



# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## UNITED METHODISTS' INTELLECTUAL PURSUIT

Somewhere I've seen a statistic documenting how many new books are published about Jesus every single year. It's an amazing number.

I thought about this when I added two new books on Jesus to my bookshelf last week. One is called Jesus in America: Personal Savior, Cultural Hero, National Obsession, by Richard Wrightman Fox. This 400 page history explores Jesus in all the ways Americans have understood him and shows how those understandings influenced many of the major social and political events in America from our discovery up to contemporary debates on war and culture.

The other volume is called The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions, by two world famous authors, with widely divergent views, Marcus Borg and N.T. Wright. The cover says "The leading liberal and conservative Jesus scholars present the heart of the historical Jesus debate."

Don't ask me anytime in the next couple of weeks how my reading on these two books is progressing. I've always got a stack of books lined up for continuing education as your pastor, and am currently reading Volume 2 of the Sermons of John Wesley, St. Augustine's The City of God, and Macon: Black and White by local author Andy Manis.

I hope that each of you is continually educating yourself as a Christian, too. We never, never stop learning. Those of you who have faithfully attended Sunday School over the years will see dividends, even if they appear slowly. Those of you who are attending our small groups at our Wednesday Night Spiritual Academy of Renewal and Knowledge (SPARK), will see similar dividends.

I want to commend to you the upcoming event sponsored by our Macon Area Christian Enrichment School. Dr. Ellsworth Kalas, renowned United Methodist preacher and lecturer, will be teaching a one day course entitled, "The Bible: The Only Book with an Eternal Plot." He will be leading us through an inspiring overview of this magnificent book that is foundational to our faith.

The course is free and will be held at Forest Hills United Methodist Church, 1217 Forest Hill Road, from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

*Creede*

## Worship Services

Sunday, February 5, 2006

*Life Worth the Living!*  
*"Learning to say 'No'"*

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

*Jimmy Towson, preaching*

### Assisting with Worship

#### Ushers for Nine O'clock

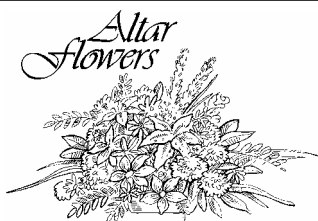
Denny Julius, Greg Williams

#### Ushers for Eleven O'clock

Jeff Amerson, Terry Bass, Chad Beville, Bruce Bryant, Harold Downs, J.B. Easterlin, Alan Frank, Eric Hefner, Bill Jarrard, Jim Lawton, Bob McCormick, Wesley Rauls, Randy Sams, Rader Sellers and Russ Vaughn

#### Sunday School Greeters

Berg-Brenner Class



Martha Thompson, Altar Guild

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Powers and Mrs. Allene McCall by Doyle and Lullene Powers.



To Edwin and Carole Chase upon the death of her father, William Hoelle, of Miami, FL, January 21, 2006.

### Opening for Flowers in Sanctuary

The Altar Guild has openings for flower donors in the sanctuary in February – also in the chapel for March and April. Please call Carolyn Kennedy, 743-8901 for details.



Sundays – 9:30 am  
Prayer Room

### Gazelle Luncheon

There will be a luncheon in the church parlor on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon for all who are presently serving as Gazelles and for anyone who is interested in becoming a Gazelle. New partners for our homebound members will be paired at this time. We urge both men and women to prayerfully consider becoming a part of this vital ministry. Please call the church office by February 3<sup>rd</sup> to make a reservation for the luncheon.

### Young at Heart

Young at Heart will meet at 12:30 pm for lunch in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. The price is \$4. You may pay as you go through the line. Program: Eulalie Woeltjen sings, accompanied by Emily Grier. Call the church office (745-8601) for reservations, by Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Junior Adult Ministries (JAM)

On Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, JAM will attend the *Mercer Big Dance*, at the Macon Centreplex, featuring *The Tams*, *Men of Distinction*, and *The Grapevine*. Doors open at 6:00 pm; music begins at 7:30 pm. Bring your own food and drink! Tickets are \$25 each. Call Russ Barber (745-8063) by February 6<sup>th</sup> for tickets.

