



Please give a warm Mullins welcome to Kimberly McDonald, who joined our church family on July 20, 2008. Kim lives at 6694 Golden Star Cove, Memphis, 38134.

THANK YOU NOTES

A very special thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls, food and gifts sent to me since my recent injury. I appreciate being part of such a loving church family.

Helen Addington

Marv's family and I wish to thank our dear Mullins friends for their cards, letters and phone calls in his memory. We are deeply grateful to you all.

Lois Elstad

THANK YOU ALL FROM MULLINS UNITED METHODIST WOMEN!

Your United Methodist Women were able to create 61 UMCOR Health Kits because of your generosity of kit items and financial support. Not only did we build the kits, but your contributions paid for shipping and handling to Baldwin, Louisiana. THANK YOU!!



At Annual Conference in June, 2008, Mullins UMC was presented a certificate from the Memphis Conference Work Area on Evangelism naming Mullins a FOUR STAR CHURCH. This recognition is the result of meeting church goals set in 2007. The certificate will be placed in the church library so that you may stop by and view it at your convenience.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

In memory of Marguerite Francis Higginbotham by Dr. J. R. Thomas, Dent Partee, Charles & Dorothy Russell

MUSIC

In memory of Marguerite Francis Higginbotham by Joyce Simmons

ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY

In honor of Patricia Cooper by Joe Cooper



You're invited to the final performance of Mullins Summer Stage children's theatre program. The children will perform on Friday, August 1, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This original play was written specifically for this group of children, and includes musical numbers from *Annie*, *Cats*, *The Wiz* and *The Sound of Music*. Admission is free.

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

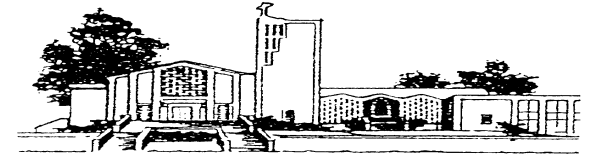
JULY-AUGUST

and Everyone CAN make a difference!!

No one should be turned away or go hungry in our community.

PLEASE DO YOUR PART!

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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

Mullins Pulpit - July 27, 2008

Scripture: Genesis 15: 29; Matthew 13: 31 - 33, 44 - 52

Sermon: 'SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL!'

Weekly Schedule

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

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Dear Friends,

Mullins youth have returned from Camp Big Stuf! Sixteen youth and four chaperones attended this week of witness, music, Bible Study and bonding. I give thanks to God for these wonderful youth. They are tuned up and ready to roll into the new school year, secure in the knowledge that they are God's beloved children. One of the remarkable conversations during the week revealed that these young men and women know that they are at a church where they are loved and supported. Thank you for giving them this gift!

Now, I ask you for a gift of your time and energy for our youth. Coming out of this summer and the week-long retreat, we are looking at more small group meetings on Wednesdays and Sundays. This means that we are looking for several adults, who will commit for a season, to meet for an hour each week with a few youth and talk about the Bible lesson presented for that week. We will provide the material, the lesson, and the presentation. What our youth need from you is for you to be with them. Listen to them and help them stay on track as they deal with the Bible lesson in their own way-too-modern, stressed, caffeinated, internet-connected world! In other words, they need the human to balance out the machines. This is a great time to work with the youth at Mullins UMC. These teens are intelligent, articulate, passionate and searching. Please pray about this invitation and let me know. Act now, as the ads say, and we will even let you help us plan Youth Sunday — coming soon to a Mullins Sanctuary near you!

Craig Tate

SUMMER IN THE SANCTUARY

We have missed several members during worship this summer. If you have been away on vacation, great — and we hope to see you back. If something is keeping you from worship (health, illness, transportation, etc.) please let the church office know (685-8253) so that we can be in prayer, and take what actions we can to help out. If you are aware of someone who has missed a few weeks, please give them a call. Let them know that they are missed. This is our church home and every Sunday is a homecoming. See you this week.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Good thoughts and actions can never produce bad results; bad thoughts and actions can never produce good results.

SUNDAY, JULY 27 - SATURDAY, August 2

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| 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 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Trustees - 212 |
| TUESDAY | 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym 2:30 p.m. Kids Karate 6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class - Gym 7:00 p.m. Yoga Class 7:00 p.m. Bowling |
| WEDNESDAY | 6:00 p.m. Dress Rehearsal for Theatre Camp - FH 6:01 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. House & Grounds Com. - 117 |
| THURSDAY | 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym 2:30 p.m. Kids Karate 6:00 p.m. UMW Night Circle - Lamplighter Rm. |
| FRIDAY | 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym 6:30 p.m. Theatre Camp "That's a Wrap! - FH |
| SATURDAY | 8:15 a.m. Yoga - Gym |

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR JULY 27

Children's Message - Ed Bowen

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

OUR PRAYERS

At Home

Hilda Campbell
June Johnson
Julia Ettman (Homewood Suites)

OUR PRESENCE

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| 8:45 a.m. | 31 |
| Sunday School | 77 |
| 10:50 Service | 134 |



CHANCEL FLOWERS

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God
...in celebration of our 59th wedding anniversary,
by Charlie & Joyce Simmons

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 Entrekim or in the church office.

UPPER ROOM AND TODAY'S CRISTIAN

Current issues of both these publications are now available in the Hall of the Apostles. The cost is \$1 each for *Upper Room* and \$2 per issue for *Today's Christian*.