

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEET MAY 6

Mullins United Methodist Women (UMW) will meet Tuesday, May 6. The Board meets in Room 117-T at 9:30 a.m., followed by the General Membership Meeting in the Chapel at 10:30 a.m. Our program in the General Meeting is a "Get Better Acquainted" with Rev. Dr. Brad and Rev. Linda Gabriel. You won't want to miss this! Stay for lunch around noon-ish after the meeting. The cost is \$3 per person. If you do not regularly attend General Meeting and lunch, please call the church office at 685-8253, to let us know you are coming. Thanks!

Following a delicious lunch, Nancy Blankenship will have gathered many items to fill "Happy Birthday" bags for MIFA meal recipients. The clients love the special gift they receive on their birthdays. Estimated cost of each filled bag is \$15. Nancy will be glad to accept your cash or check donations. Please make checks payable to Mullins UMC and designate for "MIFA Bags".

PLEASE HELP!!!

United Methodist Neighborhood Center has an urgent need for tutors for our refugee summer program. This is a great summer project for youth and adult groups as well as individuals. You can help one hour a week or four days a week — we will work with your schedule. The summer program for children begins in June and runs Monday—Thursday from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for eight weeks. We also need adult tutors on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Please call or send interested folks! Contact Spence Williams at 323-4993 or email swilliams@umnc.org. Thanks for helping!

In His Name,
Becky Foote, Executive Director UMNC



OUR GRADUATES

High School and College graduates will be recognized on Sunday, May 18, during the 10:50 worship service. If you have a graduate in your family whose name is not among those listed below, please contact the church office at 685-8253, and give us the information.

High School

Megan Calipari - Briarcrest
Fletcher French - White Station
Caitlin Smith - St. Mary's Episcopal

College

Ryan Crews - University of Memphis
Diana Griffin - University of Alabama
Teresa Maness Kennedy - Longwood, Raytown, MO
Ryan Taylor - University of Tennessee Knoxville

Congratulations to all our graduates!



...to Katie Van Landingham, a 10th grader at Ridgeway High School, who is being honored with the prestigious William H. Sweet Award from the National Honor Society. This award is given to students who have earned a 3.8 or higher GPA, satisfactory conduct and have maintained this average for four consecutive six weeks including the first semester average. Katie is the daughter of Dottie and Harold Smith, Jr. Congratulations, Katie!!! We are proud of you!

LIPSCOMB SCHOLARSHIPS

We are accepting applications for the Lipscomb Scholarship through May 15. Applicants must be certified candidates for ministry in the United Methodist Church. Call the church office, 685-8253, for application forms.

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*.

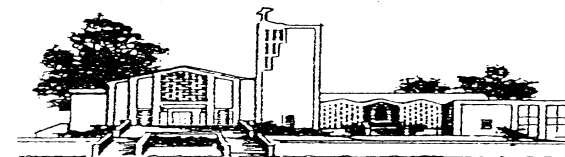


Children ages 4 through 11 are invited to attend Vacation Bible School at Mullins June 23 - 27. The hours are 9:00 to 12:00 Noon. This year's theme is "Friendship Trek". We will talk about qualities of good friends and discover how Jesus is our best friend. Kids will explore Bible stories, take Bible challenges, make crafts, play games, sing songs and enjoy yummy snacks! Registration cards are available in the church office, PDO office, and from Amber Mock.

A CHANGE IN PLANS FOR THE BLOOD DRIVE

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our Blood Drive, originally scheduled for May 21, has been **rescheduled to Wednesday, May 28**, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the East Parking Lot. That gives you an extra week to eat all that iron-rich food. Contact Scott or Tina Campbell, 761-9816, to sign up.

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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

Mullins Pulpit - May 4, 2008

Scripture: Acts 1: 1 - 14; Luke 24: 44 - 53
Sermon: 'WHAT DO YOU SEE?'

