



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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INVITING TIME

Jimmy Towson, Associate Pastor

“We missed you at our daughter’s wedding,” the proud mother said. She was somewhat shocked when the friend replied, “We didn’t get an invitation, or we would surely have been there.” “No invitation? I know I intended to invite you and your whole family. I can’t image what happened to that invitation.”

Embarrassing? To say the least. No invitation was extended. Who was more embarrassed, the mother or her friends? Would you go to a wedding or to an anniversary, birthday or dinner party without an invitation? Probably not. But, being left out is not much fun either.

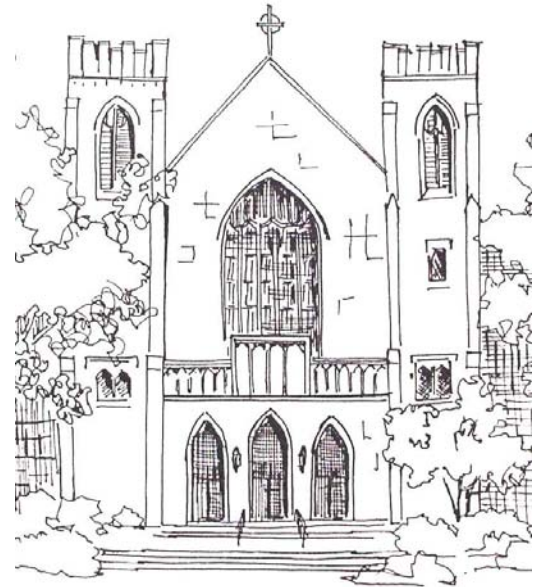
Would you believe that not getting an invitation is the main reason some people never find a church home? It is fitting at times to do a self-examination, a check-up of our efforts to bring others to Mulberry. Are we an “inviting” congregation? Do you invite your neighbors, co-workers and even strangers to come worship with you at Mulberry St. UMC?

On May 13, 2005, the youth will test their invitation skills as part of the **NIGHT OF FIRE**. That’s right, a PARTY on Friday the 13th. This party is about inviting those who are not in a church or who have gotten out of the habit of going to church to come for fun, a meal, music, worship and a special guest speaker. Each youth has been praying about 5 people they can invite to this evening in the Fellowship Hall.

Here’s where you come in. The Youth need your prayers and your support. Please pray for us as we prepare for this exciting evening. Ask God to show you how you might lend a hand. We need volunteers to help cook, serve and clean up. We want our guests to feel that they have been loved and served by Christ’s very own.

Why not join in this NIGHT OF FIRE? Why not practice your invitation skills by inviting someone you know, or even a stranger, to join us here at Mulberry for Sunday School and Worship. Don’t just offer them an invitation, offer to pick them up and bring them with you.

Who knows, you might be the very reason someone comes to really know Jesus Christ for the first time ever! How much more exciting can that be?



Jimmy

WORSHIP SERVICES

May 1, 2005

Nine O'clock - Chapel
Eleven O'clock - Sanctuary
Creede Hinshaw, preaching

"With You Forever"

John 14: 15-21

Assisting With Worship

Ushers for Nine O'clock

Warren Dunn and Frank Hall

Ushers for Eleven O'clock

Jason Anthoine, Austin Carter, Scott Davis, Brian Eades, Jeff Golmitz, Ken Harper, Tina Kuncaitis, Moria Lacey, Tommy Lacey, David Mann, Bob Middleton, Mack Minton, Jim Rice and Kenneth Thompson

Sunday School Greeters – Discoverers Class

Lay Visitor – Judy Bryant

Attendance Last Sunday

Nine O'clock Worship	84
Eleven O'clock Worship	322
Total Worship Attendance	406
Sunday School	286



Martha Thompson, Altar Guild

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory Elizabeth Palmer, mother of James Palmer, by James, Jodi, Leyna, Jamie and Cary Palmer.

Taizé Worship Service

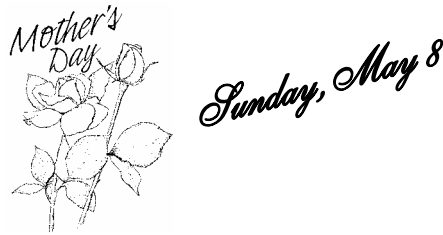
Monday, May 9th
7:00 p.m.

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.



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?



To Ray and Anna Dominy upon the death of her mother, Mary Register, of Dublin, April 16, 2005.

Songfest For Racial Unity May 7 – Sing Along Event

The perfect event for your mother on Mother's Day Weekend. Saturday night, May 7th at 8:00 p.m. at historic Holsey Temple at 1011 Washington Avenue. There will be music from the African-American Spiritual tradition, led by Dr. Horace Boyer, from the University of Massachusetts. There is no charge for this event but there will be an offering to defray expenses and to benefit the new Center For Racial Unity.



Welcome Recent Visitors

Jay Abbott, Jonathan & Erin Atkinson, Steve & Bea Bell, Beverly Blake, Ryan Bloyd, Neal Erwin, Marjorie Jennings, Marjorie McFerrin, Jack & Lynn Moseley, Amanda & James Pruett, Kim Reynolds.



Celebration Sunday. The overflow of cookies have been frozen and will be used at the time of the South Georgia Conference.



Fence Available

The playground fence is to be replaced. If you would like to buy all or a portion of the present fence, please submit a bid to Bruce Bishop by May 5. For more information, contact Bruce at the church, or Russ Barber (745-8063).

Quiet Disciple Award

The UMW will be presenting another Quiet Disciple Award in May. Please submit the name of persons who deserves this award along with their attributes to any circle chairperson or to the church office.



