



NEW SEASON • NEW PURPOSE
SAME FAITHFUL GOD.

Where Do We Go *From* Here?

“ I Know that there is
Nothing better for people
Than to be happy and to do
Good while they live.
ECCLESIASTES 3:18

HONORING THE PAST
EMBRACING THE FUTURE

Trusting God Always.



GOD IS
FAITHFUL
YESTERDAY,
TODAY, &
FOREVER.
Hebrews 13:8



GRATEFUL
FOR THE PAST
Thank you Pastor!



FAITHFUL IN
THE PRESENT
We Continue the Mission



HOPEFUL FOR
THE FUTURE
God's Best is Ahead

Pastoral Prayers

A special request from TWK Bishop David Graves:

“I would ask all of you to be in prayer for our pastors and local churches where transitions will happen in the new conference year. This is a special time as we all follow and trust the Spirit to guide us.”

2026 Annual Conference



The 2026 Tennessee-Western Kentucky annual conference is June 7-10 at First UMC in Murfreesboro, TN. The theme is “Rekindling Our Call,” and the offering will go to local hunger ministries. Varied activities include worship and ordination services as well as pastoral appointment and conference redistricting decisions. Voting delegates may participate online or in person, and many activities will be online for general viewing as well.



‘Thank You’ Celebration!

Celebrate **Rev. Dr. Russell** and **Elaine Morrow** Sunday, June 21 in Fellowship Hall! UWF members are coordinating arrangements for an appreciation celebration to bring together Early Service, Sunday School and Late Service members. Sunday classes will provide breakfast food. The event starts immediately after 8:30 service and continues until 10:35, just before 10:50 service! All are welcome! *Notes, cards, or signs to honor the Morrows will be great!* **Margaret Brown**



Honor your father and mother—Exodus 20:12a
Father’s Day is June 21! Please join us!

Vacation Bible School!

VBS is scheduled for three special evenings, June 22-24, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm! (This coincides with our upcoming revival!)



Our theme is “**The Whole Armor of God.**” Watch for flyers with more information! *(Teachers/volunteers are needed. Snacks & monetary donations greatly appreciated)*
Tiffany Lane

Revival June 22-24

‘Where Do We Go From Here?’

Please plan to join us for special Revival services June 22-24 during our pastoral transition period. Each evening will include a guest lecture at 6 pm by **Rev. Michael Walker**, followed by a special message at 6:30 by our guests: Monday, **Rev. Dr. Jody Hill**; Tuesday, **Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Williams**; Wednesday, **Rev. Larry Chitwood**.

See flyers with more details.

181st Church Birthday

Mullins UMC will soon be 181 years old, and our congregation will be giving thanks toward the end of this month! Please stay tuned for additional information!

Final Reflections. . .

As I write this final letter to the Mullins church family, my heart is full of gratitude to God and thanksgiving for each of you. Serving as your pastor over these past four years has been a privilege and a blessing.

Founded in 1845, Mullins carries a sacred history of worship, ministry, and faithful service. To serve as the first African American pastor in the history of this congregation has been an honor I have never taken lightly. I receive it not as a personal achievement, but as a testimony to God's grace and to a congregation willing to continue growing in love, understanding, and community.

Together, we walked through post-COVID challenges, denominational changes, and social and cultural tensions that touched our communities and nation. While we did not always think alike, our differences never destroyed our fellowship, worship, or witness. In a season marked by division, Mullins chose grace, and I believe we demonstrated what the church can and should be in difficult times.

I am grateful for the growth of our congregation, the development of staff and leadership, and the many who shared in ministry, including Terrell, Rebecca, Lisa, Elaine, Tiffany, my sister, Jannette, and others. I am grateful to Rev. Camille Bradley, whose prayers, counsel, and support have been a blessing to me. We continue to remember Susan and hold Bill and Susan in prayer. I have been encouraged by emerging younger leadership and by our growing commitment to serving the community as the hands and feet of Jesus.

