



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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HOW DO YOU FILL A CHURCH?

Creede Hinshaw, Senior Pastor

Dr. Pierce Harris was one of the great and most beloved preachers in Methodism. He was pastor of First United Methodist Church in Atlanta for twenty-five years.

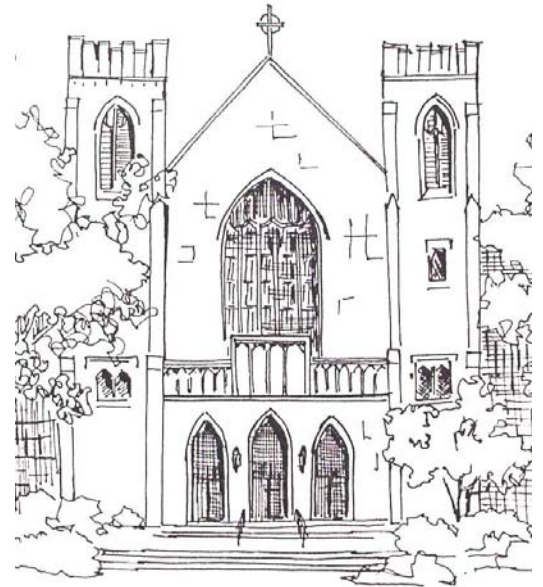
Once, while preaching a revival for at another church, the preacher of that congregation and Pierce Harris were playing golf one day. The preacher asked, "Pierce, how do you get people to fill your church?"

Dr. Harris listened attentively. His eyes flashed, and that sandpaper voice of his rasped out his conviction:

"I'll tell you, good preaching does not pull people into a church. Good crowds pull good preaching out of an ordinary preacher. I can't preach sermons good enough to fill that church of mine. And when I went there years ago, I told my officials so. In our first meeting I said, 'I could not fill the church, but they could. And if they did, they would get a quality of preaching out of me which neither they, nor I, nor the devil, but only the Good Lord ever suspected was in me.'

"So I got plain with them. I told them I wanted them at church. They were the officials. The other folks would set their clocks by them, and I wanted them to give off the right time, and they came. They brought folks, and through these years of turn-away crowds, it has been those laymen and laywomen who are on your side and are hungry for something and just know in advance they will get it from you, and they get that trust across to you - in a case like that, you can't miss."

My good friend Dr. George Matheson, pastor of Auburn (AL) United Methodist Church, shared the above comments with his congregation. Like George, I am blessed to serve a congregation of people who have made me a far better preacher. Your weekly resolve to be faithful in worship truly makes a difference for the entire congregation, and certainly for the preacher. It is such an incredible privilege to step into the pulpit at Mulberry Street UMC week after week to preach God's word and to spend the time together worshipping God. If your own worship habits have been on the lax side recently, why not resolve this Lent to be faithful in worship?



Creede

WORSHIP SERVICES

February 27, 2005

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

Jimmy Towson, preaching

"Listen Up"

Psalm 95: 6-11; John 4: 39-42

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: Cindy Jarrard

Attendance Last Sunday

Nine O'clock Worship	73
Eleven O'clock Worship	304
Total Worship Attendance	377
Sunday School	305

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Linda Sankey, Altar Guild

The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her sister, Sarah Waldorf by Margaret Wrye.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Estelle Stevens Mason, mother, and Dr. R. Holmes Mason, father of the late Emily Estelle Mason Clisby.



Palm Sunday
March 20

Holy Week
March 21-25

→ Easter Sunday – March 27

→ Older Adult Retreat
Epworth By the Sea - April 4-7

→ Annual Conference
June 5-8 - Macon Centreplex



HealthSouth Rehab

Jackie Brunson

Portsbridge Hospice

Howard Kirk

Mary Lou Stanley



Welcome Recent Visitors

Jennifer Bennett, Meredith Bridges, Virgil Cooper, Jr., Floyd Jolley, Michael Keene, Sydney Scott, Emily Turner, Lindy Turner, Mike Walker, Michelle Way



To Kit & Pam Emert upon the death of his mother, Shirley Emert, February 11, 2005, of Greenville, TN.



"Requiem" by Gabriel Fauré

Presented by
Ainsworth Choir
and Chamber Orchestra
Mark Lamback, conducting
Palm Sunday, March 20
11:00 AM

Sunday School Class on Fauré's "Requiem"

An information class on the Requiem led by Harold Chapman will be held during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, March 13 in the Parlor. Anyone who is interested in learning more about this great work is invited to attend.

