



Congratulations to Ryan and Kelsey (Zientek) Taylor, who were married at St. Mary's Catholic Church, on Saturday, August 15, 2009. Ryan is the son of Marcia and Tom Taylor.

CHARGE CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT!!

The Reverend Kevin Conrad, Asbury District Superintendent, has set November 1, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. for **ONE** District wide Charge Conference, to be held at Bartlett UMC. To be ready for this, **ALL** church forms are required in the District office no later than October 20. This means that we will have to work swiftly during September to meet the deadline. We can do this. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to be with us Sunday, November 1, at 4:00 p.m. at Bartlett UMC for our Charge Conference.

MANY, MANY THANKS

...to Carolyn Carter for her dedication and hard work in cleaning the Sanctuary and Chapel for the past few months. Carolyn has worked each Thursday (her day off) to see that these areas are spotlessly clean for Sunday worship services! Many of you have recently commented on the exceptional cleanliness of our Chapel and Sanctuary —Carolyn is the one responsible! We are so grateful to Carolyn for her gift of service!

REMINDER FROM NUTURE COMMITTEE

The next 5th Sunday is August 30. Adults and children will meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:40 a.m. for our 5th Sunday gathering. We will also celebrate Rally Day! We would like a designated speaker from each adult class to share with the group what the class plans to do for the rest of this year. Also, we would like the following pairs of classes to work together: New Directions & Lamplighter/Friendship, Crossroads & Crusaders. Within the pairing, we hope each class (not pair, but class) will provide something to eat for 20 people, and 1 gallon of juice for Rally Sunday, August 30. That means each pair will provide pastry or donuts, etc. for a total of 40 people and 2 gallons of juice. How they divide that up is up to them. If we do this, then we will have enough for everyone!

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

In memory of George Moreland by Delta Asset Management, LLC; Mark & Melinda George, Harry & June Wilcox, Vinson & Anita Cobb, Marianne Simmons, Robin & Tommie Coffman, Betty Harper, Mrs. Milton Addington, Mr. & Mrs. Norm Kercher, Lynne Sweatt, Viola T. Street, Pat & Jim Hibbler, Betty Lee Robison, Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Oates

ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY

In memory of George Moreland by Mr. Aaron Foster

HELP MULLINS UMW SUPPORT UMCOR

Our District United Methodist Women (UMW) will be sending Cleaning Buckets to UMCOR to help flood victims and others in need after a natural disaster and we need your support. Your contributions of items or financial support for the buckets must be received by September 9. Make checks payable to Mullins and designate "Cleaning Buckets". The dollar value of each bucket is approximately \$30. Required items: 5 gallon bucket with re-sealable lid, bleach two 1 qt or one 82 oz bottle(s), 5 scouring pads, 7 sponges, 18 cleaning towels (reusable wipes), laundry detergent - two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottle, 1 household cleaner - 12-16 oz. bottle, dish soap - disinfectant, 16-28 oz. bottle, 50 clothes pins, clothes line - two 50 ft. or one 100 ft. Contact Margaret Brown for additional information, 388-9190, or mbrown@dbrown.com.

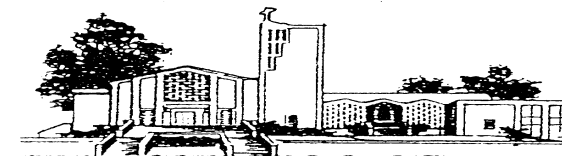
SEND A KID TO NARNIA

In the year 1940, four English children walked through a magical wardrobe and into a wonderful world called "Narnia". This year, we want to help the children of Mullins encounter this enchanted land and its ruler, Aslan, the great lion who helps them rescue it from the spell of the evil White Witch.

To get started, we will spend Sunday afternoons at the movies watching the original BBC videos of "The Chronicles of Narnia". The series was written by C. S. Lewis, one of the most famous and influential Christian writers of our time. We will spend time discussing the themes as well as characters and plot. The series begins Sunday, September 13, and concludes on Sunday, November 8. On the last Sunday, we will attend the musical play, "Narnia" at Playhouse on the Square. For this performance only, tickets are discounted to \$20 for adults and \$15 for children.

