



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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A MOST CREATIVE CHRISTMAS OFFERING!

Yes, we'll have a Christmas offering again this year. But it will be much more creative than in past years. Each Sunday your church will be focusing on a different gift. So pray that the Holy Spirit will lead you to abundant generosity for each Sunday of December. Here's the line-up:

Sunday, December 4th – **UNDIE SUNDAY**

Bring new underwear (men, women, children, youth) for Macon Outreach clothing closet. We always need these items.

Sunday, December 11th – **NEW SOCK SUNDAY**

Bring new socks (men, women, children, youth) for Macon Outreach clothing closet. Once again, we always need these items.

Sunday, December 18 – **MISSION TEAM OFFERING**

Use the offering envelope you received in the mail or find a Christmas Offering envelope in the pew. Your cash gift will help send work teams to Costa Rica and Uganda next year.

Saturday, December 24th (4 p.m. Children's Service) – **BABY FOOD OFFERING**

Bring baby food to be distributed by Macon Outreach.

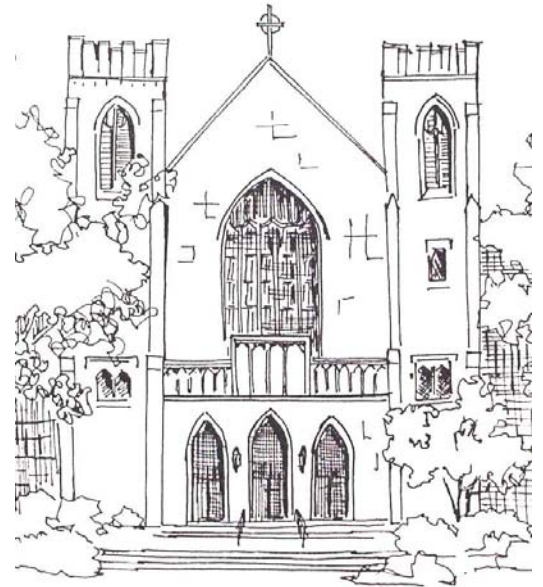
Sunday, December 25th (10:15 a.m. worship service) – **SWADDLING CLOTH SUNDAY**

Bring diapers to be distributed by Macon Outreach.

Thanks for your enthusiastic participation in these offerings. I hope they will bring joy to you...as they will to the recipients. Don't wrap your gifts...just place them in specially marked boxes throughout the church.

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PS This Sunday night we will hold our Plum Pudding Festival in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. Our children will sing, the room will be decorated festively, and our men will serve us "Figgy Pudding" and wassail. Don't miss this...it only comes around every two years!!



Worship Services

Sunday, December 4, 2005

Second Sunday in Advent

Nine O'clock - Chapel

Eleven O'clock - Sanctuary

Creede Hinshaw, preaching

"How It All Began"

Mark I: 1-8

Assisting With Worship

Ushers for Nine O'clock

Tim Anderson, Bill Ham

Ushers for Eleven O'clock

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 and P.M. Watson

Sunday School Greeters – Youth



Altar & Flowers

Martha Thompson, Altar Guild

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her son, Stan Warchak, her husband, John Warchak, and her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Warchak by Mrs. Aliene Warchak.

Macon Outreach Grocery Pantry Needs

Canned Good of the Month

Canned Vegetables:

(dried black-eyed peas & rice)

Help us fill those grocery bags!

Thanks for all you do!

Advent Wreath

The Advent wreaths being displayed during this season continue a tradition adopted by Christians during the Middle Ages as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas. The evergreens that make up the wreath signify continuous life; and the circle shape of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, and the everlasting life found in Christ. The four candles around the wreath represent the four weeks of Advent, symbolizing hope, peace, joy and love. The white candle, placed in the center of the wreath, is lit on Christmas Eve to celebrate the birth of Christ, the light of the world. The Advent wreaths are in memory of Cecil Robert Kelly (Sanctuary), and W.P. Stevens, Jr. (Chapel.)

Christmas Fund Raiser for Macon Outreach

Looking towards December – we'll be wrapping books at Barnes & Noble on December 3rd, 4th, 10th & 11th. Call Debbie at 743-8026 to volunteer. All proceeds for Macon Outreach.

Young at Heart

Thursday, December 8 - 12:30 p.m.

Bring a friend and join us for lunch. Bishop Handy Hancock, Rev. Sonny Mason & Dr. Vance Mathis will be presenting a program of Christmas music. 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, December 5th.

Homebound Communion

During Advent your pastors will be serving communion to those who are homebound. If you have received a letter about this, please call the church office (745-8601) to confirm your communion time. This will be very helpful, since we are serving on six different days. Also, if you have a family member who would like to receive communion at home, but have not received a letter, please call the church.



