



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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They Came to the Wrong Church?

A couple of weeks ago a family of 5 people left our 11 a.m. worship service just as Jimmy was making the morning announcements. They walked down the side aisle, came around the rear of the sanctuary and exited through the front doors. It was 11:05 a.m.

What was their emergency? What impelled them to jump ship before things really got started?

According to an usher this family explained that they were in “the wrong church.” Perhaps they were out of town visitors who intended to worship with our Presbyterian friends across the street when it suddenly dawned on them that they were going to get a dose of Methodist theology!

I wish they would have stayed! Jimmy preached his usual great sermon that morning, the choir was inspiring as always and the congregational singing was heartfelt. I’m sure they received a blessing wherever they ended up, but this preacher is unashamedly biased: our worship services, week in and week out, bring us into the presence of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is obvious that many of you think so, too.

Worship is not easy to craft. The longer I am in ministry the more I recognize that planning and leading worship is both a high privilege and a task not to be taken lightly. It involves more than finding a text, preaching a sermon and selecting a few hymns.

I am so grateful for the Worship Committee of this church, the Altar Guild, our acolytes, our Ainsworth Choir, our soloists and instrumentalists, our handbell, youth and children’s choirs, for Jessica Tripp and her children’s moments, Bruce Bishop conducting our choir and on the sound board, the ushers and greeters, and for the weekly contributions made by Cam Bishop, who not only is a fantastic organist, but also has a deep sensitivity for the flow of a worship service and a desire to glorify God and invite the living Christ into every service of worship.

Do we leave worship weekly sensing the divine presence in our lives? I suspect that on most Sundays most of us are touched by a hymn, a testimony, a prayer, the piano or organ or choir or even the sermon.

All of this is to say that worship at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church is so important for many of us because it brings us in touch with all that is good and true and right about our world....the presence and power of Jesus Christ.

I hope the family who left found “the right church,” but I can’t help thinking deep down inside that they were already here! I’m glad you are here, too. Keep coming!

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Worship Services

Sunday, May 28, 2006

Nine O'clock - Chapel

Eleven O'clock - Sanctuary

"Replacements"

Acts 1: 15-17; 21-26

Jimmy Towson, preaching

Assisting with Worship

Ushers for Nine O'clock

Warren Dunn, Frank Hall

Ushers for Eleven O'clock

Jason Anthoine, Austin Carter, Scott Davis, Jeff Golmitz, Ken Harper, Tina Kuncaitis, Moira Lacey, Tommy Lacey, David Mann, Bob Middleton, Mack Minton, Jim Rice & Chris Uren

Sunday School Greeters

Buncie Skinner Interest Group

2006 Annual Conference Special Offering

Our congregation is invited to join with other churches across South Georgia to support the Central Pension Initiative. This initiative is a global initiative seeking to improve the pension benefits received by clergy serving the Church in some of the most impoverished mission situations. Your help is needed in addressing this basic issue of justice with regard to enabling clergy in developing countries to retire with dignity and hope. Please give generously this Sunday to this special offering that will be presented at the opening worship service at Annual Conference.



Costa Rica Mission Trip

July 11-20

Final Meeting: Wednesday, June 28th
6:00 pm

Dinner/Location TBA

Pacesetters II and Young at Heart's Trip to Pennsylvania – Dutch Country

September 24-29, 2006

Anyone interested in enjoying this part of our country – which is fascinating and beautiful at a very good price – can receive information from Marie Williams at 477-7817.



Congratulations to Tara Lynn Hahn and Mark Kevin Phillips united in Holy Matrimony at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church on May 20, 2006. The Rev. Creede Hinshaw officiated.

UMW's

"Taste & See" Luncheon

You are cordially invited to join Mulberry's ladies on **Saturday, June 10th, at 12:00 noon** for a "Taste & See" Luncheon, featuring favorite recipes to be sampled from Under the Mulberry Tree and fellowship with old and new friends alike. Tickets are \$5 each, or someone may "host" a table for six by paying \$30. For more details or to purchase tickets, please contact Julia Magda at 757-4768.

