



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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"BEST OF THE BEST"

A week or so ago, my home-delivered Macon Telegraph included a supplement titled, "2010, *The Best Of The Best*". It was a compilation of awards given to every possible category of business or organization in the central Georgia area. Builders, lawn services, real estate companies were included. Lawyers, doctors, candlestick makers. Restaurants of every description, too. Under each category, first, second and third places honors were given. (Best pizza? You guessed it: Ingleside Village Pizza. Best bedding? Of course - Beds & Bedding)

As I rambled through the different categories, I came to "Organizations". Apparently, churches are considered organizations in this survey. There under Best Church was Mulberry Street United Methodist Church. In the interest of fair disclosure, I must tell you that we came in third. Ingleside Baptist and Mikado Baptist beat us out. As I thought about this honor, some thoughts came to mind. Are we in competition with other churches? Is it our goal to be the best church around? What does it mean to be the best?

I am glad we made the cut. Someone thought enough of our church and ministry to vote, call it in, and whatever it took to get us this recognition. I don't know how many churches there are in central Georgia, but The Telegraph says we are #3! I'm going to hang on to my copy of *The Best of The Best*. But there is a larger vision for us to consider.

It is not human recognition that we seek. We serve a Lord who calls us to humble servanthood, sharing God's love and grace, calling those around us to social justice and peace. "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, tune my heart to sing thy praise." To God be the glory.

Mulberry is a congregation with a long, distinguished history of worship and service. We are certainly well known in this community. That is a good thing. Let us be known not as the best church, but a church that embraces community, gives hospitality to the stranger, welcomes to all who enter here. A church that leads people to Jesus Christ.

Back in 1983, former President of Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Myron Augsburger wrote these words:

*"I believe in justice: but I am not a preacher of the gospel of justice, but the **Gospel of Christ** who calls us to justice.*

*I believe in love, but I am not a preacher of the gospel of love, but the **Gospel of Christ** who calls us to love.*

*I am committed to peace, but I am not a preacher of the gospel of peace, but the **Gospel of Christ** who calls us to peace.*

*I believe in the value of the simple life, but I am not the preacher of the simple life, but of the **Gospel of Christ** that calls us to the simple life."*

May the Gospel of Christ be our message and our reward.

Joyfully,



Pam Johnston

Director of Children's & Family Ministries

Shake up your summer with Mulberry's Turbular Tuesdays!

July 20

Splash in the 'Boro (8am-6pm)

July 27

Tailgate Party/Pinetoppers Game (4 to 10pm)

Open to all; kids under 6 must be chaperoned

Cost: \$20/day; scholarships available

Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders August 15

Children who will be entering the third grade in the fall of 2010 will be receiving Bibles on Sunday, August 15th at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The following are the students we know who will be entering the third grade. Their names will be engraved on the Bibles, so please make sure we have spelled your child's name correctly. If for any reason your child will not be participating in the service, please contact Pam Johnston (745-8601).

Lauren Bullard Will Fackler Merit Huggins
Owen Huggins Elizabeth Sellers Alex Stone
Hampton Tiller

Part-Time Preschool/Nursery Coordinator

The Children's Department is looking for a part-time coordinator to help with our nursery, children's church, and pre-school curriculum. Although it is a paid position, the coordinator will hopefully be a person who feels led to serve God through this very important ministry at Mulberry. For details, contact Pam at 745-8601 or pjohnston@mulberrymethodist.org

General Fund

In memory of **Catie Alexander** by
Mrs. Carolyn K. Dominy

Memorial Fund

In memory of **Samuel Aubrey Elliott** by
Dr. & Mrs. Jimmy Asbell

In memory of **Barbara Underwood** by
Mrs. Anna F. Collier

Macon Outreach Fund

In memory of **Catie Alexander** by Mrs. Janice R. Nordan

In memory of **Samuel Kenneth Henley, Sr.** by
Mrs. Janice R. Nordan Mr. & Mrs. Daniel W. Humphrey



Q. What Goes with Mac & Cheese?

A. Everything!

While some folks say mac & cheese is a vegetable, we're not so sure. Either way, we could use your help in filling the Food Pantry shelves with this popular item! Help make dinner tonight a little more delicious for your neighbors.

