



Please give a warm welcome to Jan Canfield, who joined our church family on November 1, 2009. Jan resides at 5893 Park Avenue, Memphis, 38119.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL**

I know that many of you have been thinking about your favorite, most memorable, or most spiritually significant Christmas memories. I know that you have been planning to write them down and turn them in. Please — don't put it off any longer! The deadline is November 15, and it's already November.

For those of you who are thinking to yourself, "There are so many people at this church who will do this; they don't need my story," think again. We need YOUR story. (If we get too many, we'll just have an Advent/Christmastide Devotional. At the time of this writing, we are not in danger of having too many!)

Thanks in advance for your participation in this. With everyone pitching in and sharing personal stories, we will have a very spiritually uplifting Advent indeed!

Turn your stories in to Terry Durham, Rachael Scarbrough, Cyndi Watkins, or the Church Office. Or email them to [tin-nalee@bellsouth.net](mailto:tin-nalee@bellsouth.net)

**CRAFT FAIR NOV. 14**

The annual UMW Craft Fair is fast approaching and we are still in need of your help! There are many opportunities available to you for fun and fellowship while helping a worthy cause. We also need you to bake, bake, bake! Please clear your calendar for Saturday, November 14, and call Sandy Scruggs at 754-4790 to volunteer. See you at Craft Fair!



If you bake (make or preserve) it, they will come! The lines will be long when the doors to the Bake Sale open on Nov. 14. Customers eagerly await the delicious cakes, pies, cookies, breads, jams, jellies and candies our Mullins' cooks are known for! Don't forget that sugar-free items are always in demand! No custards, please, due to health department regulations. We hope that you will contribute at least three of your favorite items. You can drop off your donations on Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning in the Choir Room. We're counting on YOU!!!

**HONORING OUR LOVED ONES**

Gifts have been given to:

In memory of Betty Simpson by Frances C. Kauffman, Susan (Wolff) Dyke, J. E. Spurlock, Bill & June Phillips  
In memory of Trudie Steinkamp Ryland by Mr. & Mrs. Dick Gardner, Judith Hontz, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Peebles

**MUSIC**

In memory of Betty Simpson by Mr. & Mrs. Dick Gardner, Mary Winton

**REELFOOT RURAL MINISTRIES**

In memory of my parents, Jane & Gordon Campbell by Scott Campbell

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING**

UMNC Thanksgiving Food Baskets - should include: 12-15 lb. turkey, instant potatoes (26 oz. box), flour (5 lbs), sugar (4 lbs), biscuit mix (40 oz.), 2 cans each: corn, cranberry sauce, green beans; sweet potatoes (40 oz. can), veg. oil (24 oz.), cake mix (1 box) & icing mix, instant tea bags-family size, instant coffee, Stove-Top Dressing mix (2 boxes). Baskets should be delivered to United Methodist Neighborhood Center, 3000 Walnut Grove Rd., from Nov. 9 - Nov. 18.

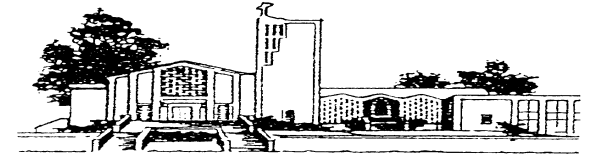
"2009 Wesley Family Christmas" - Only \$10 will provide a meal and a gift for one resident in an independent living community or a gift for someone in the assisted living locations. Things we take for granted such as a special meal and an abundance of gifts is not a luxury many of our residents are afforded. Send checks to Wesley Senior Ministries, 1615 Appling Road, Cordova, TN 38016.

Christmas Toy Store at Reelfoot - Collect new toys and deliver them to Reelfoot by Dec. 1. Please remember: don't remove price tags from toys, don't wrap toys or gifts for seniors. Volunteers are also needed to help with the Toy Store. Please contact Susan Dozier, Children Services Director, 731-253-8004.

Reelfoot Rural Ministries Food Drive - December 1 is the deadline for food donations. For many, it is a struggle just to provide the basics. In July, RRM hit a record, giving out 210 boxes. That's a 58% increase in five years!

Please prayerfully consider the above, and help provide for those in need during this holiday season!