One hope that remains close to my heart is ministry with children and youth. While I wish we could have reached even more young people, I remain thankful for our video ministry, chess club, and every seed planted along the way. My prayer is that Mullins will continue finding creative ways to reach Generation Alpha and the generations to come.

An unexpected blessing of our time together has been witnessing New Heights and Mullins' shared ministry and space. Watching two congregations walk together in fellowship and mission has been deeply meaningful.

As Elaine and I enter this next season, we do so with

*The
Pastor's
Pen*



gratitude and anticipation. I am honored to have been considered to serve as Associate to the District Superintendent for the Southwest District of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference. Alongside this role and retirement from full-time pastoral appointment, we will continue our work through New Generation Ministries and the Protégé Project, helping children, youth, and young adults discover hope, purpose, and discipleship.

I will especially treasure the preaching and worship we shared together and those quiet moments at the piano between services while members sat and listened. Those were holy moments.

Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor and for trusting me to stand with you during some of life's most sacred and tender moments. This closing chapter reflects a journey spanning five decades, four states, and countless experiences of joy, struggle, service, and grace—and through it all, God has remained faithful.

I give special thanks to Elaine, our children, and grandchildren. Elaine has been walking beside me since 1987, and next month we celebrate 39 years of marriage. Her love, sacrifice, and partnership in ministry have been among God's greatest gifts.

As I retire from pastoral appointment, I look forward to returning more fully to music and to spending treasured time with family.

With deep gratitude, I can truly say:

**God has been faithful.
God's grace has been sufficient.**

**And in the words of Luther Barnes
and the Redd Budd Gospel Choir,**

"I wouldn't take nothing for my journey now."

***Peace & Blessings,
Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow, Sr.***



June Birthdays



Women's Prayer Group Update!

Please note: Our prayer group continues to meet year-round, but we are now gathering twice a month rather than weekly. Please join us at 11 am on the second and fourth Wednesdays in the gym classroom. Welcome to all! **Carolyn Childs**

Jacob's Well Ministry June 13

Our next Mullins UMC service date at Jacob's Well will be Saturday, June 13. Monetary donations to buy supplies for the event are appreciated. For more info, please contact **Maggie Lyons**.



'Litter Mates' Gather June 13

The next Litter Mates clean-up will be Saturday, June 13th, from 10 am to 11 am at **Audubon Park**, 660 S. Goodlett, 38111. You are invited to join the fun and help show love to our neighbors! Popsicles & equipment provided. **Emily Pittman**

Adopt-a-Park Event June 14

The Mullins quarterly Adopt-a-Park cleanup is Sunday, June 14, from 2 to 3 pm at nearby **Avon Park**, 310 Avon Road, 38117. Equipment provided! All are welcome!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date:</u>
Callie Likely	3
Gail Poindexter.....	4
Essie Lienhard.....	4
Jacques Kambol	5
CJ Drew	6
Brent Milton	10
Lynn Bergwerk	13
Clay Carter	14
Betty Williams.....	16
Harold Smith	16
Ben Kennedy.....	17
Bob May	17
Nancy Blankenship.....	18
Carly Lacaden	19
Ginny Wilcox	20
Ashley Shelton	22
Scott Campbell.....	22
Jill Westbrook Mason ...	23
Pat Mason	24
Tom Southwell	24
Carol Griffin	25
Scott Eddins	26
Margaret McNeil.....	27
Justin Webb	28
Jennifer McGee.....	30

June Anniversaries:

Sandra & Don Rice	3
Charles & Carol Griffin	4
Muka & Jacques Kambol.....	14
Linda & Don Mayhan.....	18
Maggie & Daniel Lyons	19
Emily & Michael Pittman.....	20
Kathryn & Steve Black.....	22
Rachel Wiley&Jacob Posey-	28



Concord Job Posting!

Please note: Concord Academy has a job posting for a special education teacher for the 2026-27 school year. Check it out!



