



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 29, 2009

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Sunday First Impressions

When I go into a new restaurant, I look around and take stock of the staff, the décor, the atmosphere. Before I take my first bite of food, I form an impression. In fact, I experience first impressions almost everywhere I go. Whether intentional or not, everyone forms first impressions. New people to our church experience the same response.

Our emphasis this spring is to be invitational in all we do. Mulberry has one of the most beautiful sanctuaries anywhere; our worship is warm and inspiring. Signs will soon be up that direct visitors and new-comers to desired locations. Facilities are important. But of all the factors that create a warm and personable welcome – none are more important than the people who create the welcome. People form a culture that says, “*You’re welcome here.*” People communicate “*You matter to me and to God.*”

I am grateful and very appreciative of the core of greeters who volunteered this week to create that welcoming atmosphere during the Cherry Blossom Festival Organ Concerts. People will remember the grand music for sure. They will later recall the beauty of our church and landscape. They will also remember the smile, the handshake, the warm and inviting welcome that ushered them into the experience.

In truth, we are all greeters. How would our church be different if **every one of us** took on that role with joy? What if we **all** came a few minutes early just for the opportunity to say hello to someone coming in behind us? What if we **all** wore our nametags as a sign that we wanted others to know us and grow our fellowship? What if we **all** lingered a few more minutes before taking our seats so we could say hello to others, chancing upon visitors or new friends in the process? How inspiring would it be if **everyone** went out of their way to greet 15 people every Sunday morning? “Greeters greeting greeters” all over the church? Visitors and new-comers would surely get a lasting first impression.

The Wesleyan Christian Advocate

A New Edition Coming in April

The *Wesleyan Christian Advocate* has served our annual conference and its local churches for 172 years. Over 60 of our church members trust the Advocate as a source of inspiration and news from across the church.

Next month, *The Advocate* will begin partnering with *The United Methodist Reporter*, the national United Methodist news service and publication. This new expanded edition will offer more in-depth coverage from across the nation and around the world. Local coverage will continue with a focus on our own annual conference and the ministries we share.

This is an excellent time to subscribe, or renew your subscription. The cost is only \$25 / year, with those over 65 paying only \$23. You can call the church office or look for forms in the chapel and sanctuary pews this Sunday. Make your checks payable to Mulberry Street UMC.

Candler Singers in Concert This Sunday 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary

This select group of skilled musicians from Emory’s Candler School of Theology will present this free concert of church music, featuring classical, folk, contemporary and spiritual songs and hymns. An offering will be taken to benefit the ensemble. Come and be blessed; bring a friend for another lasting first impression.

Choir Festival Appreciation

This past Sunday’s Choir Festival was magnificent. What a wonderful, inspiring morning of worship in music and song. To all of our directors, choirs, and hand bell ensembles, thank you for your hard work, and for glorifying God so beautifully.

Tommy

Sunday Worship

March 29, 2009

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

"When a Grain of Wheat Falls"
John 12: 20-33

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

Tracy & Joni Coleman

Mulberry's Muggers

Heidi Ream

Altar Flowers



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

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Anne and Julius Gholson and Lureese and Frank Robertson by Gaye Lee and Lewis Robertson and their children.

Attendance Last Sunday

Nine O'clock Worship	42
Eleven O'clock Worship	331
Total Worship Attendance	373

Sunday School	277
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Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist

Wesley Choir Members Earn Hymnal Awards

Congratulations to the members of the Wesley Choir who earned hymnal awards this year. These singers, who memorized six hymns during the course of the year, are Gracie Bell, Harrison Bell, Caroline Dunn, Kaleigh Folsom, Jake Jamison, Emma Johnston, Emily Lynch, Hayden Martin and Sarah Kate Sellers. We're very proud of you!!

Impressive Children's Choir Attendance This Past Year!

Congratulations to Gracie Bell, Micah Johnston (Wesley Choir) and Cooper Baskette (Cherub Choir) who had perfect attendance in choir for the 2008-2009 choir year! WOW! That's impressive! Those with Outstanding Attendance (3 or less absences) were Harrison Bell, Reilly Brown, Emily Lynch, Hayden Martin, Brianna Rhodes (Wesley Choir) Merit Huggins, Owen Huggins, Ben Jamison, Graham Johnston, and David Lynch (Cherub Choir.)

Kudos to SMAK Kids

The SMAK (Sunday Music Art Kids) kids did a GREAT job with their musical Elijah: God's Faithful Prophet. Those cast members were Micah Johnston and Gracie Bell (Narrators), Emma Johnston (Elijah), Hayden Martin (King Ahab), Conner Hefner (Jezebel) Sarah Kate Sellers (Widow/Fire Dancer), Harrison Bell (Obadiah) Graham Hefner, Merit Huggins, Owen Huggins (Palace Guards/Prophets of Baal) Reilly Brown, Elizabeth Sellers, Allison Hancock (Fire Dancers). A special thanks to Katy Thompson for helping direct the show and to Pam Johnston for ALL of her help with everything!! It was a great success and lots of fun for the kids.

YSS * Rock Slinger Final Rehearsals

Palm Sunday, April 5: 4:45-5:45, 6:15-7:45

April 19: 4-6

April 26: Immediately after 11am service

No rehearsals March 29 & Easter Sunday

Please clear all absences with Cam in advance.

