

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Kathy and myself, words cannot express our appreciation for our Mullins family. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your prayers, phone calls, cards, visits, food and books during my recent surgery and recovery. You are the best! To God be the glory for the things he has done.

Charles Carter

While these days have been difficult, we have been constantly amazed by how, through the sharing of loving memories, our hearts have been lifted and we are filled with gratitude for having shared a life well lived. Our deepest thanks to all of you.

The Family of Robyn Lyn Oates

A huge, huge THANK YOU to WAYNE and BRENDA CARSON, and to GENE HILL, for the church office "make-over"! It looks fabulous!!! Wayne & Brenda generously supplied the paint, and Gene graciously labored until the walls, doors and trim were transformed. Gene also washed the windows! (They are cleaner than they have been in the almost 22 years I've worked here!) Thanks to all of you, the church office is a much brighter place!

Susan Tutt

CALLING ALL KIDS!!

Narnia

Children and children at heart: Come through the wardrobe doors and experience Narnia once again. On Sunday, Nov. 6, we plan to go see the musical Narnia at Playhouse on the Square. Contact Margaret Carbaugh at 682-2299 if you are interested. Also, we will begin watching the Narnia videos this Sunday, Oct. 11, at 1:30 p.m. in the library. Please bring your sense of wonder and a seat cushion. See you there!

Read-to-Feed Summer Program

Riley Williamson won the award for our second summer reading program. Riley won a family membership to the zoo for one year. Way to go Riley!! Thomas Reid King, the grandson of Margaret Carbaugh, was the runner-up. He received a set of books for his efforts.

Fall into Reading

We are now into our Fall Into Reading program, which will run through the end of November. All children can take part, but prizes will go to children who have not won an award yet. The goal is to encourage the younger children to read more by offering several small prizes.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

In honor of Bill & Betty Pickel for their 60th anniversary by Suzie Morris

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

In memory of Bill Grissom by Mrs. Milton Addington

In memory of Dorothy Trumbull by Mrs. E. F. Luton

In memory of Clifford Kaiser by Mrs. E. F. Luton

SPORTS

In memory of George Moreland by ADK Beta Delta Chapter, Beta Lambda Chapter

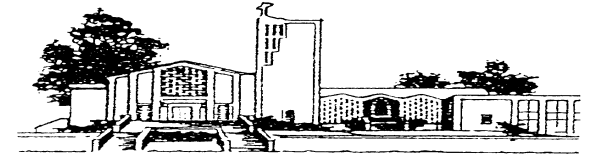
PLAYGROUND FUND

In honor of Bill & Betty Pickel for their 60th anniversary by Ann Smith, Christopher Lawrence

MORE INFO ABOUT COMPANIONS IN CHRIST

Strong interest has been expressed in *Companions*, along with good questions. Here are frequent questions & answers that are surfacing. Who's a good participant for *Companions*?? Someone sensing a nudge toward a deeper relationship with God. Someone experiencing transitions in life. Someone in leadership in the church. Someone feeling 'stuck' in their spiritual life. Anyone. You. Content & time? The first section of *Companions, Embracing the Journey: The Way of Christ*, helps us to reconnect to the spiritual journeys we've traveled thus far. We look back for God's presence and activity in our lives; we consider Christ's life as a journey and celebrate that we're not alone through the ups and downs of life. This first part of *Companions* takes 5 weeks; we'll meet on Thursday evenings, Oct. 15 - Nov. 19, 7 - 9 p.m. During those weeks, an assignment—reading short sections of scripture and doing some journaling—needs about 30minutes of time each day. It makes a great daily devotional, and helps strengthen our spiritual habits. What's next? Additional sections of *Companions* will be offered in 2010, including: *Feeding on the Word: The Mind of Christ* (5 weeks), *Deepening Our Prayer: The Heart of Christ* (6 weeks), *Responding to Our Call: The Work of Christ* (5 weeks). There's no obligation to continue with additional sections of *Companions* after completing *Embracing the Journey*. However, the sections are offered in a particular sequence...and one must begin at the beginning...with *Embracing*. Authors? Books? The authors of *Embracing the Journey* are two widely acclaimed and seasoned leaders in spiritual formation, The Rev. Marjorie Thompson (Presbyterian U.S.A.) and now-retired United Methodist Bishop Rueben P. Job. The participant's book includes chapters for each week's topic, as well as daily assignments; the cost will be approximately \$10. The group's leadership is facilitated - there are no lectures - and the leader is fully supported with a Leader's Guide. How to register? Choose one of three ways: contact the church office, contact Rev. Scottie Brafford (497-2053, or dscotbr@aol.com), or attend the first session on Thurs. Oct, 15. Books will be distributed that evening.

