

THANK YOU!!!!

A special thanks to all of you who save cans for Habitat! The collection bin is located in the parking lot next to the Parsonage. Remember — only ALUMINUM cans, please! We recently collected \$109.20 for Habitat. Keep the cans coming!



MCKENDREE DISTRICT LAY SPEAKING MINISTRIES

The McKendree District will offer three different Lay Speaking courses this fall.

Basic Lay Speaking Course and Advanced Lay Speaking Course - both courses will be held on Thursday & Saturday, November 5 & 7, 2009. Thursday, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., at Emmanuel UMC, 2404 Kirby Rd., Memphis, TN 38119. The cost is \$25, including lunch on Saturday.

NEW! Youth Lay Speaking Course will be held on Thursday & Saturday, December 3 & 5, 2009. Thursday, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. & Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., at Emmanuel UMC, 2404 Kirby Rd., Memphis, TN 38119. The cost is \$20, including lunch on Saturday.

Important registration deadlines: Basic & Advanced Courses, due by Wednesday, October 21; Youth Course, due by Wednesday, November 18. Submit registration fee plus your name, address, church, phone number, cell phone number and email address to: McKendree District Office, 5118 Park Ave., Suite 610, Memphis, TN 38117.

A Lay Speaker is. . .

An active supportive member of a United Methodist Church; eager to serve through the church; well-informed on Scripture, doctrine, heritage, organization, and life of The United Methodist Church; committed to witnessing through church and community leadership, care giving ministries and spoken communication; and willing to improve their skills for service.

Local Church Lay Speakers. . .

Serve in and through their local churches; must be recommended by their pastor and Church Council or Charge Conference; and complete the Basic Course for Lay Speaking. Each year they must reapply reporting how they have served and continued to learn during that year. Every three years they must complete a refresher course.

Certified Lay Speakers. . .

Serve in their own churches, in other churches; and through district and conference projects and programs. They must be recommended by their pastor and Church Council or Charge Conference, complete The Basic Course and one Advance Lay Speaking Course; and be interviewed by the District or Conference Committee on Lay Speaking. They must report and reapply annually and they must complete at least one Advanced Course every three years.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

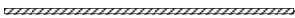
BUDGET

In honor of Bill & Betty Pickel for their 60th anniversary by Jean & George Sibley, Susan Tutt

In memory of Walter G. Rogers, Jr. by Beulah Hawthorne

MUSIC FUND

In memory of Mogie Shaw by Mrs. E. F. Luton

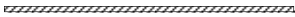


CRAFTING AT MULLINS UMC

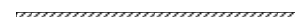
If it's not on your calendar, put it on your calendar - this Friday night, September 18, from 6:00 to midnight. Bring the following stuff:

- 1) Your scrapbooking, cardmaking, needlework, paint-by-number, anvil, etc.
- 2) A snack or dish to share with everyone
- 3) Your enthusiasm and creative spirit

While you are marking your calendars, next month we will meet on Friday, October 16. Then, we will not meet again until the first of the year because of the holiday craziness!



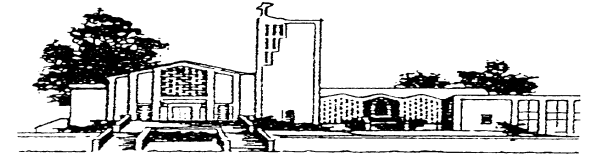
Mullins' Family Life Committee invites everyone to join us this Sunday, Sept. 20, at 12:00 Noon, for the Fall Potluck Lunch in Fellowship Hall. As every good Methodist knows, Potluck food is the best food of all! Come enjoy great food, fun and fellowship!



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

...will meet on Tuesday, September 22, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 117.

MULLINS MESSENGER



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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

Mullins Pulpit - September 20, 2009

Scripture: Mark 9: 30 - 37

Sermon: 'A DIFFERENT PATH OF GLORY'

Weekly Schedule

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





Dear Friends,

At our last Asbury District Clergy meeting, our District Superintendent, Kevin Conrad, distributed several options for intentional church growth. The options are listed below. They will be made available at the next Administrative Council meeting also. If you have a desire to work on one of these options, please contact me as soon as possible.

