

THANK YOU NOTES

My thanks to all of you who sent words of encouragement. Prayers work!

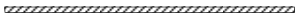
Rhodes Vawter

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Many, many thanks to Steve and Tina Martini, and Rachelle Anthony, for sharing their music in worship on March 31. Please, come again!

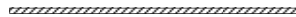
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A huge thank you to Casey Black for serving as Liturgist during the month of March. We are thankful for her servant heart!



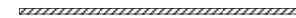
BE A PRAYER PARTNER

...for one of our youth! There will be a sign up sheet outside the Sanctuary this Sunday, April 6, for those who are interested, to volunteer. All the details will be explained during worship.



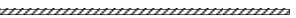
HELP SEND A CHILD TO SUMMER CAMP!

United Methodist Neighborhood Centers will be sending children from our community to summer camp at Lakeshore this year. The price of camp, travel and food will be \$230 per child. Please help us send as many children as possible from our district. If you cannot sponsor the entire cost for one child, your contributions will still help. Please make checks payable to Mullins and designate for "UMNC Summer Camp".



LAITY BANQUET

The Asbury District Laity Banquet is Tuesday, April 15, 2008, in Seabrook Hall, Christ United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$10 each, and must be purchased in the church office at Mullins by April 6. Brenda Carson, Mullins' "Unsung Heroine" for 2008 will be recognized at this event.



SPRING FASHION FANTASY LUNCH & FASHION SHOW

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
480 S. Highland
Memphis, Tennessee

Join St. Luke UMW for lunch and fashions by Chico's on Sat. May 3, 2008. Admission is \$20. All proceeds go to missions. For tickets call 767-7260 or 452-6262.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

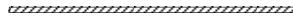
Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

In memory of Bill Foreman by Mr. & Mrs. Rhodes Vawter

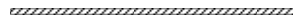
YOUTH MISSIONS

In memory of Scott Belisle by Cyndi Watkins



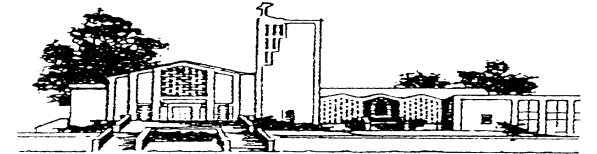
UNITED METHODIST MEN GOLF SCRAMBLE

...is Saturday, May 3, 2008, at Brownsville Country Club, 7:30 a.m. sign in, 8:00 a.m. Tee Off. The cost is \$55 per person, which includes green fee, cart and registration, food and beverage. This four man scramble is to raise funds to support the programs of the Memphis Conference United Methodist Men. Bring your own team, or we will place you with others. Teams will be placed in flights. There will be prizes awarded to each flight. Registration forms are available in the church office at Mullins. Deadline to register is April 28. Questions??? Call Dick Pilbeam at 901-488-7206.



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April 6, 2008

Dr. Brad Gabriel, Pastor
Scripture: Luke 24: 13 - 35
Sermon: 'EMMAUS'

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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PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

God spoke to the prophet Jeremiah and told the people of faith to seek the welfare of the city in which they live because "...on its welfare your welfare will depend." (Jeremiah 29:7) We find ourselves in Memphis, Tennessee. We ought, then, to seek the welfare of this city. Yes, many of us do not live within the legal boundaries of the city, but here is our church, here is our place to worship, and here is our place where we begin living as God instructed us to live. With Mullins United Methodist Church's excellent history of seeking the welfare of this community, along with the honest questions of community well-being that have been raised lately, we are a natural location to explore the question of, "What Makes a Healthy Community?" We know that community health is made up of many different parts. So, we will host representatives from many sectors of our city over the next three months as we explore, "What Makes a Healthy Community?" I hope that you will make plans to be with us. Below is a list of presenters for April. Brochures listing all the speakers are on the tables beside the Sanctuary doors. Please call the church office to make dinner reservations if you are not on the permanent reservation list.

April 2: Overview of a Healthy Community, Dr. Stan Highland, University of Memphis

April 9: Arts & Entertainment, Mr. Jackie Nichols, Director, Playhouse on the Square

April 16: Television News and Programming, Mr. Craten Armmer, Community Affairs Manager, WMC-TV Channel 5

April 23: Spirituality, Ms. Linda Douty, Spiritual Director

April 30: Personal Financial Health, Mr. Larry Clayton, CLU, AEP, Chartered Financial Consultant, CFH Financial

Please make plans (and dinner reservations) to join on Wednesday evenings for these informative presentations.

In His Service,
Brad Gabriel

SPRING FLING

Join the women of Burdette UMC at the annual Spring Fling on Saturday, April 19, 4953 Malone Road, Memphis, Tennessee, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. The guest speaker will be Cynthia Bond Hopson, Ph.D., noted educator, author and motivational speaker, who will be available for a book signing. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 ages 4 - 17. For tickets, call 365-8725, by April 12.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 - SATURDAY, APRIL 12

SUNDAY	8:45 a.m. Worship - Chapel 9:40 a.m. Sunday School 10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary 5:00 p.m. Yoga Class - 117-T 6:00 p.m. MOMs Group - Memphis Pizza Cafe 9:30 a.m. Church Women United - Buntyn Pres.
MONDAY	10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Group 6:15 p.m. Woodwinds Ensemble 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:30 p.m. Adult Volleyball - Hope #2
TUESDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym 12:30 p.m. UM Assoc. Preschools Mtg. - 117-T 6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class - Gym 6:30 p.m. Handbells 7:00 p.m. Yoga Class 7:00 p.m. Bowling 7:00 p.m. Worship - 117-T
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: Jackie Nichols, Guest Speaker 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym 6:45 p.m. Youth Volleyball - Mullins
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym Soccer
SATURDAY	8:00 a.m. Concord Sale - Gym 8:15 a.m. Yoga - Gym 9:00 a.m. 1st & 2nd Girls - 2nd Pres. 9:00 a.m. 1st & 2nd Boys - Hope #2 North 10:00 a.m. 3rd/4th Boys - Hope #3 South 7:30 p.m. AA Mtg. - Lamplighter Rm.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR APRIL 6

Children's Message: None—Communion Sunday
Children's Church: Lisa Weaver, Daniel Gabriel

THE MENU FOR APRIL 9

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

Adults: Roast Pork, Cheese Grits, Lima Beans, Salad, Bread, Dessert

Kids: Pizza or adult menu

GUEST SPEAKER, APRIL 9

Mr. Jackie Nichols, Executive Producer and founder, Playhouse on the Square.

OUR PRAYERS

Baptist East
Marguerite Cooper 4107

OUR PRESENCE

8:45 a.m.	40
Sunday School	94
10:50 Service	143
Prayer Breakfast	12
Prayer Service	78



Just a reminder that our 2008 budget included pledges for **both Budget and Capital Improvements**. Please designate whether your contribution is "Budget" or "Capital Improvements" in the memo line on your check. Remember to check your quarterly statements throughout the year to be sure your contributions are in the right categories.

OUR ULTIMATE GOAL

In his poem "A Psalm of Life", Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote:

Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.

Christians believe in eternal life because:

- We trust that the God who created us won't abandon us when our hearts stop. Will God allow us to become mere dust or fodder for worms? Surely not. We can believe in a life to come because of God's eternal love for us.
- We trust Jesus, God's Son, who said, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?" (John 14: 2, NRSV). Death is only a change of residence, a move to our eternal home.
- We trust that we will be raised from the dead and live, just as Jesus died and was resurrected. We simply finish the last chapter of this life and start the new book called eternal life.

All praise be to God!