

**SEPTEMBER USHERS AND GREETERS**

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**LITURGICAL NOTES**

As we leave Pentecost our color changes to green, representing new life. The paraments and banners this season will have a background of woven green materials, as all life is interconnected.

**GET ON BOARD!**

Become a Hospice Volunteer

Volunteer Training  
Baptist Trinity Hospice  
6141 Walnut Grove Rd.

Saturday, September 25, 2010  
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Lunch will be provided

For more information,  
Call Sandra Livesay at 767-6767

Evening and special shifts available

**TOTALLY AWESOME KIDS  
OLDER ELEMENTARY RETREAT  
AT LAKESHORE  
October 8 - 10, 2010**

Fabulous Fruit!

Join us for a weekend of Fruity Fun! And we're not talking about apples and oranges! We're talking about living fruitful lives! Join us as we take a closer look at how the Holy Spirit helps us to produce good fruit in our lives.

Leadership Team: Jennifer Riley, Justin Schuring and Christy Jo Harber.

Cost is \$84 — limited number of scholarships available — contact Vickie Lawson at office@lakeshoreuma.com to request a scholarship.

Registration forms available in the Mullins church office.

**I AM MY CHURCH**

My church is composed of people like me. We make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

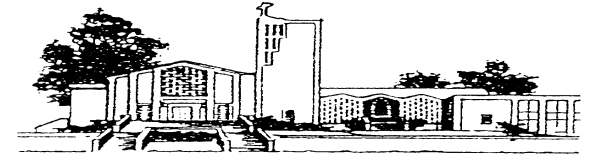
It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who makes it what it is, am filled with these traits.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things I want my church to be.

**MULLINS MESSENGER**



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**September 1, 2010**

The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

Mullins Pulpit - September 5  
Scripture: Jeremiah 18: 1 - 11; Luke 14: 25 - 33  
Sermon: 'AND NOW FOR A WORD'

*Weekly Schedule*

*Sunday Worship* 8:45 & 10:50 a.m.  
*Sunday School* 9:40 am  
*Wednesday Dinner & Program* 5:45 p.m.

# Mullins United Methodist Church

## Children's Ministry Newsletter September 2010

*"Let your light shine before others"* Matthew 5:16

### Upcoming Events

We would love to have YOU there!

- **Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>:** This is a big day at MUMC! The children will have been promoted to their new Sunday School classes, which will begin meeting in new classrooms in our Parents Day Out hallway. Also, Confirmation Classes will begin meeting during the Sunday School Hour.
  - Also on **Sunday, the 12<sup>th</sup>:** We will hold an "Acolyte Training Course" to refresh everyone's knowledge of the basics of this important responsibility! The training will be held during Children's Church. Please make plans to attend! A pinning ceremony will take place in the weeks soon after to highlight our new acolytes.
- Beginning Sunday, the 12<sup>th</sup>:** MUMC will launch the new Sunday Night Programming for all ages and families! Please join us from 4:00-6:00 each Sunday evening for learning, fellowship, and a snack! The children will have a time of music instruction with Bryan Dunn from 4:00-4:30, community snack from 4:30-5:00, and recreation in the gym from 5:00-6:00.

Please bring a sack lunch to eat with friends outside around noon.

We encourage everyone to bring a friend along with them...hope to see you there!

## "My Big Backyard"

*IT'S FIELD TRIP TIME!*

YOU are invited to take part in our field trip to Memphis Botanical Garden's "My Big Backyard" exhibit from **10:00-1:00 on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**. The cost of admission is \$5 per child. Please contact April Riley to register your child today!

We will meet in the church parking lot at 10:00 Saturday morning and arrive back at the church for pickup by 1:00. Please bring a sack lunch to eat with friends outside around noon.

We encourage everyone to bring a friend along with them... hope to see you there!

### What Mullins Kids Are Up To...

- In Children's Church this fall, we are diving into a study of "Learning from God's Word"—so much to learn!
- During SPROUTS on Wednesday nights, we are holding Bible Drill Games and learning praise and worship songs and dances! We are preparing to begin our "Lunch Bunch" program. If you are interested in having the Director of Children's Ministries, April Riley, eat lunch with your child at his or her school, please respond via email and request a registration form.

