

THANK YOU

Words can't express how grateful we are for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and visits during John's recent hospitalizations. Rev. Brad was there every time we needed him. We are so blessed to have him and all of our Mullins family as a support team. Thank you, and God bless each and everyone of you.

John and Gwen Augustine

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Children, 2nd grade and older, who are interested in serving as acolytes, must attend the training session on Wednesday, August 15, 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This training is for those who are currently serving, as well as for new acolytes.

SCRAPBOOK RETREAT

Enjoy a weekend of scrap booking fun as well as all the amenities of Lakeshore United Methodist Assembly! Preserving life's precious memories by scrap booking takes lots of time and extra time is often in short supply. Plan to spend the weekend at Lakeshore, September 7 – 9, where you can devote an entire weekend to your scrapbooks (and yourself). Sorry, kids — this is just for adults! In addition to all the scrap booking you could want, there will be worship each night as a community, you can swim and float around the lazy river or go for a hike, rest and relax, make new friends and learn new skills at optional classes. Also, don't forget the great Lakeshore food! The retreat will begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday night and end Sunday after lunch. The cost is \$98. Registration forms are available in the church office. For questions, call Vickie at 731-584-6102.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We exist temporarily through what we take, but we live forever through what we give.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

In honor and in memory of Lena & Edward Melsa & Leslie Lee Melsa by Otto Melsa, Larry Edward Melsa



There will be a brief, but very important meeting, for parents of nursery age children (birth - 3 yrs.) this Sunday, August 12, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Please make every effort to attend!



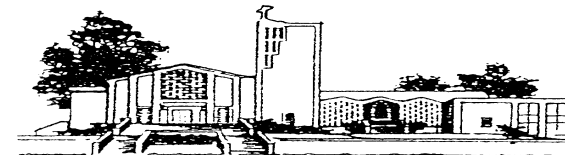
CALLING VOLUNTEERS FOR ST. JOHN MINISTRY

On Saturday, August 18, Mullins will once again provide a meal for the homeless of our community at St. John UMC. Volunteers are urgently needed for this important ministry! We promise that you will come away feeling blessed by your participation in this outreach of our church! The time you give is minimal — the rewards are tremendous!! We will meet at St. John UMC, 3:30 p.m. on August 18. Please call Ginny Wilcox at 276-8467 and let her know you will help.

NEW BIBLE STUDY COMING!

Rev. Linda Gabriel will lead a Beth Moore Bible Study beginning August 27. This group will meet in Room 117-T, at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays. The emphasis for the study will be "Fruits of the Spirit", from Galatians. Everyone is welcome!

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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor
August 12, 2007

Scripture: Luke 12: 32 - 40
Sermon: 'PRACTICALLY IMPRACTICAL'

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Worship	8:45 & 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School	9:40 am
Wednesday Dinner & Program	5:45 p.m.

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Dear Friends,

This past Sunday, August 5, my son Daniel joined Mullins UMC. Of course, Linda and I are proud of him. I explained that with Linda serving Union Ave. UMC, our two sons had to decide with which church to place their membership. The point being, that being a member of a church was not optional. We who are Wesleyan Christians know that to be fully a part of the faith journey with Christ, we must be part of a church. Church membership is not optional, because faithful relationships with people who will hold us, and hold us accountable, are essential to our spiritual health. It is simply not true that one can worship God as well at the golf course, or coffee shop or swimming pool as one can in church. Christians are the body of Christ. The body is not healthy when part of it is missing. In addition, when a part of the body is detached from the rest of the body, that part starts to suffer as well. So, church membership is not optional. Regular and faithful attendance in worship is not optional, it is essential. The model for this, as always, is Christ himself. See you Sunday!

In His Service,
Brad



A very special treat is in store for us this Sunday, August 12, as renowned concert pianist, David Francis, presents a concert at 4:00 p.m. in the Mullins sanctuary! David is the son of our own Marguerite Francis Higginbotham. He is an amazingly gifted musician! Don't miss this opportunity to hear David — he will touch your heart and soul with his music!!



Children's Sermon

Do you enjoy working with children? Do you like the "unexpected" that comes from working with children?! If so, we have the perfect position for you!!! Volunteers are needed to give the Children's Message during 10:50 worship once every other month. Our children are such wonderful examples of joy and exuberance! They have so much to share (and teach us!). If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Gwen Augustine at 465-1992, or email her at gwenaugi@ix.netcom.com

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 12 - Saturday, August 18

SUNDAY	8:45 a.m. Worship - Chapel 9:40 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Nursery Parents Mtg. - Sanctuary 10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary 4:00 p.m. Piano Concert/David Francis - Sanctuary 5:00 p.m. Youth
MONDAY	9:30 a.m. Yoga - Gym 10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
TUESDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym 6:15 p.m. Pilates Class - Gym 7:00 p.m. Yoga Class 7:00 p.m. Bowling
WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast - FH 5:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner - FH 6:15 p.m. Children/Youth Programs 6:15 p.m. Beading - Parlor 6:15 p.m. Acolyte Training - Sanctuary 6:30 p.m. Program - FH 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym 9:30 a.m. Yoga Class - Gym
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym 5:00 p.m. Youth Retreat
SATURDAY	8:15 a.m. Yoga Class - Gym 3:30 p.m. St. John's Ministries



THE MENU FOR AUGUST 15

Adults \$5, 12 & Under \$3, Family Max \$20

Adults: Baked Ham, Black-eyed Peas, Turnip Greens, Corn, Slaw, Cornbread, Dessert
Kids: Pizza or adult menu



MEMBERS IN SERVICE

Acolytes: Callie Likley, Sheldon Parker
Children's Sermon: Gwen Augustine
Children's Church: Shannon Stewart, Callie Dawkins

OUR PRAYERS

St. Francis

Louise Magargel 414
June Phillips 1232

At Home

Don Dunavant



OUR PRESENCE

8:45 a.m.	41
Sunday School	114
10:50 Service	144
Prayer Breakfast	14
Prayer Service	83



CHANCEL FLOWERS

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God

...in celebration of Hal and Diana Baker's wedding anniversary on August 14, by their children and families.

...in loving memory of Paul Hausmann, Jr. in remembrance of his birthday, August 12, by Paul and Sue Hausmann



Sunday School takes the spotlight on August 26, as we celebrate Rally Day, Promotion Sunday and Teacher Recognition! Adult and children's classes will gather in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour for a rousing salute to Sunday School and its importance in our lives, no matter what our age!!