

MULLINS MESSENGER

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“A CHURCH ALIVE AND SERVING CHRIST”
SINCE 1845

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Sunday Morning Worship Services:
8:45 in Mullins' Chapel – 10:50 in Mullins' Sanctuary



Mullins Pulpit – March 14, 2010

Scripture: Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32

Sermon: “An Ominous Forgiveness”



Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters on the Way,

The following is to be sung to the tune of “God of Grace and God of Glory”:

*God of sleep and God of slumber,
help us not be late we ask.
Changing clocks one forward number,
may we not forget this task.
Choir directors, preachers, teachers,
all will bless your holy name,
If to Sunday church on time we came.*

Yes, it is Daylight Savings Time again. Time is flexible, I guess. Good times fly by too swiftly, and sad times linger too long.

In an old Humphrey Bogart movie (are there any others?) a character claims: “Time. Time. What is time? Swiss manufacture it. French hoard it. Italians squander it. Americans say it is money. Hindus say it does not exist. Do you know what I say? I say time is a crook.”

Time, according to the old joke, is what nature uses to make sure that not everything happens at once. Time.

Now it is time to turn to God, to return to God, to renew the promises made to God, to renew our practices that help us grow in the knowledge and likeness of Christ. Now is time to be in church, to read your Bible, to visit that homebound friend, to accept God's grace and renewal for your life. See you next time.

Grace for the journey,

Brad Gabriel

Thank You

Dear Friends,

“Friends are family that you get to pick out.” Mullins continues to live up to that statement. Our family appreciates the grace and love poured on us in the recent weeks as we cared for Momma and grieved our loss. Our sorrows have been your sorrows. Your kindness has been abundant, and your love has been evidenced in your actions. Emmanuel!

The Family of Marjorie Luton

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

In memory of *Marjorie Luton* by Stephen and Deborah Brashear, Dr. J. R. Thomas, Jim Thomas, Lucille Givens, Katherine Niebur, Stephen and Lee Ann Snyder, Mrs. Neil M. Beard, Jimmy Beard, Marion Haynes, and Mary Sue Martin

In memory of *Louise Clift* by Lucille Givens and Ben and Mary Madden

In memory of *Jim Bland* by Don, Sandra, and Matthew Cash and Audrey and Ron Roberts

In memory of *Julia Ettman* by the Robert A. and Susan C. Wilson Foundation

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

In memory of *Marjorie Luton* by Mrs. H. C. Williamson, Jr.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

In honor of *Lisa Weaver* by the Marjorie Luton family



OUR PRAYERS

As members of the body of Christ, we are always in prayer for one another. At this time our thoughts and prayers go out especially for:

Jean Phipps at HealthSouth North

June Phillips at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Room 3421

Wayne Carson recovering at home

Lynne Sweatt at Germantown Village Rehab, Room 1129

Greg Rose recovering at home



Mark your calendars now for these upcoming events!

PALM SUNDAY, March 28, special music from our Chancel Choir at the 10:50 service. Immediately following worship, there will be a Potluck Lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY LUNCH, April 1, 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Our speaker this year will be Rev. Ken Burnette, former pastor of Mullins UMC. Please make reservations for the lunch (no charge) by calling the church office, 685-8253.

EASTER EGG HUNT for our children will be Saturday, April 3, at 10 a.m.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE, April 4, 6:45 a.m. in Mullins' cemetery. Join us for a breakfast in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Sunrise Service. We'll enjoy breakfast casseroles, fruit, coffee, and juice. Please call the church office and let us know you plan to attend the breakfast so we can plan for enough food. There is no charge for breakfast, but donations will be accepted.

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no 8:45 worship service that day.

Unsung Heroine/Hero

The Asbury District Laity Banquet will be Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at 6:15 p.m. at Christ UMC, 4488 Poplar Avenue. The gathering will be in Seabrook Hall; dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Child care WILL NOT be provided. The cost is \$10 per person. An "Unsung Heroine/Hero" from each congregation will be recognized.

Past recipients of this award from Mullins include: Bidwell Dean, Dick Gardner, Gerry Gardner, Louise Harmon, Margaret Brown, Sue McLaughlin, Paul Hausmann, Sue Hausmann, Gwynne May, Charles Griffin, Cyndi Watkins, Larry Nelson, Sandy Scruggs, Bea Manning, Tommy Scruggs, Marcia Taylor, Brenda Carson, and Gene Hill.

As you consider a nominee for 2010, think of someone who goes "above and beyond" in service to Christ and his church, without thought of recognition and thanks. You may nominate ONE person. Please do not nominate previous award winners. All nominations must be in the church office by Tuesday, April 6.

Nominee for "Unsung Heroine/Hero": _____

Nominated by: _____

UMCOR Donations for Chile

Donations to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (“UMCOR”) for emergency relief work in Chile can be made online at [Advance #982450](#). For gifts by mail, make checks payable to “UMCOR” and mail to UMCOR, P.O. Box 90668, New York, NY 10087. Please indicate Chile Earthquake, UMCOR Advance #982450 on the memo line of your check.

