

MULLINS MESSENGER

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“A CHURCH ALIVE AND SERVING CHRIST”

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Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Sunday Morning Worship Services:

8:45 in Mullins' Chapel – 10:50 in Mullins' Sanctuary



Mullins Pulpit – May 9, 2010

Scripture: John 14:23-29

Sermon: “Hands”



PASTOR'S CORNER

Brothers and Sisters on the Way,

Churches have to be bifocal. I don't mean that we need eye problems, but that we need to have two, equally

important, focal points.

We need to look to our own needs. Church members need things; Sunday school, Bible study, children and youth ministries, formative and informative worship and the like.

Churches also need to serve others. The old saying “What on earth are you doing for heaven's sake” was probably first asked by a Methodist. We have known from the start that the more we grow in spiritual maturity, the more we will serve the needs of those around us.

In light of this truth, in the context of the recent flooding and in anticipation of our children's needs, here are two recommendations for inner and outer growth for all Mullins members.

First: Vacation Bible School is the week of June 14. Lisa Weaver and Cyndi Watkins, with help from David and Ellen Weaver, began creating the set for VBS this last Saturday. Saturday, May 8 is

ANOTHER VBS set preparation day! Gather at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Come ready to work with pencils and paints, glue and good humor. **BRING** the following to add to the set of large baskets, ceramic urns, palm tree plants, large area rugs, rope, money to buy extras, prayer. **SIGN UP** for one of the service areas the week of VBS; Market Place, Family Night, Music, Decorations. You are never too old to have fun at VBS! This is a great way to grow spiritually healthy children who will become spiritually strong adults.

Second: Bill Carr, Disaster Recovery Coordinator for the Memphis Conference, needs help. “We need Flood Buckets right away,” he said. A complete list of items to be included in a “Flood Bucket” is found on page 2 of this newsletter.

Okay then. Service to ourselves and service to others is how we grow strong, stay strong and finish strong. See you here.

Grace for the journey,

Brad

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE NEEDED!

Bill Carr, Disaster Recovery Coordinator for the Memphis Conference, needs help. "We need Flood Buckets right away," he said. Contact Carr by calling 270-816-4824 or emailing bill_carr@bellsouth.net. Flood buckets or Cleaning buckets as they are now called by the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) contain the following:

Cleaning Bucket Kit Items Value: \$55 per bucket.

- 5-gallon bucket with re-sealable lid
- Bleach (two 1-quart or one 82 oz. bottle. Do not include bleach if you are shipping the bucket through the US Postal Service, UPS or FedEx)
- 5 scouring pads
- 7 Sponges
- 1 scrub brush
- 18 cleaning towels (reusable wipes)
- Liquid laundry detergent (two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottle)
- 1 household cleaner, 12-16 oz. bottle
- Disinfectant dish soap, 16-28 oz. bottle
- 50 clothes pins
- Clothes line (two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.)
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pair latex gloves
- 1 pair work gloves
- 24-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags, 33-45 gallon (remove roll from box before placing in bucket)
- 1 Insect repellent spray, 6-14 oz. can (If aerosol, cans must have protective caps. See Special Requirements below.)
- 1 Air freshener, 8 or 9 oz. can (If aerosol, cans must have protective caps. See Special Requirements below.)



Important Kit Assembly Information:

1. All items included in kits must be NEW items.
2. All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items-nothing more.
3. Do NOT include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

Note: if the requested item size is not available, go down to the next available size. If nothing is available in the requested or smaller size, put masking tape on the outside of the bucket saying, "This bucket contains no _____."

If you would like to donate money to this cause, you can do so at: <http://secure.gbgm-umc.org/donations/umcor/donate.cfm?code=901440&id=3018981> or send a check payable to Advance GCFA and mail it to: Advance GCFA, P.O. Box 9068, GPO, New York, NY 10087-9068; write Advance No. 901440 in the memo section. Or drop your check in the offering plate on Sunday.