Sacred Story: Sacred Song

Inspiration on the Passion of Christ through
Pipe Organ and Preacher



Holy Week – March 21-25
12:00 Noon – 12:30 p.m.

Rev. Donald Welch, Preacher

Cam Bishop, Ann Caldwell, Gerald Carper,
Nelda Chapman – Organists

Each daily offering will feature approximately 20 minutes of organ music followed by a short meditation based on the text of the music.

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

In Honor Of
Grey Brown

For Her Years of Dedicated
Service to the Acolytes
at Mulberry

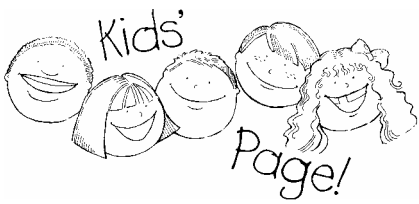
Given by the Acolytes
February 20, 2005



James Lake Twilley
February 13, 2005

Historical Room . . .

Mulberry's Altar Guild, organized in January, 1955, is featured in the historical room display window for February with pictures, etc. Please stop by to see.



Jessica Tripp
Director of Children & Family Ministries



Class Sessions at Mulberry

- 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

EASTER EGG HUNT!



Saturday, March 26th
Coleman Hill

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate Easter with fun and fellowship. You will enjoy egg hunt, pony rides,

petting zoo, inflatable games and lots more.

Bring a picnic lunch and stay for some church family fellowship.

Bring your friends and neighbors for a wonderful Easter event.

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 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 27
James & Jodi Palmer

March 6
Lisa & Robert Place

March 13
Debbie Pope

Macon Outreach
What Do We Need Now?



- green peas
- canned salmon
- canned mackerel
- small canned meat
- small canned fruit
- baby diapers

February Food of the Month:
oatmeal and grits



new underwear
and socks

Welcome
New Member

Mrs. Melynn Canova
116 Short Leaf Lane
Gray, GA 31032
478-986-4099



March 2
5:45 p.m.

- Menu**
- Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
 - Tossed Salad
 - Garlic Bread
 - Lemon Ice Box Pie
 - Tea & Coffee

Also available for children:
peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

Program

"How Christians Should Address Political Issues"

Rev. Jim Nelson,

Pastor of Cokesbury UMC in Savannah

Red Cross Blood Drive
February 24, 25, & 26

In response to a serious shortage of blood supply in Middle Georgia, Mulberry is sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive. Please watch for opportunities to sign up at church to donate blood, or make your appointment by calling Carolyn Barber at 745-8063. Remember, healthy donors are the only source of blood. There is no substitute. Your donation is critical!

Costa Rica



There will be a Costa Rica Mission Trip information meeting, Sunday, March 6th, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the Upper Room.

Young at Heart Luncheon
Thursday, March 10th - 12:30 p.m.

Bring a friend and join us for lunch. The Rev. Mark Addington, pastor of Wesley UMC, will present a musical program. 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, March 7th.



Get out those sewing needles and thread. We'd like to bring back our Macon Outreach Doll Ministry. Contact Debbie Towson if you'd like to join our "Doll Circle."

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

Pastor on Call

Weekend: February 26-27

Jimmy Towson

Custodian on Duty

Sunday, February 27

Arnold Freeman

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 27

- 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/Prayer 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 28

- 5:00 p.m. Finance Com Mtg/Conf Rm
- 5:30 p.m. Administrative Board Mtg
- 7:00 p.m. Senior High Bible Study

Tuesday, March 1

- 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. African American Task Force Mtg/Sol-Fel Cls

Wednesday, March 2

- 4:30 p.m. UMW Executive Com Mtg/Conf Rm
- 5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Children's Choirs
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, March 3

- 12:00 p.m. Esther Circle

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: \$45,050



**Mulberry Scampers
 2005**

Schedule of Events

Spring Camp - April 29 - May 1

High Falls State Park,

Summer Camp - June 24-26

Stone Mtn or Bald Mtn

Fall Camp - October 7-9

Vogel State Park

Winter Camp - December 9-11

FDR State Park

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Gifts received through February 15, 2005

Outreach Building Fund

In memory of Sanford Darby, Jr., by Mrs. William P. Simmons

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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.