



# Mullins Messenger

Mullins United Methodist Church

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## **Giving Thanks for the Teachings of Jesus An Invitation to Pray Together**

As we approach Thanksgiving, let us take time to reflect on the power of prayer and the abundance of God's blessings. Let us remember the teachings from the Sermon on the Mount—lessons in humility, mercy, forgiveness, peacemaking, and love—and give thanks for all that God has done and continues to do in our lives. May our gratitude overflow into lives filled with grace, generosity, and service, so that others may see the light of Christ shining through us.

### **A Prayer for Thanksgiving and Advent**

*(To be prayed together in spirit—each in our own time, yet as one body of faith)*

Eternal God, our Father,  
We thank You for every blessing You have given us—for life, for grace, and for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We thank You for revealing to us the power of sowing and reaping, and for showing how it applies to justice, mercy, humility, forgiveness, faith, hope, and, above all, love. Thank You for Your gift of grace in the person of Jesus Christ, who is:

- The Bread of Life – who sustains us with spiritual nourishment that the world cannot provide. *(John 6:35)*
- The Light of the World – who leads us out of temptation and away from the darkness that

would consume our souls. *(John 8:12)*

• The Door of the Sheep – who protects His flock from false teachings, deceptive philosophies, and empty morality, leading us into an inner peace that endures every storm. *(John 10:7–9)*

• The Good Shepherd—whose voice and sacrifice saved our souls and allow us to live with purpose and peace in a world of chaos. *(John 10:11, 14)*

• The Resurrection and the Life – who delivered us from the ranks of the walking dead and freed us from all that once bound us. *(John 11:25)*

• The Way, the Truth, and the Life – who showed us a more excellent way to live, taught us the truth that sets us free, and guides us toward eternal life. *(John 14:6)*

• The True Vine – who keeps us connected to You, O God, that we may bear fruit in Your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. *(John 15:1–5)*

Thank You, Lord, for allowing us to work in Your kingdom. Thank You for the power You have placed within us to bring glory to Your name through the fruitfulness of our lives.

In Christ's holy name we pray,  
*The Members of Mullins United Methodist Church*

## New Member

Please give a warm welcome to Mary Anne Sullivan & her husband David. Mary Anne joined Mullins Oct. 12, by transfer from a United Methodist Church in Illinois.

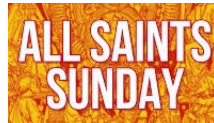


## Litter Mates Nov. 1

The next Litter Mates clean-up will be Saturday, Nov. 1, at 10 am in Marquette Park. We will be partnering with Rich Off Education again. Coffee, donuts and equipment provided. Join us for an hour of good, clean fun!

## All Saints Nov. 2

All Saints Sunday is Nov. 2. We will recognize the saints who have gone to the Church Triumphant in the past year. Please join us as we remember beloved friends and relatives.



Virginia Armacost	Juanita Freeman
Miller Johnson	Kay Ledbetter
Noel Monroe	Doris Ruleman
Agnes Sims	Rubye Thompson
Clint Trusty	

## UWF Appreciation!

Thank you to all from Mullins who helped set up and host the successful Metro District UWF Annual Day Oct. 24! Our group will not have a meeting in November, opting instead to support other special activities this month, including the Fall Bake Sale. **Margaret Brown**



## Holiday Food Donations

Many are facing food insecurity this year and United Methodist Neighborhood Centers will join with others to help fill the need. Individuals, church classes and small groups are asked to provide Thanksgiving food for families by donating \$25 gift cards from Kroger or Walmart. Please turn in cards to **Brenda Carson** by Nov. 11 for timely delivery to families!