**MULLINS MESSENGER**



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**November 4,, 2009**

The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

Mullins Pulpit - November 8, 2009  
 Scripture: Mark 12: 41 - 44  
 Sermon: 'FOOLISH'  
 Rev. Scottie Brafford, Guest Minister

**EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY**

Generosity enlarges the soul, realigns priorities, connects people to the body of Christ, and strengthens congregations to fulfill Christ's ministries. Giving reflects the nature of God. Growing in the grace of giving is a response Christian disciples offer to God's call to make a difference in the world.

People who give generously to the church do so because they genuinely desire to make a positive difference for the purposes of Christ and because they want to align their lives with higher purposes.

They give because they:

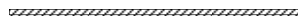
- 1) love God
- 2) love the church
- 3) desire to grow in love of neighbor

Generosity is an aspect of character. The opposite of generosity is selfishness, self-centeredness, greed, self-absorbed. Generosity extends beyond just the use of money, although it most definitely includes that. There are people generous with their time, with their teaching, with their love. Generosity also finds many biblical sources, and is even mentioned as a gift of the Spirit.

Vibrant, fruitful, growing congregations practice Extravagant Generosity. These churches teach, preach, and practice proportional giving with a goal toward tithing.

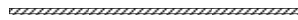
Churches that model Extravagant Generosity give joyously, generously, and consistently in ways that enrich the souls of members and strengthen the ministries of the church.

As people grow in relationship to Christ, they grow also in the practice of Extravagant Generosity, offering more of themselves for the purposes of Christ and providing the resources that strengthen ministry and that help the church touch the lives of more and more people in the same way their own lives have been transformed by God.



**SPECIAL NOTE**

You are invited to a CONECT membership meeting for the purpose of amending the bylaws. The meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 12, 6:00 p.m. at Germantown UMC in Fellowship Hall. Interested parties should contact the church office.

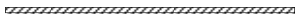


**UMW MEMBERS, PLEASE NOTE!**

Mullins United Methodist Women will fill MIFA Christmas Goodie Bags on Tuesday, December 1, at 10:30 a.m., and will go out to lunch afterwards. Please mark your calendars!

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

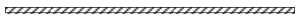
SUNDAY	8:45 a.m. Worship - Chapel 9:39 a.m. College & Career Class - Parlor 9:40 a.m. Sunday School 10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary TBA Sunday School Outing-Narnia 4:00 p.m. Cluster Meeting - FH 4:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 p.m. Yoga Class
MONDAY	9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym 6:00 p.m. Caregivers Support Grp. - Reception Rm. 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 - Gym 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym 6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class - Gym 7:00 p.m. Yoga Class - Gym
WEDNESDAY	7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast - FH 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 - FH 7:17 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	Craft Fair Set-up 7:00 p.m. Companions in Christ - 212
FRIDAY	Craft Fair Set-up
SATURDAY	9:00 a.m. UMW Craft Fair & Bake Sale



**THE MENU FOR NOVEMBER 11**

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

Chicken, Broccoli, Sweet Potatoes, Salad, Bread, Dessert



**MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR NOVEMBER 8**

Children's Message - Debi Gray  
Children's Church Leader - Melissa Johnson

**OUR PRAYERS**

**Baptist Memorial**  
Mary Beth Richardson 4129

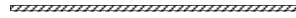
**Signature at St. Francis**  
Helen Russell 9316 Bed 2

**Kirby Pines Manor**  
Brooxie Newcomb 176-B

**Little Rock, AR**  
Julia Ettman (pneumonia)

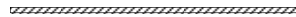
**At Home**

Jimmy Williams - surg 11/5 (broken arm)  
Adam Atkinson (Carsons' grandson)



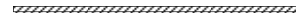
**OUR PRESENCE**

8:45 Service	30
Sunday School	75
10:50 Service	137
Prayer Breakfast	8
Prayer Service	72



**CHANCEL FLOWERS**

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God  
...in celebration of our anniversary,  
by Tom and Marcia Taylor



**CHANGE OF DATE FOR BOX CITY!!**

The NEW DATE for Box City is Friday, December 4. This event for our youth is to raise awareness of the homeless in our community. You can help by bringing donations of blankets, coats, gloves, hats, scarves, sleeping bags, pillows, etc. We also need adults to donate meals, hot chocolate and time! The youth will spend the night on the church lawn, with only your donations of blankets and coats to keep them warm. They will also stand on the sidewalk with buckets and posters, asking people to donate to this cause. All items and monetary donations will be given to a homeless shelter or a development center.