



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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MISSING??? A STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN???

This year we've conducted a stewardship campaign with a different emphasis. Have you noticed?

For the first time that I can ever recall in my ministry, I have not preached even one sermon on money or giving in the weeks leading up to the dedication of our pledge cards. (I haven't yet decided whether this denotes a greater act of faith on my part or a lack of fresh ideas on how to approach this preaching task.)

Actually, I believe that this may be the most generous congregation I have ever served. Are all of us tithing? Is every church member giving sacrificially? Of course not. We could do far more. But over the years you have risen to every occasion, whether it means a \$7.6 million renovation campaign, funding mission trips to Costa Rica, Uganda or New Orleans, purchasing a new organ for the chapel, purchasing eyeglasses for our recent Vision Clinic for the poor or overfunding the general fund budget year after year.

Some of you may be asking, perhaps, "What stewardship campaign? We didn't even know we were having one". Not only have I not preached any sermons, we've had no stewardship speakers or skits this year, either.

Maybe some year you just have to let the ground lie completely fallow and trust the Lord to provide the increase. So that's what we're doing this year. We've displayed some children's art in the worship bulletin and made a few announcements, but that's been the extent of it.

We've mailed out the pledge cards this week. I hope you received yours. Even this is different, in that we have (not yet) inundated you with mailings. This is the first letter we've mailed.

Please don't mistake a campaign that is lower in visibility for a lackadaisical effort from your church. God deserves the very best! We are simply trusting that you will respond as you always respond, with great generosity.

Please bring your completed pledge card to church with you this Sunday, mail it to the church, or email it to Bruce Bishop at bpb@bellsouth.net. Thanks for your enthusiastic response...for God and our children!

Cruce

Worship Services

Sunday, September 24, 2006

Nine O'clock - Chapel

Eleven O'clock - Sanctuary

"Methodism for Life:
Worship Weekly"

Hebrews 10: 19-25

Creede Hinshaw, preaching

Assisting with Worship

Ushers for Nine O'clock

Warren Dunn, Frank Hall

Ushers for Eleven O'clock

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

Sunday School Greeters

Daughtery Class

Children's Church

Eric & Margaret Hefner



Linda Sankey, Altar Guild

The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Charles R. Price by the family.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eden Persons by Logan Weaver and Pink Persons.

Congratulations
on Your
New Baby!



Congratulations to Mark and Elizabeth Lamback upon the birth of their daughter, Katherine Elizabeth Lamback, on September 8, 2006. Proud grandparents are Jack and Carol Head.

UMW "Taste & See"

On Saturday, November 4, 2006, Mulberry's UMW will host a Taster's Luncheon, which will include fellowship, an art "gallery" featuring Mulberry artists, and a program from our very own Cile Mitchell. Beginning at 11:30 a.m., guests will enjoy art, beverages, and appetizers in the Atrium and Parlor, and the Taster's Luncheon will be served by buffet in the Fellowship Hall thereafter, followed by our program. The event will be open to the community, and tickets are \$10.00 each. Opportunities to serve during this event include:

- Preparing a recipe featured from *Under the Mulberry Tree*
- Serving as a table hostess or greeter at our church entrances
- Sharing your china pattern at one or more tables in the Fellowship Hall
- Displaying your art in the Atrium
- Serving on the Decorations Committee

Contact Julia Magda at (478) 719-9562 or JHM@sell-melton.com to sign up to help or to purchase tickets. Look for ticket sales on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights, too. Come, "taste and see that the Lord is good!" (Psalm 34:8a)

Debt Elimination Progress

Thank you for your continued pledge payments.

Month	Loan Balance
December	\$634,803
January	\$310,554
February	\$289,365
March	\$270,794
April	\$215,551
May	\$170,960
June	\$145,588
July	\$134,441
August	\$125,256



Sundays
9:30 a.m.
Prayer Room



Cam Bishop, Director of Music

Cherub Parents

You are invited to visit your precious little singers in their choir room on **Wednesday, September 27 at 6:30** to see what they're learning in choir. They are excited that you're coming!

Covenant Choir

We sing **Sunday, September 24 at 11:00**. We have 15 choir members this year and EVERYONE is needed!! Parents, thanks for having your child in their place of service that morning! We'll rehearse at 10:15 in the sanctuary.

Young Spirit Singers

We sing **Sunday, October 1** for World Communion Sunday at 11:00. Don't forget to bring \$20 to reserve your ticket for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at the Grand on October 14. We have 18 tickets and several have already been reserved, so hurry and get your money to Cam.



Do You Want to Dance?

Saturday, September 30

7:00-10:00 p.m.

Mulberry Street UMC

The Wesley Foundation of Macon is giving you a chance! The Macon District's Wesley Foundation has planned an exceptional evening of food, fun, and fellowship to benefit their fine ministry. There will be a catered meal and musical entertainment provided by Bob Barnette's Jazztet (with vocalist) for great listening or dancing. Tickets are \$75 per couple, which includes a donation to the Wesley Foundation Ministry. Tickets are available through the District Office (477-6417), the Wesley Foundation (742-1998) or Dr. Harold Chapman, the Wesley Foundation Board Chairperson (chap335@bellsouth.net).



Jessica Tripp, Director of Children
& Family Ministries

Upcoming Events. . .

Case for Christ Study
6th Grade - Sunday evenings
September 24 - November 19
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.



