



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 28, 2005

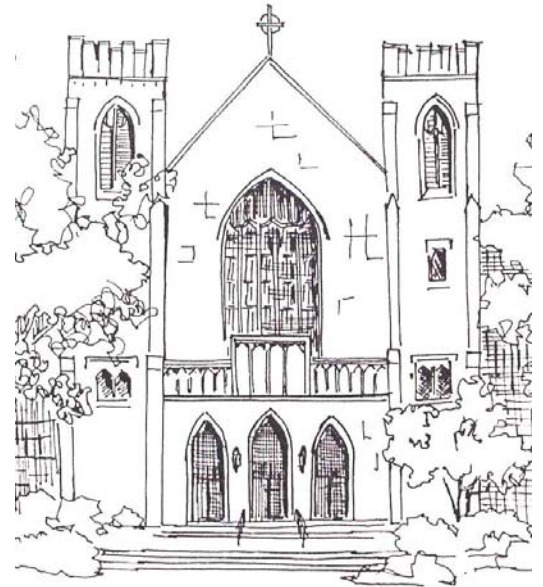
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Wednesday Night SPARK!

I hope you're already attending Wednesday Night SPARK (Spiritual Academy of Renewal and Knowledge). Our small group studies begin on Wednesday, September 7th. Once a month we'll gather in the sanctuary for a 30 minutes song and testimony service. Remember, the meal is "on us" for the first time attendees.

Older Adult Ministries

I am delighted to announce that Bruce Bishop has volunteered to take staff oversight of our Older Adult Ministries. This will be in addition to his other staff responsibilities as church administrator. Bruce's Christian dedication and joyful approach to life will bring an added dimension to this facet of our church's ministry. He also brings the practical experience of having worked with older adults in the past. Of course I'm biased, but we have the finest group of older adults anywhere in Macon.



Tracking Attendance

Did you know we're tracking attendance now? Elna Harrison has carefully entered your attendance into the computer for over three months. I am both inspired at the faithfulness of some of you and surprised at the regular absence of others of you. If every church member were as faithful as you, what would our church look like?

Find Me Faithful

Our theme for our 2006 pledge campaign is "Find Me Faithful." I hope you will notice a deep emphasis on prayer and faith. A successful campaign is crucial to our advancing in mission and ministry. Begin praying.

Thanks. . .Twice

(1) Thanks for your faithful payment of your Second Stanza Pledges. Many of you are up to date. Many are even paid ahead. Our indebtedness is shrinking quickly!

(2) Thanks for your concern over my broken collar bone. I am healing very well, thanks to your prayers. I will have to be in a shoulder brace for 6-8 weeks, and am learning new routines and patience.

Cecile

Mulberry's new choir year is off to a great start! It's still not too late to get involved in a singing or ringing choir. Call Cam (745-8601) for more information.

Children's Choirs

3 choirs for K4-K5,
Grades 1-3, and Grades 4-6
Wednesdays at 6:30

Young Spirit Singers

Youth Grades 7-12
Sundays 5:00

Handbell Choir

Grades 4-7
Wednesdays 5:15

Ainsworth Choir

Adults and College
Wednesdays 7:30

Welcome New Members

T.J. & Marian Lewis
5046 Oxford Rd.
Macon, GA 31210
474-1842

"This is the Word of God, For the people of God. Thanks be to God."

These are the words we say after scripture is read on Sunday morning. To be the person reading the scripture is to feel the truth and importance of that phrase. You are reading from the Bible, after all. You are reading for the congregation, and for yourself, to better understand the "Word of God." If you would like to be a Lay Reader, please contact Worship Chairman, Carol Head; or me, Mary Hurt. You will truly be blessed by the experience.

Esther Circle Meeting

The Esther Circle will meet on Thursday, September 1, 2005 at 12:00 noon in the Parlor at Mulberry with Frances Inzer as Hostess and Marianne Dunn as Co-Hostess. Tip Barfield will be leading a study of The Parables of Jesus by William Barclay, Chapters 1 & 2. Clothing and food should be brought to the meeting for Macon Outreach.

Worship Services

Sunday, August 28, 2005

Nine O'clock - Chapel

Eleven O'clock - Sanctuary

Creede Hinshaw, preaching

*"What Does God
Want Us To Do?"*

Ephesians 2: 7-13

Assisting With Worship

Ushers for Nine O'clock

Tim Anderson, Bill Hamm

Ushers for Eleven O'clock

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

Sunday School Greeters – Mustard Seed Class

Attendance Last Sunday

Nine O'clock Worship 86
Eleven O'clock Worship 283
Total Worship Attendance 369



Linda Sankey, Altar Guild

The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marvin Peck, Jr., and Ruth H. Patton, by their family.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in memory of our parents, Rev. and Mrs. Albert Ray and Rev. Harold L. Chapman, Sr., and in honor of Madge W. Chapman by Harold and Freeda Chapman.

