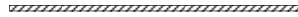


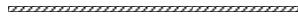


Congratulations to Erin Edmiston on the birth of a daughter, Rebecca Lynn, on December 28, 2007. Rebecca weighed 6 lbs., 13 oz. and was 19 inches at birth! According to proud grandparents, Amanda and Greg Rigg, she is PERFECT!! Rebecca was welcomed home by her big brother, Garrett.



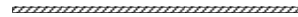
YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR VIDEO SERIES!

The New Directions Sunday School Class will begin a video series on January 13, at 9:40 a.m. in Room 117-T. The series is titled, "Drive Thru History" and is narrated by Dave Stotts. There will be stops in Turkey, the Holy Land, and many other countries, showing a fast paced encounter with the people, places and events that have shaped our world and the Christian faith. Please join us for the entire 12 week series, or visit with us for as many episodes as you like. We look forward to seeing you there!



LAY SPEAKER TRAINING

Training for Certified Lay Speaker and Advance Lay Speaker will be held January 17, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. and January 19, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul UMC, 2949 Davies Plantation Rd., Lakeland, Tennessee. **Both days are required.** The cost is \$25 (bring a sack lunch). For reservations, contact Tammy Budden at the District Office, 685-6266, or TBUDDEN@UMCMEMPHIS.ORG



To place someone on the Prayer Chain, please call:

Days:

Church Office, 685-8253; or Jim Bland, 756-3944 or 487-9669

Nights:

Brenda Carson, 382-4901 or 490-5466

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

In honor of Bill & Betty Pickel by Bert Garrett
In honor of Charles & Kathy Carter by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Curry
In honor & in memory of Lena & Edward Melsa and Leslie Lee Melsa by Col. Otto Melsa, Larry Edward Melsa
In memory of Ed Wilborn by Mrs. James Keel
In memory of Nancy & Bidwell Dean by Shirley Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Dick Sims, Debbie Cunningham Mingledorff, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Pickel, Mrs. James Keel, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hausmann, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Carroll, Lee Pitts

DEBT RETIREMENT

In honor of my parents, Bill & Betty Pickel by Ann Smith

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

In memory of Nancy & Bidwell Dean by Mrs. H. C. Williamson, Jr.

MARCH TO THE MANGER

In honor of Lynne Sweatt by Tim Sweatt

ENDOWMENT

In honor of Cecil Harris by Wyatt Skaines

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND

In honor of Jennifer Mastin by Terrye and Andy Mastin

HOUSE & GROUNDS

In honor of Julia Howell by Ginger Schuette

PARENTS DAY OUT

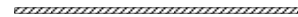
In honor of Imogene Howell Cummings by Ginger Schuette

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In honor of Margaret Brown by Ginger Schuette

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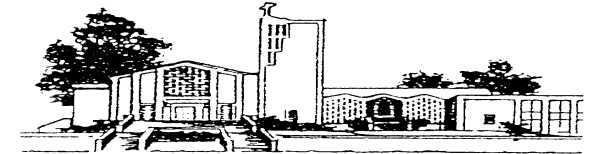
In honor of Wayne & Brenda Carson by Robert & Debby Michael



UPPER ROOM

Current issues of the Upper Room are now available on tables outside the Sanctuary. The cost is \$1.00 per copy. Start your day off right with great devotional reading!

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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor
 January 6, 2008

Scripture: Matthew 2: 1 - 12
 Sermon: 'LIGHT DUTY'

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,

Happy New Year! Of course, we in the church have been keeping a new gospel year since the first Sunday in Advent, but that's all right. The church is always a little ahead of the secular world. January is a month full of events. In 1946, the first of the Boomers was born in January, the same week that Emperor Hirohito of Japan announced following the end of WW II, that he was not divine after all. In 1968, the New Hampshire Primary saw Senator Eugene McCarthy get 42% of the vote and effectively begin the unseating of President Johnson. Saint Paul the Apostle was martyred on January 25. Best of all, perhaps, is that on January 6 (a Sunday this year), we get to celebrate the feast of Epiphany. On that day the Magi from the East are supposed to have found the infant Jesus, Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem and there they — the first Gentiles to do so — worshiped him as God in human flesh. Thus the word “epiphany”, which means to make manifest or obvious, as in God becoming obvious to seekers, is attached to that day. We use lights to show that God is seen in the darkness of a fallen creation. We sing joyfully to show that God is praised in the middle of problems. In some churches, mostly of the Orthodox variety, gifts are given and Christmas is celebrated. Epiphany is the end of the 12 days of Christmas. Here at Mullins we will keep the tradition with the last lighting of special lights on January 6. On January 9, we will have a time of prayer following the first Wednesday night dinner of the New Year. So — on we go into 2008, with all of the hope and determination that God generously gives to us. See you Sunday.

In His Service,
Brad

WHAT THE NEW YEAR OFFERS

- A fresh start in the totality of our life.
- A chance to do good things for others, especially older members of our family.
- An opportunity to plan better for the future, including the use of our time, talent and possessions.
- A challenge to read helpful books about living according to God's plan.
- A chance to better control stress and anxiety in body and spirit.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 - SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

SUNDAY 8:45 a.m. Worship - Chapel
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
No Youth Today

MONDAY 9:30 a.m. Church Women United - Buntyn Pres.
10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Group
6:15 p.m. Woodwinds Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts - FH
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m. Outreach Com. - 117-T

TUESDAY 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym
9:30 a.m. UMW Board Mtg. - 117-T
10:30 a.m. UMW General Mtg. - Chapel
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
3:00 p.m. Church Directory Photos - 117-T
3:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
5:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner - FH
6:15 p.m. Children/Youth Programs
6:15 p.m. PDO Board Mtg. - 117-T
6:30 p.m. Program - FH
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym
11:30 a.m. Women Clergy Mtg. - Rm. 209

FRIDAY 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym

SATURDAY 8:15 a.m. Yoga - Gym
10:00 a.m. Basketball

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR JANUARY 6

Children's Church: Carrie & Huston Likley

THE MENU FOR JANUARY 9

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

Adults: Beef Brisket, Rice/Gravy, Broccoli, Salad Bar, 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

At Home

Callie Kercher
Zoe Woody
Erin Edmiston & baby Rebecca
Amanda Rigg
Miranda Rose
Jerry Cohen

OUR PRESENCE

8:45 a.m.	28
Sunday School	81
10:50 Service	179

FLOWER CALENDAR

It's time to sign up for Chancel Flowers for 2008. The cost is \$30 per arrangement. The calendar is posted on the church office window for your convenience in signing up, or you may call the church office at 685-8253, and we will be happy to assist you. There are MANY open dates available, so please sign up now!

LEADERSHIP TRAINING EVENT

The Asbury and McKendree Districts' Leadership Training Event for 2008 will be held Sunday, January 28, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. at Mullins United Methodist Church. The overview presentations include: Nurture — Ed White; Witness — Autura Hampton; Outreach — Rick Kirchoff. Breakouts for Administrative Training for: SPRC/PPR — John Holt and Barry Henson; Trustees — Tim Atkins; Church Leadership — Dave Hilliard and Paul Blankenship (focus: Church Council, Administrative Council/Board, etc.); Lay Delegates — Selena Henson and Randy Cooper “General and Jurisdictional Conference Issues”; Clergy — Harry Durbin “The Practice of Radical Hospitality”, Advance Reading: Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations, Chapter 1, by Bishop Robert Schnase (available at Cokesbury Bookstore or online at www.cokesbury.com)

All new and existing church leaders, especially those leaders of the workshops listed, should plan to attend.

For more information contact Tammy Budden at 685-6266.