Summer Reading

Has your summer schedule kept you so busy you don't have time to read your magazines? If so, why not bring them to Outreach? The reading rack is empty, and needs your magazines and devotionals. Remember: donations can be brought to the church atrium or directly to Macon Outreach. Thanks for sharing this summer!



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

9:45 a.m.

Conference Room



Please wear your name tag to church! It will help our new pastors place names with faces!



Missions Update

Shoes for Missions

Box in atrium for shoe collections for Macon Outreach/Foreign/Local Missions

COMING SOON

- Operation Christmas Child
- Wells for Africa

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

- Want to become a Mentor?

- 1. Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Heart of Georgia** – Mentor a child ages 5-15 in a fifteen county area with an emphasis on children ages 5-12 in Bibb County.
 - **Community based program** – volunteers spend a few hours a couple of times a month with their mentee doing things in the community.
 - **School based** – volunteers spend 45 minutes to an hour at the school each week with their mentee eating lunch, going to the library, helping with assignments, etc.
- 2. Mentor's Project of Bibb County** - Make a difference in the life of a child by spending four hours a month with a middle or high school student.

Call Joy Humphrey for more information 478-960-5933 or joysh@cox.net.

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NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED WEEKLY
 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

Pastor on Call

July 16-18

Tommy Perkins
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THIS WEEK AT MULBERRY

Sunday, July 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
 5:00 p.m. UMYF

Monday, July 19

1:00 p.m. Cottages on Wesleyan Communion

Tuesday, July 20

7:00 a.m. Sermon Starter
 8:00 a.m. Turbular Tuesday/Splash in the Boro
 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group/Conf Rm
 9:45 a.m. Staff Meeting/Conf Rm
 12:00 p.m. Kiwanis Club Lunch/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 21

9:15 a.m. Chapel/Children's Center
 10:30 a.m. Macon Outreach Worship Service/Chapel
 11:00 a.m. Youth Bible Study/Barnes & Noble
 4:30 p.m. Macon Outreach Board Mtg/Conf Rm
 6:00 p.m. Staff Picnic/Chapmans

Thursday, July 22

9:00 a.m. Pew Patrol

Friday, July 23

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

Sunday, July 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
 5:00 p.m. UMYF



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Send Us Your Photos!



Please send recent pictures from various church-related activities to Ben Gosden at bgosden@mulberrymethodist.org or drop them off in CD form by the church office. We want to put recent pictures up on our church website and Facebook page. Please also include a note with: date of event, location, and names of people in the pictures.

**Ministries Budget Report
 2010 General Fund**

| Month | Gifts | Expense | Net | Net Last Year |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Jan | 78,132 | 100,172 | (22,040) | (22,001) |
| Feb | 61,541 | 95,097 | (33,556) | (27,104) |
| Mar | 74,029 | 99,182 | (25,153) | (216) |
| Apr | 68,661 | 86,453 | (17,792) | (26,109) |
| May | 105,486 | 91,627 | 13,859 | (11,695) |
| Jun | | | | 5,242 |
| Jul | | | | (15,345) |
| Aug | | | | (9,924) |
| Sep | | | | 6,179 |
| Oct | | | | (21,278) |
| Nov | | | | 56,673 |
| Dec | | | | 73,722 |
| Total YTD | 387,849 | 472,531 | (84,682) | 8,144 |

MULBERRY STREET UMC STAFF

Tommy Martin, Senior Pastor Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor Ben Gosden, 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
 Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries
 Thomas Hodges, Director of Youth Ministries Betsy Abbott, Director of Hospitality
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