



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 22, 2009

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JOURNEYING INWARDLY AND OUTWARDLY DURING LENT

The seasons of Lent and Easter celebrate the most important aspect of Christian life – redemption and salvation through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, Christians around the world anticipate and prepare for Christ's victory over death with fasting, penitence and prayer and ultimately, joy, praise and celebration.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Our Ash Wednesday Service on February 25, 6:30 PM, is a holy time of reflection, prayer, and the imposition of ashes marking us as disciples. Biblically, ashes are symbols of purification and penitence, and they remind us that we are mortal.

Lent is a time we often give up, or sacrifice something as a spiritual discipline for those 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter. It should also be a season during which we take on something new for the sake of Christ and our own spiritual awakening. Below you will find some suggestions. I encourage you to consider one or more of these, or a similar expression of love for Jesus Christ as we move toward the One who *"so loved the world."* Make them a personal covenant between you and God. Live out your faith. Our response to God's love is not just what we have faith to do, but also what we do by faith! You will be blessed by journeying intentionally with Jesus Christ in this holy season.

Inward & Personal:

- Spend time in solitude each day.
- Share in a Lenten study series or some form of personal study.
- Read a book for inner growth.
- Attend church regularly and faithfully.
- Read through one of the Gospels.
- Begin to keep a journal of prayer concerns, questions, readings.
- Focus on thanksgiving, rather than on asking, in prayer.
- Give yourself the gift of doing something you say you don't have time to do.
- Take control of your life by _____.
- Go to all of the Holy Week services as an act of love and waiting with Jesus.
- Forgive someone who has hurt you.
- Rejoice and celebrate your prayers to a favorite CD.
- Other promptings: _____.

Outward & Social:

- Visit a "shut-in" neighbor or church member weekly.
- Write a letter of affirmation to a person who has touched your life.
- Go to dinner or have coffee with someone you want to know better.
- Begin to recycle waste from your home and workplace.
- Give blood and recall the cross.
- Call Macon Outreach and ask how to help.
- Say "No" to something that is a waste of money and time.
- Decide to become a member of the church and speak to a pastor or friend.
- Rebuke the spirit of criticism and gossip.
- Other outward and social promptings:

As a way of being accountable, I will either:

- Share my intentions for Lent with a covenant / study group, or
- Share my plan with at least one other person and share with that person my experience of Lent during Holy Week.

Tommy

Sunday Worship

February 22, 2009

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

"Pulling Up Stakes -
Leaving Your Tent Behind"
Mark 9: 2-9

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
David & Courtney Baskette

Mulberry's Muggers
Florence Allen
Wesley & Clare Rauls
Andy & Louise Watson

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Altar Flowers



The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rhuel E. Shelley by his wife, Virginia Shelley.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Anna Dominy by her family.

Attendance Last Sunday

Nine O'clock Worship	52
Eleven O'clock Worship	214
Total Worship Attendance	266
Sunday School	253



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

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

Upper Rooms

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



Cameron Bishop,
Director of Youth Ministry

www.mulberryyouth.com

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

**UMW Sunday
March 15, 2009**
*Flo Martin will be the
speaker at the
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
services.*



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.

Wednesday Night Supper

This Wednesday, February 25, 2009



Menu
Soup & Cornbread

Program
Ash Wednesday Service
Rev. Cile Mitchell, preaching

Mission Jars
Macon Outreach

The Call to End 21st Century Slavery

What would Amos and Isaiah say? And what would Jesus have us do? These are some of the questions a group of young Mercer Students asked themselves when confronted with billboards of massage parlors in our area and learning that massage parlors are one of the leading fronts for sex trafficking...the new kind of slavery of the 21st century.

There will be a presentation on Sunday morning, March 1, during the Sunday School hour to learn of these students' response to the call of the prophets and Jesus to "remember the least of them." Everyone is invited to come and learn about this important issue--9:45 in the Fellowship Hall.



Congratulations to Reed and Mary Lee Sell Watts upon the birth of their daughter, Miriam Sorrell Watts on February 7, 2009. Proud grandparents are Ed and Lenore Sell.



Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries

THANK YOU

The Children's Department would like to send out a big thanks to Mary Charles and Emory Dunn, the Mercer Basketball teams and Athletic Departments, and Hank and Lori Martin for making our Hoops from the Heart event a big success. We raised about \$1000 for Macon Outreach, and I am so proud of all the 25 kids who participated. Next year we hope to make it bigger and get others from the Macon community involved.

GODLY PLAY WORKSHOP

Parents and others interested are invited to attend a workshop at Mulberry on the weekend of March 6th (5-8 p.m.) and 7th (9am-4pm). Led by Sharon Greeley, a certified teacher in the Godly Play method, the workshop will give us a taste of how the stories are taught, and help us build our own team of teachers to begin our new children's Sunday school program in August. Call Pam if you have questions.

DAY TRIP TO INDIAN SPRINGS

On Saturday, March 14, kids of all ages (under 5 must be accompanied by an adult) will leave the church at 2 on the bus for Indian Springs. We'll have an afternoon of fun with the scampers, including games, a campfire and s'mores. Must RSVP with Pam by Wednesday, March 11.

ATTENTION KIDS

During the whole month of March, we will collect individually wrapped food such as crackers, cookies, chips, fruit or pudding to make Easter snack bags for the kids at Macon Outreach. Bring your items to Sunday school and we'll plan to decorate the bags all together on April 5. The class who collects the most items will win a prize!

Vacation Bible School - June 14-19



Scampers

March 13-15

Indian Springs Park

For information please call

Bobby and Dianne Greene, Wagonmasters
at 474-1038.



Do you have a new Email Address?

We are updating our email directory for the church. Please email your address to lparker@mulberrymethodist.org

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.

Lenten Study

Tommy and Cile will be leading a Lenten Study entitled Watching the Disciples: *Learning from Their Mistakes*. Come and learn from the disciples.

March 4

Enough: Five Loaves and Two Fish are not Enough
Led by Tommy Martin

March 11

Cost: We will Follow You Wherever You Go
Led by Cile Mitchell

March 18

Agenda: Listen to Our Plan for You, Jesus
Led by Tommy Martin

April 1

Betrayal: What Will You Give Me to Betray Him?
Led by Cile Mitchell

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

Pastor on Call

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THIS WEEK AT MULBERRY

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
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 23

11:00 a.m. Special Needs Children Advisory Board Mtg/Fel-Hall
4:45 p.m. Finance Committee/Conf Rm
5:30 p.m. Church Council Mtg/Fel-Hall

Tuesday, February 24

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
5:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper/Fel-Hall

Wednesday, February 25

5:00 p.m. Altar Guild 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
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service/Sanctuary
7:15 p.m. Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, February 26

9:00 a.m. Pew Patrol
9:30 a.m. Psalms Bible Study/Conference Rm
10:00 a.m. Chapel for Daycare/Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Salvation Army Luncheon/Fel-Hall
5:30 p.m. Devotional Group/Panera Bread

Friday-Sunday, February 27-March 1

Confirmation Retreat/Epworth

Friday, February 27

5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal/Palmer-Crenshaw

Saturday, February 28

4:00 p.m. Wedding/Palmer-Crenshaw

Sunday, March 1

9:00 a.m. Worship/Chapel
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The Altar Guild has two openings for flowers:
Sanctuary - Sunday, March 29th
Chapel - Sunday, April 12th
If you are interested in placing flowers
for one of these Sunday openings,
please call Carolyn Kennedy - 743-8901.



Macon Outreach Fund

In memory of Paula Motes by

Mrs. Robbie M. Kirk Joy Class Ray Dominy George & Barbara Hunnicutt
A. Thomas & Marion Mixon Amanda Hall Betsy Bennett Charles & Dorothy Dye
Charles Yates, Jr. Clifton, Lipford, Hardison & Parker Col. & Mrs. Walter Mattison
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Milton & Carol Pope Mr. & Mrs. Ben Oxley, Jr. Mr. & Mrs. Harry L. Couch
Mrs. Carolyn Kennedy Mrs. Roger Soltis Catherine Daughtery Class
Rosa Shaheen & Janet Wood Samuel & Virginia Lamback Stephen Chanin
Vaughan & Beth Smith

Memorial Fund

In honor of Elizabeth Waldrep's 90th Birthday by Mrs. Betsy H. Bennett

Bus Fund

In memory of Margaret Wrye by Ms. Lenell Dean Sikes

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
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