Infant Recognition
Children's Sabbath
Sunday, October 15
11:00 a.m. Service

Infants being recognized:

Wilson Arthur Brown
Katherine Piper Bushway
Edward Rooker Hobby
Sara Faye Irby
Ella Anneliese Magda
Thomas David Mann
Adam James Rhodes

**The Cardboard Hotel &
Day of Service**
4th-6 grades - October 20-21

Fall Festival & Chili Cook-Off
October 29 - 4:30 p.m.

The Rock Ranch Camp-Out
November 10-11

Parent's Day Out
4K-6th grades - December 2

SUNSHINE MUSIC TIME
Rise and shine and
give God the Glory!
Every Sunday Morning (2K-5K)
at 9:45
and Wednesday evenings (2K-3K)
from 6:30-7:15

The Explorers -2K & 3K
Christian Enrichment
Sundays at 11:00
2K-3K Classroom



Cameron Bishop, Director of Youth

UMYF – Sundays
6:00-8:00 pm - Grades 7-12

September 24 – “All by Myself”

Senior High Bible Study
Monday Nights – 7:00 pm
(at 584 Corbin Ave)
For Youth in Grades 9-12

October 6-9
Fall Camping at Bald Mountain –
More info on website

Youth Website

Want to know what's going on?
Visit...

www.mulberryyouth.homestead.com



September 24
Randy & Brenda Sams

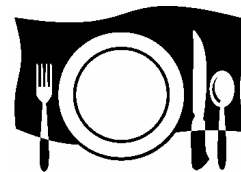
Join the Fight Against
Alzheimer's
Memory Walk 2006
Friday, October 6th
6:00 p.m. – Shrine Park

Please join our team for the Memory
Walk 2006. Let's help find the cure!
Visit Mulberry's own website to join
our team or donate at:

<http://centrinalgamemorywalk.kintera.org/mulberry> Call Mary Anne Gaudry, team captain for Mulberry, if you have any questions (477-0638).

Rick Lanford Receives Denman Award

Congratulations to Rick Lanford upon the receipt of The Harry Denman Award which honors persons who demonstrate passion and excellence in inviting people to faith in Christ.



Wednesday Night Supper
September 27 – 5:45 p.m.

Menu

Hot Dogs Hamburgers
Baked Beans
Hash Brown Casserole
Cole Slaw Cookies
Tea Coffee

Also available for children:
peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

Program:

Group Prayer Meeting



Visitors to our Church

Extend a hand of welcome to:
Blaire Burton, Moe Dyer, Dana Lindsey, Michael Mayo and Andrea Turner

Communion Servers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve Holy Communion to our homebound members on Sunday, October 1, 2006 which is World Communion Sunday. If you can volunteer, please call the church office or Cile. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit homebound members and to experience the sacrament of communion.

“An Inconvenient Truth”

In partnership with Georgia Interfaith Power & Light, we will show the film “An Inconvenient Truth” on **Sunday, October 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Learn more about the threat of global warming and find out what we can and must do to address this issue. There is no charge.

With Sympathy

To Terry Bass upon the death of his mother, Mary Bass of Macon, GA September 10, 2006.

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

Pastor on call: September 23-24 – Cile Mitchell
(Home: 405-9048 – Cell: 986-7107)

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 24

9:00 am Worship/Chapel
9:30 am Communion/Prayer Room
9:45 am Sunshine Music Time/Children's Church Classroom
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary
4:45 pm Young Spirit Singers
5:30 pm Disciple 1
5:30 pm Disciple III
6:00 pm UMYF

Monday, September 25

4:45 pm Finance Committee Mtg/Conf Rm
5:30 pm Council on Ministries Mtg/Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Senior High Bible Study

Tuesday, September 26

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

Wednesday, September 27

5:00 pm Altar Guild/Conf Rm
5:15 pm Handbells
5:45 pm Wednesday Night Supper
6:30 pm S.P.A.R.K. Classes
6:30 pm Children's Choirs
6:30 pm Sunshine Music Time (2K-3K) 2K-3K Class
7:30 pm Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, September 28

9:00 am Pew Patrol

Saturday, September 30

7:00 pm Wesley Foundation Fundraiser/Fellowship Hall

Mulberry Street UMC Staff

M. Creede Hinshaw, Senior Pastor
Cile Mitchell, 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
Cameron Bishop, Director of Youth Ministries
*Jessica Tripp, Director of Children's
& Family Ministry*
Beth Smith, Church Hostess
Johnny Hathcock, 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
OPPORTUNITIES
↪ Bald Mountain Park Resort Campground - October 5-9

Mission Trip to New Orleans

We will be returning to Aurora UMC on **October 16-20**. This can be a “life-changing” experience for YOU! Call Cile (745-8601) if you are interested in going. There is no limit to the number we can take!



Memorials/Honorariums
In honor of The Paul Emert, Jr. Family by the Becomers Class

Macon Outreach
Pantry Needs

Grits	Soups	Mac & Cheese	Mixed Beans	Peanut Butter	Cereal
Flour	Canned Potatoes	Mixed Vegetables	Mixed Fruit	Yams	
Pork & Beans	Dried black-eyed peas	Mackerel	Misc. Greens		
	Canned Sweet Peas	Cookies			

Other Needs: deodorant & razors

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

Johnny Hathcock, Director johnnymom@bellsouth.net