

MULLINS MESSENGER

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“A CHURCH ALIVE AND SERVING CHRIST”
SINCE 1845

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

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



Mullins Pulpit – April 18, 2010

Scripture: John 21:1-19

Sermon: “Breakfast of Champions”



PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

It is the season of Easter and the coming of spring. At home, in the church, in business, and almost everywhere else we hear people wanting to grow their lives and the groups in which they are involved.

Growth, naturally enough, requires doing something new. Doing something new in order to produce growth often results in an initial loss. If, for example, you want a flowerbed mixed with shrubs around the front of your house, you must first lose the money that you spend for tools, shrubs, flowers, fertilizer, and all the other items that will be used. You also lose time that you might spend on something else like painting the den, repairing a leaky faucet, or arranging your stamp collection alphabetically instead of geographically. Then there is the loss involved with dirt and mess and extra laundry as your project continues. You get the picture.

Churches are subject to the same loss-before-gain reality when they choose new projects for growth. A stable congregation runs the risk of losing people if it takes steps to care for the ministry

needs of new people, new groups, or new situations in order to move from being “stable” to “growing.” We ought not to be surprised if this happens. The disciples, after all, had to lose a lot before they could grow the new community of faith. As we hear again Sunday, when some of the disciples go back to fishing, Jesus follows them and brings them back to ministry.

So, where is the Spirit nudging you to do something new to help Mullins grow? For that matter, what types of growth are you being encouraged to help take place here? Remember that the process will take time and involve the loss of something that you have now. That is the price of growth. The disciples learned that lesson well. You have learned it also.

So, where do you hear God wanting us to go next?



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:

Margaret Callihan at Appling Woods Skilled Care, Room 307

Marge Gresham at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Room 4366

John Griffin at Germantown Methodist, Room 303 South

June Phillips at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Room 1413

Lynne Sweatt at Germantown Village Rehab, Room 1129

OUR SYMPATHY,

love, and prayers go out to:

Doris Ann Johnson in the loss of her father, Robert Harrison

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

In honor and memory of **Lena and Edward Melsa** and **Leslie Lee Melsa** by Col. Otto Melsa

In memory of **Marjorie Luton** by Sarah H. Carlson and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hausmann

In memory of **Joe Wright** by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hausmann

ARMED FORCES DAY

If you have served, or are currently serving, in the Armed Forces of the United States, please contact the church office. We would like to celebrate this special group by having you serve as ushers on Sunday, May 16, 2010.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On Saturday, May 1, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., we will do cemetery repair work at Mullins. Charles Griffin and Andy Mastin are heading up this project. They need lots of helping hands to complete the work. Please contact Charles or Andy and let them know you are willing to help!

CECIL HARRIS IS MULLINS' UNSUNG HERO FOR 2010

Cecil Harris expends constant efforts for the well-being of his church, Mullins United Methodist Church. A long-time church member, Mr. Harris is a member of the Crusader Sunday School Class, where his wife Barbara provides Sunday morning music. Cecil himself often provides music for worship through participation in the Mullins Woodwind Ensemble. This past Easter, Mr. Harris, with his trademark clarinet, and others in the Ensemble, set just the right aural environment as worshipers flowed into the Sanctuary.



Using the skills he learned and crafted well while in the active business world, Cecil serves on the Mullins Budget Committee, Finance Committee, Board of Trustees, and as Church Treasurer. Cecil works many hours each month ensuring that the church financial records accurately reflect current conditions and both short- and long-term trends.

No mere numbers cruncher, Cecil applies rigorous analysis to the financial aspect of Mullins' ministries in order to ensure that the church is a good steward of its God-given resources. Part of that stewardship is knowing when the church must spend money in order to stay current in ministry offerings for church members and to a neighborhood. It was in this role as a visionary that Cecil helped to spearhead the new Mullins playground, ensuring that not only is the church's Parents Day Out program among the best equipped in the region, but that the congregation extends radical hospitality to local families as well as Mullins Members.

