



MULLINS MESSENGER

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“A CHURCH ALIVE AND SERVING CHRIST”
SINCE 1845

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

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



Mullins Pulpit – August 1, 2010

Scripture: Luke 12:13-21
Sermon: “Take Care”

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I write this, I am preparing to take time away with my family. We will see one another by Sunday August 1.

Growing up in Memphis, memory says that August was the last month of summer, whether or not that was in fact the case! The last month of summer meant one last chance to go to Maywood or Clearpool or Rainbow. The park pools were closing. Summer league sports were winding down. The inevitable “Going Back to School” sales at stores all over the city were not yet here. Our parents still went to work in not-yet-air-conditioned offices and stores. We still rode bikes all over “our” neighborhood. Life was still summery slow. Sure, we knew that soon we would all be in the mix of school, intensified business activity, and the quick lurch into autumn.

2010 has a different speed and rhythm than the 1950s or early 1960s. August is the time to get in the last family away time before classes begin the middle of the month (a change, I am sure that is hastening the end of western civilization). We look in vain for public swimming pools where children and youth

from all neighborhoods can mix and mingle away from football's challenges. The church has sped up also. We resume Wednesday dinners and programs on August 11. We must start the Stewardship planning. Rally and Promotion Sunday is at the end of the month and, oh, yes, school is here already, it seems.



Let me invite you to be sure to commit to being here, then, on Sundays in August. This is a time each week for us to claim God's presence with us in a special way. This is a time for us to let the end of summer speed of the rest of the world slip by just a little. This is a time when, caught up in the Spirit's embrace we can let down our planners and agendas and simply rejoice in one another's blessed presence. Filled, then, with the breath of God, renewed with the assurance of God's guidance and energized with “church aerobics” we will face the week and the ending of summer with glad and happy hearts.

Grace for the Way,

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:

George Balas at home

Voline Conlee at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Room 4410

Lucille Givens at home

Joe Ledbetter at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Room 5415 West

Leigh Ann Maness at home

CEMETERY PLOTS FOR SALE

Two cemetery plots in our Mullins' cemetery are available for sale. For information concerning this, please contact Larry Clayton at 761-1490.

JESUS IN THE SOUTHLAND: SUMMER SHORT STORIES OF SALVATION, SIN, AND SEEKING

Join us this summer on Sunday mornings at 9:40 in the **Fellowship Hall** for short stories by southern authors. Adults of all ages will read and discuss tales of religion and faith in day-to-day life from well-known southern authors. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 685-8253 so that copies of the stories may be available for all. You can find a link to this week's short story in the bottom right-hand corner of the home page of our church's website.

YOU'RE INVITED

... to join the New Directions adult Sunday school class for *Sinning Like a Christian*, a new look at the Seven Deadly Sins by William H. Willimon. This series will begin on July 25 during the Sunday school hour. New Directions class members invite all who are interested to join them for this series. Everyone is welcome!

The New Directions class meets Sunday mornings at 9:40 in Room 117.

FOUND!

We found some eyeglasses in a black and red flowered case that were left in the Sanctuary. Please call the church office if they belong to you.

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

... for all adults working with children and youth will be held Sunday, August 8, at 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

WHAT A GREAT CELEBRATION!

A special thanks to all who helped make the 165th Birthday of Mullins UMC such a success. We had a month of special events from the 4th of July party with the ice cream contest and fireworks...the Contemporary service and taco dinner on the 11th ... the Pot luck and guest ministers who spoke to us on the 18th ...and the One Way Singer reunion on the 25th. We could not have done it without YOU. We still have one more special event to celebrate the 165th—the church cookbook. Thanks to everyone who submitted recipes and is working on this project.

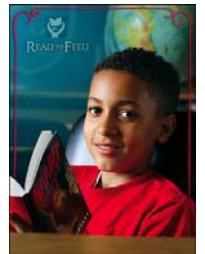
Family Life

READ TO FEED—HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

At the end of July, we close the book on another Heifer summer reading program.

Please complete your reading logs and collect your pledges to turn in. You may give checks or cash to Margaret Carbaugh. If you use a check, make it out to the church. Write Heifer Read-to-Feed on the "for" line.

We will award the prize for the top reader at our end-of-summer party on Aug. 7.



CHILDREN REHEARSE AUGUST 1



In preparation for our upcoming performance at Wesley Highland Terrace on Saturday, August 7, there will be a brief rehearsal of VBS songs immediately following the 10:50 worship service on August 1. Please have your child stay a few minutes to practice the songs if he or she plans to sing at Wesley Highland Terrace. After the performance we will have pool party at the Mastins' house. We would love to have all kids there!

