



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 21, 2010

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AS WE ENTER THE SEASON OF LENT . . .

As you read this week's newsletter, we as the church of Jesus Christ are entering this most significant season of the Christian year: Lent. It begins on Ash Wednesday and continues until Easter Sunday. The Sundays of Lent are not part of the forty days of Lent and so remain "little Easters," as are all Sundays. Lent historically was a time of preparation for the initiation of people into the Christian life through baptism. It is also a time for the church to journey together toward Easter and the reaffirmation of that baptismal covenant. What each of us does during this season has a lot to do with how we receive the cross of Jesus.

Lent is not about being miserable, sad, and funereal in anticipation of Good Friday. It is rather a time of spiritual enrichment, a time to connect worship and daily growth in spiritual, relational, emotional, and bodily fitness. And to connect with each other.

Lent is a time to prepare for Easter. It is a necessary prelude. The death and resurrection of Christ are true whether or not we prepare for Easter. But with our hearts and life made ready, we more gladly experience the depth and power of Christ's death and resurrection.

Fasting and giving up something can be part of Lenten disciplines, but so can taking on some things. Things like spending intentional time in solitude; keeping a journal; focusing on thanksgiving, rather than on asking, in prayer. And outward acts of kindness like visiting a "shut-in" neighbor or church member weekly. Or writing a letter of affirmation once a week to a person who has touched your life.

And worship – drawing close to God and God's Word. Beginning this Sunday:

Lenten Sermon Series: *Lessons on the Road to Jerusalem*

February 21 – First Sunday in Lent

The Life Question: What Are You Looking For? (Luke 4: 1 – 13)

February 28 – Second Sunday In Lent

The Grace Question: Where is Your Strength, Your Passion? (Luke 13:31-35)

March 7 – Third Sunday in Lent

The Discipleship Question: Do You Wish To Bear Fruit? (Luke 13: 1 – 9)

March 14 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Wholeness Question: Do You Want To Be Made Well? (Luke 5:1-3, 11b-32)

March 21 – Fifth Sunday In Lent

UMW Sunday: Dr. Ruth Knox

March 28, 2010 – Sixth Sunday in Lent

The Ainsworth Choir with Chamber Orchestra: Rutter *Requiem*
(11:00 AM in the Sanctuary for the whole church family)

April 4: Easter Sunday

Community Sunrise Service: Coleman Hill (6:45AM)

The Easter Question: Why Do You Weep? (John 20: 1 – 18) (9:00 & 11:00 AM services in the Sanctuary)

"Come, let us worship the Lord!"

Sunday Worship

February 21, 2010

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

*"The Life Question:
What Are You Looking For?"*

Luke 4: 1-13

Rev. Tommy Martin



Assisting with Worship

Ushers for Nine O'clock

Sam Henley & David Ivey

Ushers for Eleven O'clock

Jeff Amerson, Chad Bevill,
Bruce Bryant, JB Easterlin,
Alan Frank, Eric Hefner,
Bill Henderson, Bill Jarrard,
Jim Lawton, Bob Lovett,
Bob McCormick, Matthew Poyner,
Wesley Rauls, Rader Sellers
& Russ Vaughn

Children's Church

Wesley & Clare Rauls (2/3K)
Blake & Anna Sharpton (4/5K)



Altar Flowers



The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jim and Zena Crawford by Tim and Melissa Anderson.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Maurice Stevens Barnett and Charles Marion "Chaz" Robbins by the Harper family: Ken, Jackie, Megan and Lauren.

Attendance Last Sunday

Nine O'clock Worship	45
Eleven O'clock Worship	263
Total Worship Attendance	308
Sunday School	216



Cam Bishop, Director of Music

SAVE THESE DATES PLEASE

The Tale of the Three Trees
Wednesday, March 3 at 6:30 PM
Covenant Choir and SMAK

Requiem by John Rutter
Palm Sunday, March 28

11:00 AM Service

Ainsworth Choir and Chamber Orchestra
Dr. John Dickson, Conductor
Dr. Dickson is Dean of the Townsend School of Music, Mercer University

Sunday School Information Class
on Requiem

Sunday, March 21 at 9:45
in the Parlor

Dr. John Dickson will lead the class.
Open to everyone.

2010 Cherry Blossom Organ Concerts

March 22-26, 2010

12 Noon – Mulberry Street UMC Sanctuary

Monday, March 22

Charles Higgs

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Atlanta

Tuesday, March 23

Gregg Bunn

Brentwood UMC, Brentwood, TN

Wednesday, March 24

Flint Dollar

Northminster Presbyterian Church, Macon

Thursday, March 25

Kui-Im-Lee

University of Northern Iowa

Friday, March 26

Jamie Shiell

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Atlanta

First Day: Mondays @ Mulberry



Practical Faith:
Finding Purpose in Life & Work

Mulberry Street
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A new look, and new location, a new menu, and inspiring community leaders bring meaning and good fellowship to Monday Lunches at Mulberry.