### Children's Ministry Schedule

**Please join us! J**

Sunday School - Sunday Mornings at 9:40

Children's Church - Sunday Mornings at 10:50

Sunday Night Programming - 4:00-6:00

SPROUTS - Wednesday Evenings at 5:45



**CHANCEL FLOWERS**  
are being placed

...to the Glory of God  
by an anonymous friend

### CHANCEL FLOWERS STILL NEEDED FOR THESE DATES:

September 24  
September 31  
October 28  
December 12

If you would like to give flowers for any of these dates,  
contact Susan in the church office, 685-8253

### MAANZA A LEZA BEADERS BEGIN NEW SCHEDULE

This Sunday, September 5, the Maanza a Leza beading group will meet immediately following the 10:50 worship service. Pizza will be provided for lunch, and the group will work until approximately 2:30 p.m. in Room 209. The group will now meet the 1st Sunday of each month, rather than on Wednesday nights. Take-home beading kits will be available for anyone who would like to bead but can't be here on 1st Sundays.

### UPPER ROOM

September/October issues of Upper Room are available outside the Sanctuary. The cost is \$1.00 each.

*Sundays @ The Connection*  
*Opportunities for Christian Formation*  
*for Adults*  
4:45 – 6:00 p.m.

**Invitation to Psalms** A Short-term DISCIPLE Bible Study  
September 12<sup>th</sup> - Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 4:45  
– 6:00p.m. Library

All the great stuff of DISCIPLE Bible Study, in a short-term format! This study of the Psalms is a wonderful introduction to DISCIPLE, and is refreshing to those who've done other DISCIPLE studies. This is an award-winning Bible series, featuring video segments for instruction, class discussion, daily readings and opportunities for personal reflection.

**The Parent You Want To Be: Who You Are Matters More Than What You Do,**

Authors are Drs. Les & Leslie Parrott.

September 12<sup>th</sup> – Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 4:45  
– 6:00p.m. Room 117

Written by a husband and wife team who describe parenting as “the most important calling you will ever have,” this book is appropriate for parents with children of any age. The reviews at Amazon.com include “great book for any stage of the parenting journey ...easy for a parent to read ...outstanding ...great book ....highly recommended.” This will be a discussion format, with plenty of opportunities for exploring our challenges and joys as parents, while laying aside guilt and embracing grace.

**Signing up in advance isn't required, but it WILL reserve a copy of your materials.**

Contact Rev. Scottie Brafford, Minister of Spiritual Formation  
Church office: 685.8253, or at [Scottie@mullinsumc.org](mailto:Scottie@mullinsumc.org)

*Sundays Mornings... Christian Formation for Adults*

Nooma!

September 5<sup>th</sup>, only  
9:40 a.m. Room 209

One Sunday only! Come check out the 'look' of spiritual formation and Bible study for adults of all ages via contemporary video presentation. *Nooma* offers 12-14 minute videos on various topics, weaving life situations with scripture references. These videos make great discussion starters, and are appropriate for use by any group. We'll experience one video on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy & Titus September 5<sup>th</sup> – Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 9:40 a.m.  
Room 212

Come explore the books of Timothy and Titus with Crossroads Class, using a study guide written by theologian N.T. Wright. Selections from Timothy will be the basis of a sermon series offered by Reverend Gabriel during September & October. Joining this discussion group is a wonderful opportunity to process these scriptures more deeply.

Exodus & Psalms September 5<sup>th</sup> – Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 9:40 a.m.

**Offered in two locations: Lamplighter-Friendship Room, (in Gym), & in Chapel**

The Adult Bible Studies will focus on the book of Exodus and on the Psalms. Join either the Lamplighter-Friendship Class, (meeting in the gym, first door on the left), or, join The Crusader Class, (meeting in the Chapel). Excellent teachers rotate leadership of these classes.

**Loving Animals, Loving God** September 12, 19 & 26  
9:40 a.m. Room 209

Can the love we experience with animals lead us to love God more deeply? How can the compassion we feel with animals increase our compassion for one another? Bring your experiences with animals and join the discussion offered in this short-term Sunday morning group. Instruction and practice with methods of spiritual reflection and contemplation will be offered.

**Beginning October 3<sup>rd</sup> in room 117 with the New Directions Class, Finding God: How can we experience God?** by author Rick Richardson



Please give a warm welcome to John (Jay) and Emily Parker who joined our congregation on Sunday, August 29, 2010. They have two daughters, Katherine and Mary Ellen. The Parkers reside at 61 W. Carlos, 38117.