### Uganda Medical Mission Team Trip Set for April 2006

We are planning a return Medical Mission trip to Uganda (similar to our trip last year) for **April 17-30, 2006**. The estimated cost is \$3,000 per person. Only 6-8 spots are left on this trip – so if God is tugging at your heart to be part of a **life-giving** mission trip, please call Jimmy (719-3940) or Jessica (737-5882). We desperately need **medical personnel** to go with us.



Cam Bishop,  
Director of Music

**The Macon Chapter of  
The American Guild  
of Organists Invites you to a  
Hymn Festival  
with Sue Mitchell-Wallace  
Leader and Organist  
Sunday, February 5 - 4:00 pm  
Mulberry Street UMC**

Sue Mitchell-Wallace is an award-winning Fellow of the American Guild of Organists and the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. She was elected to the international Who's Who in Music, Cambridge, England in 1990. She served as National Councillor for Education for the American Guild of Organists from 1996-2002. She has been the guest recitalist at the National Cathedral, Washington, D.C., The United States Naval Academy, and guest artist for two recitals at Westminster Abby, London. Her choral, organ and handbell compositions are published in America, Australia, and Great Britain. She is active in the Hymn Society of America, the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, and the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers.

### Young at Heart Card and Table Games

Young at Heart will meet for card and table games from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. The price for Marie's lunch is \$5. You may pay when you eat. Bridge players should bring a card table. Call the church office (745-8601) for reservations, by Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.

### New Young Adult Sunday School Class

A new Young Adult Sunday school class is enjoying discussing a book by James Moore, "Yes, Lord, I Have Sinned But I Have Several Excellent Excuses." Come join us each Sunday morning at 9:45 in the Parlor. For additional information call Beth Smith, 477-0926 or 745-8601.



Jessica Tripp, Director of Children & Family Ministries

**Join us at  
Friendship First**

A weekly gathering designed to build friendships with one another and with God.

Sunday Nights (January 29-May 7) for Children 2K-6<sup>th</sup> grade and parents.

Gather 4:45-6:00 pm in classrooms  
6:00-6:30 - Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

Commit to growing together in 2006.  
Join us each Sunday Night!  
Call Jessica at 745-8601 to register.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade News . . .**

Sixth Graders will begin "The Case for The Creator" on Sunday nights beginning February 12 and ending March 26 from 6:30-7:45 pm.



Jimmy Towson, Director of Youth

**Senior High Bible Study**

Are you part of a regular Bible study? This Monday night study is taking a serious look at what it means to be a Christian in today's world. Join us on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study**

We will study "The Case for the Creator" by Lee Strobel on Wednesday nights.

**Youth Super Bowl Party**



We'll take a break from all this SEX (talk, that is) and have a PARTY on Sunday, Feb. 5 for UMYF. Usual time - 6:00-8:00 PM at the home of Charla & David Ivey, 132 Summerfield Dr., Macon (474-1219). We'll have fun and games (and maybe even watch some of the big game)! Hope to see you there!



**Costa Rica 2006**

It is time to sign-up for the Costa Rica mission trip for July 2006. Call Jimmy or Clair Cox (471-8774) to be sure your name is on the list. Space will be limited.



**February 5**  
Carl & Kim Reynolds  
**February 12**  
Steve & Rozelle  
Rumford



**February 8  
5:45 p.m.**

**Menu**

- Baked Chicken
- Broccoli & Rice Casserole
- Petite Carrots
- Tossed Salad
- Rolls
- Apple Pie
- Tea Coffee

Also available for children:  
peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

**Program**

Second Night for S.P.A.R.K. Classes

**Hurricane Relief Work - "Life-Changing"**

We will be returning to the Aurora UMC on **Sunday, Feb. 12 - through Thursday, Feb. 16, 2005**. We will leave Sunday afternoon (or Monday morning) and work 2 days before returning to Macon. This can be a "life-changing" experience for YOU! Call Jimmy (719-3940) if you are interested in going. There is no limit to the number we can take.