General Fund Budget Report

Month	Gifts	Expense	Net
January	83,623	82,389	1,234
February	67,267	82,536	(15,269)
March	78,610	96,839	(18,229)
April	73,070	84,155	(11,086)
May	103,133	82,957	20,957
June	62,473	82,745	20,272
July	115,872	80,916	34,956
Net Total			(7,709)

Building Fund Report

Bank Loan Balance August 11, 2005	683,746
Total Pledged to 2 nd Stanza	1,197,300
Total 2 nd Stanza Gifts	485,049
Gifts Outstanding	712,251



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jessica Tripp,

Director of Children & Family Ministries



**Teacher & Volunteer
Training
September 17th**

KIDZQUEST AT EPWORTH

September 16-18

Don't miss this exciting weekend of fun and fellowship for 3rd - 6th graders. The kids who went last year can't wait to go again. Take a leap of faith and dive into an awesome weekend adventure. If you have never been on a kids retreat, NOW IS THE TIME!

Confirmation Class

Parent Meeting

September 19

6:00 p.m.

Children's Assembly Room

Night of Mystery



Day of Service

for rising 3rd-6th Graders

October 9-10

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

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.**

**August 28
Trippin'**

UMYF
Snack
Supper



August 28

J.B. & Margaret
Easterlin



September Spectacular at Mulberry

Sunday, September 11

5:00 – 7:15 p.m. (Cook-Out)

Worship Service Led by Youth

7:15 – 8:00 – Sanctuary

Music, Testimonies, Altar Time

Everyone is Invited!!!

Young at Heart

Thursday, September 8th

4N1 Sweet Adelines Chorus will be entertaining with their beautiful voices - so plan to be present. Lunch is \$4.00 and begins at 12:30 p.m. Reservations must be made by calling the church office by noon, Monday, September 5th.

We Need You! Alzheimer's Memory Walk '05

Friday, October 21st

6:00 p.m. - Shrine Park

See Harold Downs or

Maryanne Gaudry

for registration forms or log on to:

www.memorywalkbibbcounty.kintera.org

to join our team.



S.P.A.R.K.

August 31

5:45 p.m.

Menu

Baked Pork Chops

Cut Corn Baked Beans

Cole Slaw Rolls

Spice Cake

Tea/Coffee

Also available for children:
peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

Program

Service of Song & Testimony

New Men's Bible Study Up & Running

Are you yearning to really dig into scripture? Are you interested in finding out how the Word of God relates to your everyday life? Or, are you just looking for a time to get up early and drink good coffee with the guys? If so, then come join the new Men's Bible Study that meets each Tuesday morning at 6:00 a.m. at the High Ridge Center on Arkwright Road right across from Logan's Roadhouse. This study is open to men of all ages. For more information, contact Jimmy Towson (719-3940) or Frank Avrett (477-3222).

Acolyte Program – Youth and Parents

If you are a youth or parent of a youth in the 6th grade through 12th grade and would like to join Mulberry's acolyte program, now is your chance! Acolytes assist in worship service in many different ways: candle lighting, carrying the cross or banner, helping with communion and baptisms, and even assisting at weddings! If you would like to join the program, please contact Grey Brown at 731-8951 (greyjb44@aol.com) or Harold Chapman at 474-9878 (chap335@bellsouth.net)

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

Pastor on Call

Weekend: August 27-28 – Creede Hinshaw

Custodian on Duty

Sunday, August 28 – Arnold Freeman

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 28

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
5:00 p.m. Young Spirit Singers
6:00 p.m. UMYF

Monday, August 29

7:00 p.m. Senior High Bible Study

Tuesday, August 30

6:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study
6:30 a.m. Men’s Sermon Group
8:30 a.m. Prayers of the People
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 31

5:15 p.m. Handbells
5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night S.P.A.R.K.
6:30 p.m. Children’s Choirs
7:30 p.m. Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, September 1

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



Macon Outreach
The Pantry is bare!! Please HELP!!

August

Food of the Month:
“small cans” for SNACK PACK and peanut butter

Food Pantry Needs:
dried black-eyed peas, miscellaneous vegetables, baby diapers & toilet paper

Clothing Needs:
children’s clothes and men’s clothes

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Gifts received through August 17, 2005

Building Fund

*In memory of Grace Carmichael by
Mr. C. Mac Stout Mrs. Anna F. Collier*

In memory of Alice Belle Meadors Pate by Mr. & Mrs. William R. Worley

Memorial Fund

In memory of Grace Carmichael by Mrs. Wynelle B. Flynn

In memory of Bill Donovan by Mrs. Don Gordon

Music Fund

In memory of Elra George Macklin by Mr. & Mrs. James R. Macklin

Macon Outreach

*In honor of the celebration of marriage of Dr. & Mrs. Joseph M. Brogdon, Jr. by
Ken, Rachel & Morgan Guice Deems*

In honor of Guy Harrington by Carol & Milton Pope

In honor of Dr. & Mrs. Edwin Chase by Fran & Ken Mayhew

*In honor and appreciation of Paula Motes, our Teacher by
The Paula Motes Circle*

In memory of Alice Pate by Mrs. Frances Kite

In memory of Betty Hancock by Mrs. Frances Kite

In memory of Charles Cox by Janet Stevens, Brad Stevens and Lee Stevens

In memory of Agnes Anglin Thornhill by Carolyn & G. Russell Barber, Jr.

In memory of Chris Jackson by Derek & Charlene McAleer

*In memory of Charles Cox by
Jetta Williams Carrie Wiederstein*