MULLINS MESSENGER



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October 7, 2009

The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

Mullins Pulpit - October 11, 2009

Scripture: Mark 10: 17 - 31

Sermon: 'WHY A CAMEL?'

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Worship	8:45 & 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School	9:40 am
Wednesday Dinner & Program	5:45 p.m.

Dear Friends,

In Psalm 104, we read:

- 5 You fixed the earth on its foundation, never to be moved.
 6 The ocean covered it like a garment; above the mountains stood the waters.
 7 At your roar they took flight; at the sound of your thunder they fled.
 8 They rushed up the mountains, down the valleys to the place you had fixed for them.
 9 You set a limit they cannot pass; never again will they cover the earth.

The image is of God as a Divine warrior placing the earth in its spot in the universe, forcing the waters to their limits and ensuring that all creation settles in as God plans. This is called (by people who categorize them) a creation Psalm. Given that we humans are the crown of creation, the image and likeness of God, we can sometimes forget that God was, is and shall be at work in the creation of all that was, is and shall be. This past Sunday we celebrated God's ongoing creation with our first Blessing of the Animals. Some 47 people with about 57 dogs, 1 cat, 1 hamster and 1 turtle, gathered under the covered entry in the east parking lot. Bryan led us in song. We read scripture, prayed, and blessed the animals and humans. All had a good time. Thank you to everyone who made the worship come together: Lisa Weaver, Cyndi Watkins, and all the moms who prepared the treats on Saturday; everyone who supplied us with snacks, bags, gloves and paper towels; all the parents who shepherded their children that day; and especially to the Rev. Scottie Brafford for her energy and dedication. Let us remember that God is responsible for the great creation that is our world and that God trusts us to take care of all of this.

Blessings,
Brad



On Sunday, October 11, 2009, Bibles will be presented to Mullins' 2nd graders. If you have a child in 2nd grade whose name is not listed below, please call the church office, 685-8253.

Ellie Likley
Sara Mock
David Weaver

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

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 4:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 p.m. Yoga Class
MONDAY	Parents Day Out Closed 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym 6:00 p.m. Staff/Parish Relations Com. - 212 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 pm. Mission/Outreach Com. - 117
TUESDAY	6:30 a.m. Career Support Group - Gym 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym 10:30 a.m. UMW Finance Com. - 117 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 6:00 p.m. Stewardship Com. - 117 6:15 p.m. Children/Youth Programs 6:30 p.m. Program - FH 7:17 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym 7:00 p.m. Evangelism Com. - Reception Rm.
FRIDAY	9:00 Walking in Gym 6:00 p.m. Scrapbooking - FH
SATURDAY	8:15 a.m. Yoga

THE MENU FOR OCTOBER 14

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

Turkey & Dressing, Creamed Potatoes, Peas, Cranberry Salad,
Bread, Dessert

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR OCTOBER 11

Acolytes - Megan Massey, Riley Williamson
Children's Message - Margaret Carbaugh
Children's Church Leader: Melissa Johnson

OUR PRAYERS

Continue to remember our members who are homebound or in care facilities, as well as our military, church leaders and world leaders.

OUR PRESENCE

8:45 Service	25
Sunday School	76
10:50 Service	151
Prayer Breakfast	10
Prayer Service	102



CHANCEL FLOWERS

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God

...in honor of the Chancel Choir
by John & Harriet Montgomery

A NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY

I will be out of the office on Monday and Tuesday, October 12th and 13th.

Susan Tutt

CHURCH-WIDE PLANNING

...for work areas and other committees is Saturday, October 10, in the Fellowship Hall. We will start at 8:30 a.m. with fellowship, coffee, juice and muffins. The Mullins Hostess Committee will provide lunch. We should wrap up around 1:00 p.m. We will develop a 3 year plan with 2010 formalized as part of our report to Charge Conference in late October.