



# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 24, 2009

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## A Story of Extravagant Love

There is an old rabbinic parable about a farmer that had two sons. As soon as they were old enough to walk, he took them to the fields and he taught them everything he knew about growing crops and raising animals. When he got too old to work, the boys took over the chores of the farm and when the father died, they had found their working together so meaningful that they decided to keep their partnership. So each brother contributed what he could and during every harvest season, they would divide equally what they had produced together. Across the years the elder brother never married, stayed an old bachelor. The younger brother did marry and had eight wonderful children. Some years later when they were having a wonderful harvest, the old bachelor brother thought to himself one night, *"My brother has ten mouths to feed. I only have one. He really needs more of his harvest than I do, but I know he is much too fair to renegotiate. I know what I'll do. In the dead of the night when he is already asleep, I'll take some of what I have put in my barn and I'll slip it over into his barn to help him feed his children."*

At the very time he was thinking down that line, the younger brother was thinking to himself, *"God has given me these wonderful children. My brother hasn't been so fortunate. He really needs more of this harvest for his old age than I do, but I know him. He's much too fair. He'll never renegotiate. I know what I'll do. In the dead of the night when he's asleep, I'll take some of what I've put in my barn and slip it over into his barn."* And so one night when the moon was full, as you may have anticipated, those two brothers came face to face, each on a mission of **generosity**. Two of God's children had come to realize that **generosity** is the deepest characteristic of the holy and because we are made in God's image, our being generous is the secret to our joy as well. Life is not fair, thank God! It's not fair because it's rooted in grace.

This Sunday, in the last of our **Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations**, we will explore this "secret" of happiness, in giving to others out of the graciousness of God. **Extravagant Generosity!** What does that mean? To the Church? To God? How does it bless us and others? As you study your **Cultivating Fruitfulness** devotional this week, note also 2 Corinthians 8: 1 – 7, and Philippians 4: 6 – 7, 12 – 13, 19. These will be the texts for our morning message.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday at Mulberry – where we are seeking and living out God's will and Jesus' love.

Joyfully, in Christ,

**Note:** Looking for a good mid-week break with friends – casual dining and warm fellowship? Note the announcement inside about our June – July 1, Summer Suppers.

# Sunday Worship

May 24, 2009

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

*Five Practices of Fruitful  
Congregations:  
"Extravagant Generosity"*

Rev. Tommy Martin

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**Assisting with Worship**

**Ushers for Nine O'clock**  
Warren Dunn & Scott Wangen

**Ushers for Eleven O'clock**  
Jason Anthoine, Charlie Bridges,  
Austin Carter, Scott Davis,  
Ken Harper, Gary Hobby,  
David Mann, Bob Middleton,  
Mack Minton, Jim Rice,  
Blake Sharpton & Jim Wilson

**Children's Church**  
Tracy & Joni Coleman

**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 Mr. Andrew J. Lyndon.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Mrs. Louise Brice by Wynelle Flynn.

**Attendance  
Last Sunday**

Nine O'clock Worship	62
Eleven O'clock Worship	261
Total Worship Attendance	323
Sunday School	259

## Welcome Confirmation Class

Philip Adams Dunn  
Hunter Elijah Martin  
Mitchell Garrett Pope  
Roy Edward Powell, III (Trey)

## Rally for Wellness 2009 Health Fair

*Sponsored by Carlyle Place*

**Thursday, May 28  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Carlyle Place**

*Free Event*

Bring non-perishable food items to donate to the Middle Georgia Food Bank.

Enjoy more than 20 health & wellness-related booths offering:

Health Screenings, Healthy Cooking Demonstrations, Container Gardening Demonstrations, Produce Market, Prizes & Giveaways & Carlyle Place Tours



**Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>  
Church Office will be closed.**



5:45 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

June 10, & 24 – Brown Bag Suppers\*  
July 1 (Cookout)

*\*Bring your favorite "brown bag" (McDonald's, Zaxby's, etc.). Drinks provided.  
Bring a game if you'd rather play than talk.*



Cameron Bishop,  
Director of Youth Ministry

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

### Have you ever visited the Mulberry Youth website?

You can find photos from past events, general information about the youth ministry, archives of past correspondence, and a basic calendar. Plus, you can sign-up for our weekly email that contains the most up-to-date information about what's taking place each week! We invite all church members or interested individuals to visit our website and sign-up to receive our weekly email!