The Junaluska Singers In Concert

Monday, June 19th - 7:00 pm

Warner Robins Civic Center -

Cost: \$8

You will not want to miss this 90-minute concert under the direction of Dr. Glenn Draper. This choral group has drawn thousands of people into the mountains of North Carolina to hear them perform at Stuart Auditorium on the campus of Lake Junaluska Assembly. The event is a benefit concert with the proceeds going to support the local United Methodist Food Ministries. Tickets are available in the church office.

Debt Elimination Progress

Month	Loan Balance
December	\$634,803
January	\$310,554
February	\$289,365
March	\$270,794
April	\$215,551



Linda Sankey, Altar Guild

The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Brice by Wynelle Flynn.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Otis Benton Gunn by his wife.

Upcoming Events



Confirmation, June 4

Annual Conference, June 4-7

VBS, June 12-16



Monday, May 29th
Church Office Closed



Jessica Tripp, Director of Children & Family Ministries



Adventure of the Treasure Seekers

2006 Vacation Bible School
June 12-16 - 8:30-1:00

All children 2K-5th grade are invited. Register now in the Atrium at Mulberry or by calling 745-8601. Registration fee is \$10.00 per child and make all checks payable to Mulberry Street UMC.



Space Still Available Passport KIDS Summer Camp 2006 June 28 - July 1 Wesleyan College

I have 4 spaces still available for PASSPORT KIDS Camp. If you are finishing 3rd-5th grade and would like to go with us to this exciting missions-minded, spirit-filled, four day fun fest then call me now (745-8601: Jessica). Don't miss out on this opportunity to grow in relationship with Jesus and your friends!

VBS Decorations Needed

If you have any old bed sheets, interior or exterior paint (earth tones), shoe boxes, or artificial plants that you would like to donate to VBS, please drop your donation by the church office between now and June 3rd. THANK YOU!



Jimmy Towson, Director of Youth

UMYF – Sundays – 6:00 pm

May 28

No UMYF (Memorial Day Holiday)

Senior High Bible Study Monday Nights – 7:00 pm

UMYF
Snack
Supper



June 4

Chris & Susan
Hendley



Uganda Medical Mission Team Trip
October 23-November 6

Ice Cream For Sale

\$15 per tub

Contact Doris Andrews,
745-8601. Make checks payable to
Mulberry Street UMC marked
"Youth Ice Cream."



"Because he's in charge of the remote control.
That's how come God sees everything."

Confirmation

Sunday, June 4
11:00 a.m. service

Macon Outreach Please HELP!!! May

Food of the Month
tuna, salmon & mackerel

Other Needs
deodorant & razors

Clothing Needs
URGENT NEED:
men's clothes, boots & work shoes



Church Van for Sale 1986 15 Passenger Van

The old blue van needs brake work and air conditioning repair. Engine runs great 75,000 miles. Call Bruce for more information 745-8601.



Macon Outreach needs volunteers willing to pick up food donations from the following locations: Kroger, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Publix, Chick-Fil-A, and Pizza Hut. Just pick your location and use your vehicle or the Macon Outreach van to pick up the donations. Call Macon Outreach, 743-8026 if you are interested in volunteering.

Have you joined
the 37 Cent Club?
For just \$96.20 you can
feed someone for one year!

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

Pastor on call: May 27-28 – Jimmy Towson

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 28

9:00 am Worship/Chapel
9:45 am Children/Youth - Higher Dimensions
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary
4:45 pm Confirmation Class

Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 30

6:30 am Men's Bible Study/Conf Rm
6:30 am Men's Sermon Starter Group
8:30 am Prayers of the People/Conf Rm
10:30 am Staff Meeting/Conf Rm
5:30 pm Executive Committee Mtg/Conf Rm

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
Clifton Carswell, Custodian
Arnold Freeman, Custodian



2006 Scampers Calendar

June 22-26 – Stone Mountain
October 5-9 – Bald Mountain

Call Ed Powell, Wagon Master, (home: 477-1973
or office: 405-8301) if you have questions.

Memorials/Honorariums

Costa Rica Mission Trip Fund

In memory of Ruth Postma by The Ainsworth Choir

Memorial Fund

In memory of Ben McClure by Mrs. Janice R. Nordan
In memory of Lora McCord by Mr. & Mrs. Harold A. Young

Debt Reduction Fund

In memory of Dan Williams by Mrs. Marie F. Williams