Bridal Shower

Ladies, please join us for a bridal shower honoring Kimberly Dunigan on Saturday, March 20, at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

VBS Newsflash!

It’s time to start planning for this summer’s VBS. This year the theme will be “Egypt: Joseph from Prison to Palace.” The dates will be June 14 – 17 (9 a.m. – 12 noon) with Family Night on the 17th (6:30 p.m.). Mark your calendars and be thinking about how you can participate in such a fun adventure while sharing the Good News! See Lisa Weaver for details.

Mullins Cookbook to Celebrate 165-Year History (1845-2010)

Ladies and gentlemen, sons and daughters of the church, pull out your best recipes to submit for the NEW Mullins Cookbook, to be published for sale before our month-long celebration in July 2010, being planned by our Family Life Committee.

Recipes may be submitted in handwriting (printed), typed, or in a “Word” document. Please include the following:

1. Your name and phone number
2. Title of recipe, number of servings, cooking temperature
3. Ingredients
4. Directions

The recipe deadline is April 18, 2010.

Do you have a church cookbook that dates before the UMW’s 1988 “Our Daily Bread” book? We would like to borrow it/them for a *Mullins Old Timers’ Recipes* section. You may leave recipes and books in our church office or email Margaret Brown at mbrown@dbrown.com, fax to 386-0558, phone 388-9190. Contact Margaret Brown for additional information.

EASTER LILIES

It’s time again to order Easter Lilies for the sanctuary in honor or in memory of a special loved one. A pot of lilies is \$10, and you can make your check payable to “Mullins UMC” with “Lilies” in the memo line. Make sure your payment is accompanied by this honorarium form. The deadline for ordering lilies is March 25, 2010.

Your Name _____

In Honor Memory of _____

Number of Lilies: _____

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR MARCH 14:

Liturgist: Tammy Williamson

Ushers and Greeters:

Lawrence Lewis (Head Usher), Jerry Cohen, Don Dunavant, John Weaver, Juanita and Larry Woodard

Children’s Church Leader: Lisa Weaver

Children’s Message: Cyndi Watkins

CHANCEL FLOWERS

are being placed to the Glory of God

... in honor of Jennifer Mastin for her birthday, March 12, by Terrye and Andy Mastin

... in loving memory of Dr. M. C. Addington in remembrance of his birthday, March 15, by Mrs. M. C. Addington

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE invites you to join us Sunday in the Narthex for coffee and conversation following the 10:50 worship service.



THE MENU FOR MARCH 17:

Fried Chicken
Creamed Potatoes
Green Peas
Salad
Bread
Dessert

*Adults \$5, Children 12 and under \$3,
Family Max \$20*

Dinner is held on Wednesday nights at 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a brief prayer service and an interesting program. Everyone is invited to attend and to enjoy the fellowship. Your first dinner is complimentary!

If you’re not already on the list, please call the church office to let us know you’re coming so we’ll be sure to have plenty of food.



SPRING SPORTS SIGN UPS

Interested in playing volleyball, soccer, or baseball/softball??? Contact Lauren Gam at 685-8253.

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Potluck March 28

Family Life is sponsoring a Potluck Lunch on Palm Sunday, March 28, immediately following the 10:50 worship service. We hope everyone will bring a dish (or two) and join us for good food and fellowship.

United Methodist Neighborhood Centers

. . . needs donations of grass and Easter baskets, candy, and plastic eggs. Bring donations to the church office, or give them to Lyndall Jones.

OUR PRESENCE (LAST WEEK):

8:45 Worship Service.....	25
Sunday School	58
10:50 Worship Service.....	135
Prayer Breakfast.....	8
Prayer Service	71

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sunday, March 14

- 8:45 a.m. Worship—Chapel
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:50 a.m. Worship—Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Youth
- 4:00 p.m. Bible Study—Room 212
- 5:00 p.m. Yoga Class

Monday, March 15

- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- 6:15 p.m. Woodwinds Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts—Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts—Gym
- 7:00 p.m. Administrative Council—Chapel

Tuesday, March 16

- 6:30 a.m. Career Support Group—Gym
- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- 10:30 a.m. UMW Circle Meeting—Parlor
- 6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class—Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 17

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast—Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- 5:45 a.m. Fellowship Dinner—Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Children/Youth Programs
- 6:15 p.m. Beading Group—Room 209
- 6:30 p.m. Program: “Prayer is Like an Antiques Roadshow”
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 18

- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- 7:00 p.m. Companions in Christ—Room 209

Friday, March 19

- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- 6:00 p.m. Scrapbooking (or other crafting)—Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 20

- 11:00 a.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall
- 2:00 p.m. Bridal Shower for Kimberly Dunigan—Fellowship Hall

HOLY SCRAP!

Everyone is invited to come to the Fellowship Hall on Friday night, March 19, from 6-9, and bring your scrapbooking, card making, or other crafting project. Bring a snack to share with the group, and we’ll all have a wonderful time!