Would you or your Sunday School class send a kid to Narnia? You can sponsor a kid for \$5, \$10, or \$15, the total price of the children's ticket. See Margaret Carbaugh for a list of kids you can sponsor. We don't want any child (or child at heart) to miss any of this series due to the cost!

MULLINS MESSENGER



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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

Mullins Pulpit - August 23, 2009

Scripture: John 6: 56 - 69

Sermon: 'BY ACCIDENT OR ON PURPOSE'

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>



Dear Friends,
 By the time this reaches you almost everyone will be back in school. Grade school or college, technical school or home school, nursery school or graduate school, almost everyone will be back in school, provided they were headed there anyway. While the students are learning there, here are some things we can do to learn how to be an even better church than we are now.

1. Volunteer to be a greeter at the east door on Sunday morning. Many, if not most, visitors come in that way. We need people to be there before Sunday School and 10:50 worship who can greet, and if need be, escort visitors to a class or the Sanctuary.
2. Volunteer in the church office. With a few simple key strokes on the computer, you can call up and download names and addresses of new residents in the neighborhoods surrounding Mullins. Addressing an envelope and sending a greeting letter takes moments more and you have invited someone new to church!
3. Be a back-up Sunday School teacher. We have a lead teacher, curriculum and students. What if there is an emergency though, and we need a fill-in? What if visitors come with an early elementary age child? That is when you, the back-up teacher are brought into action to greet, to teach and to be the face of Mullins for a visiting family. This is actually a very important role and **YOU ARE NEEDED!**
4. Chaperon, feed or mentor a youth. Yes, we have an excellent Youth Director. Everyone needs support though, and you can help grow the youth ministry of Mullins by calling Lauren Gam and offering to bring dinner one Sunday night for 10 - 15 youth, or offering to chaperon the youth on an outing such as Putt-Putt, or to take a name and be a prayer partner for a youth. In this world, they need all the prayers they can get to stay safe.
5. In worship, commit to a month of being a designated greeter, someone who will invite folks to your Sunday school class, bake bread for our bread ministry to visitors, sing in the choir or usher. These are all simple but vital parts of being a community of extreme hospitality.

So, welcome back to school everyone. I hope that you will pick one of the courses listed above and sign up here at Mullins UMC, the school for servant leaders, majoring in extreme hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity.

Blessings,
 Brad

NOTE!

Dr. Gabriel will be out of the office August 26, 27, & 28.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

- 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
 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
 6:00 p.m. Nominating Com. - 117
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
- TUESDAY 6:30 a.m. Career Support Group - Gym
 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
 10:00 a.m. Bridge Group - Lamplighter/Friendship Rm.
 6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class - Gym
 7:00 p.m. Yoga Class - Gym
- 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 8:00 a.m. Private Event - FH
 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
 6:30 p.m. UMW Night Circle - 117
- FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
 4:00 p.m. Basketball Practice
- SATURDAY 8:15 a.m. Yoga - Gym

THE MENU FOR AUGUST 26
Adults \$5, 12 & Under \$3, Family Max \$20
 Italian Dinner, Garlic Brad, Dessert

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR AUGUST 23

Children's Message - Diane Rose
 Children's Church Leader: John Montgomery, Margaret Methvin

OUR PRAYERS

LeBonheur

Corey Espey 6801
 (grandson of Sara Oaks)

At Home

Charles Carter (surg 8/18)
 Bill Grissom

OUR SYMPATHY

love and prayers go out to

...Suzie Morris in the loss of her mother,
 Mary Ann Renner

OUR PRESENCE

8:45 Service	25
Sunday School	75
10:50 Service	120



CHANCEL FLOWERS

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God

...in loving memory of my wife, Zoe Ann,
 by Bill Peck

...in loving memory of my wife, Kathryn,
 by Ken Sigman

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are many open dates on our flower calendar for the remainder of this year. The cost is \$30 per arrangement. If you would like to give flowers in honor or memory of loved ones, call the church office and we will be glad to assist you.