



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 15, 2009

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Walking By Faith / Seeing The Blessings!

"For we walk by faith, not by sight."

~ 2 Corinthians 5:7 ~

Do you know the legend of the Cherokee Indian youth's rite of passage? His father takes him into the forest, blindfolds him and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sun shine through it. He cannot cry out for help to anyone. Once he survives the night, he is a MAN. He cannot tell the other boys of this experience because each must come into manhood on his own. The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be all around him. Maybe even some human might do him harm. The wind blows the grass and earth, and shakes the trees around him. But by faith he sits through the night, never removing the blindfold. It would be the only way he could become a man!

Finally, after a horrific night, the sun appears and he removes his blindfold. It is then that he discovers his father sitting on the stump next to him. He had been at silent watch the entire night, ever present, protecting his son from harm.

We, too, are never alone. Even when we don't know it, God is watching over us, "sitting on the stump" beside us. God is moving among us. God's love and joy are ever present.

I have been sensing that movement around Mulberry more and more. Good things are happening!

- We finished the 2008 year in the black, despite a difficult and uncertain economy. God is truly blessing us. Thank you again for your faithfulness. Thank God for your abundance.
- Many of you are inviting friends to join you at Mulberry. It is good to see so many new faces each Sunday. You are spreading the word. Introduce them to me – I am delighted to meet them. More visitors are talking to me (and you) about joining.
- We have baptized 13 infants and children in the past months since I have been at Mulberry. Did someone say we are an old congregation?
- The Ainsworth Choir continues to fill the choir loft and bless us so richly each week. Our Children's choirs will be presenting special programs in the coming weeks.
- The Children's Center now has 62 registered and on roll. And parents are spreading the word about our presence in downtown Macon. We will soon be at full enrollment.
- Church Supper crowds and fellowship are great. Remember to thank Doris, Clifton, Arnold and Betsy for running the best "restaurant" in Macon. Invite a friend to experience a "taste of Mulberry"!
- Our Children's ministry is growing; they became involved in missions this past week with "Hoops For Hearts", and raised over \$800.00 for Macon Outreach. Wonderful! Our youth are on the move, and will be going on winter retreat this weekend, and will also give of themselves through a July week in missions.
- We are moving forward on many of the suggestions that have come out of our "Pathways" meetings. Your church Council will have a full agenda later this month as we establish a new greeter corps to welcome members and visitors at locations throughout the church; look at establishing at least two new Sunday School classes, including a fellowship for young adults; plan a church-wide study experience and worship series on sharing our faith and being a stronger invitational church; explore alternate worship experiences that would reach the un-churched or seekers in our community.

There is more of course! Everyday is a new day in Christ! Where are you seeing God at work at Mulberry? How are you watching over others as they take off their blindfold?

Joyfully, in Christ!

Sunday Worship

February 15, 2009

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

The Journey of Jesus:
"Crossing the Bounds
of Human Need"
Mark 1: 40-45

Rev. Tommy Martin

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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
Lovett, Bob McCormick,
Wesley Rauls, Rader Sellers,
Russ Vaughn

Children's Church
Gordon & Pam Johnston

Mulberry's Muggers
Russ & Carolyn Barber
Jim & Ann Smith

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Altar Flowers



The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in honor of Paul and Anne Riley by Tim and Melissa Anderson.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of her father, Arthur C. Curran by Ken and Jackie Harper and family.

Attendance Last Sunday

Nine O'clock Worship	46
Eleven O'clock Worship	267
Total Worship Attendance	313



Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist

Music for Threes

We will not meet Wednesday,
February 25 due to the
Ash Wednesday service.

Young Spirit Singers

No rehearsal Feb 15 & 22.
Enjoy your winter retreat.
We'll resume rehearsals on March 1.

2009 Cherry Blossom Organ Concerts

Monday, March 23 - Catherine Elliott
Tuesday, March 24 - Sandra Smith
Wednesday, March 25 - Joseph O'Berry
Thursday, March 26 - Robert Parris
Friday, March 27 - Gerald Carper



Cameron Bishop,
Director of Youth Ministry

www.mulberryyouth.com

Winter Retreat

15 students will be leaving this Friday, Feb. 13 at 12:00 for a weekend retreat at Epworth by the Sea. Please be in prayer for these students as they seek to grow closer to God.

Confirmation

The Confirmation class will be attending a weekend retreat at Epworth by the Sea with students from across the South GA Conference Feb. 27 - March 1.

