



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

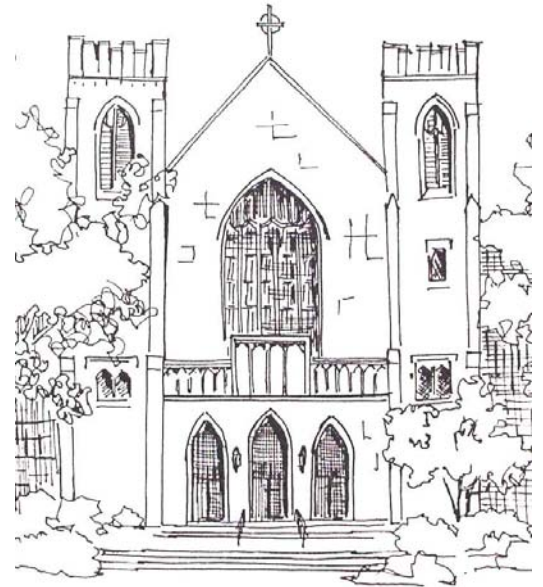
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THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Creede Hinshaw, Senior Pastor

STAFF CHANGES: Giselle Rémy has announced that she is getting married on December 18, 2004, in Columbus, Georgia. We rejoice in her plans. However, along with her wedding announcement, Giselle has asked our congregation and Bishop Mike Watson to release her from her appointment as our associate pastor. Giselle will be listening carefully to God for the direction God will lead her next in ministry. Giselle's last Sunday with us will be December 12, 2004. She will go with our prayers and blessings, leaving many friends here at the church.



CHARGE CONFERENCE CREATES 3 NEW COMMITTEES:

A Preschool Study will continue exploring how our church can offer a ministry of molding and shaping Macon's youngest children for God's kingdom. No large downtown churches in Macon offer a preschool. This ambitious undertaking is under careful study.

A Phase 3 Team will explore the next steps our church should take regarding settlement of our lawsuit, development of our parking lots, completion of the Chapel Level of our renovation project and use of our newly acquired Walnut Street property.

A Discovery Corps will seek God's compelling vision for our church by seeking answers to three questions: Who are we? Who are our neighbors? What does God want us to do?

I will have much more to report on these committees early next year. The Phase 3 Team and the Discovery Corps will be appointed at our first Administrative Board meeting of 2005.

ADVENT: This Sunday marks the first Sunday in Advent, which is the beginning of the Christian year for those churches that follow this way of marking time. Advent is one of the most meaningful 4 weeks in our year; please make every effort to worship all four Sundays in order to heighten your preparation for mystery and wonder of Christmas. I look forward to being back in the pulpit and sharing these meaningful days with you.

Creede

First Sunday in Advent

November 28, 2004

Nine O'clock - Chapel

Eleven O'clock - Sanctuary

Creede Hinshaw, preaching

"Less Lethargy, Please!"

Isaiah 2: 1-5; Romans 13: 11-14;
& Matthew 24: 36-44

Assisting With Worship

Ushers for Nine O'clock

Ken Scruggs and Joe Reeves

Ushers for Eleven O'clock

Art Banks, Russ Barber, Cary Beck,
Bill Gifford, Waverly Golson,
Charlie Griffis, Mel Jamison, Tom
Owens, Ed Powell, Doyle Powers,
Jerry Rankin, Bert Thompson, Rett
Walker, Tom Woodcock

Sunday School Greeters – Becomers
Class

Attendance Last Sunday

Nine O'clock Worship	69
Nine-thirty Communion	4
Eleven O'clock Worship	324
Total Worship Attendance	397
Sunday School	305



Carolyn Kennedy, Altar Guild

The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her grandparents, Alice and Herbert Tinker, by Tina Kuncaitis.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Dr. & Mrs. Alton Johnson by Ruthie Jennings and Grey Brown.



Memoriam Honorarium Chrismon Trees



*The Chrismon tree in the chapel
is given in loving memory
of Anne Lowe Berg
by her daughter
Mary Anne Berg Richardson*

*The Chrismon tree in the sanctuary
is given in loving memory
of Dr. and Mrs. J. Milton Heard, Jr.
by their family.*

*The Chrismon tree in the Fellowship
Hall is given in memory of
Mrs. Tommie A. Barron
by James, Pam, Jennifer
and John Barron.*

Weekly Communion Service

You can receive Holy Communion this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in our prayer chapel. The only week we do not offer this service is on the first Sunday of the month, when we serve Communion at both 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. This 15 minute service allows communicants to partake of the sacrament and then go to Sunday school.

