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*Years*  
OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS  
1845-2026

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And now  
these three  
remain: faith,  
hope and love.  
But the  
greatest of  
these is love.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

LOVING GOD.  
LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS.

*Rooted in History, Guided by Love, Committed to Community*

181 YEARS OF FAITH. LOVE IN ACTION. HOPE FOR TOMORROW.

1 CORINTHIANS 13



**Please note:** Mullins will offer prayers for the 2026-2027 academic year in worship Aug. 2. Students and educators of all ages are invited to bring backpacks or other school symbols for our annual **Blessing of the Backpacks**.

## Back-to-School Outreach

### \*White Station Elementary

With help from our liaison Steve Cochran, the Mullins witness team provided breakfast treats for faculty members at our adopted school July 31.

On Aug. 3, Mullins volunteers will greet students and teachers returning to WSE.

### \*Concord Academy

Donations of sunglasses in school colors will be given to the Concord faculty for timely distribution to students!

### \*Mullins PDO

Sunglasses also will be given to the PDO staff for distribution to children through their backpacks!



## 'Litter Mates'

Just in time for school to start, our next cleanup will be

August 1 from 10 to 11 at Grahamwood Elementary. Join the fun! Donuts & equipment provided.

**Emily Pittman**

## Adopt-a-Park Clean-up

Also in line with school start-ups, our quarterly cleanup at adopted **Avon Park** will be August 2 at 2 pm! Check it out!

Contact: **Vicki Rush**



## St. John's Ministry

Please join us Saturday, Aug. 15, at St. John's UMC, 1207 Peabody, to be the hands and feet of Jesus serving our diverse community. St. John's Soup Kitchen provides a friendly and safe environment for people who are homeless, precariously housed, or part of the numbers of the working poor. Contact **Maggie Lyons** to learn more, donate, or volunteer.



## '5th Sunday' Gathering

The next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday church-wide Sunday School will be August 30 at 9:45 am in Fellowship Hall, hosted by the Crossroads Class. Class members will present their version of "show & tell" for our program/lesson. As usual, we'll have a continental breakfast. Please join us for a special time! **Camille Bradley**

## Labor Day Fundraisers!

*Great news! Two popular Mullins fundraisers are being combined for the same occasion this year. (1) The Labor Day tradition of a delicious BBQ Benefit is being joined by (2) a special UWF Bake Sale Sunday, Sept. 6!*

### BBQ Benefit

First, the BBQ! You may pre-order delicious pulled pork from the Friends &

Followers Class by the pint or quart this year. The deadline for ordering will be Sunday, Aug. 30. Watch for order forms on tables outside Sanctuary. Pick-ups for all BBQ orders will be after church services Sept. 6. Proceeds benefit childhood education in Zambia.



### UWF Bake Sale

United Women in Faith and Maanza a Leza volunteers are sponsoring a bake sale in conjunction with the Friends & Followers BBQ fundraiser Sept. 6. We expect our great cooks will provide tasty goods for your enjoyment as always. Baked goods will be available for purchase after both worship services Sept. 6!



## Maanza a Leza Gives Thanks For Continuing Progress!

\*Recent support for the Zambian village of Sichibeya has involved funding for five new classrooms built to expand the school. The school headmaster, Mr. Hainga, let us know more desks were needed, as well as a solar panel to power his phones, computer and printer. Thankfully, these requests have now been met! *(See note of appreciation and photo to follow.)*

\*Mukayanga Kambol, our longtime liaison, is now relying on Maureen Hamiyanza to be our feet on the ground in Zambia. (Maureen is already known to some of us because she hosted MaL representatives visiting Zambia in 2007!) She recently helped secure the new desks and other items needed by the school. Maanza is blessed to have her as an advocate for our ministry.

\*Our final "End of an Era" jewelry sale was successful, due to Mullins' generosity! Thanks to all who supported this fundraiser and the many other Maanza a Leza handmade jewelry sales over the years! *(There's still a little inventory left. If you would like to look, please contact Brenda Carson)*

Thanks be to God!

**Brenda Carson**



**Administrators admire new desks!**

### Note of Appreciation



*On behalf of District Education Board Secretary Kalamo and my own school, we offer appreciation to the Maanza a Leza team for the gift of 50 double seater desks given to Sichibeya Secondary School through Madame Hamiyanda. The gift marks a great milestone in the delivery of quality education at the school. In addition, our learners are overwhelmed by this gesture.*

*May the Almighty God bless you all.*

**Hainga Modern**

Secondary School Manager

## August Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

| Name .....               | Date |
|--------------------------|------|
| Ruth Meyer .....         | 1    |
| Tina Gault.....          | 5    |
| Harriet Montgomery ..... | 6    |
| Frank Bradley.....       | 10   |
| David Williams .....     | 12   |
| Matthieu Jambard.....    | 12   |
| Sandy Scruggs .....      | 15   |
| Phillip Wilcox .....     | 15   |
| David Eddins .....       | 15   |
| Bobby Childs.....        | 16   |
| Jimmy Williams .....     | 18   |
| RJ Phillips .....        | 18   |
| Kent Stratton, Jr. ....  | 20   |
| Mary Holbrook.....       | 21   |

|                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| Joy Jambard .....         | 26 |
| Mary Beth Richardson..... | 26 |
| Whitney Williams .....    | 27 |
| Ruth Cox .....            | 27 |
| Jacqueline Shepherd.....  | 27 |
| Jim McMahan .....         | 31 |
| Nora Phillips .....       | 31 |