Cecil's appreciation for the general community is enriched by his service as a judge in the annual Memphis in May Barbecue Contest. Similarly, Cecil's skill in growing roses enhances his understanding of the need to give as well as to receive, to expend effort in appropriate ways, if one is to be a good steward of God's creation. Cecil Harris' wry grin and graceful manner of speech and action are assets any church would cherish as he continues to serve his Lord day by day.

Cecil will be honored at the Asbury District Laity Banquet on April 27, 2010, at 6:15 p.m., Christ United Methodist Church, Seabrook Hall. Tickets are available from Susan in the church office at Mullins and are \$10 each. **The deadline for tickets is Monday, April 18, 12 noon.**

"TWEENS" UPDATE

The Potluck for the "Tweens" went great! We had food, games, and fun. Our first regular meeting for this group will be on Sunday, April 18. The meeting will start at 4 and last until 7 p.m. We'll have a program, games, and fellowship. Dinner will be provided. Parents who did not attend the "Meet & Greet Potluck" will need to complete the Parent Survey form as well as the Parent Information form. Students who did not attend the Potluck will be asked to fill out a general information form as well.

Thanks to everyone who helped. If you are interested in ways you can be involved in the "Tweens" program, contact Lauren at 901-569-4635 or lauren@mullinsumc.org. We are currently working on a rotation of adult volunteers.

VBS UPDATE:

The volunteer sign-up sheets are in the Hall of the Apostles and online under Children's Ministries (<http://mullinsumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/VBS-REGISTRATION-FORM-2010.pdf>). We need people of all ages to sign-up to help with the many opportunities available.

Also, we are in need of the following items:



- large baskets
- large ceramic planters or urns
- palm tree house plants
- large area rugs (won't need until the week of VBS)
- monetary donations to cover decorating expenses
- PRAYER

VBS will be held June 14–17, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. There will be a Family Night on the 17th at 6:30 p.m. Ages for VBS participants are 4 (by June 1) through 11.

Contact Lisa Weaver for more information. It's going to be a great week!!!

MULLINS COOKBOOK –LAST CALL

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.

THANK YOU!

To Each Member of the Worship Committee:

THANK YOU! All the time, effort, devotion, and creativity by each of you has paid dividends in contributing to the worship this Lenten and Easter season. Please know we recognize and appreciate your efforts.

Jackie and Pete Westergaard



MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR APRIL 11:

Liturgist: Rev. Scottie Brafford

Ushers and Greeters:

Andy Mastin (Head Usher), Terrye Mastin, Paula McGoldrick, Ann Smith, Barney Magargel, Brenda Carson

Children's Church Leader: Debi Gray

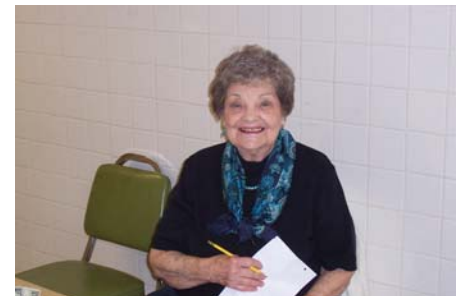
Children's Message: Jennifer Mastin

CHANCEL FLOWERS

are being placed to the glory of God in honor and appreciation of Dr. Brad Gabriel by the Crossroads Sunday School Class

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

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



THE MENU FOR APRIL 21:

Pork
Cheese Grits
Broccoli
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.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

On May 16, 2010, we will honor our 2010 high school and college graduates at the 10:50 service. If you have a son or daughter whose name is not listed below, please contact the church office at 685-8253. We don't want to miss anyone!

Graduating from High School:

Frank Bradley
Corey Carmichael
Grace Hayden
Frankie Jordan
Kelcey Lewis
Chris Mason
Dalton McNeil



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Are you willing to represent Mullins United Methodist Church for emergency/disaster preparedness? Do we want Shelby County to have to face the uncertainty and lack of resources like residents of New Orleans did during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, or the people of Haiti after the recent earthquake? Many Shelby County residents look to their places of worship in times of need or when they need valuable information or resources. We need your help to educate and inform all Shelby County residents about the proper supplies and procedures that can save lives.

