

# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 23, 2009

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## **Windows to the World**

Stained Glass windows have always fascinated me. The rich colors, the stories they tell, the sunlight illuminating every pane. The amazing craftsmanship that goes into their composition. There is hardly a week that goes by that I do not take a few minutes to sit alone in our sanctuary and let those windows remind me of God's story for my life.

Yet, there is a peculiarity about them. Those windows speak their beauty most eloquently from the inside. It is the light behind them that gives the colors such brilliance. For others to see their truth and beauty, people must be invited into the sanctuary – to see them from where we see them.

In September, Mulberry will offer a new invitation to our community to come and see Christ.



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

What is First Day? It is a low-cost luncheon each Monday, Noon – 12:45, open to the community. Along with lunch, we will feature a guest speaker – most often a community leader who integrates his/her faith into the work place, and lives out that faith in fruitful, visible ways. It will be practical guidance for each of us as we seek to be faithful at work and at play.

#### **You Are Invited to Invite**

At Mulberry, we are seeking to open the doors of our church to the community around us; it is one of the ways we seek to be faithful in our own witness and outreach. Through that witness, we tell our story and invite people to come and worship with us –to see Jesus Christ “from the inside”. Many of us work down town. Many others live and work nearby and we all have friends and associates who break for lunch and fellowship.

Here is an opportunity for each of us to make a difference in someone's life, and in the visibility of our church in our community. As we begin this outreach ministry, won't you be a part? Plan to come for at least one month of these interesting and applicable gatherings. And invite someone you know to join you. You and I are so often the window through which others meet our Lord.

Our Church Lay Leader, Heidi Ream, will speak of this new ministry at both services this Sunday. Come and hear more. Pray for this ministry. God is at work among us!

*Tommy*

# Sunday Worship

August 23, 2009

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

"A Faith That Works:  
Bold Enough to Ask"

Mark 10: 46-52

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

Greg & Angie Bushway (2/3K)  
David & Christy Bullard (4/5K)



## Altar Flowers



The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their mother Melba M. Stout by Larry M. Stout and Robert M. Stout.

### **Attendance Last Sunday**

Nine O'clock Worship	51
Eleven O'clock Worship	289
<b>Total Worship Attendance</b>	<b>340</b>

Sunday School 261



Cam Bishop, Director of Music

## KEEPING UP WITH KIDS' CHOIRS Important Dates for Parents' Calendars

Wednesday, August 26 - First Rehearsal  
Sunday, October 4 - Covenant Choir sings in  
11:00 Worship

Wednesday, October 21 - Cherub & Carol  
Choirs sing for Wednesday night program  
Sunday, November 8 - Covenant Choir sings in  
11:00 worship

Saturday, December 5 - 10 AM Dress  
Rehearsal for Christmas music

Sunday, December 6 @ 6 PM Plum Pudding  
Festival (all choirs)

Wednesday, January 6 - Choirs resume after  
Christmas break

Wednesday, March 3 - Covenant Choir/SMAK  
musical

Wednesday, March 24 - Choir Awards

### Young Spirit Singers

Brief organization meeting –  
this Sunday at 4:45 in Choir Room.  
See you there!

## Sunday's Worship

We are delighted to welcome  
Betsy Fitzgerald to our 11:00 service  
this Sunday. Betsy is a new harpist in town  
and will be sharing her musical gifts with us  
this Sunday.



Cameron Bishop,  
Director of Youth Ministry

## UMYF

When God calls,  
how will you respond?  
Sundays – 5:00-7:00 pm

## Youth Leadership

A group of adults meet the first  
Sunday of the month in the youth  
room following the 11:00 worship  
service to discuss the Youth  
Ministry at Mulberry. If you're  
interested in joining with this  
group, please let Cameron know.

