



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 17, 2010

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LEADERSHIP RETREAT BRINGS COVENANT

Last Saturday, over fifty Council members and other church leaders gathered in the fellowship hall for a day of orientation and motivation. There were two main focal points of the day: "**Mulberry 101**", and a restructuring of the Church Council:

- "**Mulberry 101**" is a refresher course in basic Christian beliefs, our Methodist heritage and structure, and the mission and purpose of Mulberry Street United Methodist Church. The final section focuses on church membership and our church vows which call us to support the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Scripturally grounded, this primer affirms our call to be active members, faithful in our worship and service to the church, and in the community where we live and witness. In a workbook form, it becomes a personal manual offering guidance for putting our faith into practice.
- New Church Council Structure. This new structure doesn't remove any existing positions. Rather, it adds five positions created to give spiritual guidance, offer prayer and support, and to nurture community within the council and our church family. Those positions are: **Externally Focused Ministries, Membership Care, Spiritual Formation, Age-Based Ministries, Administrative Ministries, and the Gathering Community**. (A full list of Church Council members and positions will be sent out by e-mail this week, and will shortly be posted on our web-site.)

In this year, the Council seeks to become the living body of Christ, witnessing to the vision and mission of the church. Meetings will focus on the possibilities of the ministry of the laity, and the belief that every member is a minister and can be in ministry.

It was an exciting day, full of challenges and celebration. God's Spirit was certainly present. At the close of our time together, we joined in prayer and covenant. Each member, including clergy and staff, signed a covenant agreement promising to be faithful in "*protecting our church, sharing in the responsibility of our church, serving the ministry of our church, and supporting the testimony of our church*". As a mark of experiencing **Mulberry 101**, and of being in covenant together, each person received a cross and flame pin to attach to their nametag. It becomes for us a testimony to our faith in Christ, and our love and faithfulness to the church. Look for those pins on name tags this Sunday. Ask someone about **Mulberry 101**, and what it means to them. You will want to experience it, too.

Note: **Mulberry 101** will be offered to every church member during February and March. You will find it informative and enriching for your faith and witness. Look for dates and sign-up opportunities in next week's newsletter.

Blessings,

Sunday Worship

January 17, 2010

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

“The Unpredictable Grace
of God”

John 2: 1-11

Rev. Tommy Martin



Assisting with Worship

Ushers for Nine O'clock

Warren Dunn & Scott Wangen

Ushers for Eleven O'clock

Charles Bridges, Austin Carter,
Scott Davis, Ken Harper,
David Mann, Bob Middleton,
Jim Rice, Blake Sharpton
& Jim Wilson

Children's Church

Gordon & Pam Johnston(4/5K)



Altar Flowers



The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Martha and Dana Adams by Martha and Ken Thompson.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Martha and Arthur Lewis and Alice Williams by Tol, Patricia, Andy, and Chris Clarke.

Attendance Last Sunday

Nine O'clock Worship	42
Eleven O'clock Worship	221
Total Worship Attendance	263

Sunday School 224



Cam Bishop, Director of Music

Third Tuesday Organ Interlude

January 19 – 12:00 Noon

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Dr. Fletcher Anderson, Organist

Come sing Rutter's *Requiem*

From time to time I hear some of you say that you'd love to sing in the Ainsworth Choir but just can't make a long term commitment.

If that's the case, then perhaps you'll consider joining us for our Palm Sunday offering of John Rutter's *Requiem*. We'll be learning the music each Wednesday night from now until the end of March. Please give me a call or e-mail me

(cambishop@mulberrymethodist.org)

if you'd like to know more.

We'd love to have some new voices join us.

AGO Hymn Festival

Sunday, February 14 at 4 pm

Vineville UMC

Albert Travis, Organist & Festival Leader

This is the hymn festival that has traditionally

been held at Mulberry each Super Bowl

Sunday and that so many of you have

enjoyed so much over the years. Because of their new instrument, Vineville wanted to host

the event this year. Please mark your

calendars for what will be an inspiring

afternoon of great hymn singing for our

community churches. I've seen a copy of the

festival service and am confident that you'll

love singing the hymns that

Dr. Travis has selected.