April Riley

IMPORTANT NOTES TO REMEMBER

- Floors in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen, and hallway will be cleaned and waxed August 5, 6, and 7.
- The gym will be closed August 9-12 so that the floor can be cleaned.
- Susan Tutt will be out of the church office Friday, August 6 through Friday, August 13.

THANK YOU NOTE

How does one face major surgery with complete confidence that everything will go well? It's easy—by having the knowledge that Jesus is holding your hand while listening to the prayers of your Christian friends. Thank you all at Mullins for your prayers. Thank you, Mullins, for your cards of cheer and encouragement. Thanks to Rev. Gabriel for your comfort.

Love to you all,
Gene Hill

UNITED METHODIST NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

There are many different needs at the United Methodist Neighborhood Centers (UMNC). For the next several weeks, we will list some of these needs in our church newsletter. For more information, please contact Lyndall Jones, UMNC Representative.

Infant Room (ages 6 weeks – 11 months):

- Soft blocks (20) vinyl, cloth, plastic, rubber, textured, etc.,
- Small play balls (10)
- Play telephones (5) musical, noise making, light-up
- Multi-cultural books (10) fabric, plastic and board books

Toddler Room (12 – 24 months):

- Simple knob puzzles (5-10)
- Giant peg board sets (2)
- Multi-cultural board books (10)
- Toddler-age science items (big fake bugs, nature puzzles, food coloring, plastic magnifying glass, pine cones, seashells, and rocks)
 - Musical items (shakers, maracas, tambourines, hand bells, cymbals, baby piano, conga drums, etc.)
 - Hand puppets (several)
 - Community helper dress-up items
 - Sorters
 - Giant Legos
 - Stackers
 - Nesting toys
 - Sorting bucket
 - Play food set (2)

AGING AND BABY BOOMER MINISTRY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Older Adult Ministries Training will be held Tuesday, September 21, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 200 South Church Street, Jackson, Tennessee. The cost of \$15 per person includes lunch (scholarships available). The registration deadline is Monday, September 13 (no walk-ins please).

Our speaker, Rev. Dr. Richard H. ("Rick") Gentzler, Jr., Director of the Center on Aging and Older Adult Ministries for the General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church, is a nationally recognized teacher, writer, and leader in the field of aging and older ministries. Session I – Myths and Realities of Aging: Images of Aging, Our Culture and Aging, Kinds of Older Adults. Session II – Baby Boomer Ministry: Who are Boomers? What are Their Needs? Intentional Boomer Ministry. Session III – Designing an Older Adult Ministry: Why Older Adult Ministries, S.E.N.I.O.R.S. Ministry and Ministry Models, Intentional Older Adult Ministry

Please contact the church office, 685-8253, for more information or for registration forms.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR AUGUST 1:

Liturgist: Rachael Scarbrough

Children's Church: April Riley

No Children's Message--Communion

CHANCEL FLOWERS

are being placed to the glory of God

... in honor of Bea Manning by Susan Tutt.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

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

IMPORTANT NOTE!

Wednesday Fellowship Dinners and Men's Prayer Breakfasts will resume on August 11, 2010.

We are compiling a new **Reservation List** for everyone who wants to be included on the Wednesday Night Dinner permanent list. Please call the church office at 685-8253 and ask to have your name placed on the list.

THE GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL

is a Christian Business and Professional Men's Association. We are grateful for your church's steadfast labor in the Lord and past support of the Gideon ministry. In an effort to show our appreciation, we would like to invite dedicated Christian laymen from the Mullins congregation to be our special guests at a dinner meeting. The dinner meeting is set for Monday evening, August 9, or Tuesday evening, August 10, whichever date is most convenient for the prospective Gideon. At this meeting, we will share with them in detail what God is doing through this ministry and testimonies of lives transformed by the power of the Gospel. If interested, please contact the Mullins church office, 685-8253.