## Coming this Fall Saturday Mission Work Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>

**Bald Mtn. Camping**  
Oct. 9-11

**Casting Crowns**  
Oct. 18

**Don't forget – Sr. High Bible  
Study on Monday Night's  
6:00 – 7:30**

Visit us on the web at  
[mulberryyouth.com](http://mulberryyouth.com)



## 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!*

## Wednesday Night Supper

**This Wednesday, August 26, 2009**



### Menu

Spaghetti & Meat Sauce  
Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches  
Tossed Salad Garlic Bread  
Tea & Coffee

Birthday Cake from Children's Center at Mulberry

### Program

Children's Center at Mulberry

### Mission Jars

Children's Center at Mulberry



Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries

**Thank You**

Thanks to two groups of people who gave up several Saturdays to help make our new Children's Department both functional and beautiful! Many ladies of the church had a "fellowship over felt" last week, as they cut, glued, painted and prepared materials for the Godly Play lessons. Also, Hammers, Hearts and Hands prepped and painted our new "Blue Room" (come to the second floor to see what I mean). At lunchtime, we had over 50 people eating together, all of whom had been doing God's work together. What a blessing you all are to the children and to Mulberry!

**Godly Play Teachers**

Please keep our children's department Sunday School teachers in your prayers as we begin the new year. We are excited about our new curriculum, and all that God can do through it. We are still looking for one extra doorkeeper to help with a class of 3rd and 4th graders. If you're interested, please call Pam.

- 4/5 K Teacher: Julia Magda
- Doorkeeper: Kelly Stone
- Grades 1-3 Teacher: Susan Middleton
- Doorkeeper: Bob Middleton
- Grades 4-6 Ed and Melinda Powell

**Attention 5th and 6th Graders!**

**CLUB 56, Aug. 23, 5-7:30 pm**

On the 4th Sunday of the month through November, our 'tweeners will embark on a journey all their own: we'll do some cool team-building exercises, field trips every week to an unknown destination, and hands-on mission work as we talk about our weeks at school. This is a time for us to bond and grow in spirit so we're ready for Confirmation in January.

**SMAK (supper,missions/music and kids) - Begins Aug 30**

Kids ages 5-11 are invited for a variety of activities throughout the year to help us learn how fun missions can be! Bring your supper to the Children's Assembly Room. We'll eat together, and then get to work! For the Fall, the **Good Book Cooking School** will be in session. Come to make recipes, learn Bible verses and even meet some characters from the Old and New Testaments. The first session runs from August 30-November 15 (excluding 10/11 and 10/25).

**Free Family Movie Night**

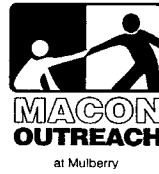
**Friday, September 18, 6-8 pm**

Come to the Fellowship Hall with cozy chairs, blankets and an appetite for fun. We'll serve supper and snacks, and then begin the movie at 6:30. Can't get much better than that! Movie: TBA

**Kidzquest Retreat to Epworth**

**Friday, October 2 - Sunday, October 4**

All kids grades 3-6 are invited to go with us on a retreat to Epworth by the Sea for a weekend of HeyYa!, Uncle Charlie, and Jesse Joyner. This is kidspeak for game shows, prizes, singing, magic tricks, and (surprise!) learning about the Bible and growing spiritually. Perhaps a little time at the beach might be in order as well! You don't want to miss it. Cost is \$135/person, which includes meals, lodging, transportation and programming.



**Spend the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday at Macon Outreach: August 30!**

Sunday School classes are invited to "drop in" at Macon Outreach, beginning at 9:00am on August 30. We'll provide the coffee and juice; you bring the refreshments and the lively fellowship!

**This week's needs:**

- **In the pantry:** all varieties of soup and powdered milk
- **In the Clothes Closet:** men's shoes, children's uniform items (khaki shorts & slacks, collared polo shirts)
- **On the shelf:** inspirational magazines and soft-cover Bibles for our dining room and the Mervyn Dasher prison library

Come visit and see what God is doing at *your* Macon Outreach at Mulberry!

**Coming Soon!**

A yard sale to benefit Macon Outreach: begin collecting your treasures now. Stay tuned for more details...

