



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS AND MINISTRIES

As it does every year, summer seems to pass all too quickly. Yet here we are, moving into the new school year, and into a new season of ministry, worship, fellowship and service. Some programs are resuming, others are new. I share below a sampling of what is on the horizon.

PROMOTION SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 (BACK TO SCHOOL – BACK TO CHURCH)

It's a special day for the whole church family. We will be recognizing our children in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour, promoting some children to new classes, starting our new Godly Play Program, having an open house for our renovated Children's Assembly Room, and proceeding with a special liturgy, "Blessing of the Backpacks". During the 11:00 AM worship Service, we will also present Bibles to our third graders.

We are inviting all adult Sunday School classes to join us in the Sanctuary at 9:45 to support our children and celebrate with us.

Also on August 16, our **New Young Adult Sunday School Class** begins. Be part of its beginnings, and help give it a name and develop its ministry. Invite your friends. Ann Smith will be the lead teacher. Contact Cameron Bishop for more information.

CHURCH-WIDE LUNCHEON SUNDAY AUGUST 16, NOON

As a part of Promotion Sunday, we will also have a back to church emphasis. What better way to celebrate the "end of summer" than by worshipping together, and then breaking bread together with good friends. Invite someone to join you.

CHURCH SUPPERS RESUME AUGUST 19 ** 5:45 PM

Its time to renew friendships and good times missed over the summer, and enjoy the great food, fellowship and ministry we have come to appreciate as a part of our church family activities. Our first program is a jazz group from Mercer University.

Coming in September:

First Day: Mondays at Mulberry ***Practical Christianity: Finding Purpose in Life and Work***

Through our Natural Church Development Town Hall Meetings, we have recognized the need to open our church doors wider and more often to the surrounding community. To that end, the Pathways Ministry Team in conjunction with the Church Council, is developing a new "downtown" ministry. Centered on a Monday lunch and program during the noon hour, we will offer a reasonably priced lunch, and a speaker drawn from the community to talk about his/her faith and how it strengthens life at home and in the workplace. We will be doing extensive publicity during August and September, and will encourage Mulberry members to be in attendance as we minister in this new way to our community. Start date is September 14. Watch for more details coming soon. And pray for this new outreach into our community!

Help make August 16 and every day at Mulberry a great success for the whole church by committing yourself to attend, worship, participate, and invite. Studies show that 75% of church visitors attend because someone first invited them. In that sense, we are all evangelists: let's share the good news with our friends, neighbors and acquaintances. They will be grateful you did!

Blessings,

Tommy

Young at Heart Luncheon

Thursday, August 13, 2009

12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall - Cost: \$5

All adults 55 or older are most welcome.

Program: Ed Grisamore, Columnist will present the program. You do not have to be a member of Young at Heart to attend. Call the church office (745-8601) for reservations by Monday, August 10th.



To Mel & Melis Jamison and Emory and Mary Charles Dunn upon the death of Melis' and Mary Charles' grandmother, Coralie Coleman, on July 10, 2009.



Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Godly Play Workday - Saturday, August 8

Meet at the church from 9 until 3 to help prepare our classrooms for the upcoming year. We need you to make our rooms look great and stock the shelves with Godly Play supplies. Call Pam for more details.

Parent Meeting/Orientation

Monday, August 10, 6-7 pm

Come hear about all our plans for the coming year. We'll explain how Children's Church, SMAK, Wednesday night activities, and Confirmation will work. We need your input, too. Childcare and pizza will be provided.

Kids Lock-In the Summer - Friday, August 14

Meet at the church at 5 pm. We'll go on a mystery fun trip, return to the church for a movie and snacks, have a devotion, get some sleep (yeah right!), and then help give out school supplies at Macon Outreach on Saturday morning. The cost is \$15 and some school supplies of your choice. You can pick up your kids at 11 am.

Promotion Sunday and Bibles for 3rd Graders

Sunday, August 16

This is a big day in our children's department! We'll be kicking off our new Sunday School classes and the Godly Play program, unveiling the renovated Children's Assembly Room, recognizing the children in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour, and then proceeding with the "Blessing of the Backpacks" liturgy and presenting Bibles to our third graders during the worship service. More details later. . .



Wish List

Thanks to the generosity of Mulberry members in the Easter offering, we have been able to purchase virtually all of the story materials needed to furnish our Godly Play classrooms for children's Sunday School beginning this fall. Now we are making an old-fashioned call for you to turn out your attics, basements, and closets for these items you don't need any more but which we can gladly use:

Book stands

Wood trays with handles

Crosses (all shapes and styles 12" or smaller)

Menorahs

White doves (from Christmas decorations, if available)

Baskets (no deeper than 4-5" preferably)

Old maps of Biblical areas

Pictures of Jesus, disciples, and Old & New

Testament figures

Bibles of all translations

Kids' books and reference books about biblical characters

Biblical puzzles

New journals or notebooks

Potted plants

Plastic water pitchers

Pickle jars

Dixie cups

Hand mirrors (with handles)

White votive candles (3" high)

White pillar candles

Simple stands for pillar candles

Candle snuffers

Heart-shaped Valentine's chocolate boxes

T-shirts or oxford shirts suitable for smocks

Feather dusters

Dust pans

Short-handled brushes or whisk brooms

Spray bottles for water

Look for a box in the Atrium marked "GODLY PLAY DONATIONS" or call Julia Magda at 719-9562 to arrange to have items picked up from your home or business.

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THIS WEEK AT MULBERRY

Sunday, August 2

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

5:00 p.m. UMYF

Monday, August 3

6:00 p.m. Senior High Bible Study

Tuesday, August 4

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study/Conf Rm

8:30 a.m. Prayer Group/Conf Rm

9:15 a.m. Chapel for Daycare/Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting/Conf Rm

12:00 p.m. Kiwanis Club Luncheon/Fel-Hall

Thursday, August 6

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

Friday, August 7

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

Saturday, August 8

9:00 a.m. Workday/Paint Children's Assembly Rm

9:00 a.m. Godly Play Workday

Sunday, August 9

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

12:15 p.m. Children's Ministry Council Mtg/
Children's Assembly Rm

5:00 p.m. UMYF



Memorial Fund

In memory of Charles McCrary by

**Ms. Florence Grenade Mrs. Frances P. Brown
Col. & Mrs. Joseph H. Jones Mr. & Mrs. Ed S. Sell, III**

In memory of Minnie Sapp by **Mr. & Mrs. Ed S. Sell, III**

In memory of William H. Walker, Jr. by

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Chapel Renovation

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Godly Play

In memory of Minnie Sapp by **Mr. & Mrs. James R. Macklin**

Macon Outreach Fund

In memory of Fred Kneirim by **Mr. & Mrs. James R. Macklin**

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