### Anniversaries:

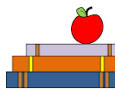
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| Pam & Kent Stratton.....          | 11 |
| Hal & Diana Baker .....           | 14 |
| Judy & Larry Clayton.....         | 19 |
| Marcia Taylor & Dave Ellison..... | 25 |
| Bobby & Angela Childs .....       | 31 |

*(Please contact office with additions or changes)*

# August Worship Notes

Weekly 10:50 worship services are live-streamed

August 2---Holy Communion  
---Back to School Sunday



August 9

August 16



August 23

*Altar Flowers: In memory of Jane Threlkeld  
from Pastor Larry Chitwood*

August 30



**Liturgist:** Terrye Mastin

**Ushers:** Johnny Welch, Luanne Hearn,  
Julia Howell, Lisa Chitwood

**Communion Offering:**



United Methodist Committee on Relief

## Altar Flowers



Sign up to honor or remember loved ones with flowers. The calendar is posted outside the church office, or you may call the office and we will assist you.

# Monthly Prayer List



## Recent Requests:

Nancy Blankenship Molly Tracy  
Bob Earley  
Returning Students & Teachers

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

## On-Site Attendance

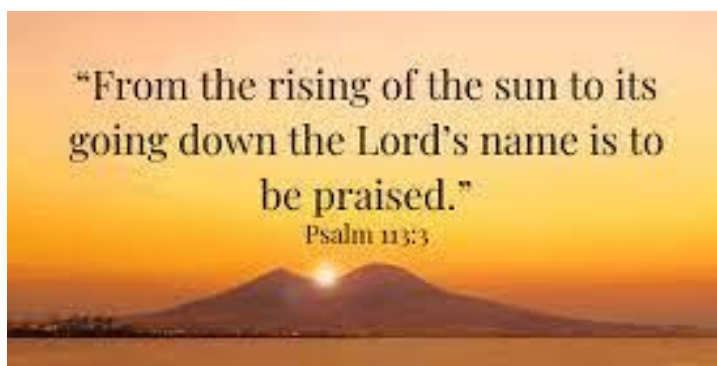
|                | July | 5  | 12 | 19 | 26 |
|----------------|------|----|----|----|----|
| 8:45 am Chapel | NA   | 14 | 15 | 20 |    |
| 10:50 Worship  | 75   | 85 | 56 | 68 |    |

## Special Gifts

In memory of Lisa Johns by Harriet Montgomery,  
Ann Smith, Richard & Margaret McNeil, Taylor &  
Mary Beth Richardson, Diana Wright

### Music Fund:

In memory of Lisa Johns by Carolyn Childs



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## Thank You!

Thank you for your support during this difficult time. Your prayers and presence have been a great comfort. We deeply appreciate your compassion and friendship as we navigate through our grief. --Family of Lisa Stanley Johns

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## e-Giving

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

# August 2026

**Saturday, Aug. 1**---Litter Mates, Grahamwood

**Sunday, Aug. 2**--- Backpack Sunday

---Home Communion Visits

---Adopt-a-Park cleanup

**Monday, Aug. 3**---Mullins Greeters at WSES

---Adm Council

**Sunday, Aug. 9**---Girl Scouts, 1 pm. FH

**Wednesday, Aug. 12**---Grief Support Group

---Women's Prayer Group

**Saturday, Aug. 15**---St. John's Ministry

**Wednesday, Aug. 26**---Grief Support Group

---Women's Prayer Group

**Sunday, Aug. 30**--- "5<sup>th</sup> Sunday" gathering, FH

---Labor Day BBQ pre-order  
deadline

## Upcoming Events

**Sept. 1**-- United Women in Faith, 10:30, Chapel

**Sept. 6**---Labor Day BBQ Pre-order Pickups &  
Bake Sale!

--- Home Communion Visits

**Sept. 7**---Labor Day--- *Office Closed*

**Sept. 10**---Wesley Foundation Lunch

**Oct. 3**---Blessing of the Animals

**Oct. 4**---World Communion Sunday

## General Weekly Schedule:

**Sunday**

8:30 am, Chapel Service

9:45 am, Sunday School

10:50 am, Worship, Sanctuary

**Wednesday**

10:00, Grief Support Grp, Parlor (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed)

11:00, Women's Prayer Grp, Gym (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed)

6:00, Choir Rehearsal (ck for return date))

**Thursday**

6:30, Community Orchestra rehearsal

*Thanks Be to God!*

## Mullins UMC Staff

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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 office. Deadline for the September issue is Aug. 25. Please submit articles to office.

## Mission Statement

We are the hands and feet of Jesus by loving our church family and embracing our diverse community through worship, study, service and witness.

## LOVE

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. *I Corinthians 13:4-8a (NIV)*