



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE: MERCER WESLEY FOUNDATION TEAM BEGINS MINISTRY WITH MULBERRY YOUTH THIS SUNDAY

Along with Michael McCord, Director of the Wesley Foundation at Mercer, (which also ministers on the Wesleyan Campus), a team of Mercer students active at the Wesley Foundation will begin working with our youth on Sunday evenings and special events. Their ministry begins this Sunday. Our youth will take a "road trip" to the Wesley Foundation Center Sunday at 5:00 PM, where the Foundation students will host a cookout and game night. We will be their guests as we get acquainted with the team that will be leading our youth for our Sunday night UMYF programs.

The Wesley Foundation group will include a music/worship team, Bible study leaders, and will help plan and implement Sunday evening programs. These young people love the Lord, and are excited about their opportunity to share with our youth and be in ministry here at Mulberry. Michael McCord will also lend his experience and presence to this team ministry.

Glenn Smith, our Youth Coordinator, along with other faithful, dedicated parents have continued to offer strong leadership among our youth as well. Our Youth Leadership Council will be a vital part of this ongoing youth ministry. Please thank them for their dedication and great spirit.

Meanwhile, the Staff Parish Committee has put together a search team and will be refining that job description as we move forward in our search for a Youth Director. Please be in prayer for the search for this most important staff position.

Help spread the word about this opportunity for our youth. Invite a friend to join you. This is an exciting time with great possibility.

REFLECTIONS ON ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

The Holy Spirit was certainly present as we worshipped together and remembered those who had entered "my Father's House" on All Saints Day this past Sunday. Your love embraced the families who worshipped with us, the music blessed us so deeply, and God's promise to be with us was realized. Holy Communion for many took on new meaning. We shared in the Gift that makes the promise of eternal life real!

As we remembered in gratitude those who have entered the "Church Triumphant", I was reminded that we are certainly the church for others. Through worship and devotion, study and service, we represent the love of Christ to those around us. We are witnesses to God's future in Christ.

I look forward to seeing you in worship this Sunday. I will be preaching on "the forgiveness of sins". Christ died to "make us right" before God. By faith you and I are justified before God. How wonderful How marvelous. You are loved by the one who created you, and you can live in this world free of guilt; filled with hope. Come and hear God's Word for you this Sunday!

Your servant in Christ,

Tommy

Circle Meeting

The Paula Motes Circle will meet Wednesday, November 11 at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Please bring items for Macon Outreach and the Children's Home.



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.

Young at Heart Luncheon

Thursday, November 12, 2009

12:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall - Cost: \$5

All adults 55 or older are most welcome.

Program: Lizella Blue Grass Band

You do not have to be a member of Young at Heart to attend. Call the church office (745-8601) for reservations by Monday, November 9.

Memorial Fund

In memory of Dr. Benham Stewart by
Rev. & Mrs. Samuel P. Lamback, Jr.

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	98,451	5,242	28,813
Jul	81,424	96,769	(15,345)	(31,955)
Aug	86,459	96,383	(9,924)	(18,589)
Sep	108,276	102,097	6,179	(22,466)
Total YTD	802,108	903,081	(100,973)	(91,365)



Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries



Pirate Party

Friday, November 20, 5-7 pm

For boys ages 3-6.

Need some boys ages 7-10 to serve as captains.

Full Hearts = Full Shelves

Keeping the food pantry stocked is a weekly effort. Too often, at the end of the week, our resources have been depleted. It takes generous help from everyone, and we extend deep appreciation to our Mulberry family, as well as the Mid-State Baptist Association, Lizella UMC, St. Joseph's Catholic School, and several other individual donors who responded to the recent emergency call for food. Your generous donations allowed us to continue food distribution, with no interruption. On behalf of those we serve, THANK YOU!

Please don't forget us: we need your ongoing support to help feed those who are hungry in the community.

Turkey & Pies: Oh My!

Can you provide a turkey or dessert for the upcoming Macon Outreach Thanksgiving meal on Friday, November 20? Donations are being accepted NOW for pre-baked turkeys and desserts; deadline is Wednesday, November 18. Please call the office today (743-8026) for more details on how you can help. We are thankful for you!

Macon Outreach Fund

In honor of Harold & Freeda Chapman by
Col. (Ret.) & Mrs. Joseph H. Jones

In honor of Shannon K. Fickling by Carolyn Kennedy

Wesleyan College is Training New Disciples

Leaders of the Methodist church were instrumental in the 1836 founding of Wesleyan, the very first college in the world to grant degrees to women. Today Wesleyan remains deeply committed to her longstanding affiliation with The United Methodist Church and continues to build on the ideals of the church through dynamic programs for Wesleyan women. Complementing Wesleyan's outstanding academic program, faith and service organizations like Methodist Wesley Foundation, the Gospel Choir, Inter Varsity, and Lane Center Servant Leaders, invigorate the campus. One of the college's newest programs, Wesleyan Disciples, is particularly exciting.

In 2005, under the inspiring leadership of beloved college chaplain Reverend Bill Hurdle, the college developed Wesleyan Disciples, an innovative student program designed to create a broad Christian witness on campus. The program began with just six students who were all committed to spiritual formation, intentional Bible study, servant leadership, and the practice of healthy lifestyle. Wesleyan provided minimal scholarships to these students who agreed to make a special commitment to the Christian faith and to community-wide servant leadership.

This Sunday, November 8th has been designated as Wesleyan College Sunday to support the ministry of the Wesleyan Disciples. This Sunday every dollar you give to Wesleyan College will go directly to support this exciting new faith and service program. Please give generously.

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THIS WEEK AT MULBERRY

Sunday, November 8

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. Children's Handbells

4:15 p.m. Young Spirit Singers

5:00 p.m. UMYF

5:00 p.m. S.M.A.K.

4:00 p.m. Seeing Gray Study/Conf Rm

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

Monday, November 9

10:00 a.m. Women's Club Mtg/Parlor

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

Speaker: Allison Gatliff/Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 10

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, November 11

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

4:00 p.m. Paula Motes Circle/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, November 12

12:00 p.m. Young at Heart

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

Friday, November 13

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

12:00 p.m. Senior Cherry Blossom Queens Luncheon/Parlor

Sunday, November 15

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. Covenant Choir Rehearsal

4:15 p.m. Children's Handbells

4:15 p.m. Young Spirit Singers

5:00 p.m. UMYF

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Tommy Martin, Senior Pastor Cile Mitchell, Associate Pastor

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