

Mullins Messenger

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“A Church Alive and Serving Christ”
Since 1845”

Wednesday, August 11, 2010

Sunday Morning Worship Services:

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

Mullins Pulpit – August 22, 2010

Scripture: Luke 13:10-17

Sermon: “REACH OUT IN THE DARKNESS”



PASTOR'S CORNER

Well, we seem to have had a break in the heat. What a relief that is! The other day I had a “Good Morning, Vietnam!” experience. I let the dogs out about 6:00 in the morning. The heat and humidity hit all three of us. The dogs (Siberian Huskies) stared — no, glared — at me with looks that said, “Are you out of your mind?? Siberia was never like this!” I tried to explain that “Dog days” does not mean days that are pleasant for dogs. Dog days are the hottest, most sultry days of the year. The ancients called this time “dog days” because the star Sirius (“dog star”) looked to be close to the earth and they thought the extra heat caused our temperatures to rise. During this time, the weather wears on people just a little more than usual. Drivers seem a little quicker to use their horns, take advantage of spaces between cars and show a little less care than normal. Shoppers come into stores bedraggled and weary, wanting to get what they need and get home. That can make small inconveniences grow into conflicts out of proportion to their origin. As a child, we often found relief from this weather in community swimming pools. The pools always had lifeguards. The lifeguards had big voices and whistles to call us back to the world around us if we ever got too carried away. Someone once asked me what life might be like if we had lifeguards at places in addition to swimming pools.

workers, ensure that the line moved efficiently, and safeguard the quality of the items produced. Or, what if the big box stores had lifeguards? Every time you look at an item that would put you in debt for many months or even years, the lifeguard could caution, advise and ask the important question, “Is this going to be worth the burden?” We could use lifeguards for our worship, prayer and devotional lives, certainly. If the heat wears you down to where you think that even praying is too much of a burden, the lifeguard could remind you that prayer is a source of renewal, of strength, and of comfort. “As the hart longs for a flowing stream, I long for the Lord. . .” Maybe most important in this “me” culture, a lifeguard could nudge us away from ego-centric attitudes and behavior. Is your job, your role, as vital as you think it is? Have you adequately evaluated the work, effort and importance of — to use the swimming pool image again — the stairs and safety rope?

Well, community swimming pools are few and far between. We do have lifeguards, though. We find them in Sunday School and prayer groups, worship and service. Stay close to the lifeguard who loves you enough to create you in His own image and likeness. That way, you are more likely to keep your footing and have more fun in the swim.

Grace,
Brad

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 Rm. 2415

Germantown Village Rehab: John Wagner Rm. 1123

At Home: Lucille Givens, Voline Conlee

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.

MAANZA A LEZA NEWS

There are going to be some scheduling changes with our beading group this fall. Beginning September 5, we will meet 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

are being placed

...in loving memory of my wife, Kathryn, by Ken Sigman

...in loving memory of my wife, Zoe Ann, by Bill Peck

UPPER ROOM

September/October issues of *Upper Room* are now available outside the Sanctuary. The cost is \$1.00 each. Pick up your copy today!

THANK YOU!!!

A very special thank you to Sandy Scruggs and the Craft Fair Committee for the new freezer! The old freezer definitely needed to be "retired"!!! Thanks for your help and support.

The Hostess Committee

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.

WHAT A WAY TO CELEBRATE!

Barbara Southwell and her mother, Anna Ruth Brown, both celebrated birthdays in July. To celebrate, Barbara and her husband, Tom, hosted a pool party and cookout on July 31. Approximately 30 family members and friends attended. Barbara asked that instead of personal gifts, people honor them by bringing canned goods and non-perishable items for the Mid-South Food Bank. On Monday, August 1, Barbara and Tom took the gifts to the Food Bank where they were accepted and weighed. A total of 142 pounds of food were turned in to help feed the hungry in the mid-south. Hats off to this family for making this celebration a means of serving others in our community!!!

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 book(s) 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: \$ _____

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

BUDGET

In memory of Joe Ledbetter by Anita Moore, Anne Hooker

In memory of Ernestine Baldwin Burch by Betty Logan

MUSIC

In memory of Joe Ledbetter by Helen Addington

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.

A CHANGE IS IN THE AIR. . . (AND IT'S MORE THAN JUST THE WEATHER...)

Something new is coming to Mullins on Sunday afternoons beginning September 12, 4:00 - 6:00 pm each week. Something new for members. . .for visitors. . .for the community. . .for you. Something new for children. . .for youth. . .for parents. . .for adults of all types. . .for you. Watch for details in our next newsletter. . .and mark your calendars now, 'cause you'll want to 'be there'.

SHORT STORIES FOR THE SUMMER

Well, all good things come to an end. Sunday, August 22, is our **last short story time** scheduled at the moment. BUT WAIT. . .GOOD NEWS! First, all Sunday School Classes are invited to 5th Sunday, Rally Sunday, Promotion Sunday in the Fellowship Hall on August 29. On Labor Day week-end, September 5, those who have been taking part in the short story time are invited to a special presentation that comes to us out of the "emerging church movement". THEN...beginning Sunday, September 12, the Reverend Scottie Brafford takes the floor of the Fellowship Hall. She will lead us in a three week, non-sequential group "Loving Animals, Loving God" as we prepare for our second annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 3, at 3:00 p.m.

COMING EVENTS ON SUNDAYS

August 29: **Rally Sunday** 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!

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.

September 12 **Conn...OOPS!** Can't release that name yet! Check next week's newsletter for a special announcement, but mark your calendars TODAY, and plan to be at Mullins 4:00 - 6:00 pm on Sunday afternoons. There'll be 'something for everyone' . . .and we do mean everyone!

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!

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your kind words, thoughtfulness and support for our family during this difficult time.

In His Name,

Garry & Ginger Ledbetter (family of Joe Ledbetter)

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

THE MENU FOR AUGUST 25

Adults \$5, Children 12 & Under \$3, Family Max \$20

Italian Dinner, Italian Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert

Calendar of Events:

CHURCH STAFF:

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Friday, August 13

PDO Closed

Saturday, August 14

11:00 a.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall
 3:30 p.m. St. John's Ministry
 5:00 p.m. Eagle Scout Ceremony—Chapel and Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 15

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 16

9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
 6:15 p.m. Woodwinds
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, August 17

6:30 a.m. Career Support Group - Gym
 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
 10:00 a.m. Bridge Group - Lamplighter/Friendship Rm.
 6:15 p.m. Core Ball - FH
 7:00 p.m. Yoga - FH

Wednesday, August 25

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. All Work Areas Meet- FH
 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 26

9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
 6:30 p.m. UMW Night Circle - 117
 7:00 pm. Nominating Com. - 212
 7:00 p.m. Companions in Christ - 209

Friday, August 27

9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
 5:00 p.m. Concord Cook-out - Parking lot/FH

Saturday, August 28

11:00 a.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Events:

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



OUR PRESENCE (LAST WEEK):

Sunday:

8:45 Service 33
 Sunday School 60
 10:50 Worship Service 142