

# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 12, 2009

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## EASTER THE PROMISE OF THE EMPTY TOMB

*As Easter draws near, we acknowledge that the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus speak to profound human issues – “Are we alone in the world?” “Is there eternal meaning to our lives?” Those questions of life, purpose and hope are addressed beautifully in the following story:*

Madelene L'Engle tells of being with her grandchildren at bedtime for reading and song. Her grandchild Lena turned to her and asked, “Is everything all right?”

She said, “Yes, of course, everything is all right.”

Lena asked again: “Gram, is everything really all right? I mean really?”

L'Engle says she looked at that little child in her white nightgown and realized that she was asking the cosmic question, the question that is out beyond the safety of this home full of light and love and warmth.

Every Easter we come to the tomb and ask that same question: “Is everything really all right?”

*-- The Summer of the Great Grandmother (New York: Harper & Row, 1986)*

And God answers, **“YES!”** During Holy week, we have been “Pondering The Passion” -- asking similar questions about our lives and our future. We see God acting on our behalf. On Easter Sunday, we will gather to proclaim that cosmic **“Yes”** to every question of the human heart. God is alive. The promise is real. The news is good. Deep down in the human heart, we can say with joy and confidence, *“Yes, it is well with my soul!”*

Come! Bring your family. Invite your friends. Don't let a person you know miss out on the best of all good news. Because Jesus lives, you live also!

Joy,

Remember also these times and places for Holy Week, Easter events and services.

**Saturday, April 11**  
**Children's Easter Egg Hunt**  
**And Family Picnic**  
**Coleman Hill: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Easter Sunday**  
**7:00 AM: Sunrise Service on Coleman Hill.**

Join your family and friends at this historic Macon celebration of the Resurrection. Cile Mitchell will be preaching. The Parlor Class will provide leadership and music.

**9:00 and 11:00 AM Worship Services** will be in the Sanctuary on Easter.

**“Flowering The Cross”** in the front courtyard. Beginning prior to Sunday School, you and your family are invited to add your personal contribution to the cross with the colors of spring – symbols of the life we claim in Jesus our Lord. Bring your camera – a wonderful remembrance of the reality of the resurrection.

# Sunday Worship

April 12, 2009

## Easter Sunday

Nine & Eleven O'clock Services  
Sanctuary

"The Practice of Resurrection"  
John 20: 1-18

Rev. Tommy Martin

### Assisting with Worship

#### Ushers for Nine O'clock

Tim Anderson & Denny Julius

#### Ushers for Eleven O'clock

Gary Dunn, Emory Dunn,  
Keith Fackler, Chad Hancock,  
Jim Manley, Don Ream,  
Vaughan Smith, Bill Sparks,  
Lee Stevens & P.M. Watson

#### Children's Church

Gordon & Pam Johnston

#### Mulberry's Muggers

Waverly & Beth Golson

## Altar Flowers



The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. & Mrs. J. Milton Heard, Jr. by Mr. & Mrs. Milton Heard, III and family.

The Easter Lilies that will be placed at the foot of the wooden cross on Easter morning are given in memory of Mr. & Mrs. C. Flannery Pope and Mr. & Mrs. Dean King by Mickey and Carol Pope.

### Attendance Last Sunday

Nine O'clock Worship	52
Eleven O'clock Worship	279
Total Worship Attendance	331



Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist

### YSS \* Rock Slinger Final Rehearsals

April 19: 4-6

April 26: Immediately after 11am service  
No rehearsal Easter Sunday.  
Please clear all absences with Cam in advance.

### Ainsworth Choir Easter Rehearsal with Brass

Easter Sunday: Sing at 9 & 11 (Meet 8:30 am)

### Mary Brooke Quarles To Give Senior Recital

Sunday, April 29 at 5:00 at Mercer University



To David & Charla Ivey upon  
the death of David's father,  
David Lynn Ivey, Sr. on April 1,  
2009.

## Flowering of the Easter Cross

On Easter Sunday morning members of Mulberry are asked to bring flowers from their yards or gardens to place on the cross in Mulberry's **courtyard**. The cross will be covered in greenery and chicken wire and flowers will be easily placed on the cross. Please bring flowers to the **courtyard** prior to Sunday school. This beautiful blooming cross will symbolize our risen Christ to all who pass by our church home after Easter.

## Paschal Candle

The most traditional of candles in Christian worship is the Paschal Candle, a large candle symbolic of Christ's appearances following his resurrection at Easter. The candle may also be used during the rest of the year for funerals and baptisms. Two Advent candelabrum/Paschal Candlestick Sets have been given to Mulberry, one in memory of Cecil Robert Kelly (for the Sanctuary), and one in memory of W. P. Stevens, Jr. (for the Chapel.) We will be using these candlesticks and lighting the Paschal Candle at each service in our Sanctuary and Chapel during this Easter Season until the Day of Pentecost.

## Wednesday Night Supper

### This Wednesday April 15



Menu  
Breakfast

Program  
Park's Pickers  
Mission Jars  
South Georgia  
Volunteers in Mission



Cameron Bishop,  
Director of Youth Ministry

[www.mulberryyouth.com](http://www.mulberryyouth.com)

**Senior Recognition** is  
May 10<sup>th</sup>. A church-wide  
luncheon will follow the 11:00  
worship service. Doris will be  
cooking her famous  
Fried Chicken!  
Seniors – remember to send  
in your information/photos  
this week.

### Confirmation 2009

Please continue to pray for our  
Confirmation Class and prayer  
partners. Confirmation  
Sunday is May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Philip Dunn & Jack Head  
Hunter Martin & Chris Brown  
Mitchell Pope & Bob Ogden  
Trey Powell & Chris Abbott

### Ice Cream for Sale

We have delicious ice cream  
left over from the Cherry  
Blossom Festival. You may  
buy a 3 gallon container or  
bring in your own container  
and we'll fill it for you! See  
Cameron or Doris or Betsy.



