



# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## **BABIES, BUILDINGS, AND BRAND NEW VISION**

*Creede Hinshaw, Senior Pastor*

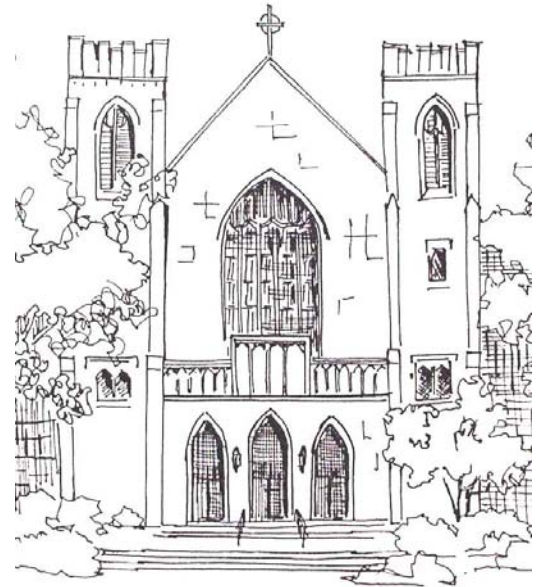
Three new church committees will shape the future of this congregation:

### **PRESCHOOL EXPLORATION COMMITTEE**

This enthusiastic group, chaired by church member Paige Mann, is making careful preparations to recommend the establishment of a pre-school in our church. They are currently surveying our church and community to discover the needs in Macon. But any parents who have searched for a good setting for their child can tell you that the good preschools in town have a waiting list a mile long. We also know that not one single downtown church offers preschool opportunities for the community.

We are well-poised to offer this ministry. Our nursery facilities, including the new playgrounds, are the newest, most up-to-date facility anywhere in town, and our staff is highly committed, loyal and professional. With the establishment of this preschool we will be able to introduce children to Jesus Christ in the earliest stages of their lives.

Pray for the work of this committee. Their next step is to develop a timeline for establishing this ministry, including a budget, and then seek approval of our Administrative Board to begin.



### **DISCOVERY CORPS**

A 9 person committee, newly formed by last year's charge conference and appointed at our last Administrative Board meeting, will seek, identify and discover God's compelling, clear, transforming vision for our church. They will be guided by 3 questions: Who are we? Who is our neighbor? Why are we here? This group takes its name from the name given Lewis and Clark's team that crossed our continent 200 years ago. Under the leadership of Chairperson Frank Avrett, I expect exciting things from this "corps." They had their first meeting just last week and are eager to go where God leads.

### **PHASE 3 TEAM**

Another 9 person committee, formed in the same way as the Discovery Corps, will study and make recommendations for the next stages our church should take regarding land and facility use. Their work will include: parking lot and major entrance design (incorporating the land behind the church stretching to Walnut Street), recommendation on use of the Sheftall property in relationship to the next steps to be taken on Macon Outreach, renovation of the chapel level of the church, master plan for outside signage, evaluation of unfinished work in our current renovation, and the development of a timeline for these projects. This study committee, chaired by Sam Henley, will enable us to intentionally move forward facility-wise.

*Creede*

PS. Last week's Celebration Sunday was truly fantastic! Thanks be to God for such an incredible morning and afternoon of celebration and consecration!!

## WORSHIP SERVICES

April 24, 2005

Nine O'clock - Chapel

Eleven O'clock - Sanctuary

Creede Hinshaw, preaching

"An Untroubled Heart"

John 14: 1-14

### Assisting With Worship

Ushers for Nine O'clock

Tim Anderson, Bill Ham

Ushers for Eleven O'clock

Frank Avrett, Gary Dunn, Keith Fackler, Ben Hoover, Scott Huggins, Shellie Inzer, Gardner Long, James Palmer, Jodi Palmer, Don Ream, Vaughan Smith, Bill Sparks, David Stanley, Lee Stevens, P.M. Watson

Sunday School Greeters – Becomers Class

Lay Visitor – Cindy Jarrard

### Attendance Last Sunday

Eleven O'clock Worship	465
Total Worship Attendance	465
Sunday School	355



Linda Sankey, Altar Guild

The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mulberry Methodist's Church Staff by a friend.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles B. Grace, Mrs. Dorothy Martin, Mr. Charles B. Grace, Jr., Lloyd Grace, Bobby Grace and Nancy Orphan by the family.

### Taizé Worship Service

Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m.

St. Francis Episcopal Church



### Prayer Room

The prayer room is available for use during the week from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You are invited to come and pray or meditate in this quiet room, free from distractions.



