



# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Our Discovery Corps

A few weeks ago I wrote about the Discovery Corps on this frontispiece. This intrepid group of church members spent 18 months together (not quite as long as the original Lewis and Clark Expedition) praying and studying over God's continuing mission for our church. Their leader, Dr. Gordon Johnston, presented the highlights of their report to our Administrative Board in October.

The Board listened intently to the report, asked some excellent questions, made some wise comments, and enthusiastically and unanimously adopted the report. This is the second significant report endorsed by our church in the past few months. (The other report was the one establishing the Children's Center at Mulberry).

The 9 page Discovery Corps report provides a snapshot of where our church is and suggests places where God might want to lead us in the months and years ahead. It has a keen appreciation for the role of prayer and Christian community in our congregation, and concludes with 9 recommendations, including: church-wide study of this document, more faithful adherence to our vows of membership, a healthy conversation about worship in our church, deeper ways to care for one another, more focus on offering spiritual resources to those who come to Macon Outreach, specific strategies for relating to the downtown neighborhood, a deeper cultivation of lay prayer, continuation of hand-on mission work, and making the connection that our new Children's Center at Mulberry be an intentional ministry to the love of God to those who bring their children to us.

Now we enter a time of discernment on the part of our entire congregation in reaction to, support of, and comment about the Corps of Discovery Report. Sunday School classes and other small groups are encouraged to prayerfully discuss the report during the month of November if possible. We hope to hold a town meeting in January 2007 so that our entire congregation will have an opportunity to give their input.

You can read the report today by clicking on our church website ([www.mulberrymethodist.org](http://www.mulberrymethodist.org)) and following the link. You can even make a comment on a connecting blogsite. (I typed in a comment...now am an official blogger for the first time ever!)

Thanks to the Corps of Discovery...we are now much closer to discerning God's will for our congregation. We are all indebted to their prayerful, careful work.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Creech". The signature is written in black ink and is centered on the page.

P.S. This Sunday we will celebrate the ministry of Wesleyan College. Mulberry Street UMC has long and deep ties with this historic and vital United Methodist liberal arts school for women. Dr. Ruth Knox, President of Wesleyan College and a member of this congregation is a dynamic and well-loved leader. She will speak at both services. You will be proud to share in ministry with such a fine institution.

## Worship Services

Sunday, November 12, 2006

Nine O'clock - Chapel

Eleven O'clock - Sanctuary

"Appearances are Deceiving"

Mark 12: 38-44

Creede Hinshaw, preaching

### Assisting with Worship

#### Ushers for Nine O'clock

Joe Reeves and Clay Washburn

#### Ushers for Eleven O'clock

Art Banks, Russ Barber, Cary Beck, Bill Gifford, Waverly Golson, Mel Jamison, Tom Owens, Ed Powell, Doyles Powers, Jerry Rankin, Bert Thompson, Rett Walker, Tom Woodcock

#### Sunday School Greeters

Berg-Brenner Class

#### Children's Church

David & Joy Stanley



Susan Middlebrooks, Altar Guild

The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mildred Taylor Stevens and William Parks Stevens, Jr. by the William P. Simmons family.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Mr. Jesse Kite, Jr. by Mrs. Jesse Kite, Jr.

## Wesleyan College Sunday

This Sunday, November 12 has been designated as Wesleyan College Sunday. A special offering will be received this Sunday to help fund the Wesleyan Disciples organization – a Christian group of students committed to faith and service – for 2007-2008.

## Welcome to Mulberry Luncheon

Church visitors are invited to lunch with the church staff on **Sunday, November 12** immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. Following the meal we'll discuss the ministry of this church and answer questions. We'll be finished by 1:30 p.m., with an optional tour of the church building immediately following. No cost for the meal, but please call the church office to make reservations (745-8601).

## Pacesetters II

### Luncheon Meeting

Tuesday, November 28

Mulberry UMC - \$5.00

Program: Christmas Music by the Wesleyannes. Call the church office (745-8601) by **November 20** to make reservations. Come be a part of our district senior adult fellowship!

## Attention

## Young at Heart and JAM

On **Wednesday, December 6**, Young at Heart and JAM will travel to Marietta, GA via church bus for fellowship, lunch, and theater. We will leave the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m., having lunch at Shilling's Restaurant on the square in Marietta, and see the 2:30 p.m. performance of The Sanders Family Christmas. It's Christmas time at the beginning of World War II and changes in the wind can't silence the music in the air. This production will delight the entire audience. The cost, including transportation, lunch, and ticket to the play is \$50. Make your reservation by sending your check (payable to Mulberry Street UMC) to Linda at the church office or to Russ Barber by **November 15**. Don't miss this fun trip!