**Church Office will
be closed Monday,
January 18th.**



We want to thank Cam Bishop and the Ainsworth Choir for the dedication of the Christmas music to us when they presented their

Christmas program on

December 13, 2009. The program was the best Christmas present we could have ever hoped for, the gift of music.

Bob & Anna Waters

Memorial Fund

In memory of Betty Ballard by

Mr. & Mrs. Sidney E. Middlebrooks

Dr. & Mrs. William W. Baxley, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. A. S. Durkee, Jr.

Music Fund

In honor of Bruce & Cam Bishop

by Mrs. Gloria McAfee Wynn

General Fund

In memory of Bill & Tom Griffith by

Ms. Amy Dever

Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic March 11-18, 2010

For more information
please contact Lee Triesenberg or
Rev. Cile Mitchell.

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, January 20, 2010



Menu

Meat Loaf

Broccoli

Carrots

Green Beans

Garden Salad

Rolls

Peach Cobbler

Program

Terrell Sandefur: SoChi

Mission Jars

Global Persons in Mission

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)
Oct	71,745	93,023	(21,278)	(702)
Nov	147,038	90,326	56,712	(17,607)
Total YTD	1,020,891	1,086,430	(65,539)	(109,674)



Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries

SMAK Has Begun

We invite your kids to start coming back to church on Sunday night for our SMAK program. In case you're wondering what SMAK stands for, I'll explain: Supper, Missions/Music and Kids.

Your kids ages 3 through 6th grade are invited up to the Children's Assembly Room starting at 5. They bring their own supper and drink with them--this can be a happy meal, pb & j sandwich or lunchables--whatever you have around. We all eat together, and then there will be a program from 5:45 to 7.

For January and February, our SMAK focus for the older kids (grades 1-6) will be rehearsing and performing a musical. For kids ages 3-5, we will have a craft and Bible mission story time. We will also offer nursery care for kids ages 0-2 for parents who wish to attend small group Bible study beginning Jan 24. If you have questions, feel free to call Pam.

Volunteers Needed

I am in need of volunteers to help with several activities from now until May. The simple fact is, I have lots of ideas and access to curriculum, but not the ability to be in 2 rooms at one time. Yes, I know. You want to stay home on Sunday nights because it's the only time your family is all together. Or you need a break from kids and want to participate in a Bible study--not work as a volunteer. Or you aren't good with kids. Or you travel a lot. Believe me, I understand all these dilemmas: I'm in a 2-job, 3-kid family myself. But it's not so bad if you just take one turn at it. Isn't it worth helping with one activity a year for your kids to have a fun program where they learn about serving other people instead of watching *Phineas and Ferb*? **If everybody takes a short turn**, then you can still enjoy small group meetings, and the programs can still happen. If not, then we have to revert to no programs or only nursery care because there are no teachers. Needed: Sun nights, 5-7 pm, 2 parents from Jan 17 to May 16, 2 from Mar. 7 to May 16; Wed. nights from Mar 31 to May 19.