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**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

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

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**CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

...for children and youth, 6th grade and older, will begin Sept. 12, in Room 101 during the Sunday School hour. Dr. Gabriel will lead the classes. Parents are asked to attend the *first* session along with their children. There is no fee, however we ask that you contact the church office, 685-8253, and let us know if your child will be participating so that we may have enough material for everyone.



Dear Friends,

Soon, we will start looking at three important questions. First, why do people need Jesus? Second, why do people need the church? Third, why do people need Mullins United Methodist Church? Looking at these three questions will cause us to take a step back from our day-to-day living. We won't step back far, and we won't stay away. Each of us, though, will need to think again about the nature of our relationship with God through Jesus. Pressures in our culture pull people to two tendencies. One tendency is to say something like, "Well, sure, Jesus is a good man, but is he essential in my life? After all, don't all religions lead to God?" The other tendency is to say something like, "Jesus is the only way to heaven and if you don't believe in Jesus the way I believe in Jesus, then you are not just different, you are wrong and you are bad." So, we will look at what we learn about Jesus in a set of the apostle's letters to a Christian named Timothy.

After we spend sometime with that question, we will look at why people need the church. Again, our culture pulls people to believe that the church doesn't matter in our spiritual life. I am sure that you have heard all the arguments against church: "I can worship God on the golf course as easily as I can in a building." "The church is full of hypocrites." All the preacher ever talks about is money." "Who are they to tell me what God wants?" So, we will look at the essential role of the church in our spiritual birth, growth, formation and living. We will examine the fact that everyone takes cues from other people. Everyone has a standard they claim to live by. Everyone who wants to do more, produce more, be more than they are, must have a place to learn how to achieve that. The church is that place for the followers of the Way.

Finally, we will look at why people need this church. Mullins UMC has been here a long time. We have done something right in the past to survive this long. Where have we met the spiritual needs of people? What other soul-deep desires have people found met here at the corner of Mendenhall and Walnut Grove? Are we doing what we can, and what we ought to do to share with the neighborhood and the city, why Mullins UMC is an appropriate, or even important, place for them to be?

We will use the letters of First and Second Timothy to explore these questions. The sermon series "F.A.Q. About Christian Living" starts September 12, and ends October 23. F.A.Q., of course, stands for Frequently Asked Questions. Whether you are a cradle roll Mullins member or still just visiting, my intent in these messages is to honestly look at the questions we most frequently hear, guided by the words of the early church leaders, apply those words to now and set our sight on what comes next in joy and challenge, hope and concern. See you here.

Grace for the Way,  
Brad

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

SUNDAY	8:45 a.m. Worship - Chapel 9:40 a.m. Sunday School 10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary No Youth 5:00 p.m. Yoga Class
MONDAY	Church Office & PDO Closed
TUESDAY	6:30 a.m. Career Support Group - Gym 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym 6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class - Gym 7:00 p.m. Yoga Class - Gym
WEDNESDAY	7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast - FH 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym 6:15 p.m. Children/Youth Programs 6:30 p.m. Program 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym 7:00 p.m. Companions in Christ - 209 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Roundtable - 117
FRIDAY	9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
SATURDAY	11:00 a.m. Yoga - Gym



**MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR SEPTEMBER 5**

No Children's Message: Communion  
Children's Church: Lisa Weaver



**THE MENU FOR SEPTEMBER 8**

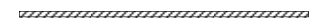
**Adults \$5, 12 & Under \$3, Family Max \$20**  
Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Green Beans,  
Salad, Bread, Dessert

**OUR PRAYERS**

**VA Hospital**  
Bill Peck 307

**Baptist Memorial**  
Jean Searl 4227

**At Home**  
Lucille Givens



**OUR PRESENCE**

8:45 Service	29
Sunday School	Rally Day
10:50 Service	130
Prayer Breakfast	8
Prayer Service	67



**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.



Mullins 165th Anniversary Cookbooks will be sent to the printer soon, and will arrive in time for Christmas gift giving. You may pre-order your books now for a cost of \$10 each. Make checks payable to Mullins UMC and designate "cookbooks". Many, many thanks to the Cookbook Committee: Margaret Brown, Diane Rose, Ann Smith and Rachael Scarbrough, for their tireless efforts on this project. You are going to LOVE this cookbook!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ cookbooks

Payment enclosed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_