Cam Bishop, Director of Music

**Carol Choir** sings this Sunday, November 12 at 9

#### Coming up:

**Covenant Choir** sings November 19 at 11

**Children's Christmas Music** December 3 at 6

#### Third Tuesday Organ Interlude

November 21 – 12:00 Noon

David Milligan, Organist  
Christ Church



Extend a hand of welcome to:

Dylan Caldwell, Lynn Carithers, Sarah Feely, Kristen Marcola, Sandy Mullins, Betty Parsons, Diana Rivera, Sam & Helen Rogers, and Bonnie West

## Newfound Road Concert

Get ready for the return engagement of the award winning gospel bluegrass band Newfound Road. They will be in concert in our fellowship hall on Wednesday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m. Make your reservations for Wednesday night supper by calling the church office or come at 6:30 and find a seat. A love offering will be received. Check out Newfound Road's website:

[www.newfoundroad.com](http://www.newfoundroad.com)

## 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
October	\$104,802



Jessica Tripp, Director of Children & Family Ministries

### Upcoming Events. . .

**The Rock Ranch Camp-Out**  
November 10-11

**Parent's Day Out**  
4K-6<sup>th</sup> grades - December 2

**Family Spiritual Growth & Ski Retreat Weekend**  
January 12-15, 2007

All children 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade and their families are invited to join us for a weekend of spiritual growth and skiing fun at Lake Junaluska. This will be a great family get away and faith building opportunity. We will have group devotions and Bible study, family activities and of course, skiing. The cost of the trip is \$199 per person. Children 5 and under are free. For information call Jessica, 745-8601.



Cameron Bishop, Director of Youth

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

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

**November 11 – 7:00 p.m.**  
Grand Opening of the New Spiritual Life Center Coffee House at the Methodist Home. Our very own youth praise band will be leading the singing.

**Thursday Morning Java**  
7:00 a.m.  
@ Chic-fil-A on Zebulon

**Youth Website**  
Want to know what's going on?  
Visit...  
[www.mulberryyouth.homestead.com](http://www.mulberryyouth.homestead.com)



**November 12**  
David Barwick

### Search for Member Addresses

Our church has lost track of the following church members. It is our goal to locate them in order to encourage them to return to active membership in this congregation or seek spiritual growth elsewhere. If you can supply a CURRENT ADDRESS for these members, please call the church office, 745-8601.

- Jack Abrams
- Patricia Cowart
- Laurel Faye Frazer
- Nathaniel B. Frazer
- Sylvia Haywood-Carter
- James P. Hughes



**Wednesday Night Supper**  
November 15  
5:45 p.m.

**Menu**  
Fried Chicken  
Green Beans  
Cream Corn  
Tossed Salad  
Rolls Pound Cake  
Tea Coffee

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

**Program:**  
*Newfound Road Concert*

### Search for Daycare Director

We are seeking a full-time director for our new daycare ministry, The Children's Center at Mulberry (CCM), for ages 6 months to 4K. Preferred qualifications as well as job responsibilities are identified in a full Job Description posted at [www.mulberrymethodist.org](http://www.mulberrymethodist.org). If you, or someone you know, have experience as a daycare director and are interested in the position, please send résumé ONLY by fax to Julia Magda at (478) 464-5371.

### Scampers Reunion & Parlor Class Cook-out

**Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**  
4:00 p.m. – Kersey Lake  
Call Dana or Dennis Kersey for more information – 743-2867

### Memorials/Honorariums Memorial Fund

*In memory of Ethel Tharp  
by Mr. & Mrs. James H. Hughen*



**Tuesday, November 21**  
7:00 p.m.  
**Saint Joseph's Catholic Church**

**Lunch With Santa**  
**Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**  
1:00 p.m.  
**Mulberry Street UMC**

Enjoy a bountiful lunch, a delightful musical show with singing Santa and magician Mike Fuller. Children \$10 – Adults \$12 Call Downtown Council for reservations: 621-2005 or 621-2013.

**Mulberry Street United Methodist Church**  
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Office (478) 745-8601  
[www.mulberrymethodist.org](http://www.mulberrymethodist.org)

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

Pastor on call: November 11-12 – Creede Hinshaw  
(Home: 474-8735 – Cell: 737-8981)

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, November 12

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/6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
4:45 pm Young Spirit Singers  
5:00 pm Disciple III  
5:30 pm Disciple 1  
6:00 pm UMYF

### Monday, November 13

10:30 am Women's Club Mtg/Parlor  
5:30 pm Charge Conference/Administrative Board Mtg  
7:00 pm Senior High Bible Study

### Tuesday, November 14

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

### Wednesday, November 15

10:35 am Macon Outreach Thanksgiving Communion  
4:00 pm Paula Motes Circle/Conf Rm  
5:15 pm Handbells  
5:45 pm Wednesday Night Supper  
6:30 pm Newfound Road Concert  
6:30 pm Children's Choirs  
6:30 pm Sunshine Music Time (2K-3K)  
7:30 pm Ainsworth Choir

### Thursday, November 16

7:00 am Morning Java (Youth)  
10:30 am Trinity Circle/Parlor

### Friday, November 17

11:00am Macon Outreach Thanksgiving Dinner

### 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*

## **A CHRISTMAS CORNUCOPIA**

This delightful book of Advent/Christmas meditations by The Rev. Hamp Watson will allow you to enter a world of wonder and awe. Makes a great gift for a devotional book. All proceeds support Miss Ella's Camp for Special People at Epworth by the Sea. Order from the church office for \$14.

## **Macon Outreach Clothes Closet**

Please discontinue clothing donations to the clothes closet at Macon Outreach until after the move to 770 Walnut Street.

## **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**

Johnny Hathcock, Director [johnnymom@bellsouth.net](mailto:johnnymom@bellsouth.net)