



Mullins Messenger

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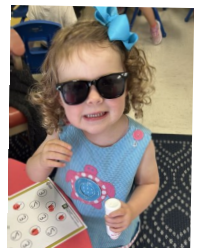
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September 2025

Dear Church Family,

It has been a privilege filling in for Rev. Dr. Morrow these last few weeks. I am amazed at our staff and volunteers. Without you I could not have done it! You made my job of hosting other pastors smooth sailing. The amount of activity at Mullins UMC is really stunning. Let's keep up the good work of being the hands and feet of Jesus!

♥ Rev. Camille



Wesley Foundation

Joyful servants from Mullins will serve the evening meal for students at the Wesley Foundation Sept. 2!

Litter Mates

Litter Mates will meet at 10 am Saturday, Sept. 6 for an hour of service at Evans Elementary School, 4949 Cottonwood. Donuts & equipment provided. **Emily Pittman**

Home Communion Sept. 7

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

United Women in Faith Sept. 9



Please join us as at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall as we re-gather after our summer hiatus for a General Meeting Sept. 9. Bring a sandwich, and drinks and dessert will be furnished. We'll discuss our 2025-26 budget and the District UWF Annual Day, which Mullins UMC will host Saturday, Oct. 25!

Margaret Brown



Supper Clubs Return!

Mullins is pleased to announce the return of Supper Clubs, small groups (5 to 10 people) that meet once a month to share a potluck dinner! Each member or family in the club rotates hosting the club at their home. The host provides the entrée and beverage while other members bring a side dish or dessert. However, each Supper Club group can make the final decision on how it operates. Supper Clubs are a great way to become acquainted with one another and create an even closer church family. They also welcome newcomers. All are invited. Please fill out interest forms by Sept. 12.

Katie Williams

Jacob's Well Ministry

Mullins will greet guests, serve dinner, and worship at Jacob's Well Sept. 20. Join us for a special time! **Maggie Lyons**



Recent Highlights and Blessings!

We are off to a great new school year with our recent (1) **Blessing of the Backpacks** and (2) special participation by children in Sunday worship, including scripture readings.

Let the children come to me! —*Matt. 19:14*



New Book Update!

Congratulations to Allison Webb on her new children's book, "A Home for Toad." See her update below:



Thank you to everyone who came and celebrated my book opening at Novel in July. I was humbled at the turnout and truly appreciate all of you. I am excited for some upcoming events [see below] and thank you again for all of your support and prayers as I continue on this new adventure.

Love, **Allison**

**Sept. 13—Mississippi Book Festival,
Jackson, MS, Author's Alley**

**Nov. 6-8—Wolf River Arts Show,
St. George's Independent School**



School Supply Donations



Book Signing at Novel



**Witness Team Reminds Us
Church Family Has our Back!**



Mullins Community Orchestra

Adopt-a-School staff treats from Mullins!



September

Birthdays

Name	Date
Dave Brown	1
T. J. Scruggs	1
Gwynne May	2
Knox Martin	3
Whitney Coulombe	5
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



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 table in Hall of Apostles. Monetary gifts and donated items both gratefully accepted.

Suzie Morris, Witness Team

Lipscomb Scholarship

The John & Molly Lipscomb Ministerial Scholarship Fund was established at Mullins in 1998 and has benefitted many over the years, including several guest pastors during Mullins' recent revival and pastoral sabbatical. Blessings to 2025-26 recipients, Pat Mason & Jacques Kambol!

Maanza a Leza Update

The Maanza a Leza ("Hands of God") ministry based at Mullins has worked 21 years to advance educational opportunities in the Zambian village of Sichebeya.

Blessedly, MaL continues to find ways to raise funds for the needs across the seas! Recent examples include our Labor Day BBQ fundraiser and two "beading bees" for seniors that also produced handcrafted items for future MaL jewelry sales.

Last, but not least, a special call from Muka Kambol, our liaison with Sichebeya, bore fruit in an inspiring way when she mentioned two students with college tuition needs. Long-time MaL supporters stepped forward rather quickly with generous gifts to help, when they heard about the situation. Thanks be to God for grace and guidance as the ministry continues.

Contact: **Brenda Carson**

Chess Club

The new Mullins Chess Club meets at 1:30 each Saturday in the Conference Room. We welcome individuals and families, both beginning and experienced players, and those in grade school through retirement age. **Greg Forsyth**, 901-462-1097

Golden Cross Senior Ministries

Golden Cross Key Women assembled 1,000 gift bags for Wesley Living residents at the August work day. In September we'll begin to assemble gift stockings to give seniors at Christmas time. If you want to help, please contact **Barbara Kercher**

Worship Notes

(10:50 Worship services are live-streamed)

September 7-Holy Communion

Message: Rev. Dr. Renee Dillard



*Altar flowers: In memory of my brother,
Clint Bratton, by Norma Cowell*

September 14

Message: Rev. Camille Bradley

September 21

Message: Pastor Lewis Thompson

*Altar flowers: In memory of Imogene
Howell by Julia Howell*

September 28

Message: Dr. Russell Morrow

Liturgist: Ruth Cox



Ushers: Johnny Welch, Marcia Taylor,
Cyndi Watkins

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:

Margaret Brown

Nancy Shelby

Bill Tutt



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

On-Site Attendance

	August	3	10	17	24	31
8:30 am Chapel	17	21	18	18	NA	
10:50 Worship	80	80	74	76	NA	

Special Gifts

Budget

In memory of Rhodes & Frances Vawter by
Phil & Barbara Dagastino

Appreciation

*To all participants in the Maanza a Leza BBQ Fundraiser on Labor Day weekend!

*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 Witness Team donors of special sunglasses to Mullins Kids, Concord students and PDO participants. (*The gift tags read, "Here's to a bright school year! Love, Mullins United Methodist Church"*)

*To all of our inspiring pulpit guests during Pastor Russell's sabbatical and to Rev. Camille for coordinating and hosting pastors and providing pastoral care.

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—Labor Day (office closed)
Sept. 2—Wesley Foundation dinner
Sept. 6—Litter Mates, 10 am
Sept. 7—Renee Dillard preaching
—Home Communion
—Girl Scouts, 2 pm, gym
Sept. 9—United Women in Faith, 10:30, FH
Sept. 10—Grief Support Group
Sept. 12—Supper Club sign-up deadline
Sept. 13—Choir Retreat
Sept. 14—Rev. Camille / Charge Conf
Sept. 20—Jacob's Well ministry
Sept. 21—Rev. Lewis Thompson preaching
—Girl Scouts, 2 pm, gym
Sept. 24—Grief Support Group
Sept. 27—Public Lands Day/Adopt-a-Park
Sept. 28—Pastor Morrow preaching

Looking Ahead

Oct. 4—Litter Mates
—Blessing of the Animals
Oct. 5—World Communion Sunday
Breads & Spreads
Home Communion
Girl Scouts
Oct. 6—Adm. Council, 6 pm
Oct. 7—UWF Circle, 10:30
—Trustees, 6 pm
Oct. 25—UWF District Annual Day
—St. John's Ministry
Oct. 26—MaL Soup Lunch

General Weekly Schedule:

Sunday

8:30 am, Chapel Service
9:45 am, Sunday School
10:50 am, Worship, Sanctuary

Wednesday

11am, Women's Prayer Group, Gym Rm
6:00, Choir Rehearsal (*note new time*)

Thursday

6:30, Community Orchestra rehearsal

Saturday

1:30, Chess Club, Conf Room

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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. 22.

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.

