



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 8, 2009

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GODLY PLAY WEEKEND

You may have already heard that in August, our Children's Department is planning to begin a new Sunday School program for children ages 4 through 4th grade called Godly Play. This program—widely successful at other growing churches—is one designed "to teach children the art of using the language of the Christian tradition to encounter God and find direction in their lives."

We believe it will heighten our children's curiosity about the things we as adults already understand and might even take for granted, such as how the God we hear about in church is related to the God we feel in our hearts and come to know in our minds on a day-to-day basis. The central idea behind Godly Play is that children are given the time and space to hear and truly engage in a Bible story through a story time, manipulatives, a creative response time, and a weekly "feast," their own version of Holy Communion. Although the Godly Play curriculum contains many of the same Bible stories we have been teaching our children for years, the pedagogical approach is different because it creates a sacred space in the classroom, one filled with wonder which invites the kids to become involved in the story themselves rather than passively listening to what a teacher tells them.

In order for us to understand Godly Play before we introduce it to our children, we have invited Sharon Greeley, a certified Godly Play teacher, to visit our church and lead a workshop on March 6 (5-8 pm) and 7 (9am -4 pm). She will teach us a sample Godly Play lesson, instruct us on ways to set up our classrooms, and answer our questions about how to best prepare our department for the upcoming transition to a Godly Play Sunday School hour this fall. She will also be delivering the children's sermon on Sunday morning, March 8.

This program is perfect if we want our children to absorb the fundamentals of Christian faith, have a foundation in place when they go through Confirmation, and love coming to Sunday School. For it to work, however, will require the efforts of more than just one or two committed people. We hope to get members of all generations involved. We need you!

I urge you to attend at least the Friday night portion of the workshop—a pot luck supper followed by a sample Godly Play story—to see what it's all about. Anyone interested in serving as a teacher, substituting or helping to build or sew supplies for the program should attend the Saturday portion.

Please call the church office or e-mail me (pjohnston@mulberrymethodist.org) to let me know if you plan to attend. We want lots of people there to take advantage of the knowledge and experience of someone who has been teaching in Godly Play classrooms and helping to set up programs at various churches for years. It will be a valuable way to spend part of your weekend and will prove to be an investment in both your children's religious upbringing and Mulberry's future.

Pam Johnston
Director of Children and Family Ministries

Sunday Worship

March 8, 2009

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

"In the Beginning"
Genesis 1: 1

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
David & Paige Mann

Mulberry's Muggers
Waverly & Beth Golson

Altar Flowers



The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her son, Stan Warchak and her husband, John Warchak by Mrs. Aliene Warchak

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Yates, Sr., by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Yates, Jr.

Attendance Last Sunday

Eleven O'clock Worship 238



Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist

Looking Ahead in Choir...

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 15 at 7:30 Catie Starr, Piano
Sunday, April 26 at 5:00 Mary Brooke Quarles,
Soprano



Remember...
The time changes
this Sunday!



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 you are browsing all the vendors! The proceeds will go to support youth missions!

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



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.

Wednesday Night Supper

This Wednesday, March 11, 2009



Menu
Baked Pork Chops
Baked Sweet Potatoes
Black-Eye Peas
Turnips
Potato Salad
Corn Bread
Cake

Program
Lenten Study: "We Will Follow You Wherever You Go"
Led by Cile Mitchell

Mission Jars
Magnolia Manor

Paula Motes Circle

The Paula Motes Circle will meet Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Please bring items for Macon Outreach and the Children's Home.

Young at Heart Luncheon

Thursday, March 12, 2009

12:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall - Cost: \$5

All adults 55 or older are most welcome. Program: Harold Chapman and Uncle Lester will visit. 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.

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



Men's Softball

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



Sara Wellons Rodgers
February 21, 2009

Ministries Budget Report 2009 General Fund

Month	Gifts	Expense	Net	Net Last Year
Jan	80,288	102,289	(22,001)	(24,726)



Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries

NEW WEEKDAY NURSERY POLICY

We have now instituted a new nursery policy for members of any Mulberry committee wishing to meet at Mulberry during the week. If your committee plans to meet before 6 pm during the week and involves members who will need childcare, the committee chair or parent must notify Pam Johnston ahead of time, and children under 2 will be kept in the Children's Center at Mulberry as drop-ins (with no charge to the parent). To this end, parents with infants and toddlers must fill out registration forms, which can be found on line at <http://mulberrymethodist.org/childrenscenter.html> before the committee meets. You may also obtain these forms from your committee chair.

GODLY PLAY WORKSHOP

All Mulberry members interested in learning about our new program 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

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!

Small Group Study

Beginning March 30, 2009, Jim Coleman will be leading a discussion on the book, *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White*. The class will meet from 5:00 - 6:30 PM in the Conference Room. Call the church office to enroll in this study.



Congratulations to Leyna Diane Palmer and Wilton Matthew Crenshaw united in Holy Matrimony at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church on February 28, 2009. The Rev. Chip Strickland officiated.



To Billy and Janet Walker upon the death of Janet's mother, Shirley Bloodworth Butler on February 23, 2009.

Wesleyan Christian Advocate Subscriptions

It's time to renew your subscription to the Wesleyan Christian Advocate! The Advocate continues to report on the important issues of the day that affect the church and its readers. It also has editorials and informative columns by other United Methodists from around the state. Stay informed! Please subscribe! If you enjoy reading the Advocate, renew your subscription and encourage others to subscribe too. The cost is \$20 for a one-year print edition. Or, get the on-line edition for on \$15 at www.wadvocate.org. Make your check payable to "Mulberry Street UMC" and mark it for "Wesleyan Advocate Subscription" and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Please respond by March 15th.

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

Pastor on Call

March 6-8
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THIS WEEK AT MULBERRY

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
4:30 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 9

10:00 a.m. Women's Club Mtg/Parlor

Tuesday, March 10

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

Wednesday, March 11

4:00 p.m. Paula Motes Circle/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, March 12

9:30 a.m. Psalms Bible Study/Conference Rm
10:00 a.m. Chapel for Daycare/Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Young at Heart
5:30 p.m. Devotional Group/Panera Bread

Friday-Sunday, March 13-15

Scampers – Indian Springs

Sunday, March 15

9:00 a.m. Worship/Chapel
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:40 a.m. KIDSPRAISE/Children's Assembly Rm
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Bus Fund

In memory of Margaret Wrye by Mr. & Mrs. Tim Anderson

Macon Outreach Fund

In memory of Paula Motes by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Nix

Stock the Clothing Closet at Macon Outreach!

Spring has sprung, and so have the number of guests visiting the Clothes Closet each week. Can you please help refresh our inventory, by donating any of these popular items?:

- * large-size men's and women's shoes
- * men's smaller-size pants
- * men's belts
- * men's gloves

Donations can be dropped off at Macon Outreach, M-F, 8:30am-5:00pm. God bless you for sharing!



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

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