



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 4, 2009

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The Faith We Claim The Life We Live

Often on Sunday mornings, we stand together and repeat the Apostles' Creed. It contains the essence of our beliefs, the substance of our faith. Every time we say it, we step into a two-thousand year story of believers who often, at the risk of their own lives, professed belief in God, Son, and Holy Spirit. We become part of something bigger than ourselves. But do we really understand the depth of meaning it offers? How does it speak to what we really believe and how we live our faith?

Beginning this Sunday, we will explore together this *"historic confession of our Christian faith"*. Who is God? What is the origin of the universe, and our being? Is God really among us? What does eternity hold for us as believers? Is there a divine presence in your life? Does the Holy Spirit really dwell in you? How is God visible in the lives we live?

I invite you to be present as we explore these challenging areas of faith together. Through understanding our own faith, we live better, find profound meaning in life, love God more deeply, and share our faith more openly. Life itself becomes richer as we take understanding our faith seriously. The sermon titles and scriptures are listed below. Read the texts ahead. Come to worship open to God's leading. We will grow closer to each other, and to God, as we understand who and whose we are!

October 4, 2009

"God the Father Almighty"

What Is Your Primary Identity?

You Are A Child of God

Luke 2: 41 - 48

October 11, 2009

"Creator of Heaven and Earth"

Something out of nothing:

Where science and faith meet

Job 38: 4 - 18

October 18, 2009

"Jesus Christ, His only Son"

The Christian Claim:

God has become one of us!

Hebrews 1: 1 - 4

October 25, 2009

"He Ascended Into Heaven"

Is this all there is?

Making Sense of the World Around Us.

Colossians 1: 15 - 20 // Acts 1: 6 - 11

Tommy

Sunday Worship

October 4, 2009

Nine O'clock – Chapel
Eleven O'clock – Sanctuary

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Luke 2: 41-48

Rev. Tommy Martin



Assisting with Worship

Ushers for Nine O'clock

Sam Henley & David Ivey

Ushers for Eleven O'clock

Jeff Amerson, Chad Bevill,
Bruce Bryant, J.B. Easterlin,
Alan Frank, Eric Hefner,
Bill Henderson, Bill Jarrard,
Jim Lawton, Bob Lovett,
Bob McCormick, Wesley Rauls,
Rader Sellers & Russ Vaughn

Children's Church

Jim & Candi Wilson (2/3K)
Jim & Katherine Manley (4/5K)



Altar Flowers



The arrangement on the altar is given to the glory of God and in commemoration of World Communion Sunday.

Attendance Last Sunday

Nine O'clock Worship	53
Eleven O'clock Worship	228
Total Worship Attendance	281
Sunday School	220



This Sunday is World Communion Sunday. Impacting a life, church, community and nation at one time is no easy task. However, the World Communion Sunday offering does just that by nurturing students to lead, today and in the future. World Communion Sunday gives Christians a time to share in the sacrament and then to serve God through scholarships for U.S. (racial and ethnic-minority) and international students. These scholarships enable people from around the world to serve and lead in their home churches and communities by making higher education a reality. Recipients study in a wide variety of fields: family pastoral care, Christian-Muslim relations, clinical psychology, peace and governance, crop production, law and more. We can make a difference for the future by preparing and nurturing the students of today. World Communion Sunday is integral to making a difference. Let us be generous.



MISSIONARY SPEAKER

SAVE THE DAY...

Sunday, October 11

During Sunday School Hour in the Fellowship Hall

Steve Semler

Our supported missionary serving at the Rural Methodist Center in Quesada, Costa Rica. He will update us on what God is doing in Costa Rica.

First Day: Mondays @ Mulberry



Practical Faith:
Finding Purpose in Life & Work



Thank you for the strong response to this new outreach of our church. We had a great turn out for our luncheon, and a great fellowship with visitors to our church. This Monday we welcome Lonnie Bivins as our speaker. Join others in welcoming new visitors to our church and our ministries. We are opening our doors wider to the community in which we live and serve.

