



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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109th Congress Has United Methodist Flavor

Creede Hinshaw, Senior Pastor

The 109th Congress convened on January 16th with 61 United Methodists serving in the House and Senate, the same number of Methodists serving in the last Congress. United Methodists rank as the third largest religious denomination serving in Congress, behind Roman Catholics (1st) and Baptists (2nd). This should come as no surprise since these two religious groups are the largest in our nation.

There are 13 United Methodists in the United States Senate and 48 in the House of Representatives. Republicans outnumber Democrats 30-18 in the House, while in the Senate Republican United Methodists prevail 8-5.

Texas has 10 congressional United Methodists; 3 out of 5 members of the Nebraska delegation are from our denomination. In all, 30 states elected at least one United Methodist to Congress. Congressman Emanuel Cleaver II, a Democrat, holds the distinction of being the only United Methodist pastor who is also serving in the House of Representatives. Talk about "separation of church and state"...I'd like to know how he succeeds at holding those two jobs at one time!

Of course, President George Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney are also United Methodists. In our own state, newly elected Senator Johnny Isakson is actively involved in a United Methodist Church in the North Georgia Conference. Senator Saxby Chambliss is an Episcopalian and Representative Jim Marshall is Roman Catholic.

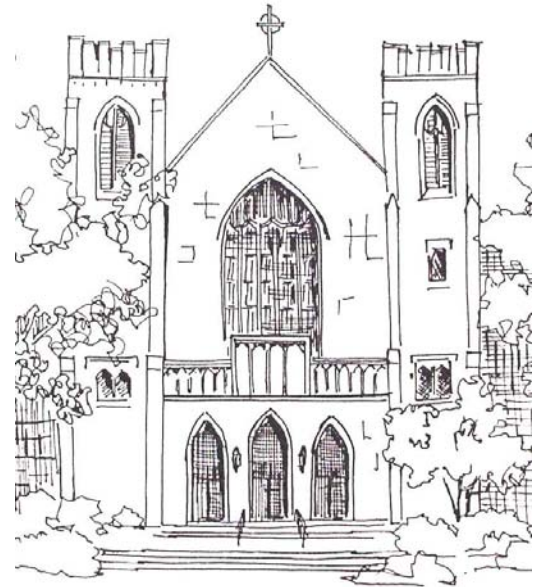
Whatever the political or religious background of our elected and appointed officials, Christians are enjoined to pray for our leaders. I hope you are regularly keeping these men and women in your prayers.

Christian Enrichment School

Speaking of a gathering of United Methodists, I hope you'll attend this year's Christian Enrichment School, held at Martha Bowman United Methodist Church. This annual event, offered for all Methodists in the Macon District, offers three inspiring courses. Sammy Clark, a Macon favorite, will be teaching a course on prayer. Randy Day, head of our denomination's mission agency, will teach a course on the scope of Christian mission, and Peter Lord, former Senior Pastor at Park Avenue Baptist Church in Titusville, FL will teach a course on Intimacy with God. Times are listed inside the newsletter.

Ash Wednesday Service

Easter arrives early this year, meaning that Ash Wednesday is just around the corner. Please make plans to attend our annual Ash Wednesday service, held in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m., February 9th (following Wednesday night supper). Jimmy Towson will be preaching.



Creede

WORSHIP SERVICES

February 6, 2005

Nine O'clock - Chapel
Eleven O'clock - Sanctuary

Creede Hinshaw, preaching

"A Life Retrieved: Amazing Grace"

Luke 15: 1-10

Assisting With Worship

Ushers for Nine O'clock

Denny Julius and Greg Williams

Ushers for Eleven O'clock

Jeff Amerson, Terry Bass, Chad Bevell, Christina Bevell, Bruce Bryant, Harold Downs, J.B. Easterlin, Eric Hefner, Bill Jarrard, Jim Lawton, Robert McCormick, Russ Pruitt, Randy Sams, Rader Sellers, Russ Vaughn

Sunday School Greeters – Berg-Brenner Class

Lay Visitor: Terry Bass

Attendance Last Sunday

Nine O'clock Worship	69
Eleven O'clock Worship	227
Total Worship Attendance	296
Sunday School	232

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Martha Thompson, Altar Guild

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Shannon Fickling by Tina Kuncaitis.