MULLINS' HISTORY

In celebration of our church's 165th Anniversary, portions of Y. M. Quinn, Jr.'s 1978 book, *History of Mullins United Methodist Church*, are being republished in the *Messenger*. [Bracketed material has been added by the 2010 typist.] Here is the seventh installment:

Education Building

The consecration service for the Education Building was held Sunday, November 20, 1960. This fine building is located east of the Chapel and is connected to the Sanctuary Building with a cloister, enclosed with an attractive concrete block grilled laid in a step pattern to match the design motif of the Sanctuary windows. The cloister is covered with a folded plate roof, making a transition from the gabled roof of the Sanctuary to the flat roof of the Educational Building. The principal façade of the Educational Building faces south on Walnut Grove Road. The most striking feature of this view of the building is the simple elegance of the two story curtain wall windows arranged between columns in unusual V shaped bays. Other interesting features of this façade are the two ceramic mosaic tile plaques at each end of the building. The plaque at the west end depicts Christ standing on the world, tenderly holding a small lamb, symbolizing His tender love for all people of the world.

These ceramic mosaics were designed by the architect and executed in Italy by artists skilled through generations of training in mosaic art work.

The building is L shaped with one wing adjoining the chapel and the other wing extending to the north forming a play court between the Fisher Wing and the building.

The court is enclosed on the north with a brick wall. The east and court sides of the building have a fenestration of large aluminum windows set between concrete columns in curtain wall construction, giving the building a light and airy appearance. The windows are screened with louvered aluminum screens to prevent direct sunlight from entering the class rooms. Nursery and Kindergarten rooms adjoining the play court

are provided with sliding glass doors to afford easy access from the rooms to the outside.

The main entrance to the Educational Building is on the east side of the building under the porte cohere, leading from the large parking lot, which will park 268 cars.

Entering the building, we walk into an eight foot wide corridor. The corridor going west leads to the Fellowship Hall or going upstairs, it leads to the Sanctuary. The corridor going north leads to the north entrance. The corridors are flanked on each side by large class rooms. The ground floor contains the Nursery and Kindergarten Departments. [The lower floor of the Education Building now houses Parents Day Out.]

The Nursery Department consists of eight rooms with a total optimum capacity of 67 children. The Crib Nursery is provided with a reception room and a formula preparation room. The other Nursery Rooms are provided with a reception room, separate toilet facilities, and storage closets and cabinets.

The Kindergarten Department consists of six rooms with a total optimum capacity of 118 children. The average size of these class rooms are 20 feet by 31 feet. Each class room is provided with separate toilet facilities and cabinet storage space. Three of these rooms are used for the day Kindergarten as well as the Sunday School.

One additional room is provided to be used as a teacher training room, library, and a spare class room.

The upper floor contains the Educational Office and the primary and Junior Departments. The Junior Department consists of six rooms and a total optimum capacity of 189 children. Each class room is provided with ample storage cabinets. [The majority of the upper floor of the Education Building presently hosts Concord Academy, although we still maintain a library, two Sunday school classrooms, the printing office, and the offices of Scottie Brafford and April Riley.] The building is designed so that additional class rooms may be added to the end of the building if needed in the future.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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David Campbell

OUR PRESENCE (LAST WEEK):

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Thursday, July 29

8:30 a.m. Summer Stage
9:15 a.m. Walking in the Gym
6:30 p.m. UMW Night Circle—Room 117

Friday, July 30

8:30 a.m. Summer Stage
9:15 a.m. Walking in Gym
5:30 p.m.
and 7:00 p.m. Summer Stage Production—Fellowship Hall and Gym

Saturday, July 31

11:00 a.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 1

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

Monday, August 2

8:30 a.m. Summer Stage
9:15 a.m. Walking in the Gym
6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting—Room 117

Tuesday, August 3

6:30 a.m. Career Support Group—Gym
8:30 a.m. Summer Stage
9:15 a.m. Walking in the Gym
6:15 p.m. Core Ball—Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Jr. High Bible Study—Youth Room
7:00 p.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 4

8:30 a.m. Summer Stage
9:15 a.m. Walking in the Gym
5:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth—Youth Room

Thursday, August 5

8:30 a.m. Summer Stage
9:15 a.m. Walking in the Gym

Friday, August 6

8:30 a.m. Summer Stage—Last Day!
9:15 a.m. Walking in Gym

Saturday, August 7

11:00 a.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m. Children sing at Wesley Manor

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, August 8

3:00 p.m. Safe Sanctuaries Training—see page 2

Monday, August 9, and Tuesday August 10

Gideons International Prospective Member Dinner—see page 3

Wednesday, August 25

6:30 p.m. All work areas meet in the Fellowship Hall after dinner

Sunday, August 29

9:40 a.m. Rally Day—Promotion Sunday

Tuesday, September 21

9:00 a.m. Older Adult Ministries Training at Christ UMC—see page 3