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

Tom Curry at home

John Griffin at Germantown Village Rehab, Room 1103

Kent Stratton in Belgium

Lynne Sweatt at Germantown Village Rehab, Room 1129

Frances Vawter at home

OUR SYMPATHY,

love, and prayers go out to:

Bill Phillips in the loss of his wife, **June Phillips**

the family of **Shirley Stadelman**

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

In memory of **Peg Jackson** by Loda Herring and Anita Moore

In memory of **Jean Phipps** by Mr. and Mrs. Norm Kercher

In memory of **Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips, Jr.** and **Minnie Phillips Morrison** by Jerome Morrison

In memory of **June Phillips** by Anita Moore

In memory of **Joe Wright** by Dr. and Mrs. Lee Stein

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

In memory of **Virgil Foster** by Sarah and George Goldsby, Jr., Tres and Brittney, Ginger and Kevin

MUSIC FUND

In memory of **June Phillips** by Bea Manning

In memory of **Peg Jackson** by Marion Haynes and Helen Addington

In memory of **Jack Rogan** by Helen Addington

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Our Middle School Youth activities went great Sunday evening! The group began a Praise and Worship Team in preparation for Vacation Bible School. They practiced songs with movement. After the praise and worship portion of the meeting, we had snacks and sat down for our lesson on "Popularity." We discussed what makes a person "popular" and if popularity would have changed the actions of Jesus while he was here on Earth. Next week we will discuss self-image. Thanks for your support!

Lauren

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

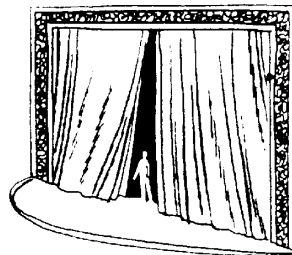


VBS will be held June 14-17, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. There will be a Family Night on the 17th at 6:30 p.m. Ages for VBS participants are 4 (by June 1) through 11.

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

SUMMER STAGE THEATRE CAMP

Summer Stage is about to gear up again. This is arguably the best theater arts camp for children between the ages of 8-13 in the Greater Memphis area. Kids will learn music, choreography, and set design. They will play games, have devotions, and do arts and crafts. And on Friday, July 30, they will put on a play that the whole church can enjoy!



The camp will run from June 1 through August 6, Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 3:00. Call 681-9217 for more information.

THE FINCHERS GOSPEL SINGERS

will be in concert on Sunday, June 13, 2010, at 5 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 4459 Willow Road, Memphis, Tennessee. Aldersgate UMC invites us to join them for an evening of great, heart-warming music!

PENTECOST APPROACHES (MAY 23)



Mullins United Methodist Church has a fine tradition of celebrating Pentecost—the birthday of the church—in very special ways. First, try to remember to wear RED to church that day. Red reminds us of what seemed to be tongues of fire, igniting the spirit in the early church (see Acts 2:1-13).

The second thing Mullins traditionally does is invite friends to church on Pentecost. The worship services that day will reflect the energy and enthusiasm experienced by Jesus’ disciples when they first experienced God’s Holy Spirit descending upon them. The music will be lively (the choir is going to sing in **Russian!**), and the preaching will be inspired. As part of our Pentecost celebration, we will have a “Baptism Renewal” at the 10:50 service.

We don’t want you, or your friends, to miss worshipping at Mullins on Pentecost!

FIFTH SUNDAY (MAY 30)

A new tradition at Mullins is having all the Sunday school classes meet together in the Fellowship Hall on the 5th Sundays of months that have five Sundays. The next 5th Sunday happens to fall on Trinity Sunday! In addition to singing, we will be learning a circle dance. And the big event of our 5th Sunday Gathering is a game of “Mullins Trivia Red Rover.” If you know a lot about our church, you will want to attend to share your knowledge. If you don’t know a lot about our church, you will want to attend and learn about Mullins’ history, geography (i.e., “There’s a basement under where Parents’ Day Out meets?”), and general knowledge.

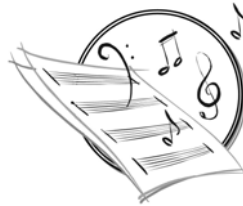
CROP NIGHT CHANGE

Usually we have our scrapbooking (and other crafting) night on the third Friday of the month. However, this month we are moving it to the second Friday due to a scheduling conflict.

So bring those projects you’ve been meaning to get finished and join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. (until whenever) on **May 14**.

HYMNFEST

During both worship services on May 30, we will sing the first verses of the congregation’s favorite hymns. Do you have a favorite hymn you want sung? Contact the church office with your suggestions or fill in the form below and put it in the offering plate. Choose your favorites from the following books: *The United Methodist Hymnal* (“UMH”), *The Cokesbury Hymnal* (“CH”), or *The Faith We Sing* (“FWS”).



