



We are delighted to welcome Neils and Rev. Birgitte French and their son and daughter, Fletcher and Hanna, into our congregation. They joined our church family on April 6, 2008. Hanna is serving as our Liturgist this month. The French family resides as 506 Princeton Cove, Memphis, TN 38117.

We also welcome new homebound members, Gerry and Gail Abazoris, who live at 2317 Pagely Place, Memphis, TN 38134. We are happy you have chosen Mullins UMC as your church home!

LIBRARY NEWS

Thanks to Margaret Brown for donating the following children's books:

- Come Into the Ark with Noah*
- Dear God, It's Me*
- Jesus Goes to School*
- Jesus Lights the Sabbath Lamp*

Due to the generosity of our Mullins family, the church library now has all eight books in *The Cooper Kids Adventure Series* by Frank Peretti. This youth adventure series lets you travel from one corner of the globe to another with Jay and Lila Cooper, as they confront danger and solve mysteries with their dad, Biblical archeologist Dr. Jacob Cooper. We also have new audio books for middle readers and youth: *Number the Stars* and *Holes*. For younger readers, check out *Ingraine the Brave*, *The Velveteen Rabbit* audio book on CD, and *Into the World of Narnia*, an adaptation of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis.

Special thanks to all who brought books for the Used Book Sale which is coming in August.



Let's get ready for Vacation Bible School! Children ages 4 - 11 are invited to participate in *Friendship Trek*, June 23 - 27, as we trek through God's word. If you are interested in volunteering at VBS, please contact Amber Mock or the church office, 685-8253. Registration cards are available at the church.

LIPSCOMB SCHOLARSHIPS

We are now accepting applications for the Lipscomb Scholarship. Applicants must be certified candidates in ministry. Call the church office, 685-8253, for application forms.

Bishop Hans Vaxby
presents
RUSSIA INITIATIVE
of the United Methodist Church
Monday, April 14, 2008, 11:30 a.m.
Seabrook Hall, Christ United Methodist Church

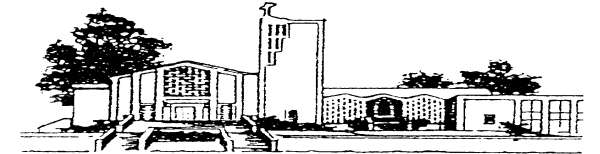
This event includes lunch, \$5.00 per person. Hear first hand how God is working through the United Methodist Churches in Russia and the region. Visit www.cumcmemphis.org/missions for more info and to register.



Intercessory prayer is powerful. It can change lives and work wonders. Our Prayer Chain has reached out beyond the city boundaries into surrounding communities and cities, drawing us closer together in God's love and healing power. We give grateful thanks for those who are so dedicated to this special task.

The Prayer Chain is committed to reach out and touch all who are in need of God's loving hand. We want to add new members who are interested in this vital ministry. If you want to know more, please contact the church office at 685-8253.

MULLINS MESSENGER



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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

April 13, 2008

Mullins Pulpit:
Scripture: I Peter 2: 19-25; John 10: 1-10
Sermon: 'SELF-KNOWLEDGE, Part I'

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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BOOKCASES NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Thanks to your generosity, our closets runneth over! I'm referring to the closets in the Reception Room, where our books are being stored while we try to find used bookcases, or someone to build a new set of bookcases. If you have the time and talent to build bookcases, please contact Margaret Carbaugh at 682-2299.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

And so it goes, to quote a dearly departed author. The tee shirts we saw around town that spoke of time are still correct. It truly is our time to shine. We simply have to shine in the face of disappointment. We will embrace time in the manner written of by the late Reverend Martin Luther King in his famous 'Letter from a Birmingham Jail'. Time, the Reverend King wrote, is neutral. Any change, any progress, in this case any victory, "comes through the tireless efforts and persistent hard work..." of people committed to making something happen. Positive change is the result of years of recruiting, months of planning, hours upon hours of practice and constant preparation for action. In such living we are ready when the time of opportunity presents itself. The opportunity may be to give a cup of cold water to a thirsty stranger; to greet an unfamiliar face on Sunday morning; to agree to lead a Bible Study, give a devotional or teach a Sunday School class. Mullins provides the time of opportunity for Christian living almost every day. The United Methodist Women, the choir, Men's Prayer Breakfast, Wednesday dinner planning, preparation and clean-up, lunch for the needy at St. John's, beading for Maanza a Leza, and much more are ways of, as St. James wrote, spending our time as doers of the gospel and not simply hearers. It is all how we see time. Our time is still here, our time to shine the light of the good news to all the world beginning from this corner of the city. We watched a group of young scholar athletes, their coaches fellow students and citizens use time to recruit, plan, practice and prepare. They did shine. So will we.

In His Service,
Brad Gabriel

GUEST SPEAKER, APRIL 16

Our series, "What Makes a Healthy Community?" will continue each Wednesday evening through June. The focus on April 16, is Television News and Programming, with guest speaker, Mr. Craten Armmer, Sr. He is a two time Mid-South regional Emmy and telly award-winning producer/director and a native Memphian. Mr. Armmer presently serves as Director of Community Affairs at WMC-TV 5. On May 20th of this year, he will celebrate 28 years as a television broadcaster. Mr. Armmer also serves on the Memphis City Schools Telecommunications Center Advisory Board. We look forward to his informative presentation on April 16.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 - SATURDAY, APRIL 19

SUNDAY	8:45 a.m. Worship - Chapel 9:40 a.m. Sunday School 10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Pastor's Ofc. 5:00 p.m. Yoga Class - 117-T
MONDAY	10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Group 6:00 p.m. PDO Board - 212 6:00 p.m. Brownies - 100 6:15 p.m. Woodwinds Ensemble 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
TUESDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym 10:30 a.m. UMW Circle Mtg. - Parlor 6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class - Gym 6:15 p.m. Laity Banquet - Christ UMC 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 6:15 p.m. Beading Group - Parlor 6:30 p.m. Program: Mr. Craten Armmer 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym 5:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out
SATURDAY	8:00 a.m. Boy Scouts - Lamplighter Rm. 8:15 a.m. Yoga - Gym 9:00 a.m. 1st & 2nd Girls - 2nd Pres. 9:00 a.m. 1st & 2nd Boys - 2nd Baptist 10:00 a.m. 3rd/4th Boys - Woodland Upper 7:30 p.m. AA Mtg. - Lamplighter Rm.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR APRIL 13

Children's Message: Debi Gray
Children's Church: Debi Gray, Tabitha Smith

THE MENU FOR APRIL 16

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

Adults: Round Steak, Rice/Gravy, Green Beans, Salad,
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

Baptist East

Marguerite Cooper 4244
Tina Boam (surg. 4/10)

At Home

Betty Carr (tests 4/10)

OUR PRESENCE

8:45 a.m.	31
Sunday School	94
10:50 Service	140
Prayer Breakfast	12
Prayer Service	82



CHANCEL FLOWERS

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God

...in memory of my wife, Pauline,
by Dr. J. R. Thomas

SUMMER DAY CAMP FOR KIDS

...begins June 1st for ages 6 (who have completed Kindergarten) - 12. Forms are available in the church office. To register or for more information, please contact Christie Entekin at 489-5581.



MARCH

Budget Needs to Date: \$144,357
Budget Received to Date: \$118,997