Christmas Gift Wrapping for Charity

Freeda Chapman will be wrapping gifts for CHARITY! Proceeds to benefit Macon Outreach. Bring your gifts to Barnes and Noble on Tom Hill Boulevard on Saturday, December 11th from 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Finish Christmas Shopping and let Freeda and Friends wrap those gifts with love. If you'd like to join her and help, call her at Fickling and Company or email her at Fchapman@fickling.com A big thank you from all of us at Macon Outreach.



Cam Bishop,
Director of Music

Children's Handbells

Open Rehearsal for Parents
Sunday, November 28, at 6:00
Handbell Room

Children's Choirs Final Rehearsals:

Wednesday, December 1 – 6:30

Regular choir schedule but no supper.

Saturday, December 4 – 9:30

All choirs meet in children's assembly room (choir members will make Christmas ornaments when not in rehearsal)

Harvest of Hope 2004

Debbie Towson, Director, Macon Outreach

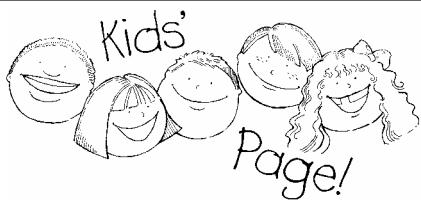
Our pantry at Macon Outreach has served the people of Macon and Middle Georgia for over 30 years. Record numbers of new families are requesting emergency food. For several years, we have appealed to the people of Middle Georgia during this season of Thanksgiving for support in stocking our *Groceries Plus* pantry. Can you help? Join together with your business, school, Sunday school class, bible study group, bridge club or neighborhood and plan a food drive during November and December. Just call us and we'll help coordinate the drive. Thank you for supporting your neighbors with your generous response. May God bless you abundantly during this season of thankfulness.



The Giving Zoo

Jessica Tripp, Director of
Children & Family Ministry

It's a zoo out there during the holidays and shopping can sure take the joy out of the season. Come to the Giving Zoo at Mulberry and give holiday gifts that will change lives. Can't find the perfect gift? We will have it here. Join us in the courtyard at 9:45 a.m. on December 5th and do some Christmas shopping. Bring the kids and enjoy the petting zoo and refreshments.



Jessica Tripp
Director of Children & Family Ministries

Parent's Day Out!
Saturday, December 11th
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Drop your kids off for the day and go Christmas shopping or just enjoy your free time! Children will enjoy games and Advent activities as we celebrate the holidays together at our all day Christmas Party! Lunch will be provided. Cost: \$20.00 per child. All money collected will benefit Humble Place United Methodist School. Please bring a wrapped Christmas gift for a child of Macon Outreach. Please label the gift with masking tape on the bottom. Example: Boy/Truck, Girl/Book

*Break through the boredom - become involved
claim your faith - and find...*

HIGHER DIMENSIONS

Join us every Sunday morning at
9:30 a.m. in the Children's Assembly Room

*A time of praise and worship,
fun and games awaits you at*

HIGHER DIMENSIONS

(A TIME OF WORSHIP & GROWTH FOR
CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES)



**Visit the
Tree of Hope**

During the holiday season the spirit of giving comes alive. As Christians, the spirit of giving should always be alive in us. Visit the Tree of Hope in the atrium and give the greatest gift of an education, good health, loving care and spiritual nurturing to a child at Humble Place. For \$600.00 a year you can sponsor a child at Humble Place. Through your support, they will continue to live and thrive in an environment of love and safety. Be a part of the miracle. We have witnessed it! Contact Jimmy Towson or Jessica Tripp for more information.

**Youth
Schedule**

Jimmy Towson,
Director of Youth



UMYF - 6:00-8:00 p.m.
November 28 - No UMYF

Senior High Bible Study
Monday Nights - 7:00 p.m.
at The Nazarene Bean
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Upcoming Event

→ **Winter Retreat - Awanita Valley**
December 27 - December 30

**Hurricane Relief Work
Team Opportunity**

I would like to take a work team to Florida to help with the hurricane relief effort, but do not want to go alone. We have an opportunity to serve Christ during the week of November 29 - December 4, 2004 with roofing, clean-up, etc. Many local UMC churches have sent work teams to Florida, and we should do our part. You do not have to commit for the entire week. You can work 1 day, 2 days, whatever fits your schedule. Call Jimmy (office - 745-8601, cell - 719-3940 or home - 750-1372) if interested.

