



Congratulations to Coach John Calipari, for being named as Conference USA Coach of the Year. This is the third time in the last four years Coach Cal has received the Conference USA coaching honor. He also earned the accolade in 2006 and 2008. He is the second three-time conference Coach of the Year recipient in Tiger basketball history. Coach Calipari, a finalist for the 2008-09 USBWA National Coach of the Year Henry Iba Award, was named the USBWA District 4 Coach of the Year on March 10, 2009. He is also a finalist for the Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year honor.

Way to go, Coach Cal! We are **SO** proud of you!!!

THANK YOU

Troop 75 is truly grateful to have Mullins as our host church. Your support over the years has been invaluable to the Scouts.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Jordan
Troop 75 Committee

*(A generous check from the Scouts was included with this note for use of the gym facilities.)



Lilies will adorn our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 12. **The cost is \$9 each.** Please complete the form below and return to the church office, with payment, if you would like to order lilies. Deadline to order is March 29.

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

of Lilies _____ Amount Paid _____

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

In memory of Charles Huston by Mrs. Milton Addington

EASTER CLOTHES FOR CHILDREN

Easter is a special time, and for some children, new clothes are an accepted fact. However, for many children, this is not the norm. Once again, Church Women United is collecting NEW CLOTHES for children in need. They are working with local elementary schools to distribute the clothes to those who really need them. Last year we had a wonderful response to this request! Clothes may be brought to the church office and they will be delivered to the Church Women United meeting on Monday, April 6. When you're shopping, please remember to buy something special for these children. Thank you!

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP AT UMW NIGHT CIRCLE

Molly Lipscomb Night Circle Leader, Diana Griffin, reported that 10 to 15 people came on the morning of February 28, to knit LOVE CAPS. The group completed several baby caps. They will continue this project at their next meeting on Thursday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 117. Everyone is invited to attend.

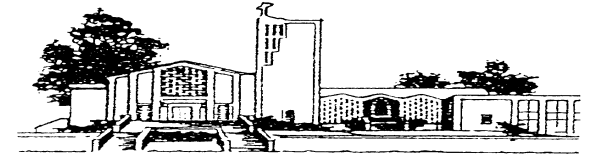
SAVE THE DATE!!!

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 11, at 10:00 a.m. Weather permitting, it will be held outside; if not, we will hunt eggs in Fellowship Hall. We need donations of plastic eggs (pre-stuffed with candy, please!) for the Egg Hunt. We hope to have lots of children, so that means we need **LOTS** of candy-filled eggs!!! Please bring the eggs to the church office by Monday, April 6. Thanks for your help with this event for our children!

UM REPORTER SUBSCRIPTIONS

It's time to renew our subscriptions to the United Methodist Reporter, our Conference newspaper. All subscriptions will begin June 1, 2009 and end May 31, 2010. The cost is \$20 per year. This is a great way to stay up-to-date on all the news from our local Conference as well as United Methodist news from around the world. Call the church office, 685-8253, to sign up.

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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

Mullins Pulpit - March 22, 2009

Scripture: John 3: 14 - 21

Sermon: 'ALSO PAGE 2'

Weekly Schedule

<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>

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

This past week our local newspaper ran a story about the weakening commitment to specific Christian denominations in general, and to the Christian faith overall. The response of some people reminded me of an old story.

The story is told of a night long ago when the stars began to fall from the sky. The villagers, surprised by the stars streaking across the sky, panicked and assumed the world was coming to an end. They ran to and fro crying, "The sky is falling; the world is ending," until one of them remembered the wise ones who lived just outside the village. Frantically, they ran to this older couple in search of an answer. "Look", they shouted. "The stars are falling into the earth. What will happen to us?" The wise ones, who had been observing the changing sky for some time, paused a few moments and asked the villagers to gaze upon the sky one more time. "Look at the sky," they whispered. "Look at the stars that are falling. But now, pause a moment and look again. Look this time at all the stars that are not falling but remain shining in the heavens."

In this time our choice is to focus on what is faithful and everlasting or on what is rapidly changing and uncertain. The truth is that God embraces both change and stability. To think that only the awful is going to happen is tempting. But faith allows us to walk with confidence. Change has happened. The church may no longer hold a privileged position in society. So be it. We will "coexist with the World Wide Web, postmodern relativism, religious pluralism, and hedonistic consumerism." And the church will outlive all of those passing changes.

Cultivating spiritual practices helps a church nurture, serve, witness and heal both its members and the world in a more Christ-like manner. As we wind down through the season of Lent, let us trust in the One who allows us faithfully to engage in healthy practices of parenting, of maintaining our physical and spiritual well-being, cultivating friendships and developing ever deeper relationships, and seeking to be responsive to concerns for justice and planetary well-being. May we rely on the Spirit to keep us open to God's gracious invitation to respond, not as we always have, but as God will direct us now and in the future to meet what the present and the future require.

Blessings,
Brad

HELLO MULLINS GARDNERS!!!

Sat., March 21, we will meet for a landscape cleaning day hosted by Carol & Charles Griffin. Meet in the Walnut Grove parking lot at 9:00 with gloves, rakes, pruning shears, etc. The weather is projected to be cloudy; if the sun is shining, remember sunscreen and hats. In case of rain or "iffy" skies, contact the Griffins at 685-2880. The "Kitchen Girls" need a headcount for lunch, so call Julia at 682-5450 and leave a message to COUNT ME IN for lunch.

PS - do you have a mystery plant in your garden or yard? Bring a twig or two; for every twig that Carol correctly identifies, \$10 will be donated to the Landscape Fund. Bring those twigs! Let's break that piggy bank!

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 - SATURDAY, MARCH 28

- SUNDAY 8:45 a.m. Worship - Chapel
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. 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
6:00 p.m. Brownies - 117
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.
9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
10:00 a.m. Bridge - 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. Program: Chris Todd - 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 a.m. Walking in Gym
- SATURDAY 8:15 a.m. Yoga - FH

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR MARCH 22

Children's Message - Cyndi Watkins

THE MENU FOR MARCH 25

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

Adults: Fried Chicken, Potatoes, 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

Methodist University Hospital Delta Medical Center

Julia Ettman 515 Thomas

David Knott ICU

At Home

Paul Hausmann

Scott Campbell

OUR SYMPATHY

love and prayers go out to

Paul & Nancy Blankenship in the loss of his cousin, Martha Ferguson

OUR PRESENCE

8:45 a.m.	29
Sunday School	74
10:50 Service	132
Prayer Breakfast	8
Prayer Service	82



CHANCE FLOWERS

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God

...in honor of Patricia Cooper
by Joe and children

HATS FOR WESLEY MANOR

Wesley Manor residents need hats for their Easter Parade. If you have any old hats you'd like to donate, please call Barbara Kercher at 337-5964, as soon as possible.

2009 UNSUNG HERO/HEROINE

It's time to begin thinking of nominees for the "Unsung Hero/Heroine" Award for 2009. All nominations must be in the church office by Sunday, April 12. Check the Sunday bulletin and future newsletters for more information.

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.