Treats to WSE staff
Saturday, Aug. 2, Litter Mates @ Grahamwood
Sunday, Aug. 3, Back to School Sunday
(*Blessing of the Backpacks*)
Home Communion
Avon Park clean up, 1:30 pm
Monday, Aug. 4, Mullins Greeters @ WSE
PDO welcome gifts
Admin Council, 6 pm
Tuesday, Aug. 5, PDO welcome gifts
Trustees, 6 pm
Sunday, Aug. 10, Camille Bradley preaching
Nominating Com, Conf Room
Monday, Aug. 11, Concord welcome gifts
Wednesday, Aug. 13, Grief Support, 10, Parlor
Sunday, Aug. 17, Pat Mason preaching
Choir returns to Loft
Sunday, Aug. 24, David Weatherly preaching
BBQ pre-order deadline
Wednesday, Aug. 27, Grief Support, 10, Parlor
Sunday, Aug. 31, Tondala Hayward preaching
BBQ Pickups



Sept. 1, Labor Day (office closed)
Sept. 6, Litter Mates
Sept. 7, Renee Dillard preaching
Home Communion
Sept. 9, UWF meetings resume
Sept. 14, Camille Bradley preaching

General Weekly Schedule

Sunday
8:30 am---Chapel service
9:45 am---Sunday School
10:50 am--Sanctuary Worship
Wednesday
11 am--Women's Prayer Grp, Gym Classroom
6:30 pm--Choir Rehearsal (*resumes Aug. 13*)
Thursday
6:30 pm---Mullins Community Orchestra
Saturday
1:30---Mullins Chess Club

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Mullins Messenger

The Mullins Messenger is prepared electronically and posted on the Mullins web site on the first of each month. Printed copies are available through the church office. Please submit articles to the office. Deadline for the September issue is August 25.

Our Mission

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

