

# Mullins Messenger



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2026

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## Dear Church Family:

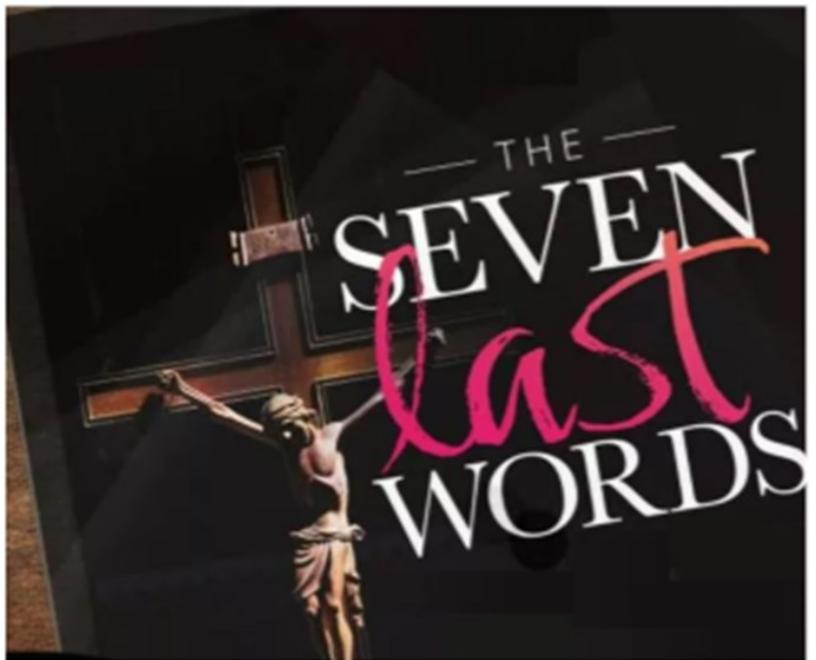
As we move through the Lenten season, we have been encouraged through our sermon series, Why Follow Jesus, not to drift away from the teachings and experiences of Jesus in our thoughts, words, and deeds.

Lent is a sacred season of realignment, a time for prayer, sacrifice, and discernment. It calls us to repentance where we have drifted and invites us to return wholeheartedly to Christ.

This will be our focus throughout Lent, on Maundy Thursday and on Good Friday. When we gather with family and friends, we will hear seven powerful and relevant messages reflecting on God's love for us revealed through the death of Jesus Christ.

Please plan to join us on Good Friday and bring someone with you.

**Peace & Blessings,  
Pastor Morrow**



**Forgiveness for his crucifiers. Salvation promised to the thief. Relationship and care for his mother, Mary. Abandonment and deep suffering. Distress and physical agony. Triumph and completion of his mission. Submission and trust in God.**



## On-Line Study

All are invited to join the pastor's new on-line Bible study each Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Watch for the weekly email from the church office with the Zoom meeting ID and passcode.

## United Women in Faith March 3

UWF members will gather at 10:30 am Tuesday, March 3 in the Chapel for a general meeting. *You're invited!* Guests are welcome. We'll be discussing plans for spring events. **Margaret Brown**

## Wesley 'Lunch & Love'

Mullins will serve lunch to 40 - 50 university students Thursday March 5 at Wesley Memphis (11:45 - 1:00). To help, or learn more, please contact **Julia Howell**.

## "Litter Mates" Return!

After a winter hiatus, the **Litter Mates** are back! We'll clean Treadwell Middle School Saturday, March 7 from 10—11! Thanks to all who've made our first two years a blessing!  
**Emily Pittman**

## Adopt-a Park Event

The quarterly cleanup of Avon Park, our church's adopted park, will be Sunday, March 8, from 2---3 pm! Join the fun! For more information contact **Emily Pittman**.

## Grief Support Resumes

The Mullins Grief Support Group, a welcoming friendship group, will meet at 10 am March 11 and March 25 in the Parlor. To learn more, please contact **Harriet Montgomery**

## Neighborhood Centers

A new fundraising initiative---"True Neighbors"---is being introduced by United Methodist Neighborhood Centers of Memphis. The 5th day of each month is being suggested as a time for a set donation to UMNCM by individuals, small groups, or UWF key women. If interested in being a True Neighbor, please pick up a form from **Brenda Carson** or from the church office.



Other UMNCM requests in March include donations of diapers and diaper wipes for Hannah's Hope and Dorothy Day house or \$25 Kroger or Walmart gift cards to help those with food insufficiency. (Give items to Brenda on Sunday, March 15, to take to next Key Women meeting, if wanted. She will be happy to accept items at other times as well.)

## St. John's Ministry

Mullins volunteers will meet at St. John's UMC at 3:45 pm March 21 to share fellowship, serve food, and prepare takeaway bags for soup kitchen guests. Donations and new helpers greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact **Maggie Lyons**.

## Children's Highlights

\*Mullins children recently shared God's love with greeting cards they created for Valentine's Day. *(See photo p 5)*

\***Little Saints** and **Young Disciples for Christ** Sunday classes continue collecting pantry non-perishable items for Jacob's Well.

\*All children look forward to participating in special Palm Sunday activities March 29 with their families! *(see below)*

## Church-Wide Sunday School!

The Study Committee will host a Church-Wide Sunday School on Palm Sunday, March 29, at 9:45 in Fellowship Hall. Coffee & treats provided. Mullins Children will present a special "Show and Tell" program! Please don't miss this special time together!