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,

This Sunday, May 4, is Ascension Sunday. It is the day (forty after Easter) when we celebrate Jesus' return to heaven. Jesus is, according to scripture, elevated to heaven by His own power. He leaves earth in the presence of His disciples. They give witness to this. Even though the place of the Ascension is not distinctly stated, it would appear from the book of Acts that the site is Mount Olivet. After the Ascension the disciples are described as returning to Jerusalem from the mount that is called Olivet, a Sabbath day's journey back to the city. In Ephesians 4: 8 - 10, and in Timothy 3: 16, the Ascension of Jesus the Christ is spoken of as an accepted fact. The words of the Bible must be interpreted at this point. To claim that Christ was taken up, or ascended, does not necessarily require us to believe that heaven is located above the earth. Imagery matters in the Bible in our faith statements. Consider that the words of the Creed "sitteth on the right hand of God" does not mean that Jesus is actually sitting or that God is so limited that He has a side. In the Ascension, Jesus is "raised up and a cloud received Him out of their sight". Jesus enters glory. He dwells with God the Father as God the Son. Full power and honor are with Christ from this point on. One of the last things Jesus does is to give us, His followers, the job of telling the good news. We start where we are. We tell our neighbors. We use whatever resources are available to tell the good news all across the world. We can carry out our job because Jesus has carried out his job. He has set us free from fear, given us our lives back, and made us part of his family for all time and beyond time. So this Sunday, we will ascend to a new place, away from anything that holds us away from God. See you Sunday!

In His Service,
Brad Gabriel

LIBRARY NEWS

Honor thy mother with a memorial or honorarium to the library.

New Books

Thanks to your generosity, we have added the following:

Tales From the Odyssey, a 6 book series by Mary Pope Osborne, author of the popular Magic Tree House series.

Greek Myths, a companion book that helps readers understand the myths behind the Odyssey

The Lightning Thief, book 1 in Percy Jackson and the Olympians

Wright 3, sequel to Chasing Vermeer

The Gypsy Game, sequel to The Egypt Game

Passover, an I-Can-Read-It book

Used Book Sale

You still have time to clean out your closets and dust off your bookshelves. Bring your gently used books, CDs, DVDs and videos to the church and we'll put them in our book sale at the end of the summer. Call Margaret Carbaugh, 682-2299, if you need help packing up your books or getting them to the church.



SUNDAY, MAY 4 - SATURDAY, MAY 10

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 5:30 p.m. Confirmands meet with Pastor 6:00 p.m. MOMs Group - Jason's Deli 9:30 a.m. Church Women United at Buntyn Pres.
MONDAY	10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Group 6:15 p.m. Woodwinds Ensemble 6:30 p.m. House & Grounds/Playground - 209 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 pm. Outreach/Missions Com. - 117 8:15 p.m. Adult Volleyball - Hope #1
TUESDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym 9:30 a.m. UMW Board Mtg. - 117 10:30 a.m. UMW General Mtg. - Chapel 6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class - Gym 6:30 p.m. Handbells 7:00 p.m. Yoga Class 7:00 p.m. Bowling 7:00 p.m. Education/Nurture - 117
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 6:30 p.m. Program: Dr. Jeff Waren 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym 6:45 p.m. Youth Volleyball - Mullins
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym
SATURDAY	8:15 a.m. Yoga - Gym 9:00 a.m. 1st/2nd Girls - HC #2 10:00 a.m. 1st/2nd Boys - Grace Evan. 7:30 p.m. AA Mtg. - Lamplighter Rm.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR MAY 4

Communion Sunday - No Children's Message
Children's Church: Margaret Carbaugh, Payton Campbell

THE MENU FOR MAY 7

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

Adults: Turkey & Dressing, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Peas, Cranberry 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 Rehab
Rose Melsa 216

Memphis Jewish Home
Marguerite Cooper 303-A

Baptist East
Carol Ann Moreland

At Home
Betty Carr

OUR PRESENCE

8:45 a.m.	30
Sunday School	87
10:50 Service	145
Prayer Breakfast	9
Prayer Service	84



CHANCEL FLOWERS

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God

...in memory of my mother, Bethena Poe,
by Sammie Powell

REGISTER NOW FOR DAY CAMP!

Summer will soon be here and kids will be looking for places to go for summer fun! The answer is Day Camp at Mullins UMC! Camp runs from June 2 - August 1. Registration is open to all kids who have completed Kindergarten through age 12. Forms are available at the church and from Christie Entrekin, 489-5581.

GUEST SPEAKER, MAY 7

Our series, "What Makes a Healthy Community?" will continue each Wednesday evening through June. On May 7, Dr. Jeff Warren will speak on the topic of education in a healthy community. A Memphis School Board member, Dr. Warren is an M.D. with Primary Care Specialists and represents the school district in which Mullins UMC is located. Please remember to make dinner reservations.

PENTECOST AND MOTHERS DAY

May 11, 2008 we will celebrate Pentecost as well as Mothers Day! The Worship Committee has worked hard to make this a very special celebration! Please wear red and invite family, friends, and neighbors to join us for worship on this day.