

FRANCIS OF ASSISI STUDY

Families do many things. They organize daily life, offer care to those who are vulnerable, and affirm and celebrate joys. Families also are keepers of stories that are remembered and retold. Stories tell us about particular people from the past and of their environments; they tell of challenges faced and about their outcomes. And when we remember family stories, we are invited into the process of meaning-making and open ourselves to receive gifts of wisdom for our own lives.

The Christian church is a type of family with wonderful stories about people who lived long ago, who faced challenges that resonate with us today, and from whom we can learn much wisdom. One such story is that of Francis of Assisi, who lived in Italy during the middle ages. St. Francis may be best known in popular culture represented as a garden-statue monk who feeds birds, or perhaps known as the author of a poem that begins, "Make me an instrument of your peace. . ." Yet for us, as his family, the story of Francis of Assisi is much richer. His embrace of creation is vital theology for the 'green' environmental movement of today, and he forged peace amid the religious wars and Crusades of his time. His story is one we need to know, and share, with the world today.

On Tuesday evenings, September 1, 8, and 15, all are invited to come explore the story of Francis of Assisi. We'll meet in Room 117 (in 'the tunnel') from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. I hope to see you there.

Scottie Brafford

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Join us for the UMW General Meeting on Tuesday, September 1, at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Dr. Paul Blankenship will present a program on "Food and Faith". Following the meeting lunch will be served — cost \$3 per person. Members and guests welcome!

SAY CHEESE!

If you see someone coming at you with a camera it may be me! I will be taking pictures of church members at various times and functions in order to display the many friendly faces of Mullins, not to mention the numerous missions we support to serve our community. These pictures- will eventually be displayed on bulletin boards, but hopefully on our church web site, brochures, etc. as part of an outreach mission. Thanks for participating, and don't forget to smile!

Lisa Weaver

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

In memory of George Moreland by Johnny & Kim Pitts, Dr. & Mrs. Thomas O. Wood, Don & Alicia Baker, Christ UMC Cornerstone Sunday School Class, Margaret Johnston, Bill & June Phillips, Bobby & Margie Buffaloe

HEIFER READ-TO-FEED ENDS AUG. 30

With the end of August, we officially end our second Heifer International Read-to-Feed summer program. Last summer, our children read enough books to meet a very ambitious goal: purchase of a cow through the Heifer program. We are looking for the same success from this year's participants.

If you didn't have a chance to sponsor a child this summer, there's still time, as some children need another sponsor. Just give me a call, and I will give you the name of a child who would love to have your support in meeting their goals.

Awards and the traditional "passing on of the gift" will be made at our Sunday School outing in September. This year's prize will be a family membership to the Memphis Zoo.

Thanks to everyone for supporting our children in their efforts to reach across the globe with their friendship, God's love, and the gift of a cow or a goat.

Margaret Carbaugh

WORKABLE EVANGELISM Together We Bring People to Christ

A One-Day Conference

Saturday, September 12, 2009
9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

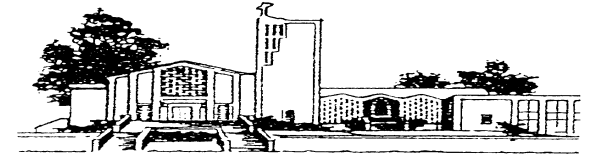
St. Luke's UMC
480 S. Highland ST.
Memphis, TN Cost \$50

This includes a copy of Dr. Pierson's full year evangelism plan, the ReThink materials from UMC, and a preview summary of his new book *Tell*

*Lunch is not included

** Please call the church office at Mullins if you plan to attend

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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

Mullins Pulpit - August 30, 2009

Scripture: Mark 7: 1 - 8, 14 - 15, 21 - 23

Sermon: 'NO MORE THIEVES'

Weekly Schedule

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

Dear Friends,

Back in a less complicated day, we used to say that we Methodists were "organized to beat the devil". In fact, I think that was the name of a book about the organization of the UMC. Today, we are still organized and our organization has a serious purpose: to redeem the world by spreading scriptural holiness throughout the land. To accomplish that goal we need two things. First, we must under gird with prayer all that we do. Nothing worthwhile, nothing lasting, is ever accomplished without prayer. So, I hope that each of you are praying every day for God's will to be made clear to you, and for the willingness to join your spirit with the Holy Spirit so that you may achieve God's plan for that day. Second, we must stay organized. To be organized in a Church sense means that we are not passive observers. Rather our organization is so that we may be active in the work God gives to us. Organized means that each of us accepts an active role in one or more areas of church life. Here at Mullins UMC we are fairly organized along clear lines: Nurture and Education, Outreach and Missions, Witness and Evangelism. Look on the list below to see types of activity in each area. If you don't see your special area, let me know and we will add it to the listing. Then, prayerfully ask where God would have you serve. When you have an idea where your service might be, call me and let me know so that we can prepare groups for service in 2010 and stay "organized to beat the devil".

Blessings,
Brad

NURTURE & EDUCATION

Nurture

Pastoral Care
Home Communion
Phone Trees
Homebound Visits

Education

Sunday School
DBS
Wednesday Programs
UMW Studies

OUTREACH & MISSIONS

Formation

Short Studies
Worship
Prayer Groups
Children's Ministry

Mission

Maanza a Leza
Tutors
St. John's Web Site
MIFA/UMNC

WITNESS & EVANGELISM

Witness

Secular Media Contact
Church Basked Media
Response to Requests

Communication

New Resident Contact
PDO/Concord
Web Site Maintenance
Emerging Media
Development

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

SUNDAY 8:45 a.m. Worship - Chapel
9:39 a.m. College & Career Class - Parlor
9:40 a.m. Sunday School Rally Day!!!!
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
6:13 p.m. Woodwinds Rehearsal

TUESDAY 6:30 a.m. Career Support Group - Gym
9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
10:30 a.m. UMW General Mtg. - Chapel
6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class - Gym
7:00 p.m. Yoga Class - Gym
7:00 p.m. Small Group Mtg. - 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
6:15 p.m. Beading - 209
6:30 p.m. Program - FH
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. Basketball Practice
Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY 8:15 a.m. Yoga - Gym
7:00 p.m. Griffin/Phillips Wedding - Sanctuary

THE MENU FOR SEPTEMBER 2,

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

Baked Ham, White Beans, Turnip Greens, Cornbread, Dessert

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR AUGUST 30

Children's Message - Dr. Gabriel
Children's Church Leader: Debi Gray

RALLY DAY

Celebrate Sunday School this Sunday, August 30, at 9:40 a.m. in Fellowship Hall! All children and adult classes are asked to join in the celebration. There will be food, music and fellowship. Children will receive certificates for their participation in the Sunday School program.

OUR PRAYERS

At Home

Charles Carter
Joe Cooper (back problems)

OUR SYMPATHY

love and prayers go out to

...Jack & Jane Cannon in the loss of his sister-in-law,
Shirley Cannon

OUR PRESENCE

8:45 Service	39
Sunday School	85
10:50 Service	147
Prayer Breakfast	14
Prayer Service	116



CHANCEL FLOWERS

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God

...in celebration of our 30th anniversary,
by Greg & Amanda Rigg

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are many open dates on our flower calendar for the remainder of this year, particularly in **October** and **December**. 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.