**Marriage Enrichment Retreat**

Do you want to strengthen your marriage and enjoy a weekend away from home? The Georgia Association for Couples in Marriage Enrichment is sponsoring a weekend at Callaway Gardens February 24-26, 2006. Details to follow...if you are interested, talk to Bonnie or Creede Hinshaw.

**Zimmer Holdings Mystery Stock Gift**

The church account at Merrill Lynch received a gift of Zimmer Holdings stock. It was transferred into the church account via a stock certificate. After extensive research we cannot determine the donor. If you gave this gift and desire credit on your contribution statement, please call Bruce or Sara 745-8601. Thank you.

**Confirmation**

**Confirmation Class**  
will meet on Sunday Nights  
from 4:45-6:30 pm

**Confirmation Retreat**  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>  
Epworth By The Sea

**Confirmation Sunday**  
June 4  
11:00 am service

**Confirmation Class - 2006**  
Confirmands/Mentors  
Joey Allen/Gordon Johnston  
Kinsey Canova/Susan Hendley  
Mary Bennett Easterlin/Betsy Abbott  
Jordan Everett/Tip Barfield  
Elizabeth Lynch/Heidi Ream  
Tanner Pruitt/Jack Head  
Bert Thompson/Eric Hefner

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

Pastor on call:  
February 4-5 – Jimmy Towson

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, February 5

9:00 am Worship/Chapel  
9:30 am Communion/Prayer Room  
9:45 am Children/Youth - Higher Dimensions/  
Children's Assembly Room  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary  
4:00 pm Hymn Festival/Sanctuary  
4:30 pm Friendship First  
4:45 pm Confirmation Class  
5:00 pm Young Spirit Singers  
6:00 pm UMYF

### Monday, February 6

7:00 pm Senior High Bible Study

### Tuesday, February 7

6:00 am Men's Bible Study  
6:30 am Men's Sermon Starter Group  
8:30 am Prayers of the People/Conf Rm  
10:30 am Staff Meeting/Conf Rm  
12:00 pm Gazelle Luncheon/Parlor  
5:30 pm COM Chairs Mtg/Conf Rm

### Wednesday, February 8

4:00 pm Paula Motes Circle/Conf Rm  
5:45 pm Wednesday Night S.P.A.R.K.  
6:30 pm Children's Choirs  
7:30 pm Ainsworth Choir

### Thursday, February 9

12:30 pm Young at Heart

### 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**

### Memorial Fund

In memory of Jack Alexander  
by Mr. Ed Sell, Jr.

In memory of Lennie Matthews  
by Ms. Rachel S. Coppedge

### Acolyte Fund

In memory of Grey Brown by  
Dr. & Mrs. Jerry Stinchcomb

### Humble Place

In honor of her friends as a Christmas gift  
by Miss Mary Bennett Easterlin

**Macon Outreach**  
**Please HELP!!!**  
**February**

**Food of the Month**  
**macaroni & cheese**

**Other Needs**  
**deodorant & razors**

**Clothing Needs**  
**coats, raincoats, poncho's,**  
**umbrellas & socks**

## **Position Available**

Part-time church secretary at  
Centenary UMC.

Interested persons may call 471-  
7087 and/or email Tim Bagwell at

[TBagwell@cox.net](mailto:TBagwell@cox.net)

## **Volunteers Needed for Macon Outreach**

★ Volunteers are needed to help pick  
up food donations at area restaurants.

★ Work in Grocery Pantry on  
Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays  
from 1:00-3:00 pm.

★ Work in office inputting information  
in computer – don't have to be an  
expert, we can teach you!

Call 743-8026 if you'd like to volunteer.

## **Circle Meeting**

The Paula Motes Circle will meet  
Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at  
the church. Please bring items for  
Macon Outreach, Children's home, and  
also items for ARC Homes Valentines  
Bags.