



## **Mullins Messenger**

Mullins United Methodist Church

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January 2026



And always remember this:  
God Has A Message of Hope, Deliverance & Victory  
Just For You !!!



### Special Reception

Susan Tutt's retirement recognition will be held in the Narthex immediately after the 10:50 Worship Service Jan. 4! All are invited!

### Home Communion

Mullins UMC offers Holy Communion to members who are homebound on the first Sunday of each month. Our first visits in 2026 will be Jan. 4.



### UWF Meeting Jan. 6

UWF members will gather for a general meeting at 10:30 am Tuesday, Jan. 6 in Room 117. Caterer **Chris Harper**, our guest speaker, will also serve lunch! All welcome. RSVP by Jan. 5!

**Margaret Brown** (901-388-9190)

### Mullins Chess Club

Starting Jan. 6, and every Tuesday thereafter (except holidays), the Chess Club will meet from 6 pm to 7:30 pm in the Main Library. For more information, contact Greg Forsyth, 901-462-1097.



### Women's Prayer Group

On Jan. 7, we will begin a new year of meeting each Wednesday at 11 am for fellowship and prayer. All welcome! **Carolyn Childs**

JOIN US

### Welcome, New Member!

Please give a warm welcome to **Dave Ellison**, who joined our congregation Oct. 30, 2025. Dave is known to many of us already, having attended Mullins regularly for a time as the husband of Marcia Taylor! We are thankful to have him with us!



### Jacob's Well Fellowship!

All are invited to join Pastor Russell for a new volunteer opportunity at Jacob's Well Saturday, Jan. 10! He will preach at the event, which starts at 3:45 pm at 204 Second Street (in First Methodist Church).

Here are ways to help:

- (1) Participate in fellowship with those dining and worshipping
- (2) Provide ingredients by Jan 7 for food to be served (See list in Hall of Apostles)
- (3) Help serve the prepared meals
- (4) Donate large canned goods to Jacob's Well food pantry & items to coat closet

(Contact **Maggie Lyons** for more information)

### January Celebrations

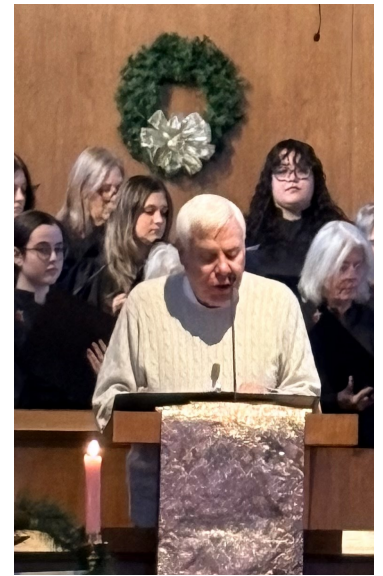
#### Birthdays

Name .....	Date
Kim Ray .....	4
Kerrie Burton .....	5
Rick Crews .....	6
James Taylor .....	10
Dan Eddins .....	13
Edna Williams .....	15
Allyson McNeil .....	16
Elaine Morrow .....	16
Ruth Graves .....	16
Ellen Weaver .....	19
Brenda Carson .....	20
Nancy Eddins .....	23
Jack Pittman .....	24
Camille Bradley .....	27
David Williams .....	31

#### Anniversaries

Clarence & Jacqueline Shepherd —————20





*Year-End  
Highlights!*







Remembrance Service Music



Chapel Advent wreath



UWF Fond Farewell



Salvation Army Support

JOY!

"Candy Cane" Rehearsal



*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*  
—Jeremiah 29:11



# January Worship

10:50 Worship services are live-streamed

Join us for a weekly message  
of Hope, Deliverance, and Victory

## January 4—Epiphany

Message: Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow



## January 11—Baptism of the Lord

Message: Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow

## January 18

Message: Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow

## January 25

Message: Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow

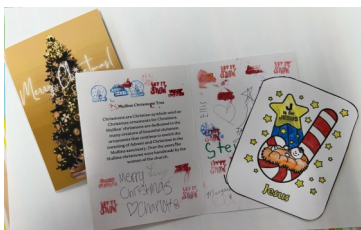
**Liturgist:** Cyndi Watkins



**Ushers:** Johnny Welch, Bill Dugger,  
Charlsie Carol, Pam Stratton

**Communion Offering:**

Pregnancy Care Center



A few of the cards sent to shut-ins  
by the children's Sunday School classes!