## Veterans Recognition

On Veterans Sunday Nov. 9, Mullins will recognize our living veterans:

Diana Baker, Air Force  
Hal Baker, Air Force  
Charles Carter, Army National Guard  
Seth Childs, Army National Guard  
Larry Clayton, Army  
Bob Earley, Marines  
Don Franklin, Marines  
Rita Hilgenhold, Army  
Andy Mastin, Army  
Richard McNeil, Air Force  
Brent Milton, Marines  
Linda Morris, Army  
Taylor Richardson, Army Natl Guard  
Don Rice, Army  
Clarence Shepherd, Army  
Jim Solley, Army  
Tom Southwell, Army  
James Taylor, Army  
John Taylor, Army  
Ron Turnpaugh, Army  
Elmer Wrobley, Army

## Soup-to-Go Sunday!

For a special treat, pre-order special soups by Nov. 9 for pickup in Fellowship Hall after church Nov. 16. A suggested donation of \$10 for a quart of pumpkin sausage soup or white chicken chili will support Maanza a Leza! *Order forms on entry tables!* **Debi Gray**

## Wesley Foundation Nov. 18

Mullins will serve dinner to students at the Wesley Foundation on the U of M campus Nov. 18 at 6 pm! **Maggie Lyons, Julia Howell**

## Fall Bake Sale Nov. 23

The MaL Board is continuing the popular Fall Bake Sale coordinated by Margaret Carbaugh in recent years. We welcome donations of baked goods, as well as snacks such as Chex Mix, or no-cook items such as spiced tea. Visit the Reception Room after services Nov. 23 to buy family treats and special gifts! **Brenda Carson**



# November Birthdays and Anniversaries

## Birthdays

Name .....	Date
Liz Kambol .....	1
Ginger Schuette .....	3
Zoe Woody .....	6
Paulette Forrest .....	7
Ben Mason .....	8
Lisa Johns .....	10
Carrie Likely .....	10
Denise Van Cleef.....	11
Helen McMahan.....	19

Suzie Morris .....	21
Carmen Brown Schmid .....	24
Bet Hendon.....	25

## Anniversaries

Charlsie & Gene Carrol .....	4
Nancy & Scott Shelby .....	6
Lisa & Sonny Johns .....	17
Tom & Lisa Machen.....	18
Jen & Justin McGee.....	22
Bryan & Carolyn Carter .....	26

## Community Orchestra Nov. 23

The Mullins Community Orchestra is scheduled to perform at 6 pm on Nov. 23 at the Memphis Jewish Home.

Contact: Ken Stratton



## Hanging of the Green Nov. 29

Please join us at 10 am Saturday, Nov. 29, to decorate our church for the season of Advent. This is a joyous occasion, and many hands are needed!

Worship Team

## Mullins Chess Club Changes!

New location & time! Join us at 6 pm Tuesdays at the Central Library as we meet with a great group led by **Kent Stratton, Jr.** Check it out! **Greg Forsyth, 901-462-1097**

## Blessing Bags

Please note: A new supply of Blessing Bags can be found in bins in the Hall of Apostles and inside the circle drive entrance. Please take them to share with neighbors in need.



## Golden Cross Senior Ministries

Golden Cross Key Women had an exciting day Oct. 16, finishing almost all of the Christmas stockings planned for Wesley Living residents this year! One more work day and we will be able to complete all gifts going to the 30 communities. What a wonderful accomplishment to celebrate this Thanksgiving season!

Barbara Kercher

## “Remembrance Tree” Dec. 7

Please save the date for a special event to remember beloved family members or friends who have passed away.

Plans are being made for our second “Remembrance Tree” service where you may honor your special someone by placing an ornament on the tree. (You may write your loved one’s name on an ornament you already have, or we will provide one for you.)

The brief service will be in the Chapel at 3 pm Sunday, Dec. 7, followed by a reception with refreshments.

We hope you will plan to join us and share good memories of your family member or friend.

—Harriet Montgomery

Grief Support Friendship Group



## Christmas Cantata



The Mullins Chancel Choir’s Christmas cantata is scheduled for 4 pm Sunday, Dec. 14!

Please mark your calendars for a wonderful event and stay tuned for more information!



