

DO YOU SEW???

Amber Mock, our Children's Director, needs volunteers to help make costumes for the children's Christmas play which is December 9th. There's not much time!! Contact Amber as soon as possible and let her know if you will help!

2008 FLOWER CALENDAR

Sign up now for the dates you want Chancel flowers in 2008. For your convenience, the Flower Calendar is posted on the office window. You may also call the church office at 685-8253, and we will be glad to assist you. The cost is \$30 per arrangement.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!

Get your Christmas shopping done early! Enjoy a special evening out. Let your child enjoy a fun time with friends. We have several dates to choose from.

- Saturday, December 1, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- Friday, December 7, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 11, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The cost per session is \$25 for one child, \$35 for two, \$5 for each additional child. We will offer games, snacks, and music, all centered on a Christmas theme. This is open to children age 3 months — 10 years old. Sign up now — spots are filling up fast! Contact PDO, 681-9217 and get on the list!

POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will adorn our Sanctuary on December 16th and 23rd. If you would like to order poinsettias in honor or in memory of loved ones please complete the form and return to the church office, with payment, by December 9th. The cost is \$10 each.

Name _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Poinsettias _____ Amount Paid _____

NEW WAYS OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

Beginning Sunday, December 2, we'll be using a new method for prayer requests and praises during worship. During the week, please continue to call the church office, 685-8253, with your prayer requests and praises. On Sunday mornings you will have the opportunity to pick up a prayer card from boxes outside the Sanctuary doors. Please complete the card and give to an usher before the service begins. Ushers will then give the cards to the pastor. This format will allow Dr. Gabriel time to become familiar with prayer requests before the prayer time in the worship service. Needs that occur on Saturday should be noted on the cards on Sunday mornings. Please be assured that all prayer concerns will be voiced during the worship service. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Worship Committee

LAST MINUTE REGISTRATION

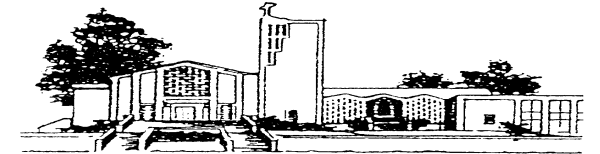
...for basketball — deadline is Wednesday, November 28. There are openings for 1st grade - 12th grade. Contact Christie Entrekin at 489-5581, ASAP!!! Games begin January 5, 2008.

MIFA GOODIE BAGS

On Tuesday, December 4, United Methodist Women will fill Christmas Goodie Bags for MIFA (Metropolitan Interfaith Association) recipients. When Christmas meals are delivered, a bag of goodies is also presented to them. Each decorated bag is filled with 15 items and makes a special surprise for these shut-ins.

We now have larger bags, so items can be bigger than travel size. Some recommended items are: individually wrapped toothbrushes, toothpaste, puzzles, books of crossword puzzles, small flashlights, hard candy (nothing that will melt), lip balm, small pencil sharpeners, non-skid socks, and other things you would enjoy if you were a shut-in. Travel size containers of shampoo, conditioner and lotion are an ongoing need, but we need these other special items to be sure everyone gets 15 items in their bag. You may bring donations to the church office, labeled "MIFA", or give them to Nancy Blankenship, Mullins' MIFA representative. We especially welcome cash or check donations to purchase needed items. Checks should be made out to Mullins UMC and designated for "Goodie Bags". We try to fill at least 50 bags (more if possible), so we need lots of items! Please bring your donations to the church office by Monday, December 3. THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

MULLINS MESSENGER



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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor
November 25, 2007

Scripture: Luke 1: 68 - 79
Sermon: 'FOLLOWING THE KING'

Weekly Schedule

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

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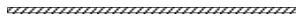


Dear Friends,

"First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is proclaimed throughout the whole world." Romans 1: 8

Thanks for giving. Thankful giving. Thanksgiving. How many ways can we say it? How many ways can we express our love for God who gives us everything? At times, I honestly can say that I am overwhelmed with all the blessings: family, friends, faith, and future. Not to move too fast from gratitude to something else, but I know in my bones that all I have received is so that I can tell others and show others where God is blessing them as well. Sometimes those blessings are hard to see. Sometimes in the midst of hurt, seeing anything as a blessing is difficult. Still, we are blessed. We have received so much — again: family, friends, faith and future. Here at Mullins people are quick to acknowledge blessings and quick to offer to share them with others in the name of our Lord, Christ. In your thankful living ". . .your faith is proclaimed throughout the whole world." Let me encourage you, then, to be sure to take time this Thanksgiving to remember the One who is the source of all we have and are and may be. From that point, we move into sharing our blessings and prepare to celebrate the greatest blessing of all time.

In His Service,
Brad Gabriel



Linguists tell us that the words "think" and "thank" come from the same root. Thoughtfulness and thankfulness are much closer than we ever imagined.

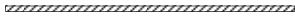
A thankful heart is a thoughtful heart, and a thoughtful heart is a thankful heart. Similarly, when we are thoughtless, we are thankless.

Scripture urges us both to thank and to think. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. . ." Forget not! Remember (think about) all God has done for you.

This interdependence of thinking and thanking is clear. The Thanksgiving season provides us with an excellent opportunity to recall consciously our many blessings, and to express gratitude actively.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25 - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

- SUNDAY 8:45 a.m. Worship - Chapel
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- MONDAY 10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Bible Study - 212
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts - FH
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
- TUESDAY 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym
10:00 a.m. Bridge Group - Lamplighter Rm.
6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class - Gym
6:30 p.m. Handbells
7:00 p.m. Yoga Class
7:00 p.m. Bowling
- WEDNESDAY 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast - FH
8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym
5:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner - FH
6:15 p.m. Children/Youth Programs
6:30 p.m. Program - FH
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- THURSDAY 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym
6:30 p.m. Woodwind Rehearsal
- FRIDAY 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym
- SATURDAY 8:15 a.m. Yoga - Gym
10:00 a.m. Hanging of the Green
5:00 p.m. Parents Night Out
6:00 p.m. Crossroads Class Party - Suzie Morris' house



MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR NOVEMBER 25

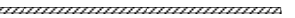
Children's Message: Cyndi Watkins
Children's Church: Play Practice



THE MENU FOR NOVEMBER 28

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

Adults: Spaghetti, Italian Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert
Kids: Pizza or adult menu

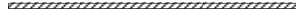


To schedule a nursery for church meetings, please contact Stephanie Bowen, 483-4747, or the church office, 685-8253.

OUR PRAYERS

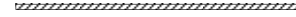
St. Francis Nursing Home
Bidwell & Nancy Dean 313

At Home
Lucille Carson
Matt Washburn



OUR PRESENCE

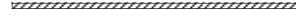
8:45 a.m.	40
Sunday School	86
10:50 Service	137
Prayer Breakfast	14
Prayer Service	73



CHANCEL FLOWERS

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God
...in honor of my wife, Tonya, for 31 years of married bliss,
by Tony Martini

...in loving memory of Kathy Martin,
in remembrance of her 57th birthday,
by her sister and brothers



**UNITED METHODIST NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS
NEED YOUR HELP!**

UMNC needs your help to provide food, toys and gifts for those in need this Christmas. Food donations should be brought to 3000 Walnut Grove Road, Ground Floor. For more information, call Dan at 323-4993, ext. 239.