Costa Rica Mission Trip Meetings

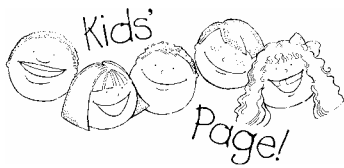
Wednesday, May 18th
6:00 p.m. – The Avrett's Home

Wednesday, June 22nd
6:00 p.m. - TBA

Congratulations
on Your
New Baby!



Congratulations to Grant and Jennifer Jackson upon the birth of their daughter, Ava Rae Jackson, born April 11, 2005, in Columbia SC. Ava is the granddaughter of Charles and Licia Jackson of Columbia, SC, former members of Mulberry Street UMC. Proud great grandparents are Everett and Elizabeth Drinnon.



Jessica Tripp
Director of Children & Family Ministries

Register Now for V.B.S.

2nd Floor

Children's Table

Registration Deadline:

May 15th

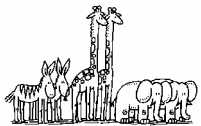


Jerusalem Marketplace
June 6-10, 2005

Journey back in time at this year's 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 5th 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 6th grade Sunday School room on the 2nd 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

3rd - 5th graders are invited to join us for an exciting, nocturnal adventure. On Saturday, June 11th 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 2nd.**



Night of Fire
May 13th

The Youth have planned a "Night of Fire" to be held in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, May 13th, 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 13th.

UMYF
Snack
Supper



May 1
Randy & Brenda Sams

May 8
Lee & Bonnie Stevens

Macon Outreach
What Do We Need Now?

May
Food of the Month:
canned fruit



Food Pantry Needs:

Vienna sausage, miscellaneous vegetables,
baby diapers & toilet paper

Clothing Needs:

children's summer clothes



Junior Adult Ministries News

JAM (for those about 55 to 65 years of age) will eat together at the Falls View Restaurant at High Falls on May 21. Plan to meet at the restaurant at 6:00 p.m., or gather in the church parking lot at 5:00 p.m. to car pool to High Falls. The price of participation is 4 cans of food for Macon Outreach per person. Call the church office or Carolyn Barber (745-8063) by May 13 to make reservations.

Canned Goods Needed

The blessings have poured in this year in Macon Outreach but so have the numbers of people who need help. Our grocery shelves are becoming bare again. Please consider a food drive or a donation. Our volunteers would love to fill those grocery bags.

A New Stone on the E. L. Brooking Tree of Life

In grateful appreciation of
G. Russell Barber, Jr.
for his service
and dedication to
the Building Renovation
1997-2004

Tsunami Relief Tops \$15 Million

As of late February, United Methodists have contributed \$15 million to the United Methodist Committee on Relief for Tsunami aid. Our own congregation donated \$7,633.

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

Pastor on Call

Weekend: April 30 – May 1

Jimmy Towson

Custodian on Duty

Sunday, May 1

John Matthews

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 1

- 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. New Member Class/Parlor
- 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/2nd Floor, Children's Assembly Rm
- 6:00 p.m. UMYF
- 6:30 p.m. Handbells

Monday, May 2

- 7:00 p.m. Senior High Bible Study

Tuesday, May 3

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

Wednesday, May 4

- 6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, May 5

- 12:00 p.m. Esther Circle

Friday, May 6

- 7:00 p.m. Wesleyan Baccalaureate

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

**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.

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

Bring a friend and join us for lunch.
 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, May 9th.

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Gifts received through April 13, 2005

Building Fund

In memory of Virginia M. Jackson by

- Mrs. Shirley May Mr. Isadore Egdal Dr. & Mrs. C. A. Duggan, Jr. Mr. & Mrs. James W. McCook, III
- Dr. Howard J. Williams, Jr. Mrs. Lucille F. Pinkston Mrs. Josephine H. Eisel Joy Class
- Mrs. Wynelle B. Flynn Mrs. Elna H. Harrison Mrs. John K. Dukes Dr. & Mrs. William W. Orr
- Mr. & Mrs. Hubert May, Jr. Mrs. Elsie L. Hambright Mr. & Mrs. Hubert R. Gilmore
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- Mr. & Mrs. Al Mayes Mrs. Robbie M. Kirk and Family Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Harper
- Mr. & Mrs. Don Schwartz Dr. & Mrs. Carl C. Schuessler Mr. & Mrs. Don Beaty
- Dr. & Mrs. William B. Dasher, Jr. Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. Yates, Jr. Mrs. William A. Ott, Sr.
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- Mrs. Betsy H. Bennett Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Parady Mr. & Mrs. James R. Macklin
- Mr. & Mrs. T. Baldwin Martin Mr. & Mrs. Roy E. Johnston, Sr. Mr. & Mrs. Milton B. Pope

In memory of Sanford Darby, Jr. by Mr. & Mrs. Hubert R. Gilmore

Memorial Fund

- In memory of Howard Kirk by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin J. Bohac*
- In memory of Sanford P. Darby, Jr. by Mr. & Mrs. Sam Darden*

Bus Fund

- In memory of H. F. Kirk by Mrs. Barbara C. Every*
- In memory of Virginia M. Jackson by Mrs. Marie F. Williams*

Scampers Fund

- In memory of Virginia M. Jackson by Mr. & Mrs. Dick Joyner*

Missions Fund

- In honor of The Jimmy Towson Family by Mrs. Judy S. Bryant*

Emma Richardson Memorial Fund

- In memory of Howard Kirk by Ms. Kay Leaphart*
- In memory of Mary Lou Stanley by Ms. Kay Leaphart*
- In memory of Kathryn Brown by Ms. Kay Leaphart*
- In memory of Virginia M. Jackson by Ms. Kay Leaphart*

Easter Offering Fund

- In honor of Capt. Ted Lovett, III by Mr. & Mrs. Willie Lovett*