# EASTER CELEBRATION

## Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 11**

**11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

Everyone is invited to the fun on Coleman Hill.  
Bring picnic lunch, drinks, chairs and blankets.

## Easter Sunrise Service

**7:00 AM on Coleman Hill**

**Rev. Cile Mitchell, preaching**

In the event of rain, the service will  
be held in Mulberry's sanctuary.

## Easter Worship Services

*"The Practice of Resurrection"*

Rev. Tommy Martin, Senior Pastor

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM services in the Sanctuary  
Ainsworth Choir and Colony IV Brass



Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries

## Easter Egg Hunt/Family Picnic

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

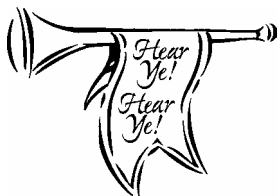
## Cool Kids' Bible Study

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

Ages 5 through 5th grade

5:30 to 7:30 on Sunday nights (through the end of April)



## Royal Princess Breakfast

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, All Girls ages 2-5<sup>th</sup> grade (and their moms) should save the date of **Saturday, May 9, 9:00-11:00 a.m.**, for a special Royal Princess Breakfast sponsored by Children and Family Ministries. Polish those tiaras, and get out your gown and sparkly shoes! Watch for more details in future newsletters.

## Vacation Bible School - June 14-19



The Children's  
Center at Mulberry

The Children's Center at Mulberry will be hosting a

**Church Open House** on April 22<sup>nd</sup>

from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

and a **Public Open House** on April 23<sup>rd</sup>

from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

**Registration** will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup>

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.



## Men's Softball

Come cheer for our men as they play softball. It is a great opportunity for fellowship. All games are played at Central City Park. Here is the schedule:

Monday, April 13	7:45 PM	Field 7
Tuesday, April 14	6:45 PM	Field 6
Monday, April 20	7:45 PM	Field 2
Thursday, April 23	7:45 PM	Field 2
Tuesday, April 28	8:45 PM	Field 2
Thursday, April 30	8:45 PM	Field 7
Monday, May 4	8:45 PM	Field 2
Tuesday, May 5	6:45 PM	Field 1
Tuesday, May 12	8:45 PM	Field 2

## Wesley Glen Ministries Annual Fish Fry

**Saturday, May 2, 2009**



**Wesley Glen Ministries Pavilion**

**(4580 North Mumford Road)**

**11:00 a.m. until 2:30**

**Fish Fry Plates**

**\$8/Adults \$5/Children under 12**

**For more information call 478-471-3711.**

## 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)

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

### Pastor on Call

April 10-12  
Cile Mitchell  
Home: 745-9657 Cell: 986-7107  
E-mail: [cmitchell@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:cmitchell@mulberrymethodist.org)

## **THIS WEEK AT MULBERRY**

### Sunday, April 12

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service/Coleman Hill  
8:30 a.m. Ainsworth Choir Rehearsal  
9:00 a.m. Worship/Sanctuary  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
9:40 a.m. KIDSPRAISE/Children's Assembly Rm  
11:00 a.m. Worship/Sanctuary

### Monday, April 13

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

### Tuesday, April 14

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  
5:30 p.m. Small Groups Committee Mtg/Conf Rm

### Wednesday, April 15

4:30 p.m. Macon Outreach Exec. Committee Mtg/Conf Rm  
5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper  
6:15 p.m. Jesus – The One and Only/Children's Assembly Rm  
7:15 p.m. Ainsworth Choir

### Thursday, April 16

10:00 a.m. Chapel for Daycare/Sanctuary  
10:30 p.m. Trinity Circle/Parlor  
1:00 p.m. Carlyle Place Communion  
5:30 p.m. Devotional Group/Panera Bread

### Sunday, April 19

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  
4:00 p.m. Yong Spirit Singers  
5:30 p.m. S.M.A.K.  
6:00 p.m. UMYF



Scampers

May 1-3

### **Stone Mountain Park**

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



## **LOOKING AHEAD**

### ***Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations***

Beginning April 26, we will be participating in a church wide study and preaching series – *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*. Many of our adult SS classes will focus on these practices, and we will offer an additional Sunday morning study in the Fellowship Hall. The church has a gift for you – a devotional booklet – *Cultivating Fruitfulness, Five Weeks of Prayer and Practice*. Each week corresponds to the sermon topic for that coming Sunday. You are encouraged to use yours for a time of daily devotion and spiritual preparation as we, the body of Christ, seek to be more faithful and joyful in our daily lives. They will be available beginning this Sunday. One per family, please, so that all may join in.

## **Macon Outreach Fund**

In Memory of Paula & Arthur Motes & Molly Motes Gifford by  
Mrs. Leigh Couch Hayes & Family

In Memory of Shirley Butler by Judy S. Bryant Bonnie & Mack Minton

In Memory of Ann Brown by Henry & Debbie Whitfield

## **It's No Secret!**

Macon Outreach extends a special thank you to our many friends who bought tickets to the advance performance of "The Secret Garden" at Theatre Macon. Proceeds from ticket sales will be designated for the Outreach daily meal program. Bravo, Outreach supporters!

## ***Celebration Day***

### ***The Methodist Home for Children & Youth***

April 25, 2009

10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

*Bake Sale, Live & Silent Auction, Children's Carnival, Arts & Crafts, Food & Entertainment,  
Celebration Market*

## **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

Betsy Abbott, Director of Hospitality  
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