BRICK FUND RAISER

Thank you for your incredible support of the Brick Fund Raiser. The response has been overwhelming. We have a few spots left if you are interested in purchasing a brick in memory or in honor of someone you love for only \$5.00.

UMYF
Snack
Supper



November 28
No UMYF
December 5
Bill & Shannon
Fickling

The Historical Room . . .

The Historical Room window this month features a picture of the Apollo 15 space flight signed by Jim Irwin. We encourage everyone to view it and read his handwritten message addressed to Mulberry Street Methodist Church. We discovered this picture when the room was packed up prior to the renovation. We don't know who was responsible in obtaining it and ask if anyone can give us any information regarding such, please call Carolyn Kennedy at 743-8901.



Children's Christmas Play

Suppose at auditions for a Christmas Play, "absolutely the worst kids in history" showed up to be in it. This is the plot of Barbara Robinson's charming book, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Our Mulberry children are staging an adaptation of this book, Sunday, December 5, following the children's choirs' concert. Be sure and come watch the fun! 16 young cast members will bring us a different perspective on the true meaning of Christmas. Mary Leonard Hurt, director and Dana Kersey, producer.



Willa Conner Doyle
November 15, 2004

Emma Richardson
November 17, 2004

Circle Meeting

The Esther Circle will meet on December 2, 2004 at the home of Carol Pope, 114 St. James Place at 12 noon. Iris Jones will be Co-Hostess. Martha Thompson will be presenting a Christmas Program. Clothing and food for Macon Outreach should be brought to the meeting.

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Our 11 a.m. service is broadcast live
over Radio Station AM 940 WMAC

Pastor on Call

Weekend: November 27-28

Creede Hinshaw

Custodian on Duty

Sunday, November 28

John Matthews

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 28

- 9:00 a.m. Worship/Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Children/Youth attend "Higher Dimensions" in the Children's Assembly Room
- 9:30 a.m. Communion
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship/Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. All the Apostles Sty/Joy Cls
- 5:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant Practice
- 5:00 p.m. Disciple II/Parlor
- 5:00 p.m. Jesus in the Gospels, Conf Rm
- 6:00 p.m. Handbells - 4th-6th Grade

Monday, November 29

- 5:30 p.m. Council on Ministries
- 7:00 p.m. Senior High Bible Study

Tuesday, November 30

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Starter Group
- 8:30 a.m. Prayers of the People
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 1

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer & Yoga/3rd Grd Cls-2nd Flr
- 4:00 p.m. Singing Saints/Sol-Fel Cls
- 4:00 p.m. UMW Executive Com Mtg Conf Rm
- 7:30 p.m. Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, December 2

- 12:00 p.m. Esther Circle

Young At Heart

Come and bring a friend to Young at Heart on December 9th at 12:30 p.m. The Singing Saints will present a musical program. Cost will be \$4.00 payable at lunch. Reservations must be called in to the church office by noon, Monday, December 6th.

Mulberry Street UMC Staff

M. Creede Hinshaw, Senior Pastor
Giselle Rémy, Associate Pastor
Jimmy Towson, Associate Pastor
Bishop C. W. Hancock, Bishop in Residence
Dr. William H. Hurdle, Senior Pastor Emeritus
Bruce Bishop, Church Administrator
Camille Bishop, Music Director/Organist
Jessica Tripp, Director of Children's & Family Ministry
Beth Smith, Church Hostess
Debbie Towson, Director, Macon Outreach
Sara Colvin, Financial Secretary
Linda Parker, Administrative Secretary
Doris Andrews, Church Cook/Custodian
Arnold Freeman, Custodian
John Matthews, Custodian

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Gifts received through November 16, 2004

Honorarium

*In honor of Mary McCrary's birthday
by Mr. Guy M. Harrington*

Playground Fund

*In memory of Dorothy Grace Martin
by Mr. & Mrs. Justin Bracewell*

Taizé Worship Service

Saint Francis Episcopal Church
Monday, December 13, 2004
7:00 p.m.



Bus Fund

We need: \$60,000
So far we have: \$34,504

The Mission Statement of Mulberry Street United Methodist Church

We believe that God calls us to worship, prayer, love and fellowship so that we may share God's grace with others.