

THANK YOU

Many thanks to the 18 members of Mullins who filled up the appointment sheet for Lifeblood's blood drive February 11. There were ten units of blood given. The next scheduled blood drives are June 10, and September 16. Thanks to all of you!

Tina & Scott Campbell



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.

SWEETHEART AUCTION A SWEET SUCCESS!

On Wednesday night, Dr. Gabriel raised his gavel once again to auction "Sweets for Your Sweetheart". In the process, the church family helped raise nearly \$300 for our church library.

The children of the church voted for the following:

Most Beautiful: Nancy Blankenship's House of Chocolate on a strawberry cake base

Most Creative: Barbara Southwell's heart-shaped mints in an edible chocolate container

Most Chocolate: Julia Howell's hand-dipped, triple chocolate truffles

Kids Favorite: Marcia Taylor's heart-shaped red velvet cakes

The auction is a success in another way. All the generations of the church are involved, including those who have gone on to be with the Lord. Even when they are no longer present with us, when we enjoy these sweets, we can remember that they taught us to taste and know that the Lord is sweet (based on Psalm 34).

In the words of one participant: "It really was a LOT of fun."

Margaret Carbaugh

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

In honor of Helen Addington by Martha Siler

In honor of Marion Haynes by Martha Siler

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

In memory of Kay Wood by Mrs. H. C. Williamson, Jr.



If you attend Preschool through Junior High Sunday School (or drive somebody who does), this announcement is for you! 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

ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY

Our next date to serve a meal to the homeless in our community is Saturday, February 28. We will meet at St. John UMC at 3:30 p.m. Please call Ginny Wilcox at 276-8467, and let her know that you will help!

CROSSROADS HOSPICE

Just an hour or two each week can help ease loneliness, fear and isolation of a person with a terminal illness. If you can listen to stories, hold a hand, read, sing, play a musical instrument, or bake, there's someone who needs your special gifts. Opportunities include: direct patient care, office volunteers, special project volunteers and bereavement volunteers. Training will be held Feb. 26 and 28. Contact Lynn or Deena at 382-9292 to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

Mullins Pulpit - February 22, 1009

Scripture: Mark 9: 2 - 9

Sermon: 'GADZOOKS'

Weekly Schedule

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



Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent in the calendar followed by Western churches (those not affiliated with one of the "Orthodox" traditions). The service is observed forty days before Easter (excluding Sundays). Because the date of Easter is dependent on the phases of the moon, and so not fixed to a set date, both Easter and Ash Wednesday fall on a different date each year. Ash Wednesday can be as early as February 4, or as late as March 10.

The name "Ash Wednesday" comes from the historic practice of smudging ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a sign of repentance. The ashes traditionally are gathered after the Palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday are burned. The ashes, mixed with oil (preferably olive oil) are smudged in the sign of the cross first on the presiding clergy's forehead and then on all those who kneel at the altar rail. As the ashes are "imposed" in this manner, the presiding clergy traditionally recites the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

We don't talk much about repentance these days. This whole service, and the season of Lent that it introduces, is a real counter cultural witness. The faith that we believe is also the faith that gives us power to believe. In this time of preparation, let us use the resources available to us to remember that we stand and live and love not through our own strength but through the strength of the One who makes us and makes us whole.

In His Service,
Brad Gabriel



"Clean the Church Day" is this Saturday, February 21, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. We need everyone — there are chores for all abilities and ages! Cleaning supplies will be provided, but bring your own dust cloths, long-handle dusters for those high flying cobwebs, extra rags, sponges and extension cords. Also, we'll need a few vacuum cleaners. We want the church to shine for Easter!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28	
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	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 7:00 p.m. Trustees - 117
TUESDAY	6:30 a.m. Career Support Group - Lamplighter Rm. 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym 10:00 a.m. Bridge Group - Lamplighter Rm. 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
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 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service - Chapel 7:17 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym 6:00 p.m. UMW Night Circle - Lamplighter Rm.
FRIDAY	9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym 1:00 p.m. Concord Academy - FH
SATURDAY	8:15 a.m. Yoga - FH 3:30 p.m. St. John's Ministry

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR FEBRUARY 22

Children's Message - Marjorie Luton

THE MENU FOR FEBRUARY 25

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

Adults: Spaghetti, Italian Salad, Garlic 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

Continue to pray for those in nursing homes, the homebound, our church, those in the military and our country.

OUR SYMPATHY

love and prayers go out to

...Paul and Nancy Blankenship in the loss of his brother, David Blankenship

...Marjorie Luton in the loss of her sister-in-law, Doris Luton

OUR PRESENCE

8:45 a.m.	27
Sunday School	66
10:50 Service	145
Prayer Breakfast	7
Prayer Service	80



CHANCEL FLOWERS

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God

...in honor of my lovely bride, Kathy,
for her birthday, February 22,
by Charles Carter

...in loving memory of Fran Anderson
by Tommy and Sandy Scruggs

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.