Sign-up for our weekly email newsletter on our website mulberryyouth.com

MULBERRY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CALL TO PRAYER FEBRUARY 16, 2009

"OPEN MY EYES
THAT I MAY SEE"

ANN SMITH, SPEAKER

NOON LUNCHEON - Fellowship Hall
(\$3.00, NO RESERVATIONS)

**Upper
Rooms**
*The
March/April
issue of the
Upper Room
is available
in the
Atrium.*

Wednesday Night Supper

This Wednesday, February 18, 2009



Menu

Doris' Spaghetti
Garlic Bread
Tossed Salad
Key Lime Pie

Program

Patches of the Quilt -
Dr. Edwin Chase

Mission Jars

Methodist Home



SHROVE 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.



February 25, 2009

6:30 p.m.

Sanctuary

Rev. Cile Mitchell, preaching

Thank You For Your Stewardship

The 2008 budget predicted we would end the year with a deficit of over \$53,000. We concluded the year with a \$629 surplus. 60 members gave a total of \$96,000 more than they pledged. \$32,825 was received from the Boost the Budget campaign. 73 members underpaid their pledge. Over \$200,000 was received from those who did not pledge but gave generously. The 2009 budget anticipates a year end shortfall of almost \$129,000. While this prediction seems high, the members of Mulberry have a history of faithful giving when times are difficult. We are moving into 2009 not with fear, but with bold expectation.

Mark your calendar!

UMW Sunday

March 15, 2009

**Flo Martin will be the speaker at the
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services.**



Memorial Fund

*In memory of Marie Davis Pinkerton by
Mr. & Mrs. Russell C. Ashmore, Jr.*

*In memory of Paula Motes by
Ms. Shannon K. Fickling*

Music Fund

*In memory of Vivian H. Bridges by
Miss Ann and Miss Mary Redman*

Bus Fund

*In memory of Margaret Wrye by
Ms. Augusta E. Davis Mr. & Mrs. Joe Wunsch
Miss Susie Daniel*

Macon Outreach Fund

*In memory of Mary McCrary by
Mr. & Mrs. James R. Macklin*

*In memory of Paula Motes by
Mr. & Mrs. James R. Macklin
Mr. & Mrs. Hubert R. Gilmore*

Macon Outreach Fund (Clothing Bank)

*In memory of Paula Motes by
Mr. & Mrs. Curtis S. Barnes*



Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries

KIDSPRAISE

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

S.M.A.K.

Sundays - 5:30-7:30

Saturday, March 14

Day Trip to Indian Springs

Mulberry kids are invited to take the church bus to Indian Springs for an afternoon of games, fun and a cookout. We'll join the Scampers and have a blast, so mark your calendars now. More details soon.

Vacation Bible School

June 14-19

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Pastor on Call

February 13-15

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THIS WEEK AT MULBERRY

Sunday, February 15

9:00 a.m. Worship/Chapel

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. KIDSPRAISE/Children's Assembly Rm

11:00 a.m. Worship/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 16

12:00 p.m. UMW Call to Prayer/Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 17

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

7:00 p.m. Grace Circle

Wednesday, February 18

4:30 p.m. Macon Outreach Exec. Com. Mtg/Conf Rm

5:00 p.m. Children's Handbells

5:30 p.m. Brad Brady Mtg/Conf Rm

5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper

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

6:30 p.m. Children's Choirs

Thursday, February 19

9:30 a.m. Psalms Bible Study/Conference Rm

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

1:00 p.m. Carlyle Place Communion

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

Friday-Sunday, February 20-22

Mulberry Women's Retreat

Sunday, February 22

9:00 a.m. Worship/Chapel

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. KIDSPRAISE/Children's Assembly Rm

11:00 a.m. Worship/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

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Older Adult Retreat "Joy for Today – Hope for Tomorrow" April 13-15, 2009 Epworth By The Sea

Mark your calendars for the 2009 Older Adult Retreat. This year's retreat promises to be a wonderful experience in fellowship, worship, and outreach and will explore the mystery of God's design to use us at every stage in life, including right now. The retreat speaker will be the Bishop Marion Edwards and the Bible study leader will be Dr. Evelyn Laycock. Registration forms are available in the church office. For more information please contact Adam Ricker at the Connectional Ministries Office (888) 266-7642 or by email at adam@sgaumc.com.

MULBERRY STREET UMC STAFF

Tommy Martin, Senior Pastor

Cile Mitchell, Associate Pastor

*Bishop C. W. Hancock, Bishop in Residence
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Bruce Bishop, Church Administrator
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