### Meet our new Staff Member!

My name is Elaine Winn, and I'm honored to serve as the new Administrative Assistant here at Mullins. I am grateful for the opportunity to support our pastor, leaders, and congregation as we work together to serve The Lord and one another. I look forward to getting to know you all and helping you in any way I can. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have questions or need assistance.



### Pre-Order Soup Sale!

The first Maanza a Leza fundraiser of 2026 will be a pre-order soup sale on March 29, Palm Sunday! The two soups offered will be taco soup and corn chowder!

Order forms will be on tables at sanctuary entrances. Pick up soups after either worship service March 29. Thank you for continuing to support Maanza a Leza!



### Maanza Update

Maanza a Leza looks forward to continued support for the expanded school in Sichibeya! Our liaison in Kansas, Muka Kambol, is helping us search for a new liaison in the village to help us prioritize plans. Future needs may include a computer printer, solar panels to provide electricity, and dorm space for students from nearby villages. Please continue to pray for the school staff and students! More news to come!

### PDO Campaign!

Please note: A Mullins PDO Capital Campaign is coming soon! Watch for flyers and information in the weekly church worship bulletin!

**Katie Williams, PDO Board**





All ages at Mullins are sharing God's love in community service!

*Love in Action!*

Children share love with cards



UWF members decorate tissue gifts for Wesley Living residents



Golden Cross volunteers make prize bags for seniors at multi-church Work Day!



# March Worship

Weekly services are live-streamed

**Sermon Series:**  
"16 Reasons to Follow Jesus"

## March 1—Second Sunday in Lent

Message -- Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow

## March 8—Third Sunday in Lent

Message --- Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow

## March 15—Fourth Sunday in Lent

Message --- Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow

## March 22—Fifth Sunday in Lent

Message --- Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow  
Altar Flowers: In honor of Pastor Russell's birthday by Mullins friends

## March 29—Palm Sunday

Message --- Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow



**Liturgist:** Charles Bradley

**Ushers:** Johnny Welch, Cyndi Watkins,  
Emily Pittman

**Communion Offering:** Hannah's Hope

## Altar Flowers

The 2026 Flower Calendar is posted on the office window. Please sign up for dates when you want to recognize loved ones by giving flowers.

**Easter Flowers:** Easter lilies will adorn the altar Sunday, April 5, in honor or in memory of loved ones. Watch for Order Forms in Sunday bulletins, or call the church office for assistance.



# Prayer List



**Recent Concerns:**

Nancy Blankenship      Lisa Johns  
Carolyn Childs         Charlotte Milton  
Charles Griffin         Scruggs Family  
Margaret McNeil       Molly Tracy

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

## On-Site Presence

	Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 22
8:45 am Chapel	NA	17	13	18
10:50 Worship	Zoom	79	78	70

## Special Gifts

### Budget

In memory of Wayne Carson by Andrew Masten, John Milan

In memory of Jim Solley by Lasteshia Davis

In memory of Jane McGoldrick by Ann Smith; Chris & Kathy Carroll; Jonathan & Rachel Carroll; Griffin, E Marie & Glorie Carroll; Jason & Katey Fite

### Maanza a Leza

In memory of Wayne Carson by Diane Blaylock, Robert Michalel, Paula McGoldrick, Taylor & Mary Beth Richardson, James Barton, Richard & Margaret McNeil, Barbara Boswell, Crossroads Class, Lisa McLeroy

### Music Fund

In memory of Wayne Carson by Ann Smith, Julia Howell

In memory of Jane McGoldrick by Julia Howell

### Children's Ministry

In memory of Wayne Carson by Crossroads Class

In memory of Jim Solley by Gladys Ingram

## e-Giving

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

# March 2026

## Meetings & Special Events

Sunday, Mar 1—Home Communion visits  
Tuesday, Mar 3—UWF Mtg, 10:30, Chapel  
Thursday, Mar 5—Wesley Foundation lunch  
Saturday, Mar 7—Litter Mates @ Treadwell  
Sunday, Mar 8— *Daylight Saving Time*  
— Avon Park Clean-Up  
Wednesday, Mar 11—Grief Support Group  
Saturday, Mar 22—St. John's Ministry  
Monday, Mar 24—PDO Campaign begins  
Wednesday, Mar 25—Grief Support Group  
Sunday, Mar 29—Palm Sunday  
— Church-Wide SS Hour  
—Maanza Soup Sale  
—Girl Scouts, 2 pm, Gym



April 2, Maundy Thursday  
April 3, Good Friday  
April 4, Egg Hunt  
April 5, EASTER  
Sunrise Service  
Sanctuary Worship  
April 6, Adm Council, 6 pm  
April 6, UWF, 10:30 am  
April 7, Trustees, 6 pm

## General Weekly Schedule

**Sunday**  
8:30 am---Chapel service  
9:45 am---Sunday School  
10:50 am--Sanctuary Worship  
**Tuesday**  
6:00 pm ---Chess Club (Main Library)  
6:30 pm ---Online Bible study  
**Wednesday**  
11:00 am--Women's Prayer Grp,  
6:00 pm--- Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
**Thursday**  
6:30 pm---Mullins Community Orchestra

## Contact Information

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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 April issue is March 24.

## 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.



*Spring Forward March 8th*

