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“A CHURCH ALIVE AND SERVING CHRIST”
SINCE 1845

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

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



Mullins Pulpit – March 28, 2010

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40

Sermon: “Palms”



Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

The following thoughts were inspired by an article I read by Wesley J. Wildman and Stephen Chapin Garner entitled A Word for Lay Christians, which can be read at

<http://www.alban.org/conversation.aspx?id=8988>.

We move now into Holy Week, the ultimate self-giving gift of God to each of us. I invite you to remember especially in this time that the gift of Jesus was to all of us, not particularly to a bunch of church professionals. No ordained clergy were in the group of disciples, as far as I remember.

Without business owners and stay-at-home moms, without soldiers and peace activists, without laborers and teachers, without you, in other words, there is no church to continue the ministry of Christ, to express the gift of Christ and to embody the life of Christ.

When you sense that something new and good is growing, tend to that thing, nurture and protect it. When you sense that something has gone awry, fix the problem, not the blame.

Is your life full? Are your days sometimes hectic? Do you experience anxiety, surprise and unwelcome change? Remember that for Jesus and his disciples, the last week of his life was full, hectic and

marked with anxiety, surprise and unwelcome change. As a disciple, then, you have every right and responsibility to take your place in the church and to take it seriously. Moving to some place less messy won't work because every place we humans gather is messy.

Here is where you are, so here is the place to worship every week. Here is the place to find or start a Bible study, discussion group, Sunday school class, work opportunity.



Jesus led the disciples to Jerusalem. All that long last week he and they moved to get ready for what comes next. What does come next? Amazingly, what comes next is another day.

We are the ones who are changed. We now know that life is going to be different each day because we experience it in a different way. We experience life through the focus of the resurrection.

But not just yet . . . First, we have the long, hectic, and full of surprises Holy Week to go through. See you Sunday as we start.

Grace for the Journey,

Brad

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:

Wayne Carson recovering at home

Joe Ledbetter recovering at home

June Phillips at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Room 2388

Betty Pickel at home

Lynne Sweatt at Germantown Village Rehab, Room 1129

OUR SYMPATHY,

love, and prayers go out to:

Robert Newcomb and Family in the loss of his wife, Broxie

Jay Phipps and Family in the loss of his wife, Jean



HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

In honor of **Marjorie Luton** by Edwina McMahan and Renetta D. Bennefield

In memory of **Jim Bland** by Mike and Kathy Armour and Andy Funk

In memory of **Brooxie Newcomb** by the Crusader Class



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 April 1 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY LUNCH, April 2, 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 each and must be purchased in advance from the church office. Tickets ARE NOT available at the door!

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 (members only). 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: _____

Prayer Opportunities During Holy Week



The time between Palm Sunday and Easter is rich with Christian traditions that are observed during our worship services, and the prayers offered are among the most ancient treasures of the church. As important as it is to be present for these services of worship, Holy Week is also a time for personal prayer and reflection. It's a time to bring one's heart into conversation with Jesus, who knows the experiences of defeat, disappointment, physical suffering, and loneliness . . . and with Jesus, who understands faithfulness, compassion, humility, love, and joy. It's a time to slow down, to contemplate,

and to spend time with God who loves us and who yearns for our healing.

Three opportunities will be available for personal prayer during Holy Week at Mullins this year:

- The small prayer chapel located in the southwest corner of the Fellowship Hall will be open as a quiet space for personal prayer
- The labyrinth will be set up in the Fellowship Hall and available as a location for prayer on Good Friday from 4–6 p.m.
- A self-directed prayer walk through Mullins Cemetery and Meditation Garden will be available, beginning on Maundy Thursday at Noon. Instructions for the walk and suggestions for prayer will be available in a basket located near the door outside at the Mendenhall entrance; you may walk at any time and pray at your own pace.

May these opportunities for personal prayer and reflection create a holy space for your conversations with God.

For additional information, contact Rev. Scottie Brafford.



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

Pull out your best recipes and 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 deadline for recipes is April 18.

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 or fax to 386-0557. For more information, call Margaret Brown at 388-9190.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR MARCH 28:

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: Tammy Williamson

CHANCEL FLOWERS

are being placed to the Glory of God

. . . in celebration of the wedding of Sarah Jane Mayhan and Jered Lienhard on March 28, in Mullins' Sanctuary.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE invites you to join us in the Narthex for coffee and conversation following most Sundays' 10:50 worship services. But not on March 28, because of the Potluck—see below.



THE MENU FOR MARCH 24:

Italian Dinner
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.

