

**THANK YOU**

Thank you so much for the graduation gift! It was so thoughtful of you to do this! The flowers were beautiful as well. Thank you for recognizing my achievements, even though I don't get to Memphis often.

Miranda Rose



**GOD BLESSES MAANZA A LEZA**

Maanza a Leza has had quite a busy summer building relationships despite taking a respite from beading on Wednesday nights in July. At Annual Conference in Jackson, TN, several Maanza workers set up the jewelry display and talked with many people interested in this mission to support the desperately poor in Sichebeya, Zambia. In July, Debi Gray presented a program on the mission to a "Mothers & Daughters" luncheon at Embury UMC. Many were keenly interested in the continuing relationship the mission has with Africa. Last Saturday, the ladies of Halls First UMC listened to the "Hands of God" presentation with open hearts. After lunch the 12 ladies in attendance held a "beading bee" which help to complete jewelry orders and replace jewelry items that were sold out. Seeing God open hearts for Maanza a Leza through these relationships has immensely blessed those working with this mission.

Another huge blessing that has recently happened, was that the Zambian government has taken notice of the work that the villagers have done to build new classrooms for their children. The villagers laid the foundation with cement purchased with money made from jewelry sales; carried 40 pounds of water on women's heads to provide the water for mortar, made their own bricks; smoothed God-given anthill silt into plaster for walls; and labored in many other ways required to build the classrooms for their children. Because teachers are highly respected, the government requires that the teacher is granted a house built to specific specifications. Maanza workers at Mullins knew that the next big project was teacher housing for the village, since the three classroom projects have been completed. The Zambian government rewarded the villagers' efforts and provided one teacher's house. This means that about \$11,000 less in funds are needed by the villagers. What a blessing for the villagers and Maanza a Leza!

AS a by-product of the relational blessings with Christians near and far, about \$2800 worth of jewelry has been sold. This will possibly help fund some desks for the completed classrooms and help with Mukanyanga's tuition for her senior year at Africa University, a United Methodist supported university.

Even the Zambian villagers with no money have blessed Maanza with their overwhelming love of God in their hearts! The villagers singing familiar hymns as they openly praise God is only one sign of their apparent love for Him. Maanza a Leza continues to be blessed as it blesses those with no money in their pockets.

**HONORING OUR LOVED ONES**

**Gifts have been given to:**

**BUDGET**

In memory of Martha Bland Ishee by Marion Haynes, Mary Winton

**MUSIC**

In memory of Martha Bland Ishee by Mrs. Milton Addington

**PLAYGROUND**

In honor of Hadley Grace Griffin by Mr. W. R. Peck



**CRAZY FOR CROPPING!**

Please mark your calendars for the next Mullins Crop Night on August 21, 6:00 p.m. until midnight! For more information, contact Cyndi Watkins.



**IMPORTANT NOTES TO REMEMBER!**

Please remember to turn off lights and make sure doors are securely closed and locked when leaving the church facility.

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Don't forget to write your name on your offering envelopes! Your help with this matter is greatly appreciated!

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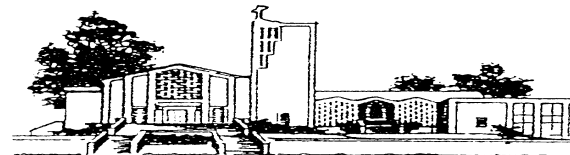
Remember to schedule meetings, social events and activities on the church calendar. This will help to make sure there's no conflict with other groups. Also, if your committee or group has a change in date and time, please contact the church secretary.



**ST JOHN'S MINISTRY**

Volunteers are needed to serve the meal at St. John UMC on Saturday, August 8, at 3:30 p.m. If you can give a few hours of your time to this important ministry, please call Ginny Wilcox and let her know you will help.

