

A Note From Our VBS Director

I want to say thank you again to all who helped with VBS this year! Perhaps the greatest and most unexpected blessing I have received from working on VBS was getting to know more people from Mullins! We have some awesome, talented, fun-loving people in our congregation. We have been members of Mullins for about seven years now but never have I felt so much like a family member of our church. It is amazing to know how God's plan for us can bless us with a feeling of purpose and belonging if we just allow ourselves to let go of what is holding us back, Thank you Mullins for giving me the opportunity to humbly learn this lesson.

Love,

Lisa Weaver

Third space extreme hospitality

Several Mullins members have shown interest in helping Mullins be the center of the community by establishing a regular time of gentle activities and a comfortable environment to visit, pray and simply be with others. If you want to be a part of fleshing out that vision, please contact the church office .

CRAZY FOR CROPPING!

Please mark your calendars for the next Mullins Crop Night on July 17, 6:00 p.m. until midnight! For more information, contact Cyndi Watkins.

GUESS WHO IS 164 YEARS OLD THIS MONTH?!

Come celebrate an important day in the life of your church. We will be celebrating the 164th birthday of Mullins UMC on Saturday, July 25, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Come for dinner and find out who is the Mullins Survivor — a test for the entire family! We will dine on Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Tropical Fruit Salad, Green Beans, Rolls, Birthday Cake and Ice Cream. Oh, and there'll be Hot Dogs for the kids! Luau attire recommended — break out those Hawaiian shirts! Be sure to **make your reservations with the church office no later than July 22.** Hope to see you there!

Your Family Life Committee

Lipscomb Scholarship Committee Meeting

The Lipscomb Scholarship Committee will meet Wednesday, July 15 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 117T to review scholarship applications for the coming academic year.

MULLINS UMW TO ASSEMBLE HEALTH KITS ON JULY 21

Can you help your UMW assemble Health Kits for UMCOR? Simply write a check for \$15, (which covers the cost of one kit), to Mullins UMC and note "for UMCOR Health Kits", and we'll do the shopping for you. Deadline for cash or item donations is July 15. Health Kit items needed: hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27" any color, 3 oz. bar soap in original wrapper, wash cloth (any color), toothbrush in original package, large sturdy hair comb (no pocket combs), nail file or nail clipper (no emery boards or toenail clippers). Your UMW could not complete this project successfully without your support!

HEIFER READ-TO-FEED PROGRAM IN FULL SWING

Rumor has it that Riley Williamson has read the most books so far this summer, and that Addison Furst is not far behind her.

Some of the children's and young adult books on the not-to-be-missed list are *The World of Narnia*, *The Wanderer*, *Tale of Desperaux* and the Percy Jackson and the Olympiads series. In non-fiction, the most popular books have been *A Tale of Two Bobbies*, a true story of the animals of Hurricane Katrina and *Koko's Kitten*, the story of Koko the gorilla who adopted a baby kitten.

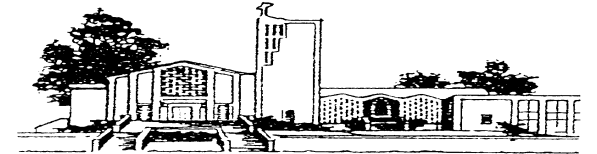
In Young Adult and adult books, my favorites have been *The Dolphins of Laurenteum*, one of the best in the Roman Mysteries series for young readers. In Young Adult and children's books, my top pics are *The Graveyard Book*, *Dragon Rider*, and *Thief Lord*. In fantasy and science fiction, I highly recommend *The Seventh Tower* series, jointly produced by Garth Nix and Lucas Films. I couldn't put them down the first time I read them. The library has a growing selection of faith and fantasy books, including the Time Trilogy by Madeline L'Engle, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, and the Tolkien Ring Trilogy.

Margaret Carbaugh
Church Librarian

Administrative Council Meeting

Monday, July 20, 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

Mullins Pulpit - July 12, 2009

Scripture: Mark 6: 14-29

Sermon: 'SHALL WE DANCE?'

