



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 9, 2009

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Promotion Sunday: You're Invited!

On Sunday, August 16, we will greet the new school year at our church with a celebration. Promotion Sunday is not just for the children, however. It is, for all of us, a time to start fresh with new routines, new commitments to attend Sunday School, and a renewed sense of devotion to God. Think about what the church means to you: the church with a lower-case c, as in the body of believers God intended to fellowship together and do his work on Earth, and the Church with a capital C, as in Mulberry Street UMC, the place you have chosen to worship and search for spiritual meaning in your life. If I sound like an elementary school grammar teacher, it's because the lives of **both** churches suffer greatly without the presence of their members. I mean real presence, too--your opinion in a Bible study, your child in a choir, your willingness to serve as a teacher, painter, chaperone. Think about it: we expect our children to do their best at school; shouldn't we give them an example of how to honor God by giving our best at church? Come join us to see what rich blessings our kids are to this church.

Lock-In the Summer

Kids age 5 and older arrive at the church Friday evening at 5 pm for dinner, a mystery outing, games, Bible study, movies, snacks and not much sleep! Then Saturday morning, after breakfast, we will help host a back-to-school party for the kids at Macon Outreach. Parents can pick up their kids at 11:30 am. The cost is \$15/kid plus school supplies to donate. RSVP to Pam by August 12. Chaperones needed.

Godly Play Promotion Party—Adults Invited

During the Sunday School hour, we will unveil our newly-painted Children's Assembly Room (thanks Hammers, Hearts and Hands!!), and honor our kids as they are promoted to new Sunday School classes. Join us for snacks, praise music, and a chance to see the classrooms that our new Godly Play teachers have been working hard to prepare. It will be a great morning!

Blessing of the Backpacks during Worship

We will have a special liturgy during our 11 am worship service asking God's blessing on all our new students, educators and parents. The students will all sit together in reserved seating in the front of the church. Also, our third graders will receive monogrammed Bibles and help lead the service.

Lunch after Service

Join us for a church-wide lunch in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

You (and your kids) will not want to miss this important and fun weekend. Goodbye to the beach and summer vacation, and hello to new classes, new friends, and fun opportunities to show God we love Him. This week, meditate on our theme in the Children's Department, a verse from the Old Testament that speaks volumes: You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:13-14

Pam Johnston

Director of Children's & Family Ministries

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.

Rose Hill Cemetery Lots Available

The church still has 12 lots available. The total cost per lot, including fees, is \$3,621.80. Contact Bruce Bishop or Linda Parker in the church office.



Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & 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 - 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.

Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders - August 16

Children who will be entering the third grade in the fall 2009 will be receiving Bibles on Sunday, August 16th at the 11 a.m. worship service. The following are the students we know who will be entering the third grade. Their names will be engraved on the Bibles, so please make sure we have spelled your child's name correctly. If for any reason your child will not be participating in the service, please contact Pam Johnston (745-8601).

Gracie Bell Reilly Brown Josie Coleman Layne Davis
Ryan Deal Kaleigh Folsom Graham Hefner
Maimee Henderson John Morgan Manley Gilliam McMillan
Brianna Rhodes Tripp Vaughn, III



Children's Center Second Year Birthday Party

August 26, 2009 - 5:45 - 6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

*Everyone is invited to join us for cake,
punch and lots of fun.*

We hope to see you there!



*Serving God and others
this summer:
wish you were here!*

Outreach At-a-Glance, in July

- * 3,970 nutritious meals were served through the daily meal program
- * 664 people received emergency food through the food pantry
- * 43 Bibles were distributed through the Mervyn Dasher prison library
- * 20 Mulberry Street UMC members volunteered this month
- * 17 other local congregations served at Macon Outreach in July

Special News!

After a well-deserved summer break, the Clothes Closet is again open for business and is now accepting donations. Please bring in-season items to Macon Outreach, M-F, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

This Week's Needs

- Toiletries for hygiene kits
- Inspirational magazines and soft-cover Bibles

Can Castles

*Summertime Castles made of cans,
Built by generous hearts and creative hands,
Thank you for being part of God's ministry plan.*

You did it, Sunday School Classes! You blessed the food pantry at Macon Outreach with 1,852 items of food! *Congratulations, and thank you,* for your help this summer!

Remember, donations are accepted all year-long, so we can continue feeding the growing crowds who need help. God bless you.

Welcoming Service for Rev. Tommy Mason

August 16, 2009 - 4:00 PM

Wesley United Methodist Church

We are blessed to have Tommy Mason and his wife Karen join us in ministry in the Macon District. We will share in an official welcome on August 16 as we worship together to affirm Tommy's ministry among us as our District Superintendent. We will sing great hymns, pray for our common ministry, and the Mason's ministry among us. Tommy will bring the message. Following the service, refreshments will be served and we will have a more personal time to welcome the Mason's into our faith community. You will also have an opportunity offer a personal expression of appreciation during the fellowship time following the service. Plan to attend as we celebrate our connection and our ministry together in Christ's name.

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THIS WEEK AT MULBERRY

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

Monday, August 10

6:00 p.m. Parent Meeting/Orientation

6:00 p.m. Senior High Bible Study

Tuesday, August 11

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

Wednesday, August 12

7:15 p.m. Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, August 13

12:00 p.m. Young at Heart

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

Friday-Saturday, August 14-15

5:30 p.m. Friday - 11:00 a.m. Saturday - Kid's Lock-in

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MULBERRY STREET UMC STAFF

Tommy Martin, Senior Pastor

Cile Mitchell, Associate Pastor

Bishop C. W. Hancock, Bishop in Residence

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Cameron Bishop, Director of Youth Ministries

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Sara Colvin, Financial Secretary

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Custodians

Clifton Carswell, Arnold Freeman & Sherman Ivry



Fall Leaves in the Mountains

Join Cile for a fall get-a-way to Lake Junaluska. Dr. Evelyn Laycock, a well-known and loved bible teacher, will be the teacher at the Fall Fling October 20-23. We would arrive at Lake Junaluska on Tuesday and leave on Friday. Wednesday and Thursday afternoon is free time for sight-seeing. The cost is \$300 for a double occupancy room. This would include room, meals and transportation. What a great opportunity to see the fall leaves, to grow spiritually and to have wonderful fellowship. Contact Cile if you are interested. You don't want to miss this!

Chapel Renovation Fund

In memory of Charles McCrary by

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In memory of Charles McCrary by Mr. Charles A. Hager

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