



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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GOOD THINGS HAPPENING AT MULBERRY STREET

GENEROUS RESPONSE TO GOD AND OUR CHILDREN PLEDGE CAMPAIGN: On our very first Sunday you pledged \$709,500 towards our 2007 budget, which is estimated to be \$1,129,000. This very positive start includes 28 new pledges and 60 increased pledges. We have approximately 125 more pledge cards to come in, which should bring us well within our goal. Give thanks to God for this enthusiastic beginning...and bring your card to the church if you've not yet done so.

50 YEARS OF WOMEN IN MINISTRY: Fifty years ago the General Conference of Methodist Church voted, after years of debate, to grant clergy women full voting rights and membership in the annual conference. Our denomination (and our own church) has been greatly enriched by this decision which now seems so obvious. Thanks be to God for calling men and women into ordained ministry! This Sunday we'll mark this observance.

SEARCH COMMITTEE FORMED: Did you know we are seeking a full time director for The Children's Center at Mulberry? Julia Magda is the chair of the search committee for this full time ministry to children to begin August 2007.

MISSION TEAM LEAVING FOR NEW ORLEANS: We will be sending our 3rd or 4th work team to New Orleans October 16 – 20th. Indications are we may have close to 24 members. If you are interested, call Cile Mitchell. Keep the team in your prayers.

FALL FESTIVAL AND CHILI COOKOFF AROUND THE CORNER: This annual favorite takes place on Sunday evening, October 29, 2006. All cooks are encouraged to bring a prize winning pot of chili or apple pie (or other dessert). Our children will be in costumes and have games and fun that afternoon. Details to follow soon.

CHURCH INDEBTEDNESS SLOWLY EVAPORATING: Have you been keeping up with our steadily declining building renovation debt? We now owe less than \$112,000, and are on target, with your continued help, to make this debt vanish by early 2007. Again, thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OFFERED AND ANSWERED: I could use the entire newsletter to document the ways you are a people of prayer. I know that I am the recipient of your prayers, and I humbly thank you. Thank you even more for the way you pray for one another, this church, and the world. You are making an incredible difference in the Kingdom of God!

Cecile

Worship Services

Sunday, October 8, 2006

Nine O'clock - Chapel

Eleven O'clock - Sanctuary

"Discipleship"

Mark 9: 38-50

Cile Mitchell, preaching

Assisting with Worship

Ushers for Nine O'clock

Sam Henley, Chip McCrary

Ushers for Eleven O'clock

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

Sunday School Greeters

Becomers Class

Children's Church

Rader & Kate Sellers



Susan Middlebrooks, Altar Guild

The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John and Olive Cowan by Angela Cowan Irvine and family.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Herman and Dorothy Martin by the family.



Extend a hand of welcome to:

Gina, Meredith, Alex, Blake & Karl Christianson, Katie Belcher, Lee Brown, Hannah Gibbs and Anne Mantiply.

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. Call Mary Anne Gaudry, team captain for Mulberry, if you have any questions (477-0638).

Calling All Gazelles!

All present and prospective Gazelles are invited to lunch on **Tuesday, October 10 at 12:30 PM** in the church parlor. If you are not a Gazelle and would like to be one, please come and join us. **Please call the church office (745-8601) by Friday, October 6 to make your reservation.** If you would like to be a Gazelle but cannot come to the luncheon, or if you would like more information about this ministry to our homebound members, please call Carolyn Barber (745-8063) or Ruth Jennings (474-4504).

Young at Heart

Young at Heart will meet at **12:30** for lunch in the Fellowship Hall on **Thursday, October 12.** The price is \$5. You may pay as you go through the line. Program: Wesleyannes. You do not have to be a member of Young at Heart to attend. All adults 55 or older are most welcome. **Call the church office (745-8601) for reservations, by Monday October 9.**

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
September	\$112,293



Cam Bishop, Director of Music

Carol Choir Sings Soon

Sunday, October 15 at 9:00.
Meet in the chapel at 8:30.

