

Pentecost

We will celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, May 31st. Please remember to wear RED that day! Since this is also a 5th Sunday, we will have "Sunday School in the Round" for all ages in Fellowship Hall. It's a great time to enjoy fellowship with your church family!

At the 10:50 worship service, we will receive our 2009 Confirmation Class into full church membership. This is a very meaningful time for these young people, and we know you will want to be present for this important milestone in their lives.

PENTECOST SUNDAY — don't miss it!!!

FAREWELL

Dear Friends,

After much consideration and prayer, I am resigning as Director of Youth & Recreation at Mullins UMC. I pray God's blessings upon the people of Mullins and I covet your prayers as I continue God's ministry journey for my life.

Grace and peace,
Craig Tate



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!

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

In memory of Frances Watkins by Joyce Simmons
In memory of Betty Carr by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Cannon, Mr. & Mrs. Norm Kercher, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Hill, Sally Lehning, Rachel Fuchs

MUSIC FUND

In memory of Betty Carr by Ladies Prayer Group, Mary Jane Melton, Anita Moore, Helen Addington, Marion Haynes, Aaron Foster

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 22 - 25, Ages 4 (by June 1st) - 12

Family Night June 25, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

The Crocodile Hunter is STILL on the hunt for volunteers for VBS! Please consider being a group leader for these kids. You will have as much fun as they will AND you get to be part of teaching them about God's love for them — how wonderful is that?!!! We have to work together as a church family to get things done that will serve His purpose. The sign-up sheets are outside the Sanctuary.

Thanks to all who have been helping with the set design. I'm so excited about how swampy the fellowship hall is going to be!
Lisa Weaver

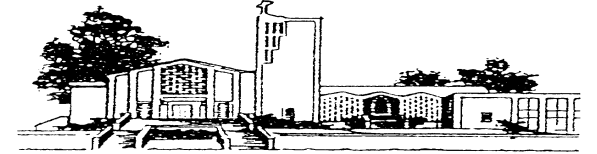
SUMMER STAGE

Soon the sounds of "Lights! Camera! Action!!" will resound at Mullins UMC! No, we are not competing with the Orpheum Theatre or Playhouse on the Square, it simply means that our summer Day Camp program for children ages 6 - 12 has begun! The program will run June 1 through August 7, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. They will, however, close the week of June 29 - July 3. For more information, including costs, call Kimberly Dunigan at 681-9217

NEW COLLEGE & CAREER CLASS

...will have a "Meet and Greet" BBQ on Saturday, May 30, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Mastins' house, 221 Gardenia. Please join us for food, fun and fellowship! Our first class begins on Sunday, May 31, at 9:39 a.m.

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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

Mullins Pulpit - May 24, 2009
Scripture: Luke 24: 44 - 53
Sermon: 'WHICH WAY IS UP?'

Weekly Schedule

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

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Dear Friends,

You know the situation. Plans are made, people are authorized and resources set aside, but nothing happens. That can be in the home, the work place or a church. Often the cause for the nothing is what has been termed the "knowing and doing gap". Jeffrey Pfeffer and Robert Sutton, authors of The Knowing-Doing Gap identify some matters that lead to the gap.

Because we've talked about it we feel we've done it.

Because we have made a plan we feel that is equivalent to doing the plan.

We fear moving forward because of the unknown.

We have set ourselves up for too much change too soon.

However much we like things the way they are, change is inevitable. Given that change will come, does come, and has come to Mullins UMC, what do we do to avoid that change being destructive and allow the change to be creative?

1. Creative change builds on the best of what has been. Mullins has grown and done well for a reason or set of reasons. We need to know what they are and build on that strength.

2. Creative change is possible when the congregation recalls the best times in the church's life and identifies what they were doing that made it good.

3. Creative change is possible when the congregation connects future possibilities to those pre-existing strengths and well-known practices, instead of pulling ideas out of thin air.

4. Creative change is possible when we honestly ask why we are not doing that which was beneficial in the past and also how we can adapt those life-giving practices of the past to the current setting.

5. Finally, creative change is possible when, after a fearless and searching inventory of all the above steps is completed, we set realistic, achievable goals for specific actions with specific people to carry them out.

If we approach change in this manner, with prayer, based in biblical principles and with the continuing assurance that everyone here wants what is best for the church we love, then we will avoid the problem presented in the old story of Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There once were four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. An important job had to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, and that Somebody would do it. But Nobody realized that Everybody thought Somebody would do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Blessings,
Brad

	SUNDAY, MAY 24 - SATURDAY, MAY 30
SUNDAY	8:45 a.m. Worship - Chapel 9:40 a.m. Sunday School 10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary 4:00 Youth 5:00 p.m. Yoga Class No Disciple Bible Study
MONDAY	CHURCH OFFICES & PDO CLOSED 10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Group
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. 6:15 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: Dr. Gabriel 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Lamplighter Rm. 7:17 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
FRIDAY	9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym 4:00 p.m. Memorial Service for David Knott - Sanct
SATURDAY	8:15 a.m. Yoga - FH 10:30 a.m. UMW Night Circle - Social at the Augustines' 3:30 p.m. St. John's Homeless Ministry 6:00 p.m. College/Career Class at the Mastins'

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR MAY 24

Children's Message - Heather Evans
Children's Church Leader: Lynn Bergwerk

THE MENU FOR MAY 27

Adults \$5, 12 & Under \$3, Family Max \$20
Adults: Italian Dinner, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert
Kids: Pizza or adult menu

DRESS CODE

Our summer "casual dress" will begin on June 7.

OUR PRAYERS

Methodist North

Lucille Givens

Baptist Memorial

Rhodes Vawter 3420

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At Home

Marjorie Luton
Charles Carter
Gerry Abazoris
Martha Watson

OUR SYMPATHY

love and prayers go out to

...Susannah & Steve Gross, Tommy & Deanna Carr & families
in the loss of their mother, Betty Carr

OUR PRESENCE

8:45 Service	21
Sunday School	75
10:50 Service	127
Prayer Breakfast	7
Prayer Service	79



CHANCEL FLOWERS

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God

...in loving memory of Betty Carr

by Marge Gresham, Bea Manning, Macy Williamson

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.