## 2026 Altar Flowers

Sign up to honor or remember loved ones  
with flowers. The 2026 calendar is posted  
outside the office (\$75 per arrangement).

# Prayer List



## Recent Concerns:

Suzie Morris      Carmen Brown  
Molly Tracy      Charles Griffin  
Margaret Carbaugh      Bill Tutt  
Scruggs Family      Lisa Johns      Wayne Carson

*(The complete prayer list is posted at church entries.  
Please notify office with changes or additions.)*

## Sympathy:

\*To **Amy Wood** and family on the loss of her  
father, George Wood

## On-Site Presence

	Dec 7	Dec 14	Dec 21	Dec 28
8:30 am Chapel	-----19----	16	-----20-----	NA
10:50 am Worship	---88----	77-----	96----	NA

## Special Gifts

### Budget:

In memory of Charles Speer by Mary Holbrook, Sandra & Don Rice, and Charlsie & Gene Carrol

In memory of Bill & Betty Pickel & Harold Smith, Sr. by Janice & Tom Klefas

In memory of Dot & John Barnes by Bill Barnes



\*To **Terrell Hall, Rebecca McGuire & the Chancel Choir** for the Christmas Cantata!

\*To the UWF and other supporters of the Cantata reception

\*To the **Mullins Community Orchestra**, for helping the Salvation Army kettle campaign, playing at Kirby Pines during the holidays, and participating in Mullins worship Dec. 21.

\*To the **Women's Prayer Group**, for their card ministry, which sends love to many!

\*To **Luanne Hearn** for coordinating the children's "Candy Cane" skit, and to other supporters and the great **kids cast**!

## e-Giving

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



# January 2026

## Meetings & Special Events

Thursday, Jan. 1—Happy New Year!  
*church office closed*  
Sunday, Jan. 4---Epiphany  
---Tutt Reception  
---Homebound Communion  
Tuesday, Jan. 6---UWF Mtg, 10:30, Room 117  
---Chess Club, 6 pm, Library  
Saturday, Jan. 10---Jacob's Well Fellowship  
Sunday, Jan. 11—Baptism of the Lord Sunday  
---Girl Scouts, Gym, 2 pm  
Monday, Jan. 19—MLK holiday; office closed  
Sunday, Jan. 25—Girl Scouts, Gym, 2 pm  
TBD—Church Planning

## LOOKING AHEAD

Feb. 1, Home Communion  
Feb. 2, Adm Council 6 pm  
Feb. 3, UWF Meeting, 10:30  
Trustees, 6 pm  
Feb. 18, Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins

## General Weekly Schedule

**Sunday**  
8:30 am, Chapel service  
9:45 am, Sunday School  
10:50 am, Worship, Sanctuary  
**Tuesday**  
6 pm, Chess Club, Main Library  
**Wednesday**  
11 am, Women's Prayer Group  
12 Noon, Pastor's Bible study  
6 pm, Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
**Thursday**  
6:30 pm, Community Orchestra rehearsal

## Sunday School Invitation

*The start of a new year is a great time to join a class! Please note 2026 adult classes and sites:*

**Crossroads Class**, Gym, 1st room on left  
**Friends & Followers**, Ed. Bldg, Room 112  
**Lamplighter Class**, Fellowship Hall  
**New Directions Class**, Ed. Bldg, Room 117

## Staff Contact Information

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The Mullins Messenger is prepared electronically and posted on the first of each month on the Mullins web site. Printed copies are available through the church office. Deadline for the February issue is Jan. 26. Please submit articles to the office.

## 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.

