



Congratulations to Will and Angie Dougan on the birth of a son, John Augustine Dougan, born Thursday, March 13, 2008. John weighed 9 lbs. 6 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches! Mom, Dad and baby are doing fine! They'll have lots of help with the new baby from big brother, Spencer and big sister, Bekah!

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Friends,
Thanks so much to everyone who sent cards, brought food, offered help and gave contributions in Scott's memory. We appreciate it so much!

Racheal, Austin & Megan

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With your help, our Youth raised \$1,225.00 for the well in Kenya from our recent Sock Hop! Way to go, Mullins!!! A very special thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of this great event. We had a great time and raised funds for a very worthy cause!

Craig Tate

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On behalf of the Molly Lipscomb Circle of the United Methodist Women, and the children of Mullins UMC, I want to thank you for your generous donations for this year's Easter Egg Hunt. Though we needed only \$125 to cover the cost of the eggs, as usual, your generosity went above and beyond! We collected over \$150, and the extra money will go to children's ministries to pay for other expenses associated with the Egg Hunt, as well as our other children's events.

Thank you for showing once again what a loving church family we have here at Mullins! Our children are blessed to be part of such a supportive church environment.

Lane Traylor

A CELEBRATION OF FASHIONS FROM YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Bartlett United Methodist Women will host a fashion show and luncheon on Saturday, April 12, at 12:00 Noon. Fashions will be provided by Talbots, and will give a nostalgic nod to the fashions of yesteryear. Tickets are \$15 and are expected to sell out quickly. Call JoAnne Hawkins, 372-6425, or Judy Guthrie, 388-9533 for tickets or more information.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

In memory of Ollie Simpson by Buzzy & Sue Ann Boehme
In memory of Evva Burrow by Andy, Judy, Drew & Dustin Warren, Bill & Lee Ann Neal
In memory of Martha Favinger by Mrs. E. F. Luton
In memory of Bill Foreman by Mrs. David Moore

MAANZA A LEZA

In memory of Scott Belisle by Debi Gray

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

In memory of Ollie Simpson by Mr. & Mrs. Dick Gardner
In memory of Bill Foreman by Mr. & Mrs. Dick Gardner

YOUTH MISSIONS

In memory of Scott Belisle by Mr. & Mrs. Harold Smith, Sr.

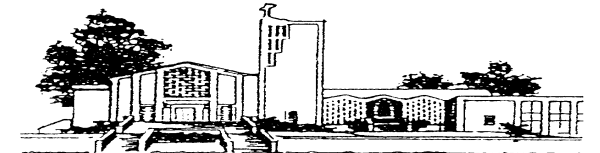
LIBRARY NEWS

Are you wondering how to keep your family entertained on Sunday afternoons, especially when it's wet and dreary outside? Why not check out some of the church library's new books, DVDs and videos for the kids? Come by the Reception Room before or after the 10:50 worship service to check out resources. Each time you check out a book for yourself or your children, your name will be entered in a drawing. During our next fund raiser we'll draw from these names for a wonderful family-friendly prize! Mystery fans — be watching this space in your newsletter for more hints later as to what this awesome prize will be!

USED BOOK SALE

Are your gently used books, videos and other resources gathering dust on your bookshelves? Here's your chance to "declutter" your home and help families in our church. Go through those gently used books and pull out those you are willing to donate. We will either sell them in our upcoming Used Book Sale or set them aside for use in the library. Place your donations in the boxes in the Reception Room (just outside the Sanctuary). As always, thank you for your support of the church library.

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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

March 23, 2008
Easter Sunday Service
Dr. Brad Gabriel, Pastor
Scripture: Matthew 28: 1 - 20
Sermon: 'RESURRECTION'

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,

My grandmother always told us never to plant anything before Easter. She never said why. I never thought to ask. Maybe the possibility of a late snow or frost was all that was in her mind. Given that this year we have a very early Easter, and an oddly warm Spring, I'm going to guess that grandmother was right about this planting thing, as she was about many others. Maybe, though, maybe there is more than weather involved in her old rule. Maybe she was thinking about new life. Although I am well aware that this line of thought can have problems, I think there is some significance to the fact that Christ's resurrection took place in the Spring. As Christ returned to life from death, the world around him, and now around us, looks to a return to life from winter's death-like grip. After all, Paul did write that in Christ God is reconciling the world to God (II Corinthians 5:19). We need to be alive to participate in that reconciliation. So, the renewed life that God offers through Christ's death and resurrection is reflected in the new life that the earth is experiencing at this time of year. Life reflects life. Life attracts life. Life promotes life. "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" we will call on Sunday. New life is opened to us. New life is reflected around us. New life is for us to live with all creation.

In His Service,
Brad

CONGRATULATIONS

...to Brenda Carson, our 2008 Unsung Heroine! Brenda is certainly deserving of this honor. She has worked tirelessly with Maanza a Leza and the Evangelism Committee, as well as many other areas of service in the church and community.

Brenda will be honored at the Asbury District Laity Banquet at Christ UMC on Tuesday, April 15, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and will be available soon in the church office.

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Congratulations also go to Coach John Calipari for leading the University of Memphis Tiger Basketball Team to victory in the Conference USA Tournament this past week-end! We eagerly anticipate the next round of tournament games beginning this week. Way to go, Tigers and Coach Call!!!



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.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23 - SATURDAY, MARCH 29

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
MONDAY	Parents' Day Out Closed 10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Group 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 10:00 a.m. Bridge Group - Lamplighter Rm. 6:00 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal 6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class - Gym 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. Brownies - 100 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 6:00 p.m. UMW Night Circle - Lamplighter Rm.
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym 5:00 p.m. Soccer Youth 30 Hour Famine Begins
SATURDAY	8:15 a.m. Yoga - Gym 9:00 a.m. Soccer

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR MARCH 23

Children's Message: Ed Bowen
Children's Church: Allison Bruch, Jennifer Mastin

THE MENU FOR MARCH 26

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

Baptist East

Marguerite Cooper 4107

At Home

Rhodes Vawter
Judy Forsyth

OUR PRESENCE

8:45 a.m.	39
Sunday School	96
10:50 Service	175
Prayer Breakfast	13
Prayer Service	88

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SCRAPBOOK RETREAT

Lakeshore, your Camp & Retreat Center, is offering an *Adults Only* mid-week Scrapbook Retreat April 15-17, 2008. Sorry, kids, this one is just for ages 18 and up. This will be an opportunity for you to meet others who love to scrapbook, get new ideas and have lots of fun! And, don't forget the famous Lakeshore food (our rolls are awesome!). The cost is \$109.00. While we think spending the night is part of the fun, we will offer a commuter fee of \$55.00 for those who choose to go home each night. For more information or a registration form, call Vickie at 731-584-6102 or visit our website at www.lakeshoreuma.com and follow the link "Scrapbook Retreat".

SUMMER DAY CAMP FOR KIDS

...begins June 1st for ages 6 - 12. To register or for more information, please contact Christie Entrekin at 489-5581.