Upcoming Events

→ Macon District Christian Enrichment School
February 6-8 - Martha Bowman UMC

Note: Time change for Sunday Night classes only:

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. classes have been

changed to 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Mornings: Monday & Tuesday,

9:00 a.m. – 12noon

Evenings: Monday & Tuesday,

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

→ Winter Camp Meeting
February 6-10 - Epworth By the Sea

→ Palm Sunday - March 20

→ Holy Week – March 21-25

→ Easter Sunday – March 27

→ Annual Conference
June 5-8 - Macon Centreplex

New Leaf on the E. L. Brooking Tree of Life

In Honor of Helen S. Kernaghan

But as for me, I trust in you, O Lord;
I say, "You are my God." Psm 31:14

... With my song I will praise him.
Psm 28: 7

Given by her daughters

Suzanne & Dorothy



Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

Tuesday, February 15th

12:00 noon - Fellowship Hall

Join us for UMW's annual "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial." Lunch will be free, but please bring a love offering for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Bettye Hall will lead us in a program on prayer, so please make plans to attend! All Mulberry women are invited to attend regardless of whether you belong to a circle within UMW; guests are welcome, too! Nursery available upon prior request. Please call Julia Magda (757-4768) for more details.

ASH WEDNESDAY

SERVICE

February 9, 2005

6:30 p.m. in Sanctuary
Jimmy Towson, preaching



February CANNED GOOD of the Month for Macon Outreach

For the month February we will be asking for collections of oatmeal and grits from each Sunday School member.



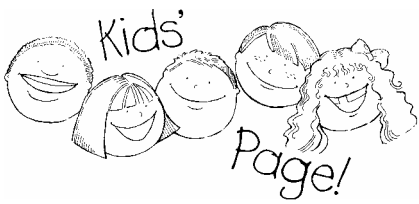
Bob and Anna Waters upon the death of Bob's brother, William Waters, January 20, 2005, of West Lake, OH.

To George and Elaine Jones upon the death of Elaine's first cousin, Keith Davis, January 13, 2005, of Benecia, CA, and the death of Elaine's great aunt, Gertrude Wilder, January 18, 2005 of Ft. Valley, GA.

12 Month Financial Report Through December

Gifts	\$1,050,166
Expenses	\$1,005,237
Net	\$ 44,929

The church received 100.53% of the income projected for 2004. Expenses were 96.2% of our 2004 projection. The current Building Loan balance as of January 1st is approximately \$735,941. Mulberry is truly blessed by your generosity and by those who have created perpetual giving via the church's endowment.



Jessica Tripp
Director of Children & Family Ministries



Class Sessions at Mulberry

Session 2 February 6

Confirmation Retreat
Lake Junaluska
February 11-13

- Session 3 February 20
- Session 4 February 27
- Session 5 March 6 (Macon Outreach)
- Session 6 March 13
- Session 7 March 20
- Session 8 April 3
- Session 9 April 10
- Session 10 April 17
- Session 11 April 24
- Session 12 May 1
- Session 13 May 8

Class Picnic & Rehearsal
Saturday, May 14th - 10:00 a.m.
Confirmation Sunday
May 15th - 11:00 a.m.

Classes will meet from 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. with the Youth.

Please Pray for our Confirmands and their Mentors

- Jenna Allen - Tip Barfield
- AJ Banks - Randy Sams
- Annie Blanks - Katie Griffis
- Rosemary Dann - Jackie Harper
- Adam Hendley - Jack Head
- Anna Mae Kersey - Kay Leaphart
- Mary Katherine Kersey - Betsy Abbott
- Lindsay Knott - Lee Triesenberg
- Evan Place - Gordon Johnston
- Clare Powell - Heidi Ream
- Alex Prather - PM Watson
- William Reynolds - Taylor Phillips
- Emily Sparks - Marianne Lokey
- Colby Watson - Carol Head

Youth Schedule
Jimmy Towson,
Director of Youth




Senior High Bible Study
Monday Nights – 7:00 p.m.
at The Nazarene Bean
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UMYF – Sundays
6:00–8:00 P.M.
February Theme: “BAD”
February 6 – “Bad Lighting”
February 13 – “Bad Listening”
February 20 – “Bad Thinking”
February 27 – “Bad Idea”

Youth Bible Study
Wednesdays – 6:30 p.m.

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



February 6
Ron & Miriam
Langley

February 13
Bob & Carol Lovett

February 20
Chris & Melinda
McLendon



Youth Council & Youth Counselors Planning Meeting
Sunday, February 6th after 11:00 a.m. worship service.
Lunch will be provided.



February 9 - 5:45 p.m.