Other Important Choir Dates

Covenant Choir

Sunday, October 22 at 11:00.

Young Spirit Singers

Sunday, October 29 at 11:00.

Search for Daycare Director

We are beginning to search for a director for The Children's Center at Mulberry. The Daycare Director Search Committee is chaired by Julia Magda with members Lenore Sell and Beth Tripp, and liaisons Colley Case and Jessica Tripp. If you, or someone you know, have experience as a daycare director and are interested in the position, please call Julia Magda, 464-5332 or Jessica Tripp, 745-8601.

Attention Young at Heart

Young at Heart will eat dinner at **Fall View Restaurant in High Falls, Georgia, on Thursday, October 19.** You do not have to be a member of Young at Heart to attend. All adults 55 or older are most welcome. **Please call the church office (745-8601) by Monday, October 16, to make a reservation.** We will ride the church bus, leaving the church parking lot at 4:00 p.m.

Circle Meeting

Paula Motes Circle will meet Wednesday, October 11th at 4:00 p.m. at the church. Please bring items for Macon Outreach, the Children's Home and Halloween bags.



Jessica Tripp, Director of Children
& Family Ministries

Upcoming Events. . .



**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
October 20-21
Friday 5:30 p.m. -
Saturday 3:00 p.m.
Cost: \$25**

4th-6th graders are invited to come join us at Mulberry for a night of mystery adventures and a day of spiritual growth. Since the night adventures are a mystery, we're not telling the kids what we are doing; but they are sure to have a great time. To prepare for this event, children are asked to participate in a canned food drive for Macon Outreach. Call me today for more information and to register for the overnight event.

**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**



Cameron Bishop, Director of Youth

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

**October 6-8 – Fall Camping @ Bald
Mountain – see web for details**

**UMYF & Sr. High Bible Study
are not meeting October 8 & 9**

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

**Thursday Morning Java
6:30 a.m.
@ Chic-fil-A on Zebulon**

Youth Website
Want to know what's going on?
Visit...
www.mulberryyouth.homestead.com



**Candy
Needed
for Fall
Festival**

Please bring in bags of individually wrapped candy for our fall festival. The collection box is located in the atrium.

Come Serve Christ

Jesus calls us to be his servants. Come serve Christ at Aurora UMC in Louisiana. A mission trip has been planned for **October 16-20**. **An informational meeting has been scheduled for September 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.** Come and learn more about the trip then sign up! Your life will never be the same. Call Cile (745-8601) for more information or to sign up.



**Wednesday Night Supper
October 11 – 5:45 p.m.**

Menu

- Roast Beef
- Butter Beans
- Rice & Gravy
- Tossed Salad
- Rolls Pound Cake
- Tea Coffee

*Also available for children:
peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.*

Program:
S.P.A.R.K. Classes

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)

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

Pastor on call: October 7-8 – Cile Mitchell
(Home: 405-9048 Cell: 986-7107)

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 8

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
4:30 pm Case for Christ Study/6th Graders
4:45 pm Young Spirit Singers
5:30 pm Disciple 1
5:00 pm Disciple III
6:00 pm UMYF

Monday, October 9

10:30 am Women's Club Mtg/Parlor
7:00 pm Senior High Bible Study

Tuesday, October 10

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
12:30 pm Gazelle Luncheon/Parlor

Wednesday, October 11

4:00 pm Paula Motes Circle/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, October 12

6:30 am Morning Java (Youth)
12:30 pm Young at Heart

Saturday, October 14

9:00-3:00 Sorority Initiation/Mustard Seed Class

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

Nathaniel Macon NSDAR Card Party

The Nathaniel Macon NSDAR is sponsoring a card party on **Monday, October 16th in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Cost is \$12. This is to benefit the Washington Memorial Library. Each table host must bring table and cards. For reservations, please contact Shelby Cramer at 478-745-8438 or 478-719-6867.

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