Macon Outreach Fund

- In honor of Joyce Martin by Beverly Martin
- In honor of Mr. & Mrs. H.M. Baskin by Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Yates
- In memory of Lucy Anderson by Tim & Melissa Anderson
- In honor of Wynelle Flynn by Jeff & Joy Amerson
- In memory of Richard Fehlenberg by Marie Dent Johnny & Sylvia Hathcock
- In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Jones by Mr. & Mrs. James Bothe
- In honor of Scott & Kay Wangen by Jennifer Hernandez Grace Rigio
- In memory of James B. Ennis by Frank DiFiore
- In honor of Judge J. Taylor Phillips by Bill & Cheryl Adams
- In honor of Cile Mitchell by Marie D. Harris
- In honor of Eleanor Castellaw by Carey & Lolita Rutland
- In honor of Iris & Joe Jones by Mrs. Martha S. Hartness
- In honor of Scott & Kay Wangen by Josh & Kristina Wilkerson
- In honor of Ashley & Mary Hurt by Dr. & Mrs. N.T. Ivey
- In memory of Anne Lowe Berg by Edward Berg
- In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Orr & Family by Coyet & Sally Lowery
- In memory of Hubert Lovein, Sr. & Lane Lovein by Marjorie Lovein
- In honor of Dr. & Mrs. Marcus Tripp by Mrs. Charles R. Wallace
- In honor of Rev. and Mrs. James Duke by Mrs. Charles R. Wallace
- In memory of Helen Kernaghan by Beverly Meadors Clyde Rabun Jesse Shouse
- In memory of Roy L. Kennedy, Jr. by Carolyn C. Kennedy
- In honor of Jane Berry by Robert & Anna Waters
- In honor of Dorothy Colhard by Robert & Anna Waters
- In memory of Frank & Dorothy Youmans by Barbara Y. Probst
- In honor of Judy Bryant by Rita S. Becker
- In memory of Jeff Golmitz by Ed & Melinda Powell
- In honor of Cindy K. Morris by Barbara B. Kite
- In memory of Max Bledsoe by Ed & Melinda Powell
- In memory of James J. Barron, Jr. by Ed & Melinda Powell
- In memory of Anna Dominy by Ray Dominy
- In memory of Richard Fehlenberg by Barbara & Carlton Hunnicutt Marie Dent
- In memory of Helen Kernaghan by Quinion Dykes Ms. Nadine Sinkwitz
- In honor of Frank Gaudry by Dr. R.A. Peace



Congratulations to Win and Lauren Rankin, III
upon the birth of their daughter,
Lucy Baker Rankin on December 29, 2009.
Proud grandparents are
Shellie and Frances Inzer.



**Helen S. Kernaghan
January 2, 2010**

You are Cordially Invited!
Epworth Winter Camp Meeting
"Seek Ye First"
Honoring Retired South Georgia Clergy
January 24-27, 2010

*Brochure, rates and online reservation form on Epworth's website at
www.epworthbythesea.org. One CEU credit is available. For
information, call Epworth By The Sea at 912-638-8688.*

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January 15-18

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THIS WEEK AT MULBERRY

Sunday, January 17

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

4:45 p.m. Young Spirit Singers

5:00 p.m. UMYF

Monday, January 18

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 19

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/Children's Center

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting/Conf Rm

12:00 p.m. Kiwanis Club Lunch/Fellowship Hall

4:00 p.m. Trustees Mtg/Conf Rm

7:00 p.m. Grace Circle

Wednesday, January 20

5:00 p.m. Children's Handbells

5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper

6:30 p.m. Children's Choirs

7:00 p.m. Mulberry 1010/Fellowship Hall

7:15 p.m. Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, January 21

12:00 p.m. Trinity Circle/Parlor

1:00 p.m. Carlyle Place Communion

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

Friday, January 22

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

Sunday, January 24

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

4:45 p.m. Young Spirit Singers

5:00 p.m. UMYF

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Grace Circle

The Grace Circle will meet Tuesday, January 19 at Leolene Tate's home, 2669 Riverview Road. Her phone number is 743-1135. Members should bring new socks for Macon Outreach. The lesson will be Chapter 2 of "Three Simple Rules."

Lizella United Methodist Church
will be hosting "Georgia On My Mind"
January 29th & 30th at 7:00 p.m.
January 31st at 2:00 p.m.
Lizella UMC Family Life Center
Tickets \$12

This musical program will be commemorating Georgia's great music artists, most have been inducted into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame. The performance will be with a live band and some of middle Georgia's finest talent (Chris Hicks, Debra Stevens, Molly Stevens, Jimmy Harpe, Bryson Holloway as well as other talented singers from the area) will be honoring these great singers. This event will be a fund raiser for Lizella UMC. Please call Gayle Edwards at 935-2631 or 319-2248 or email, gayleedwards1@cox.net for tickets.

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
Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries
Erin Roberson, Director, Children's Center Betsy Abbott, Director of Hospitality
Johnny Hathcock, Director, Macon Outreach Sara Colvin, Financial Secretary
Linda Parker, Administrative Secretary Doris Andrews, Church Cook/Custodian
Custodians
Clifton Carswell, Arnold Freeman & Sherman Ivry



February 19-21, 2010
"Near to the Heart of God"

Registration forms are available in
the church office.