

-NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 25, 2010

OUR PRESENCE ON AUGUST 22

8:45 Service - 30
Sunday School - 49
10:50 Service - 118
Prayer Breakfast - 7
Prayer Service - 73

OUR SERVICE FOR AUGUST 29

Children's Message - Rev. Scottie Brafford
Children's Church - April Riley
Liturgist - Jennifer Mastin

Scripture for August 29: Luke 14: 1, 7 - 14

Sermon for August 29: 'QUIT WHILE WE'RE AHEAD?'

USHERS & GREETERS FOR AUGUST

Elmer Wrobley, Head Usher; Greg Forsyth, Tina Campbell, Scott Campbell

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

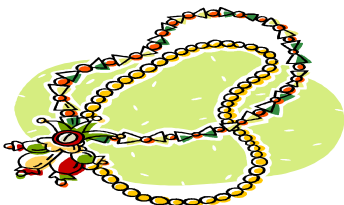
...invites you to join us on Sunday mornings in the Narthex for coffee and conversation following the 10:50 worship service.

OUR PRAYERS

Baptist Hospital: Jean Searl 4227
St. Francis/Bartlett: Lucille Givens 104
VA Hospital: Bill Peck 307
Germantown Village Rehab: John Wagner Rm. 1123
At Home: Voline Conlee

OUR SMPATHY

...love and prayers go out to Carrie Likley & family, in the loss of her aunt, Ruth McCracken



MAANZA A LEZA NEWS

Changes are in store for the Maanza a Leza beading group. Beginning September 5, we will meet on the first Sunday of each month immediately following the 10:50 worship service, until approximately 2:30 p.m. Pizza will be provided for lunch. We will no longer bead on Wednesday nights, thus giving our beaders the opportunity to participate in Wednesday night activities.

Also, we plan to have more take-home beading kits available for anyone who would like to bead but can't attend these first Sunday gatherings.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

There are several open dates for Chancel flowers during the remainder of the year. During the months of September and October, only one date is booked each month. There are open dates in November and December as well. The cost is \$30 per arrangement. If you would like to schedule a date for flowers, please call Susan at 685-8253.

UPPER ROOM

September/October issues of *Upper Room* are now available outside the Sanctuary. The cost is \$1.00 each. Don't miss out on this great devotional material!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Our Charge Conference will be held on Wednesday, November 10, at 6:30 p.m. following Fellowship Dinner. Our new District Superintendent, Rev. Sandra Leatherwood will preside, and we hope everyone will make plans to attend this important meeting.

UPCOMING LAKESHORE EVENTS

Questions about any of these events — call the Lakeshore office at 731-584-6102 or email us at lakeshoreuma@yahoo.com

Oct. 8-10 Older Elementary Retreat (ages 9-12)
Nov. 5-7 Adult Backpacking Retreat (ages 18+)
Nov. 5-7 Exploration Retreat (exploring the call to ministry ages 16-24)
Nov. 19-21 Scrapbook Retreat
Dec. 4 Christmas & Culture Day (this year we visit France)

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Feb. 18-20 Scrapbook Retreat
Feb. 25-27 30 Hour Famine—Conference Jr./Sr. High Retreat
Mar. 11-13 Conference Jr./Sr. High Retreat
May 12 2nd Annual Lakeshore Golf Tournament
May 30-June 4 Summer Camp begins!



WHERE ARE THE COOKBOOKS???

Many of you are asking, "Where are the 165th Year Anniversary Cookbooks?" The books are now being proofed, and plans are to send the book to the printer by the end of August. You may pre-order your books now, and they will arrive just in time for gift giving at Christmas. The cost is \$10 each. Please return the order form below, with your payment, to the church office. Make all checks payable to Mullins UMC and designate "Cookbook". The Cookbook Committee, Margaret Brown, Diane Rose, Ann Smith and Rachael Scarbrough, have spent a good bit of their busy summer going through old Mullins cookbooks, plus the new recipes submitted and compiled into this unique cookbook. You are going to LOVE this cookbook!

MULLINS 165TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK 1845 - 2010
\$10.00 Each Book

Name _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Please reserve _____ cookbooks

Payment enclosed in the amount of: \$ _____

CONFIRMATION CLASS STARTS SEPTEMBER 12

Do you have a middle school child who has not been through confirmation in the United Methodist Church? Confirmation is open to children in Grade 6 and above. The 2010 Mullins UMC Confirmation Class begins Sunday, September 12. Classes will be held during the Sunday School hour, and will be led by Pastor Gabriel. The first class is for children and their parents, and will meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:45. There is no fee, however we ask that you let the church office (685-8253) know if your child will be participating so that we may have enough material for everyone.

RALLY SUNDAY

...is this Sunday, August 29, in Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. Celebrate with our children as they move up in classes. Celebrate with our adults as they begin new studies. Celebrate the Bible as we hear the scriptures. Celebrate. . .breakfast?? And bring finger foods to share!

HAVE TIME TO VOLUNTEER AT LESTER SCHOOL?

I can custom fit a day and time for you...do you have 30 minutes of an hour a week to help a student who needs you? Maybe you just want to read a book occasionally. I can arrange that, too. We usually work with Kindergarten — 3rd grade with reading. If you prefer an older student, we can arrange that too! You will work with the same student and teacher each time you volunteer at Lester. To be a volunteer, you only need to have a love of children and a desire to make a difference in the life of a child. You will need to complete a "Volunteer Tutor Update" form and get a background check, including fingerprinting, at the Memphis School Board, 2597 Avery, if you will be working direct one-on-one with a student. Please contact Margaret Brown, 388-9190, or mbrown@dbrown.com when you are ready to get started or need additional information.

