

AND THE WINNER IS

Congratulations to Gene Hill, the winner of Mullins' 2009 Unsung Hero Award!! Gene is no stranger to this award, having been an Unsung Hero winner at Grimes UMC when he was a member there. Gene is a tireless worker around our church. He may be found dealing with many issues — plumbing, painting, roofing, grounds, etc. You never know just where you will find him, but it's a certainty that Gene is somewhere behind the scenes working diligently for the good of Mullins UMC! We are so grateful for all his efforts!

Gene will be honored at the Asbury District Laity Banquet on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, Christ UMC, Seabrook Hall, 6:15 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each. **The deadline for tickets is Monday, April 13, at 10:00 a.m.**, since we have to send this information to the District Office on Monday! Please see Dr. Gabriel or Charles Bradley, Lay Leader, for tickets.



Calling all kids — join us for the annual Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, April 11, at 10:00 a.m. It'll be lots of fun, so make plans to attend!

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. Make checks payable to Mullins UMC and designate "UM Reporter"

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THE HOLIEST WEEK OF THE YEAR

Because it marks the anniversaries of some of the most important events in the Bible, the week before Easter is called Holy Week.

It was natural that Easter should become the most important day on the Christian calendar. For the first several centuries after Christ, Sunday — the day of Christ's resurrection — was the only important day of the week. The disciples and early followers of Jesus just couldn't stop talking about the resurrection and it became the chief subject every Sunday.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday didn't become a part of congregational worship until about the fifth century. It was during that era that Christians began to travel again to the Holy Land. While they were there, they retraced Jesus' steps to the Upper Room and to Calvary. These processions made deep impressions on European pilgrims and were carried back to their homelands.

The day on which the Lord's Supper was shared became Maundy Thursday, the name coming from the "new commandment" (Latin: mandatum) that Jesus gave his disciples, to love one another as he loves us.

Good Friday commemorations also began to take place. Services during the time of darkness in the afternoon, and Friday evening services remembered the Lord's death and burial.

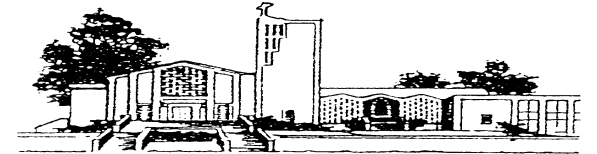
During Holy Week we, too, have the opportunity to remember what our Lord has accomplished for us. Don't miss the rich opportunities God is giving us.



For this is
my blood...
poured out for
many for the
forgiveness
of **SINS.**

Matthew 26:28

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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

Mullins Pulpit - April 12, 2009

Scripture: John 20: 1 - 18

Sermon: 'RESURRECTION INCARNATION'

Weekly Schedule

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

Dear Friends,
"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."

Having learned the truth, we do not look for the living among the dead. Having learned the truth, we walk by faith not by sight. The resurrection faith of the members of Mullins United Methodist Church leads us to live in Christ. The resurrection faith of the members of Mullins UMC leads us not to death but to seek the life that will guide all we do, are and hope to become. The resurrection faith of members of Mullins United Methodist Church leads this congregation to live fully in God's love and to reach out everywhere with the good news of life in Christ. Life now offers us choices.

The choices we have from being alive in faith are many: share the faith with a friend in Sunday School or share the faith by supporting a missionary far away. Take part in the physical clean up and fix up work church members regularly carry out or provide a place where lives torn by substance abuse can be made whole once more. Give a Sunday morning or Wednesday night in the nursery. Visit a long time member who is homebound, or a visitor who is looking for a church home. Take our youth to mission trips and retreats or take a meal to the destitute in the center city. Pay for homeland missionaries such as teachers and technicians in Appalachia or pay for utilities at the corner of Mendenhall and Walnut Grove. People who live in resurrection faith seek the choices God provides so that we may show our faith by our works.

Thanks be to God who gives us the strength and courage and wisdom of resurrection faith. Thanks be to God who offers us the choice of life, and life abundantly, here among the people of God's creation. Because Christ is risen, we know that we can do all the things listed above, not just some of them. Living in the resurrection faith we can save minds in Africa while we save souls in Memphis; restore our buildings while we restore broken lives; secure the future while we cherish the past and live in the present.

As we have died with Christ, so we are made alive in Christ. Let us show our living faith in our joyous living in the resurrection.

Blessings,
 Brad



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday Service - April 9, 7:00 p.m.
 Good Friday Lunch & Program - April 10, 12:00 Noon
 Guest Speaker: Virginia Burnette
 Easter Egg Hunt - April 11, 10:00 a.m.
 Easter Worship Service - April 12, 10:50 a.m.
 (Note: One Service Only on Easter)

SUNDAY, April 12 - SATURDAY, APRIL 18

SUNDAY **No Early Service!**
 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
 PDO Closed
 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
 10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Group
 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. Missions Com. - 209

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
 7:00 p.m. Evangelism Com. - 117

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
 6:15 p.m. Beading Group - 209
 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
 4:30 p.m. Concord Mtg. - FH

SATURDAY
 8:15 a.m. Yoga - FH



MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR APRIL 12

No Children's Message
 Children's Church Leader: Melissa Johnson



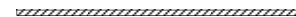
THE MENU FOR APRIL 15

Adults \$5, 12 & Under \$3, Family Max \$20
 Adults: Pork Loin, Cheese Grits, Broccoli, Salad, Bread, Dessert
 Kids: Pizza or adult menu

OUR PRAYERS

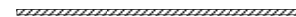
Methodist University Hospital **Delta Medical Center**
 Julia Ettman 515 Thomas David Knott ICU

HealthSouth-North Rehab **At Home**
 Lucille Carson 207-A T. J. Scruggs
 (nerve block 4/13)



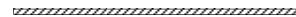
CHANCEL FLOWERS

There are still many open dates on the Flower Calendar for this year. Please consider a date you'd like to honor loved ones with flowers and call or stop by the church office to sign up. We'll be glad to help you!



OUR PRESENCE

8:45 a.m.	30
Sunday School	66
10:50 Service	160
Prayer Breakfast	12
Prayer Service	63



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.