

### NEW FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS!

It's HOT, HOT, HOT outside, but we're gearing up for fall!!! School begins in the next few weeks, and our regular programming schedule will resume the week of August 17.

Wednesday Fellowship Dinners will kick-off on August 20, with Coach John Calipari as our featured speaker. We expect a huge crowd, so please remember to make your dinner reservations by Friday, Aug. 15, so that we may plan adequately!

Our Sprouts program for children will also resume on August 20. Amber Mock, Director of Children's Ministries, has worked diligently on the fall programming for Sprouts, as well as a new children's ministry program which will begin soon. She will be glad to answer any questions you have regarding children's ministries. Volunteers are always needed to help with programming on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Contact Amber and let her know you will help!

Mullins Youth have not been on hiatus this summer (just ask Craig Tate, Director of Youth Ministries), but are planning the transition from summer to fall with a week-end retreat August 8, 9, & 10. Watch the newsletter in the coming weeks for news about our youth and the many activities they are involved with — they're a BUSY group!

Music, music, music — rehearsals for Chancel Choir, handbells and woodwinds begin soon. Check with Bryan Dunn, Director of Music Ministries, for exact day and times for each group.

Registration for fall sports, soccer and volleyball, is now underway. Forms are available in the church office or from Christie Entrekina, Director of Recreation Ministries.

Men's Prayer Breakfast will also resume on Wednesday, August 20. Tantalizing smells of sausage, bacon, eggs and biscuits will fill the air! All men of the church are invited to join in this time of food and fellowship.

Parents Day Out is in full swing, with promotion week set for the week of August 18. Call Kimberly Dunigan, 681-9217, to register a child for PDO. Kids have lots of fun while learning!

Of course, Sunday School classes for children, youth and adults are ongoing. The seasons come, the seasons go, but Sunday School is a constant! Rally Day and Promotion Sunday will be September 7.

Our local unit of United Methodist Women will meet in September. This outstanding group of ladies all have a heart for mission and service. Join them and see the many ways they show the love of Christ to others.

As you can see, it's going to be full steam ahead! At Mullins UMC you will be nourished spiritually, enjoy wonderful friendships, and find the place God would have you serve.

### BOOK SALE

There's still time to clean off those shelves, closets, etc. and donate books you don't need to our Book Sale on August 27. This will be a very special evening as we recognize the children who took part in the Heifer International "Read-to-Feed" program. Our guest that evening will be Michael "Ziggy" Danzinger, who engages audiences young and old with family-friendly songs. Mark your calendars — don't miss it!!!

### HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

#### BUDGET

In memory of Marguerite Francis Higginbotham by Jean and George Sibley

### MUSIC POSITION AVAILABLE

Asbury United Methodist Church is seeking a part-time Director of Music Ministries. Asbury UMC is a mid-sized, multi-ethnic congregation, "a place for all people to become disciples of Jesus Christ." The ideal candidate will have a demonstrable Christian faith and will work well with people of all ages and races; will have exposure to and experience with various musical traditions and styles; will be a self-starter with good organizational skills; will be willing to work with the pastor and worship committee in planning worship and special events; will submit to a background check and will abide by the church's Safe Sanctuary policy. Resume should indicate church participation, previous work experience, and training, including references. Questions about the position and applications/resumes may be addressed to Rev. David Garrett, c/o Asbury UMC, 2969 S. Mendenhall, Memphis, TN 38115. He may also be reached at (901) 363-1135 or [pastor@asburyumc.org](mailto:pastor@asburyumc.org).

### Everyone CAN Help!!

Let's help restock United Methodist Neighborhood Centers Food Pantries

Bring just one can or any non-perishable item to church each Sunday in

### AUGUST

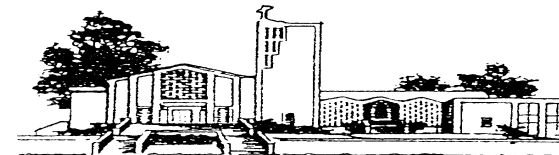
and Everyone CAN make a difference!!

No one should be turned away or go hungry

in our community.

PLEASE DO YOUR PART!

