



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 !!!



Susan's Retirement Celebration

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.



United Women in Faith 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)*

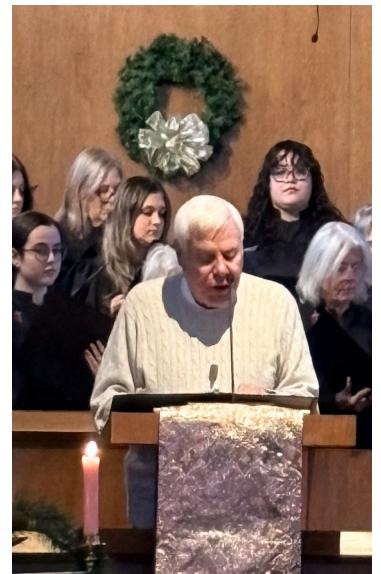
January Celebrations

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

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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----- |
| 10:50 am Worship | --- | 88----- | 77----- | 96----- |
| | NA | | NA | NA |

Special Gifts

Budget:

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

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

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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.