**MULLINS MESSENGER**



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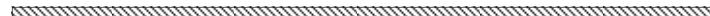
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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

Mullins Pulpit - August 2, 2009  
Scripture: John 24: 35  
Sermon: 'GIFTS'

*Weekly Schedule*

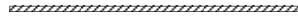
*Sunday Worship* 8:45 & 10:50 a.m.  
*Sunday School* 9:40 am  
*Wednesday Dinner & Program* 5:45 p.m.



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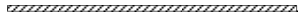
The tax free shopping day is noted in the paper. Summer break is almost gone. Still, it is not too late to take a deep breath and allow the grace of God to give you a summer renewal. A college professor wrote, "I wonder. . .when worship as celebration became 'going to church', as an act of obedience that appeases God. If we approach worship, Bible reading, participation in rituals, financial donation, or other 'religious activities' as attempts to win God's favor, they become magic, every bit as much as dancing around a fire chanting incantations on moonlit nights. If, on the other hand, we approach these practices as ways to spend time with God, then we are involved in relationship." This is a natural time to spend some more time with God, with one another and with the family of Mullins UMC. I hope to see you Sunday, for celebration not obligation.

Blessings,  
Brad



**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP**

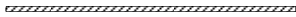
A Caregivers Support Group is now meeting at Mullins UMC, and is open to anyone who provides care for family or friends. The group meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Potter Reception Room by the Sanctuary. Since this is a new group, we'll explore together the subject of care giving. Members are encouraged to bring ideas and suggestions to the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Julia Howell at [juliahowell4@hotmail.com](mailto:juliahowell4@hotmail.com) or 682-5450 (evening phone).



**DINNER RESERVATIONS, PLEASE!**

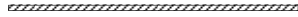
Our Wednesday evening Fellowship Dinners will resume on August 19. A new permanent reservation list is being formed. Please call the church office, 685-8253, and tell us if you want to be on the permanent list.

<b>SUNDAY, JULY 29 - SATURDAY, August 2</b>	
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 Youth 5:00 p.m. Yoga Class
MONDAY	8:30 a.m. Summer Stage
TUESDAY	6:30 a.m. Career Support Group - Lamplighter Rm. 8:30 a.m. Summer Stage 6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class - Gym 7:00 p.m. Yoga Class - Gym
WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m. Summer Stage 4:00 p.m. Youth 6:13 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	6:30 a.m. Women's Prayer Group - Parlor 8:30 a.m. Summer Stage
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m. Summer Stage
SATURDAY	8:15 a.m. Yoga - FH 3:30 p.m. St. John's Ministry



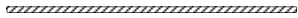
**MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR AUGUST 2**

Communion Sunday - No Children's Message  
Children's Church Leader: Angie Smith



**CHILDREN IN MINISTRY**

Thanks to all who came out to Wesley Highland Terrace to share songs and the slide show from VBS. As you could tell by the response, the residents think your children are the GREAT-EST and want them to come back again soon. Our children and their parents continue to show the world the grace that marks the Mullins congregation!



**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

The great tragedy of life is not that people perish, but that they cease to love.

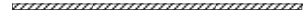
W. Somerset Maugham

**OUR PRAYERS**

**Baptist Memorial Hospital**  
Joe Wright 3430

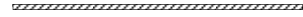
**At Home**

Kathryn Black  
George Sibley  
Natasha Griffin & Hadley  
Brenda Carson (shingles)  
Dick Gardner (shingles)



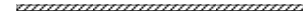
**OUR PRESENCE**

8:45 Service	22
Sunday School	78
10:50 Service	113



**PLACES, PLEASE!!!**

...an original show performed by children of Mullins United Methodist Church Summer Stage Theatre Camp, is this Friday, July 31. Performances will be held in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$3 or a donation. Everyone is welcome! Volunteers are still needed to help with hospitality — contact Kimberly Dunigan at 681-9217.



WANTED!! An early elementary Sunday School teacher for the fall — September-December. You will be supplied with materials, ideas and supported with prayers and good wishes. Requirements: a loving heart, a joyful faith and a willing spirit to share with the Mullins children! Contact Brad at the church office.