- Menu**
- Roast Beef
 - Rice & Gravy
 - Green Beans
 - Apple Sauce
 - Rolls
 - Cake
 - Tea Coffee

Also available for children:
peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

Program
Ash Wednesday Service/Sanctuary
Jimmy Towson, preaching



Marriage Getaway Weekend

Is your marriage more waltz than salsa? Then give yourselves the gift of a romantic weekend getaway at Brasstown Valley Resort in the beautiful Georgia Mountains February 25-27th. The Georgia Chapter of the Association for Couples in Marriage Enrichment (ACME) will be presenting “Marriage . . . The Dance of a Lifetime.” There will be a great balance between “courses” and free time in a setting that is relaxed and romantic. Creede and Bonnie Hinshaw helped plan this event and will be one of the leader couples. Please join them – you’ll be glad you did! Brochures and registration forms are available in the church office.

Welcome
New Members

David & Charla Ivey
Jared & Devin
132 Summerfield Dr.
Macon, GA 31210
747-1219

Cynthia Medrano
304 Pierce Ave.
Macon, GA 31204

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church
 719 Mulberry Street, Macon, GA 31201
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 Office (478) 745-8601
www.mulberrymethodist.org

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

Pastor on Call
 Weekend: February 5-6
 Jimmy Towson
Custodian on Duty
 Sunday, February 6
 John Matthews

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 6

9:00 a.m. Worship/Chapel
 9:30 a.m. Children/Youth attend "Higher Dimensions" in the Children's Assembly Room
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship/Sanctuary
 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
 5:00 p.m. Young Spirit Singers
 6:00 p.m. Elementary Handbells
 6:00 p.m. Jesus in the Gospels Sty/2nd Floor, Children's Assembly Rm
 6:00 p.m. Disciple II/Conf Rm
 6:00 p.m. UMYF
 6:30 p.m. Handbells

Monday, February 7

7:00 p.m. Senior High Bible Study

Tuesday, February 8

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

Wednesday, February 9

4:00 p.m. Paula Motes Circle/Conf Rm
 5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
 6:30 p.m. Children's Choirs
 6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service/Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. Scampers Planning Mtg/Sol-Fel Cls
 7:30 p.m. Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, February 10

10:00 a.m. People of the Road/Sol-Fel Cls
 12:30 p.m. Young at Heart

Circle Meeting

The Paula Motes Circle will meet Wednesday, February 9th at 4:00 p.m. at the church. Please bring items for Valentine Bags, Macon Outreach and Children's Home.



Dear Mulberry Street Family,

Please accept my deepest gratitude for all your generosity and love. You are a magnificent congregation blessed by God – full of grace and hospitality. I pray that many will come to know the love of Jesus Christ through you and that you will have much success on your spiritual journey of discipleship. I have never served in a place that has so many people bursting with God's spiritual gifts. You have enriched my life in a myriad of ways and I hold each of you in my heart and prayers. Rodney and I are settling in and enjoying the discoveries that marriage brings. Thank you for giving us a great start! I leave with you a message from Paul – Ephesians 3: 14-20.

With love and blessings,

Giselle Rémy Bratcher

Young at Heart Luncheon

Thursday, February 10th
 12:30 p.m.

Bring a friend and join us for lunch. Harold Chapman and his sister, Nelda Chapman will do "Hymn Fest.". Cost will be \$4.00 and can be paid as you go through the line. Reservations must be made by calling the church office by noon, Monday, February 7th.

Mulberry Street UMC Occupational Directory

Have you ever needed a car mechanic, realtor, lawyer, plumber, baby-sitter, tutor, painter, etc., and didn't know whom to call? We plan to develop an occupational directory of church members who would like to be included. This is strictly voluntary. The directories will be made available to those who are interested in having one. We hope to have annual updates. If you would like to be included in the directory, please complete the information below and drop it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

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## Mulberry Street UMC Occupational Directory

Yes, I would like to be included in the directory.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Mulberry Street UMC Staff

M. Creede Hinshaw, Senior 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



**Bus Fund**  
 We need: \$60,000  
 So far we have: \$42,541

## A Day of Cards and Table Games – Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

All older adults are invited to join us on Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a day of cards and table games. Lunch will include Marie's chicken salad and banana nut bread and much more for \$5.00 payable at lunch. Reservations must be made by calling the church office (745-8601) by Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. If you need a card table, please bring one. Otherwise table games can be played on church tables. Hope to see you this day for fun and fellowship.