

MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The Church in Ministry and Mission

Youth Ministry Update

The Youth Leadership Council and The Wesley Foundation at Mercer University are partnering together to minister to our youth as the Staff Parish Committee continues the work to define and fill that position in our church. Glenn Smith, Youth Coordinator, and Michael McCord, Director of the Wesley Foundation, are building a team ministry with parents and a 4-5 person worship team made up of Mercer Students. The Wesley Foundation Team will begin with a special event for our youth on October 25, and will continue through out this year. Thanks to all for your help and cooperation as we move forward. Casting Crowns concert is this Sunday!

Historic Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Returns

November 24

Mulberry Will Host

Absent for several years, this community interfaith service will bring together three of Macon's historic downtown churches – Mulberry Street UMC, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and Temple Beth Israel – to celebrate and offer thanksgiving for our blessings under one God. Mulberry will host this year, and we will have a time of refreshments and fellowship following the service. Begin now to invite your friends as we open our doors once more to our faith community.

Opportunities for Ministry & Fellowship

Flood Bucket Delivery: Thanks for your generous response to the Flood Bucket Appeal. We packed and had delivered over 60 buckets to North Georgia residents who were affected by the recent flood. Though we may never know the recipients, they will know they came through the love of Christ.

Operation Christmas Child: Now is the time to pack your "Shoe Box". These gifts touch the lives of children all around the world. They are due back at the church by November 9th. Boxes and instruction are in the Atrium. More information about this ministry is found inside this newsletter.

First Day: Mondays at Mulberry: Every Monday at Noon, you can enjoy lunch with friends and downtown associates, and hear a story of faith. Invite a friend to join you in this new outreach of our church.

"Share God's Gifts" is your way of honoring God and supporting the ministries of the church. Every gift is important! Please return your commitment card – your desire to share in the ministry of the church -- by mail or by calling Bruce Bishop in the church office.

This Sunday in Worship:

The Apostles' Creed #3: What We Believe – How We Live

"I Believe In Jesus Christ, His Only Son"

(God Has Become One Of Us!)

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday, as we worship in the presence of God, for whom all things are possible!

Your servant, in Christ,



Beverly Martin, Ross Hickman,
Thomas McCormick and Michael Ryan

Circle Meeting

The Grace Circle will meet Tuesday, October 20th at
7:00 p.m. at the home of Melissa Anderson
(5349 White House Plantation Road).



Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries

A Big Thank You

The kids and I wanted to express our appreciation to three wonderful adults who gave up their weekend to make our Kidzquest retreat possible. Kelly Stone, Chris Brown and Hank Martin were chaperones for our trip to Epworth by the Sea. Fun and spiritual growth was experienced by all, and we couldn't have gone without you. Thanks for serving in such an important way.



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???



Save the Date
PIRATE PARTY for BOYS
Saturday, November 14

Boys ages 2-11 (older boys will be assigned as captains to help on deck) and their parents are invited to join us for a rollicking good time of eating, walking the plank, and playing pirate games from 9:30 to 11am. There will be a short devotional time for boys and their parents. INVITE your friends, as this is a great day for others in the community to see your church! FREE



at Mulberry

No Refrigeration Required

Have you picked up your free Outreach fridge magnet and shopping list? These are our gift to you, to remind you each week to pray for, and support, the ministries of your Macon Outreach. Magnets and grocery lists can be found in the basket near the elevator and church office. Pick one up for yourself, and one for a friend!

Food for the Body and Soul

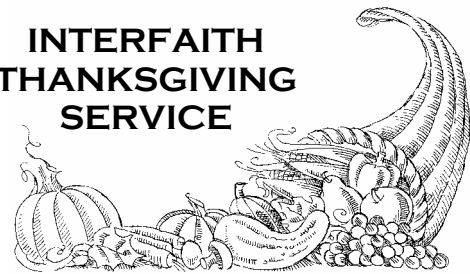
The Outreach food pantry relies on your donations. Please remember to bring your Bible and your canned food donations each week to church. This week's urgent needs: **Soup, Pork & Beans, and Greens.**

We give a special round of applause to the Solomon Class, who faithfully supply us with black eye peas, all year-long!

Thanks a Lot for Blankets & Socks!

Shoppers at the clothing closet are bundling up for a cold winter. Can you help provide blankets, warm socks, and large size shoes for men and women? We will gladly accept your donations M-F, 9am-4pm at Macon Outreach. Thank you for your generosity!

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE



Tuesday, November 24, 2009
7:00 PM

Mulberry Street UMC
Sanctuary

Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Golden Agers Hop Aboard and Join Young at Heart For Fantasy in Lights at Calloway Gardens December 8 & 9, 2009

What an opportunity to take a break and enjoy the beauty of Calloway Gardens in all the glamour of all the beautiful lights at Calloway Gardens at night!

If you are 55 or above in years, you are welcome to join the Young at Hearts for this fantastic trip to not only enjoy the Fantasy of Lights, but we will also enjoy the gorgeous Butterfly House with over 1,000 butterflies fluttering; The Little White House with the walk lined with flags of all 50 states lining the walk.

For flyer with all details, call Marie Williams at 477-7817. Cost of \$220. per person includes motorcoach transportation; hotel accommodations; one dinner admission to Calloway Gardens and Fantasy of Lights and Butterfly House and more. Full payment of \$220 per person must be in to Four Seasons travel by November 4, 2009. Come join us and bring a friend. Space is limited.

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THIS WEEK AT MULBERRY

Sunday, October 18

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

4:15 p.m. Young Spirit Singers

5:00 p.m. Club 56 (5th & 6th Graders)

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

5:00 p.m. UMYF – Casting Crowns Concert

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

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

Monday, October 19

12:00 p.m. Mondays at Mulberry Luncheon –

Speaker: Nancy White/Fel-Hall

3:00 p.m. Cottages on Wesleyan Communion

Tuesday, October 20

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

7:00 p.m. Grace Circle

Wednesday, October 21

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

4:30 p.m. Macon Outreach Executive Com 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 22

9:00 a.m. Pew Patrol

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

Friday, October 23

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

9:00 a.m. DAR Meeting Set-up/Fel-Hall

Saturday, October 24

8:00 a.m. DAR State Mtg/Fel-Hall

Sunday, October 25

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. Fall Festival & Chili Cook-off/Fel-Hall

Macon Outreach Fund

In honor of Kay Wangen by Jana McNeal

In memory of Lloyd Black by David & Linda Cozart

Remember the date...

February 19-21, 2010

"Near to the Heart of God" Ladies Retreat

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 960-4933.

Pledge Update

	Count	2009	2010	Difference
Decrease	28	\$134,023.05	\$100,628.04	(\$33,395.01)
Increase	41	\$195,728.00	\$220,674.00	\$24,946.00
New	18	\$ 0.00	\$ 60,250.01	\$60,250.01
No Change	76	\$280,850.01	\$280,850.01	\$ 0.00
Pledges Remaining	104	\$442,220.06	\$ 0.00	(\$442,220.06)
	267	\$1,052,821.12	\$662,402.06	(\$390,419.06)

MULBERRY STREET UMC STAFF

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