Ainsworth Choir Easter Rehearsal with Brass

Wednesday, April 8 at 6:00 in sanctuary

Easter Sun: Sing at 9 & 11 (Meet 8:30a)

Mary Brooke Quarles To Give Senior Recital

Sunday, April 29 at 5:00 at Mercer University



Cameron Bishop,
Director of Youth Ministry

www.mulberryyouth.com



This Sunday Night - 6:00
Come join us as we explore
"How Not To Be A Fool"

Get your **Cherry Blossom Ice Cream Tickets TODAY!**
See our booth in the atrium
at Mulberry!

Senior Recognition is
May 10th. A church-wide
luncheon will follow the
11:00 worship service.
Doris will be cooking her
famous Fried Chicken!

Confirmation Sunday - May 17



Monica Murphey
March 13, 2009

Wednesday Night Supper

This Wednesday, April 1, 2009



Menu
Beef Stew & Rice
Green Beans
Corn
Congealed Salad
Cornbread
Rolls
Cake

Program
Lenten Study:
Betrayal: What Will You
Give to Betray Him?
Led by Cile Mitchell

Mission Jars
Macon Outreach



The Children's Center at Mulberry will be hosting a Church Open House on April 22nd from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and a Public Open House on April 23rd from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Registration will be held on April 24th from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon.

Small Group Study

Beginning **April 19, 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.

Help Macon Outreach

And See the Secret Garden for Half Price!

Theatre Macon is giving Macon Outreach all proceeds from ticket sales to the dress rehearsal of *The Secret Garden* Thursday, April 2. This is a wonderful opportunity to see several of our Ainsworth choir members on stage in this great musical – and to see it for half the regular admission price. If you would like to reserve a \$10 ticket, simply call the church office or see Harold Chapman, Johnny Hathcock or Cindy Jarrard.



Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries

EASTER CANDY NEEDED

There will be a bucket in the atrium for church members to donate candy for our Easter Egg Hunt on April 11. Please make sure you choose non-chocolate, individually wrapped items. We appreciate your donations.

Easter Egg Hunt/Family Picnic

April 11 - Coleman Hill - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Cool Kids' Bible Study

We will be starting a kids' Bible Study on Wednesday nights for grades 1-5 when choir is over. The study, called "Jesus: The One and Only," will last 6 weeks, from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. (during Wednesday night assembly time for the adults). It will only last from April 1 to May 13, and we'd love to have lots of kids involved! Call or e-mail Pam for questions.

SMAK and Whipped Cream

After the performance of *Elijah*, SMAK will continue for ages 5 through 5th grade from 5:30 to 7:30 on Sunday nights. We will meet through the end of April, continuing our focus on what God has to say about making good grades, worrying, peer pressure and fighting with our brothers and sisters. Come join the fun--our next game involves bubble gum and whipped cream!

Vacation Bible School - June 14-19



Holy Week Events

PALM SUNDAY - April 5, 2009
CHILDREN'S PROCESSION WITH PALMS (11:00 AM)

Daily Holy Week Services
Monday, April 6 - Friday, April 10
12 NOON - 12:30 PM

PONDERING THE PASSION
REV. SAM LAMBACK, PREACHER

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION
Thursday, April 9

7:00 PM in SANCTUARY
REV. TOMMY MARTIN, PREACHER

Good Friday
April 10 NOON
REV. SAM LAMBACK, PREACHER

EASTER EGG HUNT
SATURDAY, April 11
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM - COLEMAN Hill

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
Sunday, April 12 - COLEMAN Hill

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES
9:00 AM AND 11:00 AM
(BOTH SERVICES WILL BE IN THE SANCTUARY)
REV. TOMMY MARTIN, PREACHER
AINSWORTH CHOIR AND COLONY IV BRASS

Ministries Budget Report 2009 General Fund

Month	Gifts	Expense	Net	Net Last Year
Jan	80,288	102,289	(22,001)	(24,726)
Feb	72,070	99,174	(27,104)	(23,690)
Total YTD	152,358	201,463	(49,105)	(48,416)

Wesley Glen Ministries Annual Fish Fry



Presenting Gospel Praise 2009
Featuring Local Praise and Worship Groups

Special Attraction...
Our very own Lakeview Market

Saturday, May 2, 2009
Wesley Glen Ministries Pavilion
4580 North Mumford Road
11:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

*Bring the whole family, your lawn chairs,
and a heart ready to worship!*

Fish Fry Plates
\$8/Adults \$5/Children under 12

For more information call 478-471-3711.

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THIS WEEK AT MULBERRY

Sunday, March 29

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. Visitor Appreciation Luncheon/Fellowship Hall

4:00 p.m. Candler Singers/Sanctuary

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

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

5:30 p.m. Esther Study/Parlor

Monday, March 30

5:30 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg/Conf RM

Tuesday, March 31

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, April 1

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

5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper

6:30 p.m. Children's Program

7:15 p.m. Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, April 2

12:00 p.m. Esther Circle/Parlor

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

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

Friday, April 3

5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal/Dye-Kaiser

Saturday, April 4

12:00 p.m. Writer's Guild/Fellowship Hall

3:00 p.m. Wedding/Dye-Kaiser

Sunday, April 5

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

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



Older Adult Retreat

"Joy for Today – Hope for Tomorrow"

April 13-15, 2009

Epworth By The Sea

Registration forms are available in the church office.

Young at Heart

will not meet during Holy Week (April 9th).

Esther Circle

The Esther Circle will meet Thursday, April 2nd, at 12:00 noon in the Parlor. Please bring items for Macon Outreach.

May 1-3

Stone Mountain Park



Scampers

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

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