Palm Sunday 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 **two dishes** and join us for good food and fellowship.

Thank You

Thanks to my church family for your love, prayers, and support during uor long journey of care-giving during my parents' final years. Thank you for your support after my Dad's fall last month, his hospitalization, and death. Thank you for your support during the difficult days around his funeral.

Then, unexpectedly, my husband of almost 30 years became ill and had to be hospitalized, and my church family was thee praying and supporting us still. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus.

In Christ,
Diane Rose

Asbury District Work Day Volunteers Needed

The Asbury District Office will be relocated and needs volunteers to prepare our new office space at Highland Heights United Methodist Church. Volunteers will meet to paint and do minor repairs on Saturday, April 10, from 9 a.m. to Noon.

New Africa University Leaders Pledge to Serve Continent

Newly inaugurated chancellor, Bishop David Kekumba Yemba, and vice chancellor, Professor Fanuel Tagwira of Africa University, pledged their continuing commitment to the cause of higher education in a moving installation ceremony attended by more than 500 dignitaries from around the world on December 5, 2009. Africa University is located in Old Mutare, Zimbabwe, and is the first fully accredited United Methodist-related educational institution on the African continent, established by action of the General Conference. Africa University offers bachelor's and master's degree programs in six faculties of learning; agriculture and natural resources, education, health sciences, humanities and social sciences, management and administration, and theology. The Institute of Peace, Leadership and Governance offers postgraduate diplomas and master's programs.



Dorothy and Kemmons Wilson Speaker Series

Noted Christian author and speaker, John MacArthur will be speaking at Christ United Methodist Church, 4488 Poplar Avenue, on Monday, April 12, 2010, at 7 p.m. John MacArthur is appearing as the featured speaker in the Dorothy and Kemmons Wilson Speaker Series sponsored by the Kemmons Wilson Family Foundation. The public is invited to attend this free community event.

Bakers—Take a Rest!!!

Our bread shelves are full at the present time, so take this opportunity to rest up, or bake for your own families! Thanks to all of you who have been so faithful in continuing to support this ministry to first-time visitors. The Evangelism Committee appreciates all you do!

Mullins Library News

Adults:

The following books are by the popular Christian writer, Max Lucado. To make them easy for you to check out and read, they are on the reading table in the Reception Room through the end of Easter. We will have a notebook next to the books with columns for you to fill out. Just return the books in two weeks. Enjoy!

- *And the Angels Were Silent, The final week of Jesus*
- *He Still Moves Stones*
- *When Christ Comes*
- *No wonder they call him the Savior*
- *When God Whispers Your Name*
- *No Wonder They Call Him The Savior*

Children and Young Adult:

The following books are upstairs in the main library. You can check out these and other children's and young adults out before or after Sunday school. Please e-mail Margaret Carbaugh with requests for library resources or to help us rate these books so we know what you'd like us to be making available to you.

- *The Lightning Thief* -- This first book in the 6-part Percy Jackson and the Olympians series formed the basis for the movie. *****
- *Sherlock Holmes and the Baker Street Irregulars: The Fall of the Amazing Zalindas*. The three-part series is told from the perspective of a group of street kids in Victoria London who help Shelock Holmes solve mysteries. A great introduction to theSherlock Holmes character and life in Victorian London. ***
- *The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey*. The second book in the popular series. Read it and rate it for us.
- *Little Visits with God*, donated by Carol McCaul. A vintage book of small devotionals that you can share with especially younger children.

Required Reading for Public and Private Schools:

Please donate your gently used required reading books to the library so other parents don't have to scurry around to find and purchase them this at the beginning of each school term. The purchase of these books for both the public and private schools is a huge expense that parents may not have to bear if others will share the books they children are through with.

If we can get the books in time, we will make a list of what we have before time for school to start up at the end of August.

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OUR PRESENCE (LAST WEEK):

8:45 Worship Service.....	33
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sunday, March 28

- 8:45 a.m. Worship—Chapel
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:50 a.m. Worship—Sanctuary
- 1:30 p.m. Asbury District Meeting—Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Youth
- 4:30 p.m. Mayhan/Lienard Wedding--Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Yoga Class

Monday, March 29

- 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

Tuesday, March 30

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

Wednesday, March 31

- 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 . . . Antiques Roadshow”
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 1

- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service—Sanctuary

Friday, April 2

- Church Offices/Parents Day Out—CLOSED
- 12:00 noon Good Friday Lunch—Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 3

- 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
- 11:00 a.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, May 2, 2010

- 2:00 p.m. Golden Cross Awareness Day—Fellowship Hall