

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 11, at 10:00 a.m. Weather permitting, it will be held outside; if not, we will hunt eggs in Fellowship Hall. We need donations of plastic eggs (pre-stuffed with candy, please!) for the Egg Hunt. We hope to have lots of children, so that means we need LOTS of candy-filled eggs!!! Please bring the eggs to the church office by Monday, April 6. Thanks for your help with this event for our children!

NEW IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

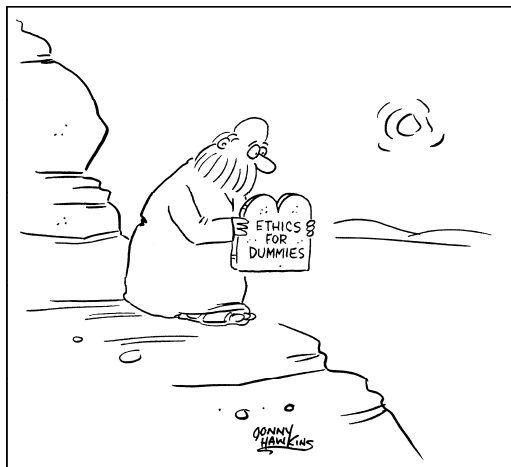
The following books were recently donated by Margaret Carbaugh:

- Praying for Purpose for Women* by Katie Brazelton
- The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Quest to Follow the Bible As Literally as Possible* by A. J. Jacobs
- Breaking Free* by Beth Moore
- The Five Love Languages for Singles* by Dr. Gary Chapman

These books will be placed in the satellite library located in the Reception Room. For now, we are using the self-check method. Borrow the book and enjoy it for two weeks, then remember to bring it back.

UPPER ROOM

Current issues are available in Hall of the Apostles. The cost is \$1 each.



HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

In honor and in memory of Lena & Edward Melsa & Leslie Lee Melsa by Col. Otto Melsa



CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGAN MARCH 1

Confirmation classes, an exploration of the faith and our United Methodist expression of it, will meet every other week at 4:00 p.m. in the pastor's office. Participants should be 12 years old on or before September 1, 2009. Youth who take part in the classes will be invited to become professing members of Mullins UMC on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2009. Please call Rev. Gabriel for more information.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE STUDENTS!

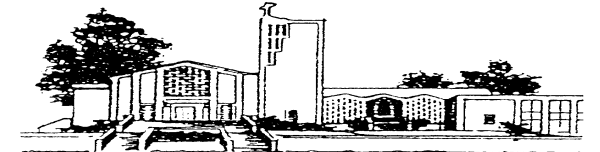
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UM REPORTER SUBSCRIPTIONS

It's time to renew our subscriptions to the United Methodist Reporter, our Conference newspaper. All subscriptions will begin June 1, 2009 and end May 31, 2010. The cost is \$20 per year. This is a great way to stay up-to-date on all the news from our local Conference as well as United Methodist news from around the world. Forms are available in the church office.

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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

Mullins Pulpit - March 8, 1009

Scripture: Philippians 3: 10 - 16

Sermon: 'WHEN METHODISTS SPEAK OF SALVATION'

Guest Minister: Dr. Paul Blankenship

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,

"I'm really looking forward to communion." Those were the words of one of our youth Sunday morning. She and many others had joined two other church youth groups at Trinity UMC for the 30 Hour Famine. The youth sponsored famine, or fasting, is a fund-raising and awareness raising event. Though they officially broke their fast Saturday night, more than one Mullins youth was still hungry Sunday morning. Thinking about what was probably a throw away line by the speaker, I realized what a profound truth she had uttered. Know it or not, we are looking forward to communion. We humans desire the presence of the Divine, the touch of the holy, the feast of the spirit. So many times the mistakes and false paths we take as individuals and as communities come about because we confuse what is Godly with what is acceptable. Or we confuse what gives us warm, fuzzy feelings with the eternal will of God. Now, I have nothing against warm, fuzzy feelings, but they can't compare with the inexpressible joy that comes from resting in God and trusting God's plans. All of that and more is what is behind the statement, "I'm looking forward to communion."

Have you been looking forward to communion lately? Have you awakened on a Sunday morning with the joy that comes from knowing: "Today is the day the Lord has made; today is the day I get to celebrate God's gift with other members of the family of faith." Have you, in short, been, "looking forward to communion"? If the answer is "yes", blessed are you and please let us enjoy your presence here some more. If the answer is "no", maybe this time of Lent is created just for you. This season is a time to make time for you and God. This is a time for you to spend a little more conversation with the God who made you and who loves you. If you want some help in starting the conversation, feel free to give me a call, or see me after worship. I know it is true that "I'm looking forward to communion."

In His Service,
Brad



Please note that Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. this Sunday, March 8, 2009. Remember to set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour before going to bed Saturday night!

SUNDAY, MARCH 8 - SATURDAY, MARCH 14

- SUNDAY**
8:45 a.m. Worship - Chapel
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Youth
5:00 p.m. Yoga Class
5:00 p.m. Jesus in the Gospels - 212
- MONDAY**
9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. PDO Leadership Com. - 117
6:00 p.m. Brownies - 100
6:13 p.m. Woodwinds Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts - FH
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m. Finance Com. 212
- TUESDAY**
6:30 a.m. Career Support Group - Lamplighter Rm.
9:00 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
9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
5:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner - FH
6:15 p.m. Children/Youth Programs
6:30 p.m. Program: Chris Todd - FH
7:17 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- THURSDAY**
9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
- FRIDAY**
9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
- SATURDAY**
8:15 a.m. Yoga - FH

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR MARCH 8

Children's Message - Margaret Carbaugh

THE MENU FOR MARCH 11

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

Adults: Baked Potato Bar, Salad, Bread, Dessert

Kids: Pizza or adult menu

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

OUR PRAYERS

Methodist University Hospital

Julia Ettman 515 Thomas

At Home

Helen Russell
Charles Griffin
(surg. 3/4)

OUR SYMPATHY

love and prayers go out to

...Angie & Isabella Smith in the loss of Angie's mother,
Anna Gail Swearingen

...family and friends of Rev. Thomas Wilson

OUR PRESENCE

8:45 a.m.	8
Sunday School	16
10:50 Service	44
Prayer Breakfast	10
Prayer Service	90



CHANCEL FLOWERS

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God

...in honor of Margaret Brown
by the United Methodist Women Day Circle

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir will sing on Sunday, March 15.

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.