



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 22, 2009

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INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE



Tuesday, November 24, 2009

7:00 PM

Mulberry Street UMC

Mulberry Street UMC, Temple Beth Israel, St. Joseph's Catholic Church
In the Sanctuary
Reception to Follow in the Fellowship Hall.

"For this gathered community that welcomes us as we are from wherever we have come. For our religious communities that keep us human and encourage us in our quest for justice, peace and love. For all things which come to us as gifts of being from sources beyond ourselves. Gifts of life and love and friendship - we lift up our hearts in thanks this day."

In a world that seems much smaller and much more divided than we have ever known, the opportunity to share gratitude and community concerns is so very important. As a matter of God's shalom and justice, we reach out to stand in solidarity with people of other faiths. Our interfaith service offers all of us a way to share together in celebrating our national day of thanksgiving, as well as honoring our various faith traditions – one people, under God. It is our privilege to host this year's service; let's be great hosts as we join together in worshipping the one true God.

We will receive two offerings at this service. First of all, bring canned goods as you enter for worship. We will have places for you to place your gift. Secondly, we will receive a monetary offering during the service. All offerings will go this year to Macon Outreach at Mulberry. A time of fellowship and refreshment will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you in advance for finger food for the reception.

Tommy

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

Fall Festival Afterword

The Children's Dept. would like to thank all of you who worked at the Fall Festival either handing out candy, running a booth, judging, helping in the kitchen, decorating or cleaning up. I have heard many appreciative comments from parents who were able to enjoy their kids while other adults were the helpers this year. It means a lot to be able to have fun and relax with your kids, and we couldn't have done it without you.

SMACK Recognition

This Wednesday night during supper, I will recognize our SMAK participants. The kids have had a great season of learning about food customs during Bible times, "unknown facts" about popular Bible stories, and how to knead the dough to make a cheese scone. Come listen as they share a few facts with you.

Calling Kids for Christmas Services

I need lots of children to help lead in two church services the week of Christmas: the Sunday preceding Christmas (Dec. 20), which will include a live Nativity scene and the Family Christmas Eve Service on December 24 at 4 pm, which will be in the sanctuary this year. Any kids who would like to read scripture, pray, help with communion, or play a role are welcome. Please contact me if your children would like to participate in one of these services--I am making plans now.

Save the Date

Dec. 13, 4 pm, Family Caroling and Christmas Party
Dec. 20, 9 am, Breakfast with Santa



Pirate Party

Friday, November 20, 5:30-7:00 pm
Children's Assembly Room (2nd Floor)
For parents and boys ages 3-7
Girls/siblings welcome
Supper, games devotion and surprises! FREE



A Bounty of Thanks!

Thanks to the Mulberry cadre of volunteers and donors, Outreach guests received an early Thanksgiving blessing at the recent worship service and dinner! You provided lots of helping hands and plenty of turkeys and desserts; thank you for sharing your time and culinary talents with us.

We extend a special thanks to Bishop King and visiting Cabinet members who blessed us with their presence. We also offer a hearty "Amen!" for Doris Andrews and the musical talents she shares for the glory of God.

Mulberry family, we wish you a warm and special Thanksgiving. It seems appropriate that when we think of our blessings, we count you twice!

Macon Outreach Fund

In Memory of Carlee Deaton by Charlie and Lynda Cloaninger
In Honor of Eddie Eason, Sr. by Olevia Eason

Memorial Fund

In memory of Allen Jackson Head, Sr. by
Mr. D. Melson Butler Ms. Shannon K. Fickling

In memory of Lucy H. Gordon by
Mr. & Mrs. Ray M. Jones Mr. & Ms. Salim Elkott
Ms. Wanda E. Jones

In memory of Shirley Butler by Ms. Shannon K. Fickling

In memory of William Walker by Ms. Shannon K. Fickling

General Fund

In memory of Dr. Benham Stewart by Interest Group

2010 Pledge Status

Pledged 2009: \$1,052,821
Pledged 2010: \$ 841,710
Change -\$ 211,111

If you have not made your pledge for 2010 please do so as soon as possible. The Finance Committee is working to bring expenses in line with anticipated gifts. The choices for reducing expenses are difficult. Your prayers during this difficult process are very much appreciated.



To Marianne Golmitz upon the death of her father-in-law, John J. Golmitz of Vienna, GA on November 12, 2009.

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THIS WEEK AT MULBERRY

Sunday, November 22

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. UMYF

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

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

5:00 p.m. Covenant Choir Rehearsal

Monday, November 23

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

Speaker: Moira Lacey/Fellowship Hall

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

5:30 p.m. Church Council Mtg &

Charge Conference/Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 24

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

7:00 p.m. Interfaith Thanksgiving Service/Sanctuary

Thursday-Friday, November 26-27

Thanksgiving Holidays – Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 29

9:00 a.m. Worship/Chapel

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Mulberry Quarterly

The Christmas issue of the Mulberry Quarterly will be out the first week of December. Hope you enjoy its seasonal articles. Donations toward its publication are needed. Just send a check made out to Mulberry Street UMC and indicate "Quarterly" at the bottom. Thanks to all of you for your wonderful reception of the last issue. Remember that you can still find it on the Mulberry Street UMC web site.

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