



# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 1, 2009

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## *Visioning An Invitational Church*

In his book, The Vital Congregation, Herb Miller, a well known church consultant, encourages congregations to achieve vitality by developing: 1) a deep spiritual connection with God, 2) a loving connection with other people, and 3) a committed connection to great causes. He also suggests a roadmap toward becoming that "vital congregation". I found it interesting and inspiring that the suggestions you have been offering through our Town Hall Meetings have corresponded so closely to Miller's. Here are some of those suggestions that both you and Mr. Miller have lifted up.

- Lay and clergy leadership who model and communicate a vision of expectancy and hope regarding the future.
- A climate of Christian love and acceptance within our congregation.
- A central emphasis on evangelism – actually making more people followers of Christ.
- Enthusiastically receiving and assimilating new members into church life.
- Providing SS classes and other small groups that offer meaningful Bible study and spiritual growth opportunities that meet personal and social needs.
- Teaching members how to develop a life of prayer and witness.
- Involving more members in carrying out the ministry of Christ.
- Reaching out into the community with meaningful ministries that invite people into a life of discipleship.

At our meeting this past Saturday, your Church Council began to move on some immediate plans toward meeting these goals. They come out of your suggestions. Among those actions:

1. Establish a large core of Sunday greeters who will welcome, escort, and in other ways welcome members and visitors, and practice openly the gift of hospitality. This will also involve establishing a visitor information center in the atrium.
2. Create one or more new SS classes or small groups that offer meaningful study and fellowship to young adults in our church and community. We will also explore developing more meaningful ministries for singles.
3. Explore additional church-wide studies and spiritual growth experiences that will equip us for individual and corporate prayer, and a deepening witness for Christ in our community.

This is just the beginning. There is much more to come. Your suggestions have been many and far-reaching. Some will take careful strategic planning. All will need to be under-girded with prayer. More of us will need to become involved. But we are beginning to implement your ideas. Our overall emphasis is on becoming a more "**Invitational Church**". We will focus on this theme in worship in the weeks to come. It is an exciting time; God is at work. We are listening to His voice; we are responding to His call. Be in prayer. Offer yourself in service. Thank God for your own call.

Tommy

# Sunday Worship

February 1, 2009

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

It's Time for "Hallelujah"  
Psalm 111

Rev. Tommy Martin

## Assisting with Worship

Ushers for Nine O'clock  
Sam Henley & David Ivey

Ushers for Eleven O'clock  
Jeff Amerson, Chad Bevill,  
Bruce Bryant, J. B. Easterlin,  
Alan Frank, Eric Hefner,  
Bill Jarrard, James Lawton,  
Bob McCormick, Wesley Rauls,  
Rader Sellers, Russ Vaughn

Children's Church  
Tracy & Joni Coleman

Mulberry's Muggers  
Jack Head & Paige Mann

## Altar Flowers



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

## Attendance Last Sunday

Nine O'clock Worship	56
Eleven O'clock Worship	289
<b>Total Worship Attendance</b>	<b>345</b>
Sunday School	258



Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist

## Children's Musical

Join our children in Grades 1-5  
as they begin learning  
"Elijah! God's Faithful Prophet"  
Sunday evenings at 6:00  
in the Wesley Choir Room.

No Young Spirit rehearsal  
Sunday Feb 1.

## Festival of Choirs

Sunday, March 22 at 11:00  
All of Mulberry's choirs will sing.

## Cherry Blossom Organ Concerts

Monday, March 23 - Friday, March 27  
Mark your calendar now for this annual event.

Don't forget the  
**AGO Hymn Festival this Sunday.**  
It's always an exciting and uplifting event.  
(Details below)



Cameron Bishop,  
Director of Youth Ministry

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

## Winter Retreat

Don't forget our Winter Retreat to Epworth by the Sea is Feb. 13-15. Make sure you've paid your \$100. Also, remember that you have to pack your own linens, towels, etc. We're going to DEPART at 4:00 - so be at the church EARLY to load. Call Cameron with questions.

## Save the Date

**May 10, 2009**  
Senior Recognition  
&  
Mother's Day Luncheon

## American Guild of Organists

*presents*

## "Super Bowl of Hymn Festivals"

This Sunday, February 1, 2009

3:00 p.m. - Mulberry Street UMC Sanctuary

Gregg Bunn, Organist (Brentwood UMC, Brentwood, TN)

Dr. John E. Simons, Leader (Mercer University, Director of Graduate Music Studies)

Hear and sing hymns and hymn arrangements for choir, pipe organ, and congregation.

There is no charge for this inspiring event!

## **Wednesday Night Supper**

**This Wednesday, February 4, 2009**



### Menu

Doris' Homemade  
Chicken Pot Pie  
Tossed Salad  
Hot Rolls  
Pecan Pie

### Program

Wesley Foundation

### Mission Jars

Wesley Foundation at  
Mercer

## Esther Circle Meeting

The Esther Circle will meet at 12:00 Noon on February 5, 2009, in the clubhouse at Richland Estates. Hostesses will be Hannah Greene and Marie Williams.

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## Young at Heart Luncheon

Thursday, February 12, 2009

12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall - Cost: \$5

All adults 55 or older are most welcome. You do not have to be a member of Young at Heart to attend. Call the church office (745-8601) for reservations by Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

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## Mulberry United Methodist Women

### CALL TO PRAYER

February 16, 2009

### "OPEN My EYES THAT I MAY SEE"

NOON LUNCHEON - Fellowship Hall

(\$3.00, NO RESERVATIONS)

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## Super News from Sunday School!

Thank you to the Sunday School classes who have generously stepped up to help stock the Macon Outreach grocery pantry each week in 2009! Your regular donations of food will help us provide reliable supplies of emergency commodities for more than 75 families who visit the pantry each week. Thank you for sharing.