# MULLINS MESSENGER



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Mullins Pulpit - August 10, 2008

Scripture: Genesis 37: 1 - 4, 12 - 28; Matthew 14: 22 - 33,  
Sermon: 'DRASTIC STEPS'

#### Weekly Schedule

Sunday Worship	8:45 & 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School	9:40 am

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Dear Friends,

As I was saying Sunday, the Disciples were cautious and looked at what they could see, looked at what was in front of their eyes and under their noses. I can't blame them for that. If there is any blame it is that they did not add in what they had already seen. Jesus had raised the dead, healed the ill, and restored an insane man to his right mind. They had not seen any of that before, yet the evidence was there. On the hillside Jesus tells them to feed the thousands. Given that they had not done any such thing before, one wonders why they did not ask Jesus directly how they should go about that, rather than resort to the old path of "every man for himself". Jesus asked simply, "What do you have?" So, Mullins, what do you have?

In stewardship terms, what do you have in income that you can give back to God to do ministry here, nearby, and around the world? What do you have, or what could you leave in your estate that can continue the Mullins ministry far into the future? Have you talked to your family, lawyer or estate planner about it?

In evangelistic terms, who do you know who does not go to church regularly? With almost 60% of people in Memphis and Shelby County unchurched, everyone knows someone, works with someone, lives with someone, or is related to someone who does not go to church regularly. Do you have it in you to pray for that person? Do you have it in you to invite that person to a Wednesday dinner and program? Do you have it in you to invite that person to church?

In service terms do you ever feel like a "pew potato"? What is in your heart to do so that Mullins continues to teach the children and the youth as well as the adults? Do you have it in you to sing in the choir, work with the UMW, tutor at Lester Elementary, work in the soup kitchen at St. John UMC, or volunteer to clean a portion of our building?

What else is in your heart to give, to do, and to be here at Mullins? The question that Jesus asks is not, "What do you think your neighbor has?", but "What do you have? What is in you?" When you see me Sunday, maybe you'll take time to tell me.

In His Service,  
Brad

**FAITH AND LABOR PICNIC  
Labor Day, 2008**

Bring your chairs and blankets on Monday, September 1, 2008, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church, Galloway at Evergreen. Tickets are \$10 for adults, Kids age 5 - 12 \$5 (under 5 are free) with \$30 maximum per family. All food, beverages, moon bounce, musical entertainment and chances to win door prizes are included in your admission! For tickets, call 332-3570. All proceeds will benefit Workers Interfaith Network (formerly Mid-South Interfaith Network for Economic Justice.) WIN is an organization of people of faith, low-wage workers and their allies who seek living wages and better working conditions for workers in our community.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 10- SATURDAY, AUGUST 16**

**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  
5:00 p.m. Youth

**MONDAY** 10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Group  
6:15 p.m. PDO Board - 117  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

**TUESDAY** 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym  
6:01 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal  
6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class - Gym  
7:00 p.m. Yoga Class  
7:00 p.m. Bowling  
7:00 p.m. Worship Com. - 117

**WEDNESDAY** 6:01 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY** 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym  
6:13 p.m. Woodwinds Rehearsal

**FRIDAY** 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym

**SATURDAY** 8:15 a.m. Yoga - Gym  
9:00 a.m. United Methodist Women Mission Study at Faith UMC  
7:30 p.m. AA Mtg. - Lamplighter Rm.

**MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR AUGUST 10**

Children's Message - Debi Gray

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS!**

Wednesday Fellowship Dinners resume August 20 and a new Reservation List is in place. If you would like to be on the permanent list (even if you were on the previous one) please call the church office at 685-8253, and ask to be placed on the new list. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

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

**OUR PRAYERS**

The Med  
Nick Monroe TICU-19

At Home  
Jack Cannon  
Rhodes Vawter

**OUR PRESENCE**

8:45 a.m.	35
Sunday School	90
10:50 Service	130



**CHANCEL FLOWERS**

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God

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



July, 2008

<b>Budget Needs to Date:</b>	<b>\$336,833</b>
<b>Budget Received to Date:</b>	<b>\$289,270</b>

**FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION**

It's time to register for soccer and volleyball — soccer for ages 4 and older, volleyball ages 13 through adult. Forms are available from Christie Entreklin or in the church office.