**Blessing of the Animals!**



**Hispanic Q & A and Worship Event**



*Monthly  
Milestones . . .*



**UWF Metro "Annual Day"**



# November Worship Notes

(10:50 Worship services are live-streamed)

Join us for a weekly message of  
Hope, Deliverance, and Victory

## November 2-All Saints

Message: *Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow*



## November 9-Veterans Recognition

Message: *Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow*  
Altar Flowers: *In honor of Margaret McNeil by Richard McNeil*



## November 16

Message: *Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow*  
Altar Flowers: *In memory of Rev. Jim Cowell by Norma Cowell*



## November 23

Message: *Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow*  
Altar Flowers: *In memory of James M. Howell by Julia Howell*

## November 30-1st Sunday in Advent

Message: *Dr. Russell Morrow*



Liturgist: Julia Howell

### Ushers & Greeters:

Johnny Welch, head usher; Maggie Lyons, Katie Williams, Emily Pittman

### Communion Offering:

Mid-South Food Bank



## Flower Announcement

Poinsettias (\$15) will adorn the sanctuary Dec. 14 & 21. Watch for Order Form in Sunday bulletins. This is a lovely way to honor and remember loved ones during this special season! Deadline to order is Nov. 30.

# Monthly Prayer List



### Recent Requests:

Tommy Scruggs Molly Tracy  
Diana Wright Bill & Susan Tutt  
Lisa Johns Mary Taylor

(The complete Prayer List is on tables at church entrances. Please call office for additions or changes.)

## On-Site Attendance

October	5	12	19	26
8:30 am Chapel	18	18	14	12
10:50 Worship	75	80	62	58

## Special Gifts

### Budget

In memory of Clint Trusty and others who served their country, by friends

In memory of Juanita Freeman by Mary Beth Richardson



## e-Giving

You may give online from our website, by clicking the Give Here link. You also may text "Mullins" to 73256.



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## Monthly Meetings & Events

- Saturday, Nov. 1—Litter Mates
- Sunday, Nov. 2—*Daylight Saving Time ends*
  - All Saints Recognition
  - Homebound Communion
  - Girl Scouts, FH, 2 pm
- Saturday, Nov. 8—Concord Chilly Chili 5K
- Sunday, Nov. 9—Veterans recognition
  - Soup-to-Go pre-orders
- Tuesday, Nov. 11-UMNC Gift Card Deadline
- Wednesday, Nov. 12—Grief Support Group
- Sunday, Nov. 16—Soup-to-Go Pickups
  - Girl Scouts, FH, 2 pm
- Tuesday, Nov. 18—Wesley Foundation Meal
- Sunday, Nov. 23—Fall Bake Sale
  - Community Orchestra @ Jewish Home, 6 pm
- Wednesday, Nov. 26—Office Closed
- Thursday, Nov. 27—Office Closed
 

*Happy Thanksgiving!*
- Saturday, Nov. 29—Hanging of the Green
- Sunday, Nov. 30 — 1st Sunday in Advent

### Looking Ahead

- Dec. 1—Adm Council, 6 pm
- Dec. 2—Trustees, 6 pm
- Dec. 7—2nd Sunday in Advent; MAL Sale
  - Remembrance Tree, 3 pm Chapel
- Dec. 14—3rd Sunday in Advent; MAL Sale
  - Christmas Cantata, 4 pm
- Dec. 21—4th Sunday in Advent
- Dec. 24—Christmas Eve service

### General Weekly Schedule:

- Sunday
  - 8:30 am, Chapel Service
  - 9:45 am, Sunday School
  - 10:50 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- Tuesday
  - 6 pm, Mullins Chess Club, Central Library
- Wednesday
  - 11am, Women’s Prayer Group, Gym Classrm
  - 6:00, Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday
  - 6:30, Community Orchestra rehearsal

## Staff Contact Information

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## Mullins Messenger

The Mullins Messenger is prepared electronically and posted on the first of each month on the Mullins web page. Printed copies are available through the church office. Deadline for the December issue is Nov. 24.

## Mission Statement

We are the hands and feet of Jesus by loving our church family and cherishing our diverse community through worship, study, service and witness.



Daylight saving time ends Nov. 2