12 Noon – 12:45 PM

Lunch: \$6.00

Mulberry Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Night Supper

This Wednesday, October 7, 2009



Menu

Soup & Salad Bar

Program

Adventures in the DR:
Ann Smith & Lee Triesenberg

Mission Jars

Sager Brown Depot



Ryan Price, Nestor & Holly Jaenz, Terry & Carol Coleman, Bruce Shepard, Avan & Jimmy Moore and Sandra & David Schieneman

Young at Heart Luncheon

Thursday, October 8, 2009

12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall - Cost: \$5

All adults 55 or older are most welcome.

Program: Sweet Adelines Quartet

You do not have to be a member of Young at Heart to attend.

Call the church office (745-8601) for reservations by Monday, October 5.

Operation Christmas Child

Bring joy to a child by packing a shoebox. Every shoebox gift is a unique opportunity to bring hope and joy to a child and to introduce a child to Jesus Christ. Pack a box. Guidelines are available in the church office or online at www.samaritanspurse.org. All boxes are due at the church the week of November 9th and no later than November 13th. For more information, contact Cile at 745-8601 or Joy & Danny Humphrey at 471-1077.



Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries



Sunday, October 25, 4-6 pm
Candy and Costumes and Games, Oh My!

Come to the church at 4 pm on Sunday, October 25 and bring your friends for trick-or-treating, a hayride, games, prizes and much more! The courtyard and the Assembly Room upstairs will have carnival-type games and fall decorations.

Then join us for a chili cook-off and apple pie contest in the Fellowship Hall at 6. There's a special prize for the best costume in the category of "Adult/Church Staff." Aren't you curious???



Macon Outreach, May I Help You?

We currently have volunteer opportunities available in the newly remodeled Macon Outreach office. A friendly voice, a heart for others, and a can-do spirit are all that's required. This is a perfect placement for a retiree, a college student, or any responsible person who has a few free hours to share. Call the office to learn more: 743-8026 x102.

Particulars from the Pantry!

Bring your Bible, your tithe, and your food donation each week to church! We especially need canned soups, sweet peas, and greens.

Clues from the Clothing Closet!

We are currently accepting donations of cold-weather items (due to space limitations, we cannot store out-of-season clothing.) This month's urgent need: comfortable, clean shoes for men and women. Men's work boots can be purchased at Wal-Mart for approximately \$30.

Thank you for helping us reach out to our friends in need throughout the community.

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)
Aug	86,459	96,383	(9,924)	(18,589)
Total YTD	693,832	800,457	(106,625)	(68,899)



To Eunice Brown upon the death of her sister-in-law, Lila Erwin on September 26, 2009.



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THIS WEEK AT MULBERRY

Sunday, October 4

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

12:15 p.m. Joy Class Lunch/Fel Hall

4:15 p.m. Young Spirit Singers

5:00 p.m. S.M.A.K./Children's Assembly Rm

5:00 p.m. UMYF

5:00 p.m. Beth Moore's Study/Parlor

5:00 p.m. Seeing Gray Study/Conf Rm

Monday, October 5

11:00 a.m. DAR Luncheon/Fel-Hall

Tuesday, October 6

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

7:00 a.m. Men's Sermon Starter Group/Bob Lovett's Office

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

5:30 p.m. Wesleyan Heritage Group Mtg/Parlor

Wednesday, October 7

10:00 a.m. Invitation to John Study/Flo's Home

4:30 p.m. UMW Executive Committee Mtg/Conf Rm

5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper

6:30 p.m. Children's Choirs

6:30 p.m. Merry Bells

7:15 p.m. Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, October 8

12:00 p.m. Young at Heart

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

Friday, October 9

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

Friday-Sunday, October 9-11

Scampers Trip to Bald Mountain

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9:00 a.m. Worship/Chapel

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Magnolia Manor of Macon

presents...

The John R. Batts Golf Challenge

October 9, 2009

Oakview Golf & Country Club

4 man Scramble - \$300 Team - 8:30 Shotgun Start

Call Tommy Martin for more details and teams.

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

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