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Mary Wright  
January 21, 2009

Paula H. Motes  
January 22, 2009

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Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries

## Kid's Praise & Worship Time Is Back!

Sundays - 9:30-10:00 a.m. - Children's Assembly Room

## S.M.A.K.

Sundays - 5:30-7:00

## Hoops for Hearts (Mission Activity)

February 7

10:00-12:00

Come shoot baskets, have a hot dog  
and join the fun!

Prizes for kids of all ages.

## Wednesday Night Supper Programs Spring 2009

### February 4

Wesley Foundation

### February 11

TBA

### February 18

Patches of the Quilt - Dr. Edwin Chase

### February 25

Ash Wednesday Service

### March 4, 11 & 18

Lenten Study

### March 25

Children's Choir Awards

### April 1

Lenten Study

### April 15

Park's Pickers

### April 22

Godly Play

### April 29

Hymn Fest - Harold Chapman

### May 6

Musical Interlude - Cam Bishop

### May 13

A Taste of Summer

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## Shrove Tuesday/Fat Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Lent is a time of personal introspection and fasting leading us to Holy Week. Tradition has Lent as a time of abstinence from meat, fat, eggs and dairy product. Shrove Tuesday is also called Fat Tuesday (in French, Mardi Gras) because it is said on that day a thrifty homemaker uses up the fats that have been kept for cooking, but that will not be used during Lent. Since pancakes are a standard way of using up the fats in the house, the day is also called Pancake Tuesday!

Join us on **Tuesday, February 24 at 5:45 p.m.** for our celebration of Fat Tuesday or Pancake Tuesday. Let's help Doris use up a lot of fats and enjoy a pancake supper.

Then come back for our weekly **Church Family Supper on Wednesday, February 25th**, as we begin our journey into the season of Lent. Our dinner will be a contrast from the evening before as we enjoy a simple dinner of soup and cornbread. Afterwards we will have our service of the imposition of ashes in the sanctuary.

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**over Radio Station AM 940 WMAC.**

### **Pastor on Call**

January 30-February 1

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## ***THIS WEEK AT MULBERRY***

### **Sunday, February 1**

9:00 a.m. Worship/Chapel

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship/Sanctuary

3:00 p.m. AGO Hymn Fest/Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. Faith Questions Bible Study/Rosser II

4:45 p.m. Young Spirit Singers

5:00 p.m. Way of Discernment Study/Forum

5:30 p.m. S.M.A.K.

5:30 p.m. Esther Study/Parlor

6:00 p.m. UMYF

6:00 p.m. Musical Rehearsal (Grades 1-5)

### **Monday, February 2**

11:00 a.m. DAR Luncheon/Fel-Hall

12:00 p.m. Women's Retreat Committee Mtg/Conf Rm

### **Tuesday, February 3**

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study/Conf Rm

7:00 a.m. Men's Sermon Starter Group/Panera Bread

8:30 a.m. Prayer Group/Conf Rm

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting/Conf Rm

12:00 p.m. Kiwanis Club Luncheon/Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, February 4**

4:30 p.m. UMW Executive Committee Mtg/Conf Rm

5:00 p.m. Children's Handbells

5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper

6:30 p.m. Adults/Sr. High Handbells

6:30 p.m. Children's Choirs

7:15 p.m. Ainsworth Choir

### **Thursday, February 5**

9:30 a.m. Psalms Bible Study/Forum Class

10:00 a.m. Chapel for Daycare/Sanctuary

12:00 p.m. Esther Circle/Richland Estates

5:30 p.m. Devotional Group/Panera Bread

### **Saturday, February 7**

10:00 a.m. Hoops for Hearts

### **Sunday, February 8**

9:00 a.m. Worship/Chapel

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship/Sanctuary

12:15 p.m. Children's Ministry Council/Children's Assembly Rm

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### **Bus Fund**

In memory of Margaret Wrye by

Mrs. Karen C. Rhodes Mrs. Elizabeth Rhodes Mrs. Mary D. Nelson Mrs. Gertha M. Felts  
Mrs. Kathryn Ray King Col. & Mrs. Joseph H. Jones Mr. & Mrs. George C. Blake  
Ms. Florence Grenade Solomon-Fellowship Class Mr. C. M. Stout

### **Memorial Fund**

In memory of Margaret Wrye by

Mrs. Frances C. Whitley Mr. & Mrs. Robert Briggs Mr. & Mrs. Curtis S. Barnes

In memory of Marie D. Pinkerton by

Mrs. Charlotte M. Barker Mrs. Robbie M. Kirk Mr. & Mrs. B. C. Carr

In memory of Vivian Bridges by Mr. & Mrs. James Crawford

In memory of Mary B. Lamback by Mr. & Mrs. James Crawford

### **Music Fund**

In memory of Vivian Bridges by

Mrs. Marie Kersey Mrs. Betsy H. Bennett Mrs. Eugenia G. Hobbs Solomon-Fellowship Class  
Ms. Florence Grenade Ms. Emma L. Michael

### **Chapel Renovation**

In memory of Mary McCrary by Mr. & Mrs. Curtis S. Barnes

## **Your Generosity**

If you haven't heard, there is good news for our church financially. Despite a difficult and uncertain economy, we finished 2008 in the \$629 black. I am so very grateful for your faithfulness, and for the goodness and blessing of God at work among us. We begin the new year on solid ground. Thank you in advance for your continued commitment to the ministry of Jesus Christ. ....Tommy

## **MULBERRY STREET UMC STAFF**

Tommy Martin, 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  
Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries  
Erin Roberson, Director, Children's Center

Betsy Abbott, Director of Hospitality  
Johnny Hathcock, Director, Macon Outreach  
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