Cam Bishop,
Director of Music

Young Spirit Singers

We sing Sunday,
December 4 – 11:00

Children's Choirs

Get Ready for Plum Pudding

Saturday, December 3 – 10:00-12:00

Carol & Covenant Choir

Dress Rehearsal

Cherub Choir will also have
a short rehearsal – TBA

Advent & Christmas

at Mulberry Street UMC

Plum Pudding Festival

Children's Choirs "A Night for Dancing"

Handbell Choir

Sunday, December 4 * 6:00 pm

Christmas Cantata: The Incarnation

By K. Lee Scott

Ainsworth Choir

Sunday, December 11 * 11:00 am

Prelude Music by

Concord Chamber Players begins at 10:40 am

Third Tuesday Organ Interlude

Cam Bishop, Organist

Tuesday, December 20 * Noon – 12:30 pm

Service of the Longest Night

This service, on the longest night of the
year, offers quiet prayers, candles, music,
& Holy Communion

Wednesday, December 21 * 7 pm

Christmas Eve

Morning Communion * 10:00 am * Chapel

45 min Service for Children & Families

4:00 pm * Fellowship Hall

Organ Music for the Holy Night *

Cam Bishop, Organist * 5:30 pm *

Sanctuary

Traditional Candlelight Communion

* 6 pm * Sanctuary

Christmas Day (Sunday)

Coffee and Sweet Rolls * 9:30 – 10:15 am

Fellowship Hall

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

A casual service of carol singing,
poems, & stories * 10:15 – 11:00 am

New Year's Day (Sunday)

Sunday School at 9:45

One worship service at 11:00 am *

Sanctuary

"Life Worth the Living"

First in a 9-week series offered

by Creede Hinshaw and Jimmy Towson



Jessica Tripp,
Director of Children & Family Ministries

Upcoming Events

December 3

10:00 a.m.

Plum Pudding Dress Rehearsal

December 4

6:00 p.m.

Children's Choir Program
& Plum Pudding

December 7

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Practice for Christmas Eve

December 9-10

Scampers at Callaway Gardens

December 14

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Practice for Christmas Eve

December 17

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Birthday Party
for Jesus at Starcadia
\$10.00 per child, (children
under 8 must be accompanied by
a parent)

December 18

9:00 a.m.

Santa's Christmas
Pancake Breakfast
for children,
families & friends
Fellowship Hall

December 23 - 10:00 a.m.

Dress Rehearsal
for Christmas Eve

Youth Ministry

Jimmy Towson,
Director of Youth



UMYF - Sundays

6:00 p.m.

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

Winter Retreat - No, It is Not Awanita Valley!

Contrary to popular belief, the Winter Retreat will not be at Awanita Valley. We have something even more exciting lined-up for you. You don't want to miss this retreat! So, sign-up now by emailing or calling Jimmy (719-3940). The dates are Tuesday, December 27 through Thursday, December 29 and the cost is \$200. There are only a few spots left, so get your name on the list before it is completely filled up!

UMYF
Snack
Supper



December 4

Chris & Melinda McLendon

December 11

James & Jodi Palmer

Do We Have Your Email Address?

Does the church have your email address? If not, please email it to Linda Parker, church secretary, at xlinda@bellsouth.net. Each week you will receive a communication from Creede Hinshaw entitled "Along the Way."

Mulberry Ornaments For Sale

Need a great gift idea? The brass Mulberry pierced church ornaments would be a great one! They are available in the church office for \$10.



Memoriam Chrismon Tree

The Chrismon tree in the sanctuary is given in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. Milton Heard, Jr. by their family.

The Chrismon tree in the chapel is given in loving memory of Grey Brown by parents of Acolytes.

Wesley Glen Auxiliary Membership Drive

The year 2005 marks the 21st anniversary of Wesley Glen Ministries and the second year of the Macon Area Auxiliary. All the money raised by the auxiliary goes to help provide the care for residents at Wesley Glen. Membership dues are \$10 per year per person. If you would like to join the auxiliary, mail a check to Wesley Glen Ministries, 4580 N. Mumford Rd., Macon, GA 31210 or put your check in the offering plate.

Year End Giving

Please remember to complete your pledge payment and special gifts by December 31, 2005. Checks must be postmarked or received in the office no later than December 31st in order to be recorded on your 2005 contribution statement. You can make pre-payments on your 2006 pledge and receive tax credit in 2005. Mark your check "Prepay 2006". Thank you for your contributions.



Bring new underwear for Macon Outreach this Sunday!

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

Pastor on Call

Weekend: December 3-4 – Creede Hinshaw

Custodian on Duty

Sunday, December 4 – Arnold Freeman

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 4

9:00 am Worship/Chapel
9:30 am Children/Youth - Higher Dimensions/
Children's Assembly Room
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary
6:00 pm Plum Pudding Festival/Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 5

7:00 p.m. Senior High Bible Study

Tuesday, December 6

6:00 am Men's Bible Study
6:30 am Men's Sermon Group
8:30 am Prayers of the People
10:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 7

12:00 pm UMW Executive Com Mtg/Parlor
4:00 pm Children's Christmas Eve Prg Practice
4:30 pm Debt Committee Mtg
5:00 pm SPR Committee Mtg/Conf Rm
5:15 pm Handbells
6:30 pm Youth Bible
7:30 pm Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, December 8

12:30 pm Young at Heart
6:30 pm Joy Class Christmas Party/
Rumford Center

Friday-Sunday, December 9-11

Scampers – FDR State Park

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

Memorials/Honorariums

Gifts received through November 22, 2005

Memorial Fund

In memory of Amy Lauren Layfield by Mr. & Mrs. Doyle E. Mendheim

Macon Outreach Fund

In memory of Amy Lauren Layfield by
Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Wise Ms. Ailene Mooney
Mr. & Mrs. William J. Sparks Mrs. Kenneth D. Swindle

In memory of Howell Jarrard by Mr. & Mrs. William J. Sparks

In memory of Jack Alexander by Mr. & Mrs. William J. Sparks

Acolyte Guild

In memory of Grey Brown by Mr. & Mrs. Frank V. Hall

Building Fund

In memory of Dr. William Falls by Dr. & Mrs. Scott Davis

In memory of William Howell Jarrard, Sr., by Dr. & Mrs. Scott Davis