

## THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Church Family,

We want to thank everyone for all the phone calls, cards, and most of all, your prayers. We felt your prayers giving us strength this past week. We know we have a long time of grieving for Kendall, but the Lord will pull us through.

Norm and Barbara Kercher

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Dear Mullins Friends,

We are so grateful for your prayers, cards, calls and other expressions of care and concern. It is a blessing to belong to such a caring church family.

Frances and Rhodes Vawter



For many years Mullins UMC has given special emphasis on collecting food for the United Methodist Neighborhood Centers during the month of February. Please help by bringing canned goods and non-perishable items to the church this month. Your donations will truly make a difference in the lives of our neighbors in the Memphis community.

## PRE-SPRING CLEANING IN THE LIBRARY

During the past year, we have been blessed with donations of many new books and other resources for the church library. To make way for the new, we need to cull some of the duplicate and older materials. Volunteers are needed to spend a few hours on Saturday or Sunday afternoons cleaning out and sorting materials that are no longer needed. Sunday School Class leaders — this is a great opportunity for your class to have its own team-building and service project for the church. First, identify one or two sections that you would be responsible for. Then let me know what date you would like to come to the library to clean out your section. Someone will meet you at the church to help you get started. We want to finish by the end of February so that we can donate materials no longer needed to the annual used book sale in March at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Margaret Carbaugh  
Church Librarian

## HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

### BUDGET

In honor of Virginia Lawson by Ladies Prayer Group

In memory of Kendall Kercher by Helen Addington, Marion Haynes

In memory of June Johnson by Vinson and Anita Cobb



If you attend Preschool through Junior High Sunday School (or drive somebody who does), this announcement is for you! Beginning Sunday, February 15, these classes will gather in Fellowship Hall at 9:40 a.m. for singing, praying, maybe a Bible verse or two, and lots of fun before proceeding to the individual Sunday School classes at 9:50.

Miss Joyce, Miss Margaret, Miss Cyndi

## THANKS FROM AFRICA UNIVERSITY

Dear Mullins Church Family,

Thank you very much for your generous gift of \$1,650.00 which you have designated for the Africa University Direct Scholarship Fund for scholarship support for Mukanyanga Muzyamba. As you know, scholarships continue to be one of the university's most pressing needs, especially now as the administration intensifies its efforts to recruit students from each of the fifty-four nations of Africa. We know that there are many worthy causes in need of your support; thus, we are profoundly grateful for your continued support of Africa University.

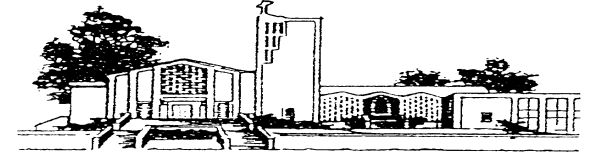
We are pleased to report that all is well at Africa University despite the political and economic environment in Zimbabwe. The university registered 1,338 students for the 2008-2009 academic year, including 50 first-year students.

We also wish to assure you that Africa University has not been impacted by the cholera outbreak.

Thank you for continuing to believe in the future of Africa University and in the worth of its mission.

Elaine Jenkins  
Director of Planned Giving

# MULLINS MESSENGER



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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

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Scripture: Mark 1: 40 - 45

Sermon: 'THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS EXPANDING'

### 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 calendar at Mullins continues to be full. This past Saturday, the older elementary Sunday School class (Dolphins) met at Wesley Highland Terrace along with athletes from the University of Memphis. The two groups hosted a Valentine's Day Party for the senior residents. Our girls had a 3' by 5' panel with a Valentine heart, and notes telling how they know that God is love. The class was invited to visit again. Let the church office know about your class activities!