On April 28, 2010, at 12 noon, there will be several Kick-Off Meetings in the Memphis community. The locations are:

- Koinonia Baptist Church, 4340 Millbranch Road in Whitehaven
- Ed Rice Community Center, 2907 Watkins Street in Frayser
- Church Health Center Wellness, 1115 Union Avenue in Midtown
- Hope Presbyterian Church, 8500 Walnut Grove Road in Cordova

Contact the church office if you are willing!

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Covenant UMC is now a host site for Angel Food Ministries, a monthly ministry offering high-quality food at affordable prices. This is a ministry for everyone. There are no qualifications for ordering, as well as no commitment to order every month. All information about this program can be found at www.angelfoodministries.com. Ordering deadlines and distribution dates are posted on the Angel Food website each month.

The best way to order is with a debit or credit card at www.angelfoodministries.com. Volunteers will be at Covenant UMC one day each month to take orders paid for with exact cash or EBT Food Stamp Cards. In April volunteers will take orders in the Smith Covenant Center at Covenant UMC on Friday, April 9, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Online ordering deadline is Tuesday, April 13, at 4 p.m.

For more information or if you have questions, call Debby Michael, Host Site Director, at 481-2031. (An April 2010 Menu List is available in the church office at Mullins.)

SINGLES MINISTRY

MCSAM (Memphis Conference Singles Ministry) is for adults of all ages. Singleness is not age specific. MCSAM is not a divorce group or a single-parent group. We are comprised of singles of all status—not married yet, never married, divorced, and widowed.

MCSAM holds two retreats a year at Lakeshore. The next retreat is scheduled for May 14, 15, and 16. You will sign in after 6 p.m. on Friday evening and stay through lunch on Sunday. The cost is \$80, which includes meals and lodging. This will be a weekend of great food, fellowship, music meeting lots of new people, worship, fun, games, and more. For a registration form and for more information please call the Conference office at 731-664-8480, or visit us on the Web at <http://www.memphis-umc.org/mcsamorg/>.

SEEKING CHURCH BUS DRIVER

Margaret Carbaugh is seeking someone to drive the church bus to the University of Memphis on Friday, June 18, to see an Egypt exhibit. The bus would leave at approximately 10:30 a.m. and return sometime between 1:30 and 2 p.m.

If you've been approved to drive the church van and are available and willing to help out, please contact Margaret.

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Custodians:

Geraldine Finley
David Campbell

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sunday, April 18

- 8:45 a.m. Worship—Chapel
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:50 a.m. Worship—Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. ‘Tween’ Group—Gym

RECIPE DEADLINE FOR NEW COOKBOOK!

Monday, April 19

- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- 6:15 p.m. Woodwinds Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts—Fellowship Hall
- No Boy Scouts Tonight

Tuesday, April 20

- 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, April 21

- 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—Pastor Gabriel
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 22

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

Friday, April 23

- 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym

Saturday, April 24

- 11:00 a.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall
- 4:30 p.m. Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquet—Fellowship Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

- 6:15 p.m. Laity Banquet at Christ United Methodist Church

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

- 12:00 noon Disaster Preparedness Kickoff in Various Locations

Saturday, May 1, 2010

- 8:30 a.m. Cemetery Work Day—Volunteers Needed

Sunday, May 2, 2010

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

Friday, May 14–Sunday May 16, 2010

- 6:00 p.m. Singles Retreat at Lakeshore

Sunday, May 16, 2010

- 10:50 a.m. Armed Forces Day and Graduation Recognitions

Week of June 14-17

- 9:00 a.m. VBS—Egypt: Joseph’s Journey from Prison to Palace



OUR PRESENCE (LAST WEEK):

Sunday:

6:45 Sunrise Service	38
Sunday School	65
10:50 Worship Service.....	135

Wednesday:

Prayer Breakfast.....	8
Prayer Service.....	70