

THANK YOU NOTES

Thanks to our Mullins family for their love, support, cards, hospital visits, prayers and food during Scott's illness and at his funeral. A special thanks to Dr. Brad Gabriel for his help and comfort.

Janet Williams

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your phone calls, cards, and prayers. I am doing well and look forward to returning to church activities.

Amber Mock

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the children's Easter Egg Hunt on March 22. ! Thanks for making this a special time for the children of Mullins UMC! The kids had a great time finding eggs and visiting with the Easter Bunny!

ANNUAL ASBURY DISTRICT LAITY BANQUET

Make plans now to attend the Asbury District Laity Banquet on Tuesday, April 15, 2008, in Seabrook Hall at Christ United Methodist Church, 4488 Poplar Avenue. Tickets are \$10 each, and will be available in Mullins church office. The "Unsung Hero" from each church will be recognized at this event. Mullins UMC is proud to announce that Brenda Carson is our honoree for this prestigious award! Congratulations, Brenda!!!

WORK GROUPS NEEDED AT LAKESHORE!

Lakeshore United Methodist Assembly is looking for adult groups interested in volunteering time and labor to help construct the Reverend James O. Alford Recreation Center (The A.R.C.) Suggested dates include all weekends in April and May 1-3. Week-day groups come Sunday through Thursday. We would be delighted to have you come anytime that is convenient for your group. Call 731-584-6102 to set up a time to come and help.

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HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

In memory of Van & Lucille Ball by Peggy Dennie

LIBRARY

In memory of Scott Belisle by Joyce Simmons

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

In memory of Martha Favinger by Mrs. H. C. Williamson, Jr.

CHECK IT OUT!!!

Thanks to your support, we have been able to add these resources to the library this week:

Younger Readers:

Whale of a Story

Up to Middle Readers

King of the Wind by Marguerite Henry, author of *Misty*

The Black Stallion by Walter Farley

Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

The Egypt Game by Zilpha Keatley Snyder

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis

Youth and Middle Readers

Holes by Louis Sachar

The Seventh Tower Series: Book I: Fall by Garth Nix

The Hobbit (the beginning of Tolkien's famous faith and fantasy series; BBC production on audiotape)

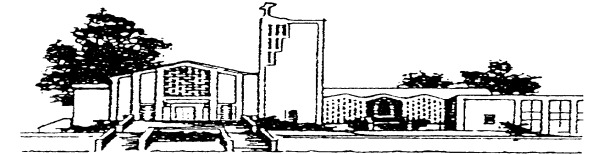
The Lord of the Rings—Book 1 The Fellowship of the Ring (BBC production on audiotape)

Great things are happening in the church library!

FISH FRY

The United Methodist Men Annual Meeting is April 8, 2008 at Archer's Chapel United Methodist Church. The featured speaker is Don Schaffer, President and founder of Wesleyan Building Brothers, who will speak on the topic "Finding Significance". Entertainment will be provided by the Fincher Family Singers of Archer's Chapel. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. — Catfish and Country Ham — ALL YOU CAN EAT! The cost is only \$10 per person. Registration forms are available in the church office at Mullins, or you may call 731-656-2237. Deadline to register is April 4, 2008.

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March 30, 2008

Dr. Brad Gabriel, Pastor

Scripture: John 20: 19 - 31

Sermon: 'BELIEVING THOMAS'

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,

And the blessings of Easter be with you! By ancient and established tradition, the time of Easter is too great to confine to one day alone. So, we celebrate the season of Easter for the next seven weeks until we have the Pentecost (from the Greek used in the earliest days of the church, *pentecoste* or "fiftieth", so the fiftieth day after Easter). That is the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples, Peter preached on the steps and the church was born. During that time, worship will spend a little more time with John's Gospel. Worship will also look a lot like it did before Lent. Recall that during Lent we used the standard United Methodist order so as to focus our attention on the fact that Lent is a different time of year, a time we need especially to be aware of what we are doing and saying on Sundays. Now we can return to a form of our regular worship celebration.

Speaking of celebration, we can all celebrate the excellent work our youth and their leaders did during Holy Week, the leadership of our choir and musicians, and the efforts of everyone else who made Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter the inspiring and spirit enriching times they were. May God continue to bless you and keep you strong in the faith in all ways.

In His Service,
Brad Gabriel

WHAT MAKES A HEALTHY COMMUNITY?

Memphis is called "The City of Good Abode". Like any other city, Memphis is supposed to be a place where people want to live, work, play, have families, raise children and enjoy blessings that come from a community at peace, that fosters opportunities and holds the promise of the good life for all her citizens. In the wake of well-publicized violence and tragedy, many Memphians are reviewing the situation. Have we left city life on auto pilot too long? Have we overlooked important indicators of ill-health in our community? Exactly what makes for a healthy community? Over the next three months, the people of Mullins United Methodist Church invite you to take part in a series of presentations that will address these and other questions. On Wednesday nights, our series, "*What Makes a Healthy Community*", will explore how different parts of the community can be part of a healthy city — a true "City of Good Abode". We hope that you will make plans to join us. The series begins on Wednesday, April 2, with Dr. Stan Highland, from the University of Memphis, as our guest speaker. Please call the church office by Wednesday morning for reservations. Dinner is \$5.00. A nursery is available. Church Office: 685-8253. www.mullinsumc.org

SUNDAY, MARCH 30 - SATURDAY, April 5	
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 5:00 p.m. Yoga Class - 117-T
MONDAY	10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Group 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 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 5:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner - FH 6:15 p.m. Beading Group - Parlor 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
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym 5:00 p.m. Soccer
SATURDAY	8:15 a.m. Yoga - Gym 9:00 a.m. Soccer Volleyball 7:30 p.m. AA Mtg. - Lamplighter Rm.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR MARCH 30

Children's Message: Cyndi Watkins
Children's Church: Cyndi Watkins, Casey Black

THE MENU FOR APRIL 2

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

Adults: Beef Stew, 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 4107

OUR PRESENCE

8:45 a.m.	60
Sunday School	95
10:50 Service	265
Prayer Breakfast	13
Prayer Service	67



CHANCEL FLOWERS

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God

...in honor of our children,
with gratitude for singing Sunday, March 30,
by Tony and Tonya Martini



Cyndi Watkins, camera in hand, will visit all children and adult Sunday School classes this Sunday, March 30, taking pictures for our new church directory. Practice your smiles and be ready to say "Cheese!" when Cyndi comes your way! We want EVERY class included!!



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.