Blessings,
Brad

**Asbury District: 2010 Growth Covenant Options
Engaging, Reaching, Renewing**

Offering a God-Story Evangelism Event: (Limit 4 Spring/6 Fall)

God Story is a two and a half day evangelism event designed to help individuals learn to tell their own unique faith story in a concise, compelling way. A Friday evening-Sunday morning schedule or a Sunday morning through Tuesday evening schedule is available with a combination of an opening dinner, plenary sessions, small group discussions and a closing celebration. A guest music leader and a guest story guide will help facilitate the event. Ideal for churches who want to re-energize a revival tradition or energize members for evangelism. Leaders: Tom Albin, Dean of the Upper Room and Larry Malone, Director of United Methodist Men's Ministry of the General Board of Discipleship. (Cost of lodging for two guest leaders for two nights required)

Building a Magnetic Children's Ministry:

Understanding the influences, interests, needs and relational patterns of kids today is a must for building an effective children's ministry. This option will give you insight into how to design ministry to meet kids where they are and shape them as maturing followers of Jesus. Leader: Patty Smith, Director of Children's Ministries for the Tennessee Annual Conference.

Engaging Your Community with Holistic Ministry: (Limit 6)

Would you like to renew your ministry and engage your community based on your strengths, opportunities and assets rather than your weaknesses? This option will help you envision new ways of engaging your community through asset-based ministry. Congregations will be taught how to envision holistic ministry based on Biblical principles of shalom and will become members of the Methodist Hospital Church Health Network. Leaders: Amy Moritz, Director of the Shalom Resource Center and Gary Gunderson, Sr. Vice President of Health/Welfare, Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare.

Hosting a Hispanic Outreach Ministry:

Reaching new populations in Memphis today means opening our hearts and our facilities to Hispanic/Latino populations with Christ inspired hospitality. This option will help you get to know who your Hispanic neighbors are and what the range of ministry options your church might offer to touch and transform their lives. Leader: Ronal Rivas, Pastor of Jackson Avenue UMC Hispanic Congregation.

Developing an Integrated Grace-Based Evangelism Ministry:

Our Wesleyan theological understanding of prevenient, justifying sanctifying grace can provide a framework for designing an integrated evangelism ministry based on a pattern of grace and response. This option will focus on creating a congregational environment that helps individuals learn how to grow in grace through *specific steps of faith response*, with an emphasis on the importance of baptism, professions of faith, confirmation and church membership as crucial moments to affirm and celebrate greater and greater responsiveness to God. Leader: Kevin Conrad, Asbury District Superintendent.

Approval of an Ongoing Growth Initiative:

If you have an ongoing ministry emphasis geared toward growth, you may submit a written request to the Superintendent for review and approval as your 2010 Growth Covenant. A detailed description of the program is required clearly showing an intended outcome of growth.

(Deadline for submitting a proposal to the DS for approval: Nov. 30)

*Each congregation is required to submit a preference application by Nov. 30.

Key leaders will choose a half day training session on Jan. 30 OR 31, 2010.

| SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 | |
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| 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 12:00 Noon Potluck - FH 4:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 p.m. Yoga Class |
| MONDAY | 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym 4:00 p.m. Basketball Practice 6:13 p.m. Woodwinds Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts - FH 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Administrative Council - Chapel |
| TUESDAY | 6:30 a.m. Career Support Group - Gym 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym 10:00 a.m. Bridge Group - Lamplighter/Friendship 6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class - Gym 7:00 p.m. Yoga Class - Gym 7:00 p.m. Nominating Com. - 117 |
| WEDNESDAY | 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast - FH 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym 4:00 p.m. Basketball Practice 5:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner - FH 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 6:30 p.m. UMW Night Circle - 117 |
| FRIDAY | 9:00 Walking in Gym 4:00 p.m. Basketball Practice |
| SATURDAY | 8:15 a.m. Yoga |

OUR PRAYERS

At Home

Evelyn Vowell

OUR SYMPATHY

love and prayers go out to

...Macy Williamson in the loss of her stepmother-in-law, Mogie Shaw

...Barbara & Tom Southwell in the loss of his mother, Mary Virginia Southwell

OUR PRESENCE

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| 8:45 Service | 28 |
| Sunday School | 71 |
| 10:50 Service | 112 |
| Prayer Breakfast | 8 |
| Prayer Service | 76 |



CHANCEL FLOWERS

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God
...in celebration of our 60th anniversary on September 24,
by Bill & Betty Pickel

...in loving memory of Paul Hausmann, Jr.
by Paul & Sue Hausmann

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR SEPTEMBER 20

Acolytes: Callie & Ellie Likley
Children's Message - Heather Evans
Children's Church Leader: Debi Gray