



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 14, 2010

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WORSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP IN THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent began as a time of intense preparation for those adults who were to be baptized at Easter and as a time of renewed spiritual intensity among all who had been previously baptized. In imitation of Jesus' forty fast days and nights in the desert, it came to be a season of forty fast days. Sundays are excluded since the Lord's Day, being a perpetual commemoration of the joy of his victory over death, can never be a fast day.

Therefore, Lent begins on a Wednesday, named for the ashes placed on the foreheads of the faithful both as a sign of repentance and as a reminder that we have come from dust and will return to dust. The ashes we use at Mulberry Street UMC are from previous Palm Sunday palms and have been burned by a church member.

Lent is a journey from death to resurrection: from the natural death we have earned through our sins to the gift of life we can never merit but which God nevertheless offers us in Christ who dies for us and with us, who joins us to himself in his victory over death.

- Laurence Hull Stookey: *This Day*, p. 118

LIVING INTO THIS SEASON

Lent is a time we often give up, or sacrifice something as a spiritual discipline for those 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter. It should also be a season during which we take on something new for the sake of Christ and our own spiritual awakening. I encourage you to consider "*random acts of kindness and practicing the presence of God*" as expressions of love for Jesus Christ as we move toward the One who "*so loved the world.*" Especially during this season, live out your faith. Worship faithfully. Love extravagantly. Our response to God's love is not just what we have faith to do, but also what we do by faith!

WHAT OTHER HAVE BEEN DOING FOR YOU!

For the past four weeks, members of the Church Council and other leaders in our congregation have been sharing in daily devotionals, reading common scriptures, and praying for you and the ministries of our church. Beginning on Sunday, February 14, ***Lenten Devotional Booklets*** will be available to our whole church family. These will invite us into this shared practice of journeying together in worship, prayer, meditation, and service to God and one another during the whole 40 days of Lent. They will be available beginning this Sunday in your SS classrooms and in the chapel and sanctuary.

Next Weeks Special Activities and Worship

February 16: Shrove Tuesday - 5:45 PM
Pancake Supper in the Fellowship Hall

February 17: Ash Wednesday: 6:30 PM following Supper
Worship: The Imposition of the Ashes
"Buried Treasure", Rev. Cile Mitchell (Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21)

Tommy Cile

Andrew College Sunday - February 14, 2010

The congregations in the South Georgia Conference have been very generous to Andrew College over the years, especially on *Andrew Sunday*. Andrew College is an historic institution that continues to work to sustain our mission of providing a challenging liberal arts education in a nurturing Christian environment. Our mission is to prepare a new generation of Christian leaders characterized by intellectual excellence, moral integrity, global responsibility and holiness of heart and life. To learn more, go to www.andrewcollege.edu. Gifts from our church community help make college a reality for most of our students.

Upper Rooms

The March/April issue of the Upper Room is available in the Atrium.



Director of Children's & Family Ministries

Shrove Tuesday for Kids

Come to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and enjoy our Kids Mardi Gras celebration. After we eat pancakes (none of you likes syrup, do you?), we'll go have our own little class where we learn all about Lent and the meaning behind Shrove Tuesday. Then at the end, we'll host a parade in the Fellowship Hall. After all, every one of our kids is a saint, 100% of the time!

Club 56 Meets Again!

On Saturday, February 27th, all 5th and 6th graders meet at the church at 5 pm and we'll be off on a field trip to a mystery location until 9 pm! Bring \$12 and an adventurous spirit. Chaperones are needed. Here's a clue: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7: 7



Now in its third year of operation, The Children's Center at Mulberry welcomes a new Board of Managers, which is the liaison between Mulberry and the Center while overseeing the Center's operations. Julia Magda will serve as Chairman this year, and Wesley Rauls returns as Treasurer. New to the Board of Managers are Sue Anne Morris and Sherry Culves, who will serve as Vice-Chair and Secretary, respectively. These four members have already hit the ground running as the Executive Committee, brainstorming additional ways to support this important ministry to children and families. Rounding out the Board of Managers this year are parent representatives Wes McAteer and Laura Heacox, teacher Annette Moore, Carol Head, Tommy Martin, Pam Johnston, Misty Kiernan, Ann Smith, and Erin Roberson. Look for more information about the Center's activities and ways you can support the children in future updates. Here's a hint if you can finish this well-known TV jingle..."Mmm. Mmm. Good."

Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic March 12-19, 2010

Cost: \$750 per person
\$100 per person due by February 14th
We will assist in construction work, provide medical care, minister to children and also have a vision clinic. For more information please contact Lee Triesenberg or Rev. Cile Mitchell.

Memorial Fund

In memory of Betty Ballard
by Mrs. Barbara C. Every
In memory of Helen Marie Schubert by Mrs.
Barbara C. Every

Music Fund

In honor of Cam Bishop by
Mr. & Mrs. James Settles, III
In honor of Beth Castellaw
on her Birthday, February 10 by
Mrs. Eleanor Castellaw
Mrs. Betty Morris
Mr. Jack Castellaw



Love Is In the Air!

At Macon Outreach, we love our volunteers! It seems like the feeling is mutual, since these special folks so generously share their time and talents here. In January, approximately 110 individuals from local churches and organizations donated nearly 200 hours of service in the Clothes Closet, Food Pantry, Downtown Kitchen, and offices. That's tremendous, and very much appreciated. From our hearts to yours, thank you for serving.

Macon Outreach Fund

In memory of Bernard Bean by
Ray Wilkes



To Cile Mitchell upon the death of her aunt, Barbara Findley on February 1, 2010 of Atlanta, GA.



Congratulations to Ross Samuel Bridges and Candace Marie Coleman united in Holy Matrimony at Mulberry Street UMC on February 6, 2010. The Rev. Tommy Martin officiated.



UMW Sunday - March 21

UMW Call to Prayer
and Self-Denial Luncheon
Thursday, March 25
12:30 p.m. in the Parlor
Speakers:
Carole Chase & Ginny Lamback

Palm Sunday, March 28

Holy Week
March 29-April 2

Easter Sunday, April 4

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

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February 12-14

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THIS WEEK AT MULBERRY

Sunday, February 14

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. S.M.A.K./Children's Assembly Rm

5:00 p.m. UMYF

Monday, February 15

12:00 p.m. Mondays at Mulberry/Parlor

3:00 p.m. Cottages on Wesleyan Communion

Tuesday, February 16

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

5:30 p.m. Wesleyan Heritage Group/Conf Rm

5:45 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper/Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Grace Circle/Conf Rm

Wednesday, February 17

4:30 p.m. Macon Outreach Board Mtg/Conf Rm

5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper

6:30 p.m. Children's Choirs

6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service/Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. Adult/Sr. High Handbells

7:15 p.m. Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, February 18

10:30 a.m. Trinity Circle/Parlor

12:00 p.m. DAR Luncheon/Fellowship Hall

1:00 p.m. Carlyle Place Communion

Friday, February 19

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

Friday-Sunday, February 19-21

Mulberry Women's Retreat

Sunday, February 21

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. Confirmation Class

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The Macon/Bibb County Department of Parks and Recreation presents...

2010 ADULT MEN'S SOFTBALL

We had a great team and a great season last year.
It's time to put our 2010 championship team together.
If you are interested in playing, contact Shane Schofield at
sschofield@epcbioenergy.com.

Grace Circle Meeting

Grace Circle will meet Tuesday, February 16 immediately following the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper at approximately 7 P.M. in the conference room at the church. Members are asked to bring travel size toiletry items, individually wrapped small size candy, packs of snack crackers, and zippered tote bags for the Macon Outreach clothing closet.

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
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