Menu February 22:

Quiche
Fruit
Hot Rolls, Butter & Jelly
Tea Water Coffee

The speaker that day is Gary Wilson from Martha Bowman Memorial UMC. Bring a friend and help share the good news.

12 Noon–12:45 PM

The Church Parlor

Lunch starting at 11:45 AM

Cost: \$5.00

What's so Special about the United Methodist Church?

A Three-Part Seminar Series

February 28-March 2, 2010

7:00-8:45 p.m.

Mulberry Street UMC
Fellowship Hall

Our Theology is Diverse
Sunday, February 28
Dr. Bob Winstead, speaker

Grace is Our Cornerstone
Monday, March 1
Dr. Alice Rogers, speaker

The World is Our Parish
Tuesday, March 2
Dr. Anne Burkholder, speaker

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, February 24, 2010



Menu

Pot Roast
White Rice w/gravy
Yellow Rice
Stir Fry Vegetables
Tossed Salad
Rolls
Spice Cake
Apple Sauce

Program

Vivia Fowler:
Dramatic Portrait

Mission Jars

Macon Board of
Missions



Lots of you have asked just how many children are enrolled in The Children's Center at Mulberry. We rang in the new year in 2009 with 49 students, and today we have 67 students! That is almost a 45% increase in just over a year! As you would expect, we are excited to be touching so many young lives and helping working parents. Thank you for remembering these families and our staff in your prayers.



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.



Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries

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

Changed From An Earlier Date!!!!

Hoops from the Heart

Saturday, March 6, 10-12 noon

Bring your friends and come to the Mulberry courtyard to shoot baskets for prizes! We will have a snack lunch and lots of fun. Prizes include tickets to Mercer Bears games. Registration fee is \$25 per family, which a parent can pay or you can raise from a sponsor. The money will go to benefit Macon Outreach. Look for flyers with more details in the Children's Assembly Room.

Family Movie Night

Come join us for a fun night in, with supper, snacks and a movie for the whole family.

Friday, March 19, 6-8 pm

Fellowship Hall

Cost: Donations for snacks accepted



Grade: A+!

High marks go to these area schools who hosted big-volume food drives in January & February: First Presbyterian Day School, Stratford Academy Key Club (in addition to their amazing Thanksgiving donation!), and the Bibb County School Nutrition Program. If you are a part of any of these groups or know someone who is, please add your voices to ours and thank them for supporting the Emergency Food Pantry!

Quick Fact: In January, more than 445 people received emergency groceries through the Outreach Food Pantry.

Memorial Fund

In memory of Betty Ballard by
David, Susan & Andrew Wilcox Mr. Paul Wills



Holy Week Events

Palm Sunday - March 28, 2010
CHILDREN'S PROCESSION WITH PALMS (11:00 AM)

Daily Holy Week Services
Monday, March 29 - Friday, April 2
12 NOON - 12:30 PM
DR. GREGORY BUSHWAY, PREACHER

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION
Thursday, April 1
7:00 PM in SANCTUARY
REV. TOMMY MARTIN, PREACHER

Good Friday
April 2 Noon
DR. GREGORY BUSHWAY, PREACHER

EASTER EGG HUNT
Saturday, April 3
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM - COLEMAN Hill

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
Sunday, April 4 - COLEMAN Hill
6:45 AM

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES
9:00 AM AND 11:00 AM
(BOTH SERVICES WILL BE IN THE SANCTUARY)
REV. TOMMY MARTIN, PREACHER
AINSWORTH CHOIR AND COLONY IV BRASS

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over Radio Station AM 940 WMAC.

Pastor on Call

February 19-21

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THIS WEEK AT MULBERRY

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

5:00 p.m. S.M.A.K./Children's Assembly Rm

5:00 p.m. UMYF

Monday, February 22

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

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

5:30 p.m. Church Council Mtg/Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 23

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

Wednesday, February 24

8:00 a.m. Cabinet Meeting/Mustard Seed Class

5:00 p.m. Altar Guild Mtg/Conf Rm

5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper

6:30 p.m. Children's Choirs

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

7:15 p.m. Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, February 25

8:00 a.m. Cabinet Meeting/Mustard Seed Class

9:00 a.m. Pew Patrol

12:00 p.m. Salvation Army Volunteer Luncheon/Fellowship Hall

4:00 p.m. Children's Center Executive Committee Mtg/Conf Rm

Friday, February 26

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

5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal/Stone-Heller

Saturday, February 27

5:00 p.m. Wedding/Stone-Heller

Sunday, February 28

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7:00 p.m. Seminar: Our Theology is Diverse/Fellowship Hall

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

Cost: \$750 per person

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.

UMW Sunday - March 21

Dr. Ruth Knox, speaker

UMW Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Luncheon

Thursday, March 25

12:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Speakers:

Carole Chase & Gini Lamback

Upper Rooms

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

MULBERRY STREET UMC STAFF

Tommy Martin, Senior Pastor Cile Mitchell, Associate Pastor
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