

JOIN OUR ACOLYTE TEAM!

Acolytes are an important part of our worship experience! We would love to have new kids participate in this area of service. If your child is 2nd grade or older and has an interest in serving as an acolyte, please call Tammy Williamson at 682-1942, for information about acolyte training.



FEBRUARY MEANS FOOD PANTRY!

For many years Mullins UMC has given special emphasis on collecting food for the United Methodist Neighborhood Centers during the month of February. Please help by bringing canned goods and non-perishable items to the church this month. Your donations will truly make a difference in the lives of our neighbors in the Memphis community.



PRE-SPRING CLEANING IN THE LIBRARY

During the past year, we have been blessed with donations of many new books and other resources for the church library. To make way for the new, we need to cull some of the duplicate and older materials. Volunteers are needed to spend a few hours on Saturday or Sunday afternoons cleaning out and sorting materials that are no longer needed. Sunday School Class leaders — this is a great opportunity for your class to have its own team-building and service project for the church. First, identify one or two sections that you would be responsible for. Then let me know what date you would like to come to the library to clean out your section. Someone will meet you at the church to help you get started. We want to finish by the end of February so that we can donate materials no longer needed to the annual used book sale in March at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Margaret Carbaugh
Church Librarian



Memphis Theological Seminary
Presents

An Evening with Dr. Cornel West

The Inaugural Lecture of the
Dr. Barbara A. Holmes Lectures in African American Studies

Thursday, February 12, 2009
7:00 p.m.

Lake Grove Baptist Church
265 Leath Street
Memphis, Tennessee

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

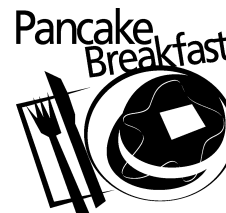
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In memory Roy Curtis, Jr. by Anne Curtis



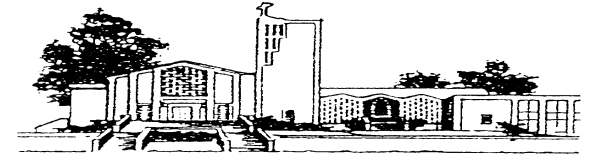
**SWEETS FOR YOUR SWEETHEART
BAKED GOODS AUCTION FUNDRAISER**

The second annual Bake Sale Auction will be held February 11, 2009, in Fellowship Hall. No one's sweetheart (or sweet tooth) should be neglected on Valentine's Day! Get out your cookbooks, don your apron and rush to the kitchen to concoct your most delectable, delightful Valentine treat! Each person should include a description of the item, along with their name and an opening bid. Prizes will be awarded for best Valentine theme. It's going to be fun, as well as delicious! We raised enough money through last year's auction and the used book sale to buy computer software for the library. Proceeds from this year's event will be used to purchase bookcases.



The Boy Scouts of Troop 75 invite you and your family to the 17th annual Pancake Breakfast in Fellowship Hall at Mullins UMC on Sunday, February 8, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$3.00, \$2.00 for children under 6, or a maximum of \$10.00 per immediate family. We hope to see you there!

MULLINS MESSENGER



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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

Mullins Pulpit - February 8, 1009

Scripture: Mark 1: 29 - 39

Sermon: 'NEXT STEPS'

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>





Dear Friends,

According to one researcher whom I trust, the American religious landscape is shifting once again. People in their thirties and forties are moving away from looking for: ...entertainment-centered, programmed mega churches to "small to medium size congregations with more liturgical forms of worship." That would be Mullins. We are "small to medium sized". We have, more or less, a form of "liturgical worship". So, given that we are the right size and right form, how do we welcome members of a demographic in short supply here on Sunday mornings? Further, how do we do so without appearing as though we simply want people for what they can give the church?

A few brief reminders from our Wednesday night study last fall might help. 1. We cannot expect people to come to where we are. We must be active in inviting people to be with us. 2. When a newcomer shows up we must do all in our power to help them feel welcome. That means we go out of our way to speak, to introduce ourselves and to allow the love we carry to shine through. 3. We will have to have several entry points to Mullins. Sunday mornings are important, but how can we welcome: the members of Concord Academy? PDO families? Visiting athletic teams? 4. We accept people as they are, not as we are. Jesus met his disciples where they were, not as the followers they would become. 5. We use the language that visitors can understand. 6. We support Mullins' ministries as we reach out to people in the neighborhood, city and county. We invite people to be with us.

If you are interested in being a part of any of the ways Mullins members are welcoming others, please feel free to contact me or the chair of the appropriate committee.

See you Sunday.

In His Service,
Brad

BLOOD DRIVE RESCHEDULED

...for Wednesday, February 11, 2009, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Those already signed up to donate will keep the same appointment time. If you need to change your time or want to sign up, you may do so on Sunday morning. Remember — blood donors receive a free meal that night!

PLEASE NOTE!

Except for Sundays, all church functions will follow the Memphis City Schools closings for inclement weather. If Memphis City Schools are closed — Mullins UMC is closed!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

SUNDAY BOY SCOUT SUNDAY
8:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast - FH
8:45 a.m. Worship - Chapel
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Youth
5:00 p.m. Yoga Class
5:00 p.m. Jesus in the Gospels - 117

MONDAY 10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Group
6:13 p.m. Woodwinds Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts - FH
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

TUESDAY 6:30 a.m. Career Support Group - Lamplighter Rm.
8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym
6:01 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal
6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class - FH
7:00 p.m. Yoga Class - FH
7:00 p.m. Bowling

WEDNESDAY 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym
3:00 p.m. Brownies - 100
5:00 p.m. Lifeblood
5:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner - FH
6:15 p.m. Children/Youth Programs
6:30 p.m. Program
7:17 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym

FRIDAY 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym

SATURDAY Basketball - gym
8:15 a.m. Yoga - FH

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR FEBRUARY 8

Acolytes: Lowell Shull, Trennie Williams
Children's Message - Adam Hairston

THE MENU FOR FEBRUARY 11

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

Adults: Baked Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Peas, Salad, Bread, Dessert
Kids: Pizza or adult menu

NEW HOURS FOR CHURCH OFFICE

The regular church office hours are Monday — Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

OUR PRAYERS

HealthSouth-Union

Julia Ettman

At Home

Rhodes Vawter

OUR SYMPATHY

love and prayers go out to

....Ed Johnson in the loss of his wife, June

...Norm & Barbara Kercher, Vernon & Brenda Smith,
in the loss of their granddaughter and niece, Kendall Kercher

OUR PRESENCE

8:45 a.m.	22
Sunday School	78
10:50 Service	138



CHANCEL FLOWERS

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God

...in honor of the Scouts and Scout Leaders of Pack 75 and Troop 75, by the H. C. Williamson, Jr. Memorial Fund

2009 FLOWER CALENDAR

Sign up now for the dates you would like to give Chancel flowers this year. The cost is \$30 per arrangement. The calendar is posted on the church office window for your convenience, or you may call 685-8253, and we will be glad to assist you!

PLEASE NOTE!!!

At the present time you may access your church newsletter each week by going to the church website: www.mullinsumc.org. Newsletters will also be available at the church.