Hymn Name: _____ Number: _____ Book: _____
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MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR MAY 2:

Liturgist: Lynn Bergwerk

Ushers and Greeters:

Scott Campbell (Head Usher),
Kathryn Black, Tina Campbell,
Carol Ann Moreland, Jackie and
Pete Westergaard

Children’s Message: Scottie Brafford

CHANCEL FLOWERS

are being placed to the glory of God:

... in memory of Jean Phipps by Jay Phipps and Family.

... in honor of Helen Russell by Kim and Robert Russell

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 MAY 12:

Chicken and Dumplings
Vegetables
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.

ASBURY DISTRICT OFFICE IS RELOCATING!

On May 20 the Asbury District Office will relocate to space in Highland Heights United Methodist Church. Since they have shared office space with McKendree District for the past several years, they have also shared furnishings. They need new office furniture, decorations, and equipment. Primary needs are: waiting room furniture (chairs, lamp, coffee table), a conference table and chairs, and shelving units for office supplies. If you would like to make a financial contribution to help purchase these needed items, please send a check payable to the Asbury District, and designate it "for office relocation." Mail checks to: Asbury District Office, 5118 Park Avenue, Suite 610, Memphis, Tennessee 38117. If you have office furnishings to donate, please contact Tammy Carroll at 685-6255.

The Notre Dame Club of Memphis Presents a Hesburgh Lecture:

"WHAT IS THE PLACE FOR RELIGION IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE?"

Richard W. Garnett, J.D.

Dean Garnett says: "As citizens, we are entirely free to participate in public life, in the civic arena, and in politics as whole persons. Nothing in the text, history, or structure of our Constitution requires us to accept disintegration as the "price of admission" to the life of active, engaged citizenship. We need not bracket our faith, or translate our commitments. In our traditions, it is true, we wisely separate the institutions of religion from those of government. But the Church is not, and must not be, an arm or auxiliary of the state. But this is precisely in order to protect religious freedom, including the freedom to construct and live a faithful, integrated, public life."

Join us for a fascinating discussion about everyday life, law, culture and the Constitution, made especially timely by a recent court decision.

Tuesday, May 18, 2010
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Christian Brothers High School Auditorium
5900 Walnut Grove Road
Memphis, TN 38120-2174
Free and Open to the Public
Free Parking in Front of School

GRADUATION SUNDAY

On May 16, 2010, we will honor our 2010 high school and college graduates at the 10:50 service. Following the service, there will be refreshments in the Fellowship Hall for the seniors, their families, and church members. Tables will be set up with gifts and pictures honoring the graduates. Please send Lauren Gam any photos you would like displayed of your graduate.

If you have a son or daughter graduating 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 – White Station High School
- *Corey Carmichael – White Station High School
- *Grace Hayden – Central High School
- *Frankie Jordan – White Station High School
- Kelcey Lewis – Evangelical Christian School
- Chris Mason – White Station High School
- *Dalton McNeil – White Station High School

Graduating from College:

- Justin Nelson – University of Memphis
- James Williams – Lambuth University

*Graduates with Honors



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Geraldine Finley
David Campbell

OUR PRESENCE (LAST WEEK):

Sunday:

8:45 Service 31
Sunday School 62
10:50 Worship Service..... 138

Wednesday:

Prayer Breakfast..... 6
Prayer Service 75

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Thursday, May 6

9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym

Friday, May 7

9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
6:00 p.m. Concord Academy Awards Banquet

Saturday, May 8

11:00 a.m. Yoga
11:00 a.m. VBS Scenery Prep. (Pizza will be served)

Sunday, May 9

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!

8:45 a.m. Worship—Chapel
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship—Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group—Gym
5:00 p.m. Yoga

Monday, May 10

9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee—Room 209 (note change in time and space)
6:15 p.m. Woodwinds Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. District Superintendent Meeting—Room 212
7:00 p.m. Evangelism Team—Room 117 (note change in room)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, May 11

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

Wednesday, May 12

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—Study of Psalms by Pastor Gabriel
6:30 p.m. Staff/Parish Meeting—Room 117
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 13

9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym

Friday, May 14

9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
1:00 p.m. PDO Graduation—Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Crop Night—Bring your favorite craft and a snack!

Saturday, May 15

11:00 a.m. Yoga
5:00 p.m. "Own Our Own" Dance—Fellowship Hall (private event)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, May 16, 2010

10:50 a.m. Graduation Recognition—see page 5

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

7:00 p.m. Lecture: Religion in the Public Square—see page 5

Week of June 14-17

9:00 a.m. VBS—Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace—see page 3

Summer

Summer Stage runs from June 1 through August 6—see page 3