



Congratulations to Doris Ruleman on the birth of her grandson, Victor Ruleman on May 1, 2009. Victor's parents are Kurt and Melissa Ruleman.

Congratulations also go out to Carol Doyle on the birth of her grandson, Mitchell Doyle Proctor, on May 5, 2009.



2009 GRADUATES

On June 7, 2009, our graduates will be honored during the 10:50 worship service. If you have a graduate who is not listed below, please contact the church office at 685-8253, so that we may add them to our list.

High School

Colleen Mason - St. Agnes
Jennifer Mastin - Lausanne

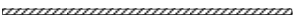
College

Erin Calipari - University of Massachusetts
Heather Evans - University of Memphis
Miranda Rose - Lambuth University
Rachael Scarbrough - Lambuth University
Gail Stratton - University of Arkansas

Graduate Degrees

Natasha Griffin, Master's Degree in Social Work - UT-Knoxville

Congratulations to all our graduates!



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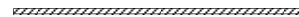
We will celebrate Pentecost on May 31st. Please wear **RED** on that Sunday!!
Our summer "casual dress" will begin on June 7.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

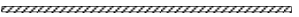
In memory of Alice Burk by Helen Addington
In memory of Rev. Tom Wilson by Mr. & Mrs. Jay Phipps



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

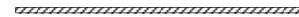
Greetings from the bayou! I am sending out a message to all who want to be blessed by smiling children eager to hear about God's love. Ready? Here it is: You are needed as a volunteer for VBS June 22 - 25, 2009. I need people to help with registration (a sit-down position) in the mornings. I also need group leaders. I promise that our Crocodile Dock VBS will be loads of fun and will be a blessing both for the children and those who participate. I also need supplies: 1 set of green bed sheets, rope, Spanish moss, lanterns, and anything swampy! The sign up poster is right outside the Sanctuary. Thank you!

Lisa Weaver
VBS Director



DISCOUNT OFFERED FOR FIRST TWO WEEKS OF CAMP AT LAKESHORE

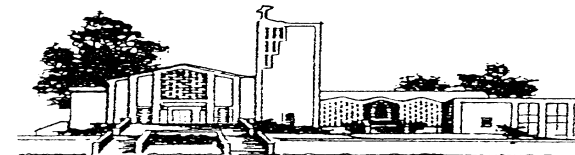
Due to the unusual number of snow days, Lakeshore's summer camp program is running behind on registrations for the weeks of May 25 - 30 (Elementary Camp) and May 31 - June 5 (Junior High Camp). We would like to encourage campers who are out of school at the usual time to consider coming to camp on one of these two weeks. We are, therefore, offering a 20% discount for any camper who registers for one of these camps. You must hurry! Camp starts in just two short weeks. (Any camper who has already signed up for one of these weeks may request a 20% discount on another camp later in the summer.) See you on the 'Shore. Register at www.lakeshoreuma.com or call us at 731-584-6102 for more information.



PDO RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 17, 2009, we will celebrate our Parents' Day Out Program at Mullins UMC. Teachers and staff will be presented certificates of appreciation at the 10:50 worship service.

MULLINS MESSENGER



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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

Mullins Pulpit - May 17, 2009
Scripture: John 15: 9 - 17
Sermon: 'KNOWING AND DOING'

Weekly Schedule

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





Dear Friends,

Last week I wrote about change. Now in all honesty, I'm not the easiest person to accept change. Still, I am, by call and training, aware that the Spirit blows where it will, and if we are willing, will take us to where God might have us be for even more fruitful ministry than we currently enjoy.

One area of change that we might want to consider is expanding the number of non-profit organizations housed at Mullins. A recent report notes: "All around the country, church congregations are establishing separate 501 © 3 non-profit organizations in order to draw new funding, new people, and new partnerships into the ministry of their church. In these difficult economic times when community needs have increased and the amount of money given through the Sunday offering has decreased for many churches, setting up a church-based non-profit can be a creative way to bring more resources to your community ministry efforts when your congregation may be less able to underwrite the cost of those ministries." (Joy Skjegstad)

Mullins UMC already has two active non-profit organizations doing ministry here — Concord Academy and Parents' Day Out. The change questions in this case are: 1) do we do enough to invite participants in those ministries to join with us in other ministries, beginning with worship? 2) do we offer enough of ourselves to Concord and PDO to ensure that they understand themselves to be organically a part of Mullins UMC even though they may be legally separate? 3) given the success that Concord and PDO have had, and the positive impact they have had on Mullins UMC certainly in terms of money and members, are there additional ministry approaches we may take through additional non-profit organizations that we may house, resource and even give birth to here at Mullins UMC? 4) Are there needs or opportunities for ministry in our community that we see, but can't tackle on our own? Finally, 5) if we do identify such needs or opportunities, and if we gave birth to a non-profit(s) to address those needs and opportunities, might we see even more people coming to Mullins UMC, first to do ministry, then to become part of a church that has such a rich history of, and solid current practice of expressing Wesleyan holiness through service?

As always, I hope that you will let me know what you think about these ideas.

Blessings,
Brad



Bread bakers, we need you!
Our loaves are down to two.
Could you help and bake a few?

	SUNDAY, MAY 17 - SATURDAY, MAY 23
SUNDAY	8:45 a.m. Worship - Chapel 9:40 a.m. Sunday School 10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Pastor's Office 5:00 Youth 5:00 p.m. Yoga Class 5:00 p.m. Jesus in the Gospels - 212
MONDAY	9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym 10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Group 6:13 p.m. Woodwinds Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts - FH 7:00 p.m. Administrative Council - Chapel
TUESDAY	6:30 a.m. Career Support Group - Lamplighter Rm. 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym 10:30 a.m. UMW Circle Mtg. - Parlor 6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class - FH 7:00 p.m. Yoga Class - FH 7:00 p.m. Bowling
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. Beading Group - 209 6:15 p.m. Children/Youth Programs 6:30 p.m. Program: Dr. Gabriel 7:17 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
FRIDAY	9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
SATURDAY	8:15 a.m. Yoga - FH

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR MAY 17

No Children's Message - children will sing
Children's Church Leader: Debi Gray

THE MENU FOR MAY 20

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

LOOKING FOR JAZZ

The church office received a prayer request card for a dog named Jazz, but Jazz's family was not identified on the prayer card. If Jazz is part of your family, please contact the church office, 685-8253.

OUR PRAYERS

St. Francis
Betty Carr 515

Baptist East
Rhodes Vawter 4241

At Home

Martha Watson
Elmer Wrobley

OUR SYMPATHY

love and prayers go out to

...Cyndi & Bob Watkins in the loss of his mother,
Frances Watkins

OUR PRESENCE

8:45 Service	15
Sunday School	69
10:50 Service	174
Prayer Breakfast	7
Prayer Service	62



CHANCEL FLOWERS

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God

...in honor of Hanna French
by Mom, Dad and Brother

CRAFT FAIR BOOTHS

All church members interested in having a booth at this year's United Methodist Women Craft Fair on Saturday, November 14, please call Marcia Taylor at 624-0257, to reserve your space.

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.