We will have our first congregation-wide "Clean the Church" day on Saturday, February 21, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be served. We will clean the inside of every room from top to bottom, excluding Concord Academy. Cleaning supplies will be provided. Bring your own dust cloths, long-handle dusters for those high flying cobwebs, extra rags and sponges, a few vacuum cleaners and extra extension cords. We need EVERYONE — young to the young-at-heart — there are chores for all abilities and all ages! We will have sign-up sheets on Wednesday and Sunday. Sign up for the entire time or a portion of the day. We need everyone! The goal is to ensure that Mullins UMC shines for Easter.

Lent begins with our Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday, Feb. 25. We will meet in the Chapel immediately following dinner in Fellowship Hall. There will be no children's or youth programs that night so that children and youth can be in worship with their parents.

The new Mullins UMC Children's Choir is scheduled to make their debut during the 10:50 service on the first Sunday of Lent, March 1.

All Sunday School classes are invited to attend the first of 2009's "Fifth Sunday Gathering" on Sunday, March 29. The Education and Nurture Committee, along with the Worship Committee, hope that this quarterly celebration of Christian Education will help to build up an already impressive Sunday School program. We hope that all classes will meet together that day. Details as to the speaker and other program matters will be in later editions of the Mullins Messenger.

Speaking of the Messenger, both current and archive editions of the newsletter continue to be available at the church website, [www.mullinsumc.org](http://www.mullinsumc.org) If you want a direct link to the newsletter site, be sure that the church office has your current email address.

The office continues to be staffed Monday - Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Susan Tutt is in the building during those hours, except for the occasional, yet necessary, trips to take care of church business. If you call and no one answers the phone, please leave a message and we will return your call.

Our youth basketball team ended their season this past Saturday. We appreciate all the young men who participated, their coaches and parents. Next year we will be sure to publicize their schedule so that everyone may come and cheer them on to victory.

Remember that children's Sunday School will gather from 9:40 - 9:50 a.m. in Fellowship Hall each Sunday, beginning February 15.

See you Sunday!

In His Service,  
Brad

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

**SUNDAY** 8:45 a.m. Worship - Chapel  
9:40 a.m. Sunday School  
10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
4:00 p.m. Youth  
5:00 p.m. Yoga Class  
5:00 p.m. Jesus in the Gospels - 117

**MONDAY** **Church Office/PDO Closed**  
10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Group  
6:13 p.m. Woodwinds Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts - FH  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

**TUESDAY** 6:30 a.m. Career Support Group - Lamplighter Rm.  
8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym  
10:30 a.m. UMW Circle - Parlor  
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  
8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym  
5:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner - FH  
6:15 p.m. Beading Group - 209  
6:15 p.m. Children/Youth Programs  
6:30 p.m. Program - FH  
7:17 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY** 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym

**FRIDAY** 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym

**SATURDAY** 8:15 a.m. Yoga - FH  
9:00 a.m. "Clean the Church" Day"

**MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR FEBRUARY 15**

Acolytes: Marylynne Carmichael, Ellen Weaver  
Children's Message - Scottie Brafford

**THE MENU FOR FEBRUARY 18**

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

Adults: Macaroni & Cheese, Turnip Greens, Black-eyed Peas,  
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**

**At Home**

Julia Ettman  
Rhodes Vawter

**OUR SYMPATHY**

love and prayers go out to

....John Wagner and family  
in the loss of his son-in-law, Wayne Carter

**OUR PRESENCE**

8:45 a.m.	33
Sunday School	75
10:50 Service	206
Prayer Breakfast	8
Prayer Service	72



**CHANCEL FLOWERS**

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God

...in loving memory of L. C. "Buddy" Harmon  
by Martha Harmon

...in loving memory of Clovis Montgomery,  
in remembrance of his 100th birthday,  
by John and Harriet Montgomery

**"SWEETS FOR YOUR SWEETHEART" AUCTION**

A special thanks to all who baked, and bought, in support of this fundraiser! Thanks to you, we raised \$275.00 for the church library. The proceeds will help us purchase much-needed bookcases for the library.

**PLEASE NOTE!!!**

At the present time you may access your church newsletter each week by going to the church website: [www.mullinsumc.org](http://www.mullinsumc.org). Newsletters will also be available at the church.