Weekly Schedule

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

Dear Friends,

The following items are part of a review of the recent meeting of the Memphis Annual Conference as found in The Reporter, the Memphis Annual Conference newspaper.

“Bring Jesus to the people, that’s what worship is about!” proclaimed Sally Morgenthaler, a nationally renowned leader in the worship world and the keynote speaker at the May 31-June 2, 2009 Memphis Annual Conference. Noting that there’s a disconnect between what happens in church and what Christians do ‘out there’ in the world, Morgenthaler encouraged the approximately 1500 United Methodists present for the opening Sunday evening worship service to go home to their local churches and bring the outside world in. “That’s what changes worship...Worship and mission are inextricably linked!” she declared.”

“The annual conference offering of \$15,214.34 was designated for children in crisis in Matamoros, Mexico. The money will go towards the purchase of school uniforms and supplies, the construction of church buildings, and medical outreach.”

“Don’t give up hope!” That was the message brought by Dr. Jerry Israel, Interim President of Lambuth University. He reported that the school’s greatest hope for the future is a balanced budget for 2010; the greatest fear that the bad financial news will result in students deciding to move to another institution. “So far, they have not,” said Israel. He also introduced Lambuth’s new Capital Acquisition Plan that could result in Lambuth being eligible for a loan of \$6 million by July 30.”

“Average worship attendance is 32,711, down 1,093. Church school attendance is 17,032, down 5515. Membership stands at 85,449, down 1,761.”

Blessings,
Brad

SUNDAY, JULY 12 - SATURDAY, July 18

SUNDAY	8:45 a.m. Worship - Chapel 9:39 a.m. College & Career Class Room 209 9:40 a.m. Sunday School All Ages 10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary 4:00 p.m. Youth –Gym 5:00 p.m. Yoga Class –Fellowship Hall
MONDAY	8:30 a.m. Summer Stage 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Room 212 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
TUESDAY	6:30 a.m. Career Support Group - Lamplighter Rm. 8:30 a.m. Summer Stage 11:30 Staff Lunch 6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class - FH 7:00 p.m. Yoga Class - FH
WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m. Summer Stage 6:00 p.m. Lipscomb Com. - Room 117T 6:13 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (optional)
THURSDAY	6:30 a.m. Women's Prayer Group - Parlor 8:30 a.m. Summer Stage
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m. Summer Stage
SATURDAY	8:15 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR JULY 5

Children’s Message : Margaret Carbaugh
Children’s Church Leader: Tammy Williamson

Chancel Choir Out for the Summer. Rehearsal Continues

The Mullins chancel choir is taking the summer off from worship leadership. They will return in the fall. Rehearsals continue at 6:13 p.m. each Wednesday. Why not attend and join?

ACOLYTE TRAINING

We will have an acolyte training session in August (exact date and time to be announced). Children must be 2nd grade or older; both boys and girls are needed. Interested families should contact Tammy Williamson at 626-0671.

OUR PRAYERS

At Home
Charles Griffin
Tom Curry

OUR PRESENCE

8:45 Service	31
Sunday School	74
10:50 Service	149
Prayer Breakfast	N/A
Prayer Service	N/A



CHANCEL FLOWERS

To give flowers in honor or memory of someone and to the Glory of God, please call the church office or sign up on the flower calendar outside the office.

WOMEN’S EARLY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

The new early morning (6:30 a.m.) prayer group meets in the Mullins Parlor in the Fisher Wing, close to the Choir Room. Please enter the Meditation Garden door. All ladies who wish to grow in their prayer life are welcome.

Opportunities with Children’s Sunday School

Weekly: Children’s Church leader or Helper

July 12: A presentation of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd; a new approach to Children’s Sunday School. From 2-4 at Wesleyan Hills UMC, 390 S. Yates, Memphis, TN

July 26: Dolphins to visit Wesley Highland Terrace and sing VBS songs with the residents.

August 9: Parents’ meeting to choose Sunday School curriculum.

August 14: The Wizard of OZ at the Orpheum. Adult chaperons welcomed.