Cece Palazola,
executive director

<https://concord-academy.org/career-opportunities/>

June Worship Notes

(Weekly onsite services are live-streamed)

June 7---Holy Communion

Message: *Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow*



June 14

Message: *Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow*
Altar Flowers: In honor of Nancy Blankenship
by Friends

June 21---Father's Day

Message: *Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow*
(His final Sunday in pulpit)
Altar Flowers: In memory of Willa Rush
by Vicki Rush



June 28

Message: *Cyndi Watkins, Lay Speaker*
Altar Flowers: In honor of Margaret McNeil
by Richard McNeil

Liturgist: Vicki Rush



June Ushers: Johnny Welch, Charlsie Carrol,
Marcia Taylor, David Ellison

Communion Offering: Jacob's Well Ministry

Altar Flowers

The 2026 Flower Calendar is posted outside the church office. Stop by or call the office to sign up to give flowers in honor or in memory of loved ones. (\$75 per arrangement)

Prayer List

Recent Concerns:

Nancy Blankenship Barbara Brown
Bob Earley Lisa Johns Margaret McNeil
Charlotte Milton Bill Tutt Scruggs Family

(Complete prayer lists are available at church entrances. Please call office to update information.)



*To **Johnny Welch** and family in the loss of his son-in-law, **Mark McCoy**
*To **Maggie Lyons** and family in the loss of her father, **Robert Osso**
*To the family of **Fredda Benton**, our sister in Christ, who passed away May 22

Blessings

*To **Jen & Justin McGee** on the birth of their daughter, **Michael Suellen McGee**, on May 4, 2026! (Weight: 6 lbs, 1.7 oz; length: 18 inches)

On-Site Presence

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
8:30 Chapel	-----16-----	16-----	18-----	14-----	NA
10:50 Worship	---65---	73-----	75-----	73-----	NA

Special Gifts

Budget:
In memory of Brenda Protzman by Carolyn Childs



Maanza a Leza
In honor of Brenda Carson by Margaret Carbaugh

e-Giving

Remember that e-Giving is available at Mullins, in addition to giving by check. You may give online from our website by clicking the Give Now link. You also may text "Mullins" to 73256

June 2026

Meetings & Special Events

Mon., June 1---Administrative Council, 6 pm
Sun., June 7---Home Communion Visits
--- Annual Conference begins
Mon., June 8---Annual Conference
Tue., June 9---Annual Conference
Wed., June 10---Annual Conference ends
---Grief Support Group, 10, Parlor
---Women's Prayer Group, 11, Gym
Sat., June 13---Litter Mates @ Audubon Park, 10
---Jacob's Well ministry
Sun., June 14---Adopt-a-Park cleanup @ Avon Park, 2
Fri., June 19---Juneteenth Holiday
Sun., June 21---Father's Day
---Morrow Appreciation Breakfast
---Pastor's final day in pulpit
Mon., June 22---Revival / VBS
Tue., June 23---Revival / VBS
Wed., June 24---Revival/ VBS
---Grief Support Group, 10, Parlor
---Women's Prayer Group, 11, Gym
Sun., June 28 ---Lay Speaker, Cyndi Watkins

TBA---181st Church Birthday Observance

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 5---Pulpit Guest, Rev. Camille Bradley
July 6---1st day in office for new pastor
July 12---1st day in pulpit for new pastor
---New pastor Welcome Reception

General Summer Schedule

Sunday

8:30 a.m.---Chapel Service
9:45 a.m.---Sunday School
10:50 a.m.---Sanctuary Worship

Wednesday

10:00 am---Grief Support Group (2nd & 4th weeks)
11:00 am---Women's Prayer Group (2nd & 4th weeks)
6:00 pm---Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

6:30 pm---Mullins Community Orchestra



Meet the new pastor!

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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.

Mullins Messenger

The *Mullins Messenger* is produced electronically and posted on the Mullins web site on the first of each month. Printed copies also are available through the church office. Deadline for the July issue is June 23.

Please submit articles to the office.

*Thank You,
Pastor Russell!*

Then Sings My soul . . .
HOW GREAT THOU ART! 



*I give thanks to God and all of you.
"Remember God has a message of hope, deliverance and victory just for you!"
Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow, Sr.*