**Ministries Budget Report  
2009 General Fund**

Month	Gifts	Expense	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
Apr	81,652	107,761	(26,109)	229
May	85,482	97,177	(11,695)	(5,960)
Jun	103,693	97,924	5,769	28,813
Jul	81,424	96,769	(15,345)	(31,955)
<b>Total YTD</b>	<b>607,373</b>	<b>704,601</b>	<b>(97,228)</b>	<b>(50,310)</b>

**Christmas Parties**

Would you like to have a Christmas party at Mulberry in December? If so, please contact Betsy Abbott (745-8601) so that your party can be added to the church calendar to avoid conflicts.

**Thanks to Mulberry Prayer Companions**

The Mulberry Prayer Companions (Melissa Anderson, Carole Chase, Shirley Macklin, Tommy Martin, Susan Middleton, Anne Riley, Ann Smith, Gail Springstead and Leolene Tate) have completed praying for each member of the Mulberry Street congregation over the last year. The church has been blessed by their prayer ministry. Thanks to each of them for their faithful service of lifting each of us up to God.



**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!

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

### **Pastor on Call**

August 21-23

Tommy Martin

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## ***THIS WEEK AT MULBERRY***

### **Sunday, August 23**

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

4:45 p.m. Young Spirit Singers/Choir Rm

5:00 p.m. Club 56 (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders)

5:00 p.m. UMYF

### **Monday, August 24**

4:45 p.m. Finance Committee Mtg/Conf Rm

5:30 p.m. Ministry Chairs Mtg/Conf Rm

6:00 p.m. Senior High Bible Study

### **Tuesday, August 25**

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

7:00 a.m. Men's Sermon Starter Group/Joshua Cup

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 26**

5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper

6:30 p.m. Children's Choirs Kick-off

7:15 p.m. Ainsworth Choir

### **Thursday, August 27**

9:00 a.m. Pew Patrol

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

### **Friday, August 28**

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

5:00 p.m. Youth Girls Slumber Party/Martin's Lakehouse

### **Saturday, August 29**

9:00 a.m. District Early Response Training/Fel-Hall

### **Sunday, August 30**

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. S.M.A.K./Children's Assembly Rm

5:00 p.m. UMYF

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## **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.

## **UMCOR**

### **Early Response Team (E.R.T) Training**

*Training to provide a caring Christian presence in the aftermath of disaster.*

UMCOR South Georgia Conference, Early Response Team (ERT) training will be held here at Mulberry on August 29, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 payable at check-in and includes training materials, lunch, and two ERT T-shirts. This training would qualify you to assist your community in emergency situations, such as the Mother's Day tornado of 2008. Advance registration is required. Space is limited. Please specify T-Shirt size. **Call Jim Smith, 747-4189 by August 23<sup>rd</sup> to register.**

## **Macon Outreach**

In memory of Jonnie Giddens Stripling by James Turner

In memory of Larry Turner by James Turner

In memory of Carolyn Marbut by Trudie Sessions

In memory of Bill Young by Sharon Young

In honor of Betty Farr by Betty Butler

In honor of Edwin & Carole Chase by Judy Hodgins Bryant

In memory of Dr. Mike Shoffner by Judy Hodgins Bryant

In memory of Rev. & Mrs. Albert W. Ray by Dr. Al & Kay Ray

In memory of W. M. Easterlin, Sr. by J. B. Easterlin

In memory of Otis Walton Gunn by Jeanette W. Gunn

In honor of Hinton Harris by Betty & Freeman Henderson

## **General Fund**

In honor of Edyth & Cubbedge Snow on their 80<sup>th</sup> birthday by Mr. & Mrs. John Bowdre

## **Chapel Renovation**

In memory of Charles McCrary by Ms. Cheryl Leas and Quinelle Davis

## **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's & 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*

*Custodians*

*Clifton Carswell, Arnold Freeman & Sherman Ivry*