### Night

### Under the Stars and Spaghetti Dinner

Magnolia Manor Annual Fund Raiser

Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

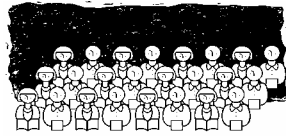
4:00 p.m. Bake Sale "B" Building

4:30 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. Middle GA Concert Band

\$7:00

(Call 743-0178 for more information)



### Annual Conference

June 5-8, 2005

Macon Centreplex

### Rebuilding Together

It's time once again for our annual church-wide project – **Rebuilding Together** (formerly "Christmas in April") on **Saturday, April 30, 2005**. Mulberry Street UMC has participated in this program for many years now and we will gather again on April 30 to help restore the home of someone less fortunate. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to help by providing food and/or sweat labor and fun! Call Paul Riley (477-9095) now to volunteer.



### Macon Outreach

What Do We Need Now?

#### April

### Food of the Month:

tomatoes & potatoes

### Food Pantry Needs:

green peas, vienna sausage, small canned fruit, baby diapers, baby formula

### Clothing Needs:

new underwear and socks

### Wesley Glen



Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Adults \$8/Children \$5

Come join us for fun, good food and great values at the Garden Center at 4580 N. Mumford Rd.

Tickets can be purchased at Wesley Glen. For more information call 471-3711.



### Junior Adult Ministries Is Back!!!

JAM is for persons age 55-65 (give or take a few years) who enjoy good fellowship. Planned activities include eating out, Braves baseball, Alzheimer's Walk, theater, and dancing. There will be some activities just for "the girls". Be part of the fun. Plan to eat at High Falls on May 21<sup>st</sup> and learn more about these activities. Watch for more JAM news next week.

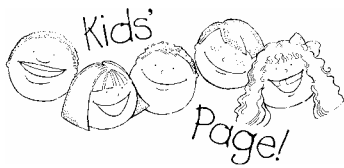


C. J. Hinshaw

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### Mother's Day Offering for Magnolia Manor Sunday, May 8

For more than forty years, Magnolia Manor has provided quality, loving care to older adults. Currently, there are 1,258 residents at seven campuses across South Georgia. For more than two generations, the United Methodist churches of the South Georgia Annual Conference have helped Magnolia Manor through a generous Mother's Day Offering. Want you please give generously?



Jessica Tripp  
Director of Children & Family Ministries

## Register Now for V.B.S.

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Children's Table

Registration Deadline:

May 15th

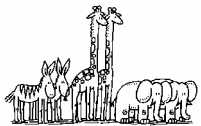


Jerusalem Marketplace  
June 6-10, 2005

Journey back in time at this years V.B.S. Experience the hustle and bustle of a Jerusalem marketplace and surrounding village. Hear townsfolk talk of a man named Jesus and the miracles that he is doing throughout the city. Taste traditional foods of Jesus' time, and enjoy visiting the different marketplace shops, synagogue school and village playground. This will be a great experience for all of our children 2K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. But of course, we can't do it without faithful volunteers. We need lots of help. Positions are available in many different areas. We need shopkeepers, tribe leaders and helpers, village playground coordinators, a synagogue school leader, and many other assistants. Please call Jessica Tripp at 745-8601 for more information, or sign-up at the display table in the Atrium.

### VBS Supplies Needed

Here are some items that we need: throw rugs, artificial plants, old costume jewelry, cloth, sheets, dining canopies, pottery, terra cotta pots, shawls, scarves, dried flowers, beads, candles, candle holders, baskets, left over party favors (for children), and happy meal toys that are still wrapped. If you have any of these items that you would like to donate or just lend us, please drop them off in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. If you are lending us an item, please label it on the bottom with a piece of tape and your name. Thank you.



## Zoo Atlanta Campout

3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us for an exciting, nocturnal adventure. On Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> we will spend the night at Zoo Atlanta and enjoy lots of night time, behind the scenes, zoo fun. Cost: \$60 per person. Register now! Call Jessica Tripp, 745-8601.

## Youth Schedule

Jimmy Towson,  
Director of Youth



Senior High Bible Study  
Monday Nights – 7:00 p.m.

UMYF - Sunday Nights  
6:00–8:00 P.M.

Youth Bible Study  
Wednesday Nights – 6:30 p.m.