### Sunday Night Program

There is no program this Sunday night since it is Memorial Day weekend! We will be back together on May 31<sup>st</sup>. See you then!

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Join the Mulberry St. UMC  
Fan Page on Facebook.

Follow the link on the church website.  
View photos, status updates, notes,  
and more!

*You are cordially invited to  
A Celebration of Ministry Service  
In honor of the retirement of  
The Reverend and Mrs. Michael A. McAfee, Sr.  
Saturday, May 30, 2009  
At two o'clock in the afternoon  
At the First United Methodist Church  
307 Flint Avenue  
Albany, GA*

*Reception immediately following in Ford Hall*

**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)
Mar	102,764	102,991	(227)	6,979
Total YTD	255,122	304,443	(49,332)	(41,437)



*Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries*

**End of the Year Cookout!**

**Saturday, May 23 - 3:30 p.m.**

**Marianne and Robin Lokey's farm!**

We will take a hike and have a cookout. Get ready for some awesome s'mores and a devotion around a bonfire.



**Vacation Bible School**

**June 15-19**

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Drop off: Courtyard

Pick up:

Atrium Carpool Line

**FREE CD OF VBS**

**MUSIC IF YOU**

**REGISTER EARLY!**

**Volunteer Needed**

The Children's Department is looking for a volunteer to assist Dana Kersey in leading a short music session for 2-5 year-olds during the Sunday school hour. Please let Pam know if you are interested.

**Health Fair**

*in observance of*

**Senior Health and Fitness Month**

**Thursday, May 28, 2009**

**2:00-4:00 p.m.**

**John-Wesley Villas/Belle Meade Building**

**(5471 Thomaston Road)**

**FREE Screenings, Samples & Information**

**Lots of Healthy Food**



**Bob & Martha Veto**

**208 Huntington Ct.**

**Macon, GA 31210**

**476-0151**

**Memorial Fund**

***In memory of David Hancock by***

*Mr. & Mrs. Bud S. Moss*

***In memory of Edith Kaler Willis by***

*Mr. & Mrs. Willie T. Lovett*

***In memory of Carolyn Looney by***

*Mr. & Mrs. Samuel P. Lamback, Jr.*



The Altar Guild has an opening for flowers in the chapel Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Call Carolyn Kennedy, 743-8901 for further information.



**Macon Outreach  
Needs a Van!**

Macon Outreach is in need of a van. The van will be used to pick up food donations around town. Contact Johnny Hathcock, 743-8026 if you are able to help with this need.

**Change of Meeting Place**

**Tuesday Morning Sermon Starter Group**

We will begin meeting at Joshua Cup at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays beginning May 19<sup>th</sup>.

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**NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED WEEKLY  
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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

**Pastor on Call**

May 22-24  
Cile Mitchell  
Home: 745-9657 Cell: 986-7107  
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***THIS WEEK AT MULBERRY***

**Sunday, May 24**

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

**Monday, May 25**

Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

**Tuesday, May 26**

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  
12:00 p.m. Civic Women's Club Luncheon/Parlor

**Wednesday, May 27**

11:30 a.m. Altar Guild Luncheon/Parlor

**Thursday, May 28**

9:00 a.m. Pew Patrol  
10:00 a.m. Chapel for Daycare/Sanctuary  
5:30 p.m. Devotional Group/Panera Bread  
6:00 p.m. Children's Center at Mulberry  
4K Graduation/Sanctuary

**Friday, May 29**

7:00 a.m. Market Place Men's Ministry/Joshua Cup

**Sunday, May 31**

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  
4:00 p.m. Tubman Museum Dance/Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. UMYF

***Macon Outreach Fund***

**In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Ron Palmer by Betty Farr**

**In memory of David Hancock by Ken & Martha Thompson**

**In memory of Shirley Butler by**

**Dr. & Mrs. Edsel Davis Sidney & Susan Middlebrooks  
Greg & Jane Jordan**

**In honor of Joe & Iris Jones by**

**Mr. & Mrs. James Bothe**

**Join Market Place Men's Ministry  
each Friday morning at 7:00 a.m. at Joshua Cup for a time of prayer  
and fellowship.**



***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  
Johnny Hathcock, Director, Macon Outreach  
Sara Colvin, Financial Secretary  
Linda Parker, Administrative Secretary  
Doris Andrews, Church Cook/Custodian  
Clifton Carswell & Arnold Freeman, Custodians*