



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 1, 2009

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Giving Thanks In All Things

The following thoughts were shared by Johnny Hathcock at a recent staff meeting. I do not know the source, but the sentiments are worthy of consideration during this season of Lent – a season of reflection and sacrifice – as we witness Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem and the cross.

*“Be thankful you don’t already have everything, for there would be nothing to look forward to.
Be thankful when you don’t know something; it gives you the opportunity to learn.
Be thankful for difficult times; during these times you grow.
Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.
Be thankful for each new challenge, because each one builds your strength and character.
Be thankful for your mistakes; they will teach you valuable lessons.
Be thankful when you are tired and weary, because it means you made a difference.
It is easy to be thankful for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are
also thankful for the setbacks.
Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive. Find a way to be thankful for your troubles, and
they can become your blessings.
May this year bring you the corrections in your life and community that will give you peace of
mind, a thankful heart, and a deeper relationship with God.”*

Opportunities Ahead:

- Mulberry will host **The Candler Singers** on Sunday, March 29, at 4:00 PM in the sanctuary. This outstanding group from one of our top seminaries will perform for the whole community. Invite a friend to enjoy this great praise and music with you!
- **Godly Play** is coming to Mulberry on March 8. As a part of our Godly Play weekend workshop (see inside), Sharon Greeley will share with our children during the Children’s Moments at the 11:00 AM worship Service.
- This Sunday, Jesus’ ministry is “Up and Running” as He is baptized, blessed, and taken into the wilderness for a time of trial and temptation. What are your temptations? How does God’s grace intervene and protect you? The scripture is Mark 1: 9 – 15.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday as we worship and fellowship as the body of Christ.

Blessings,

Tommy

Sunday Worship

March 1, 2009

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

"Up and Running"
Mark 1: 9-15

Rev. Tommy Martin

Assisting with Worship

Ushers for Nine O'clock

Joe Reeves & Clay Washburn

Ushers for Eleven O'clock

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

Children's Church

James & Kathryn Manley

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 Mildred and E. L. Brooking by Jean and Jimmy Weatherford.

Attendance Last Sunday

Nine O'clock Worship	51
Eleven O'clock Worship	251
Total Worship Attendance	302



Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist

Looking Ahead in Choir...

Sunday, March 1: Young Spirit Singers at 4:45
Elijah rehearsal at 6:00 (sanctuary)

Sunday, March 8: Children's Handbell Choir
plays in 11:00 service

Young Spirit Singers at 4:45
Elijah rehearsal at 6:00 (sanctuary)

March 15: YSS at 4:45
Elijah at 6:00 (sanctuary)

Sunday, March 22: Festival of Choirs at 11:00
All choirs participate
Dress Rehearsal for Elijah (Time TBA)

Wednesday, March 25: Children's Choir Awards
Presentation of musical 'Elijah' by Grades 1-5 (S*M*A*K)

Candler Singers in Concert at Mulberry

Sunday, March 29 at 4:00

Cherry Blossom Organ Concerts

Monday, March 23

Catherine Elliott (Organ Student at Indiana University)

Tuesday, March 24

Sandra Smith (Organist at First Presbyterian Church, Macon)

Wednesday, March 25

Joseph O'Berry
(Organist/Choirmaster at St. Christopher's Episcopal, Perry)

Thursday, March 26

Robert Parris (Organist/Choirmaster at Christ Church, Macon)

Friday, March 27

Gerald Carper (Organist at Highland Hills Baptist Church, Macon)

Ainsworth Interns Give Recitals at Mercer

Sunday, March 1 at 3:00 Billy Bishop, Tenor

Sunday, March 15 at 7:30 Catie Starr, Piano

Sunday, April 26 at 5:00 Mary Brooke Quarles,
Soprano



Cameron Bishop,
Director of Youth Ministry

www.mulberryyouth.com

Sunday Night

This Sunday Night Glenn Smith will be leading our program. Dinner starts at 6:00! See you there!

Cherry Blossom

The Cherry Blossom Festival is just a few short weeks away. The youth will be selling their famous Cherry Vanilla Ice Cream (along with several other flavors) at the festival on March 28 - 29. Make sure you look for us while your browsing all the vendors! The proceeds will go to support youth missions!

May 10th is
Senior Recognition
& Mother's Day Luncheon!

UMW Sunday

March 15, 2009

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

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 this 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.

Wednesday Night Supper

This Wednesday, March 4, 2009



Menu

Shepherd's Pie
Tossed Salad
Hot Rolls
Hot Apple Pie

Program

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

Mission Jars

Sager Brown Depot

Esther Circle

The Esther Circle will meet Thursday, March 5, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Please bring items for Macon Outreach.

Young at Heart Luncheon

Thursday, March 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, March 9th.

Junior League:

Headed to Your Neighborhood

Junior League provisional members will soon be knocking on your door, collecting food, clothing, and checks to donate to Macon Outreach, as part of a scavenger hunt, on Saturday morning, March 14th.

If church members would like to be sure they are visited, please email your name, phone number, and street address to either Allison Gatliff (agatliff@mulberrymethodist.org) or Angel Hobby (ahobby@sheridansolomon.com), by Thursday, March 12.

Thank you for supporting Junior League and Macon Outreach!



Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries

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



To Don and Heidi Ream upon the death of Heidi's grandmother, Ethel Bruce Holmgren "Heidi" Joerg.



Holy Week

April 6-10

Rev. Sam Lamback, preaching

Details soon.



Men's Softball

Interested in playing softball with the church? Contact Shane Schofield at 706-718-0563 or the church office.

Relay for Life

Elizabeth Cobb is a Team Captain for the first ever Relay for Life of Macon Area Colleges. If you are interested in supporting the fight against cancer, contact Elizabeth at 404-754-8591 or Elizabeth.cobb.325@gmail.com



The Altar Guild has two opening 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.

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.

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THIS WEEK AT MULBERRY

Sunday, March 1

9:00 a.m. Worship/Chapel
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:40 a.m. KIDSPRAISE/Children's Assembly Rm
9:45 a.m. Call to End 21st Century Slavery Presentation/Fel-Hall
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, March 2

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

Tuesday, March 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/Fel-Hall
6:30 p.m. Junior League Mtg/Fel-Hall

Wednesday, March 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
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service/Sanctuary
7:15 p.m. Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, March 5

9:30 a.m. Psalms Bible Study/Conference Rm
10:00 a.m. Chapel for Daycare/Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Esther Circle/Parlor
5:30 p.m. Devotional Group/Panera Bread

Friday, March 6

6:00 p.m. Godly Play

Saturday, March 7

9:00 a.m. Godly Play

Sunday, March 8

9:00 a.m. Worship/Chapel
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:40 a.m. KIDSPRAISE/Children's Assembly Rm
11:00 a.m. Worship/Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. Children's Ministry Council Mtg/Conf Rm
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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Memorial Fund

In memory of Vivian H. Bridges by Mr. & Mrs. Billy Walker

In memory of Joyce Floyd by Mr. & Mrs. Billy Walker

Macon Outreach Fund

In memory of Paula Motes by Mr. & Mrs. Billy Walker



Scampers

March 13-15
Indian Springs Park
May 1-3
Stone Mountain Park

For information please call Bobby and Dianne Greene,
Wagonmasters at 474-1038.

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
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