TO MY CHURCH FAMILY

The school I will attend is Tennessee Rehabilitation Center in Smyrna, Tennessee. It is a vocational rehab training school for adults who have mental or physical disabilities, or those who have disabilities caused from injuries. My evaluation was a great experience, and I can't wait to go back as a full-time student. I will be in the Warehousing Class and Transitional Living Skills program. I'm not sure when I will return, but I should know within 2 - 4 weeks. I am on the waiting list for a spot in the class to become available. This school will help me care for myself and learn how to live on my own without depending on my parents. It will also help me to get a job by having more experience. I will need your prayers to become a successful student at this school. I will be thinking of my church family when I return to the school. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

Tabitha Smith



ACOLYTE TRAINING

A refresher course for acolytes will be held on Sept. 12, during the Sunday School hour. All children 2nd grade and older who are interested in serving as acolytes need to attend this important training.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The General Meeting of Mullins UMW will be held on Tuesday, September 14, at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Our speaker will be Diane Harrison of Grace Place Prison Ministries. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.



ATTENTION!

Mullins UMC Children's Ministry is looking for volunteer assistants for the 4 yr. old - 2nd grade Sunday School class, which meets on Sundays at 9:40 a.m. We would love to have your help in working with our adorable children! If interested, please contact April Riley or Cyndi Watkins.

CALENDAR - SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- Sunday
 - 8:45 a.m. Worship - Chapel
 - 9:40 a.m. **RALLY DAY!!**
 - 10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
 - 4:00 p.m. Youth - Gym
 - 5:00 p.m. Yoga

- Monday
 - 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
 - No Woodwinds today!
 - 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

- Tuesday
 - 6:30 a.m. Career Support Group - Gym
 - 8:00 a.m. Private Event - FH
 - 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
 - 6:15 p.m. Core Ball - FH
 - 7:00 p.m. Yoga - FH

- Wednesday
 - 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast - FH
 - 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
 - 5:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner - FH
 - 6:15 p.m. Children/Youth Programs
 - 6:30 p.m. Program*
 - 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

- Thursday
 - 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
 - 7:00 p.m. Companions in Christ - 209
 - 7:00 p.m. Nominating Com. - 212

- Friday
 - 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym

- Saturday
 - 11:00 a.m. Yoga - FH

THE MENU FOR SEPTEMBER 1

Adults \$5, Children 12 & Under \$3, Family Max \$20
 Brisket, Rice, Lima Beans, Salad Bar, Dessert

*The adult program will feature a devotional by Charles Carter and a report on Maanza a Leza by Debi Gray. Please call the church office, 685-8253, to make dinner reservations.



PASTOR'S CORNER

Brothers & Sisters on the Way,

So what, exactly, is Confirmation? Who is eligible and why does the process take so long? According to the United Methodist Book of Discipline — our guide, source for instruction and source for church law — “Baptized infants and children are to be instructed and nurtured in the meaning of the faith, the rights and responsibilities of their baptism, and spiritual and moral formation using materials approved by the United Methodist Church. Using the service of the Baptismal Covenant, youth will profess their faith, commit themselves to a life of discipleship, and be confirmed. Confirmation is both a human act of commitment and the gracious action of the Holy Spirit strengthening and empowering discipleship.” (para. 216.1.a)

Confirmation, then, with the root word “firm”, is the process where a youth makes a “firm” commitment to live in the Christian faith. Process is an important part of this commitment because the youths are making what is perhaps the most important decision of their lives. From a decision to live in the Christian faith, we gain our perspective, our viewpoint. The faith, for we who believe, is the lens through which everything that happens is filtered. Everyone has a perspective, lens or viewpoint; some of us are simply honest about what ours is. Christians see everything (or, let’s be honest, we try to see everything) from the perspective that claims: we are not accidents; we are created for a purpose by a good and gracious God; God is the source of all that is; God and God’s purpose are revealed most thoroughly and completely in the life, ministry, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ; that the church is the body of Christ alive in the world today; the church is sustained by the presence of God we call the Holy Spirit; the church will endure to the end of time and that it expresses the means of grace and the way of salvation open to all people, everywhere and in all time. Wow! No wonder we take a long time to work through all that with our youth! Mullins UMC offers Confirmation to all youth in the 6th grade or older. Confirmation sessions will begin Sept. 12 during the Sunday School hour in Room 101. A parent is asked to attend that first session. Youth who attend regularly and, in discussion with their parents and pastor, will be eligible to receive membership vows and be accepted as professing members of Christ’s holy church and, particularly Mullins United Methodist Church, during the 10:50 worship service on Sunday, December 5.

I look forward to working with our youth in these classes. Parents and other adults are always welcome to sit in as well. If your youth plans to be a part of the Confirmation Class, please call the church office as soon as possible so that we may have enough books for everyone.

Grace for the Way,

Brad

LOOKING AHEAD

September 5: Experience Sunday School as presented by one of the leaders of the Emerging Church This **one time presentation** uses a 12 minute video from a program called “Nooma” as the source of the Bible lesson and the discussion starter. Join us in Fellowship Hall.

October 3: Blessing of the animals at 3:00 p.m. in the lawn area near Walnut Grove. This is a service of worship and a celebration for all God’s creatures, including those with two feet, or four paws, or none at all. All are welcome!