Senior Recognition  
& Luncheon  
Sunday, May 8  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Senior Recognition will be different this year. Instead of a Wednesday Night Supper program, we will recognize our graduating seniors during the 11:00 worship service and will host a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service in their honor. Everyone is invited to join us for Worship and the Luncheon on this special day for our seniors. **Please call the church office (745-8601) to make reservations for the luncheon by Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.**



Night of Fire  
May 13<sup>th</sup>

The Youth have planned a "Night of Fire" to be held in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Each youth will invite 5 people who are either unchurched or not actively involved in a church to join us for fun, food (hamburgers & milkshakes), music, worship and a special guest speaker. It is our hope that the Spirit of God will fall like "fire" upon us that evening (don't worry – there will be no earthly fire in the Fellowship Hall.) Please start now to pray for this evening. We need ADULT volunteers to help cook, serve and assist the youth (similar to our "Drive-In Movie Night"). Please contact Jimmy if you can help. We pray that over 100 youth will experience the "Fire" here at Mulberry on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>.



April 24  
David & Sue Sanda  
May 1  
Randy & Brenda Sams



Our Wednesday Night Suppers  
have come to an end –  
And a very big thank you  
I need to lend,

For the helpers that  
cleared dishes,  
folded tables and chairs  
you were so very kind  
for the time you shared.

To Florence, and Jim  
for the tickets you sold,  
and Wynelle Flynn  
for your heart of gold.

So Arnold, Doris, John and I –  
say thank you,  
and good bye.

Beth Smith, Church Hostess  
See you in the Fall!



Can you take time out for two hours each week or once each month. Just ask Kay Leaphart or Lynn Avrett as they take time away from their schedules to serve in the grocery pantry. The volunteers and the clients are being blessed each week from the smiles on both of these faces. Just set aside two hours and join us.

Clothes Closet: Tuesdays, 10-12  
Grocery Pantry: Mondays, 1-3  
Just call me (Debbie Towson, 743-8026) or come on down!



## Costa Rica Mission Trip Meetings

Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m. – Upper Room

Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m. – The Avrett's Home

Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>  
6:00 p.m. - TBA

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[www.mulberrymethodist.org](http://www.mulberrymethodist.org)



**Bus Fund**  
 We need: \$60,000  
 So far we have: \$45,245

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

**Pastor on Call**

*Weekend: April 23-24  
 Creede Hinshaw*

**Custodian on Duty**

*Sunday, April 24  
 Arnold Freeman*

**Weekly Calendar**

**Sunday, April 24**

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Elementary Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Jesus in the Gospels Sty/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Children's Assembly Rm
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple II/Conf Rm
- 6:00 p.m. UMYF
- 6:30 p.m. Handbells

**Monday, April 25**

- 4:45 p.m. Finance Committee Mtg/Conf Rm
- 5:30 p.m. Administrative Board Mtg/Fel-Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Senior High Bible Study

**Tuesday, April 26**

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

**Wednesday, April 27**

- 5:00 p.m. Altar Guild/Conf Rm
- 5:00 p.m. Tubman Museum Spring Dance Recital/Fel-Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Costa Rica Team Mtg/Upper Room
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study

**Thursday, April 28**

- 9:00 a.m. Macon Outreach Board Retreat/Fel-Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Central High School Awards Banquet/Sanctuary

**Friday-Sunday, April 29 – May 1**

*Scampers – High Falls*

**Saturday, April 30**

*Rebuilding Together*

**Esther Circle**

The Esther Circle will meet on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon at the home of Mary Jean Yates for our annual salad luncheon. Co-hostess is Frances Inzer. Shirley Macklin will be teaching from Max Lucado's *Applause in Heaven*, Chapters 16-18. Food and clothing should be brought for Macon Outreach.

**MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS**

*Gifts received through April 13, 2005*

**Macon Outreach Fund**

*In memory of Sanford Darby by Mr. & Mrs. George Humnicutt*

*In memory of Mary Lou Stanley by The Howard Kirk Family*

*In memory of Howard F. Kirk, Jr., by*

*Janet Collins and Girls Mrs. Wynelle B. Flynn*

*Mrs. Carolyn C. Kennedy Joy Class*

*Dr. Gordon Jackson Mr. Mac Stout*

*Mr. & Mrs. James Macklin Mrs. Dorothy Dye*

*Mr. & Mrs. Roy E. Johstono Ms. Betsy H. Bennett*

*Mrs. Frances Kite The Edith Stetson Coleman*

*Mr. & Mrs. Terrell Brooks Ricky & Louise Watson & Family*

*In honor of Rev. Frank Harris by Mr. & Mrs. Derek McAleer*

*In honor of Ms. Tip Barfield by Sally R. McKay*

**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*



**Mulberry Scampers  
 2005**

**Schedule of Events**

**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*

***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.*