



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 7, 2010

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MULBERRY 101: *EQUIPPING THE CHURCH FOR MINISTRY*

Over 50 of our Church Council members and other leaders have taken it. It includes sections on basic Christianity, our Wesleyan heritage, the sacraments of the church, Mulberry's mission, ministry and outreach, and how we share our faith with others. This is both an educational tool about who we are as Christians, and also a "confirmation" tool about how we live and share our faith. You will find it interesting and informative, and it is the goal of the church council that every member takes advantage of this means of us becoming a more dynamic and invitational church. The schedule for classes for March are:

Sunday, March 14: 12:15 in the Fellowship Hall (includes lunch)

Wednesday, March 17: 9:30 AM in the Church Parlor

Sunday, March 21: 12:15 in the Fellowship Hall (includes lunch)

Sign-up sheets will be available this Sunday in adult Sunday school classes, and at both worship services. It's an opportunity to know God's love for you, and to know who and whose you are in Christ. And as an outcome of our Natural Church Development process, it's another way we are equipping for ministry and outreach. As a participating member of Mulberry, I urge us all to realize our vows of membership and discipleship. Sign up this Sunday!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU, AND EACH OTHER WHERE IS YOUR NAMETAG?

As we near Easter and our church attendance rises, with more visitors in worship, it is a good time to know "*Who's Who in the Pew*". One of the best ways to do that is to wear your nametag. You get to know more people around you, and others get to know you. Wearing a nametag also identifies you and a Mulberry member, and that is an invitational sign to those who are visitors. And as we are faithful in wearing our nametags, it helps us identify and welcome those who are visiting with us.

If you have lost your nametag, simply call the church office and let Linda know you need a new one. You can also make that request known on the registration pads in worship each week. We will make them available in the Atrium. Then keep your nametag in your car so it will always be available when you come to church. *It's going to be fun "getting to know you"*.

NEW WELCOME FOR VISITORS

Also beginning this Sunday, the Evangelism Ministry team will be offering an additional "welcome" to our visitors. Welcome bags with Mulberry coffee mugs, coffee, and information about our church will be available in the narthex. Freeda Chapman will have those gifts available for first time visitors following the 11:00 AM worship service each week. If you recognize a visitor near you in worship, this is another opportunity to offer a warm welcome; let them know you are glad they worshipped with us, and encourage them to stop by and receive their gift.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday as we claim God's love for us all. The sermon will explore the Discipleship question: "*Do You Really Want to Bear Fruit?*"

Tommy



Pam Johnston,
Director of Children's & Family Ministries

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.

SCIENCE SMASHERS

Beginning Sunday, March 14, kids grades 1-6 are invited to come see what gravity, chemical reactions and electricity have to do with people encountering God. Do you think Jesus knew how to make a lemon battery? Can you think of a Bible verse about invisible ink? We'll have lots of fun learning and experimenting together. Come at 5 to eat supper (bring your own) and then we'll have class till 7. See you then!

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



We are in need of individually-wrapped candy to stuff eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please place your donation in the bucket in the atrium. Also remember, no chocolate please! It will melt on a warm day. We place out over 3,000 eggs, so your help is really needed this month. Thank you church family!

Looking for Special Needs Volunteer

The Children's Department is looking for a church member who has experience and/or interest in helping plan ministries for members with special needs. This is important if we want our church to grow. Perhaps a teacher, or person with a special needs relative or friend would be the right person. If you are interested in working with others (not alone!) to do something like this, please call Pam.



Would you like to learn more about The Children's Center? Are you interested in viewing pictures of the children and teachers and learning more about the activities we have? Become our "fan" on Facebook! Search for "The Children's Center at Mulberry" and get added to our growing list of supporters.

Young at Heart Luncheon

Thursday, March 11, 2010

12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall - Cost: \$6

Program: Moving More in 2010:

Lisa Seneker

All adults 55 or older are most welcome. You do not have to be a member of Young at Heart to attend. Call the church office (745-8601) for reservations by Monday, March 8th.

*****Please bring 2 16 oz. cans of food for Macon Outreach*****

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

Quiet Disciple Award

The UMW will soon be presenting a Quiet Disciple Award. Please submit the name of persons who deserve this award along with their attributes to any circle chairperson or to the church office.

Circle Meeting

The Paul a Motes Circle will meet March 10, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Please bring items for Macon Outreach and the Children's Home.



Grace During Lent

"Grace strikes us when we are in great pain and restlessness. It strikes us when we walk through the dark valley . . . when despair breaks all joy and courage. Sometimes a wave of light breaks in . . . if that happens to us, we experience grace." Paul Tillich

Your donations this Lenten season may just be the light of grace someone desperately needs.

It's a Good Day for a Good Book!

The Mervyn Dasher Memorial Library at the Bibb County LEC desperately needs paperback books to share with patrons. Currently, they are well-stocked with Bibles, but would welcome inspirational, fiction, and biographies, as well as find-a-word puzzle books. Paperbacks only, please. Thank you for providing this encouragement!

In The Food Pantry: for the past 2 weeks, we have not had any flour to share with guests. Can you please donate 2-pound bags of flour and cornmeal?

In The Clothes Closet: the #1 need continues to be good reliable shoes for men, women, and children. All sizes are appreciated, with a special emphasis on larger size men's work shoes.

All donations are accepted at Macon Outreach, M-F, 9am-4pm. Thank you!

Macon Outreach Fund

In memory of Helen Kernaghan

by Mac Stout

In memory of Dr. J. Benham Stewart

by Mac Stout

Older Adult Retreat

"Enduring Faith –

A Heart of Wisdom"

April 12-14, 2010

Epworth By The Sea

Registration forms are available in the church office.

Registration deadline is April 1, 2010.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

Pastor on Call

March 5-7

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THIS WEEK AT MULBERRY

Sunday, March 7

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, March 8

10:00 a.m. Women's Club/Parlor
12:00 p.m. Mondays at Mulberry/Parlor

Tuesday, March 9

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, March 10

8:00 a.m. Cabinet Meeting/Mustard Seed Class
4:00 p.m. Paula Motes Circle/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

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12:00 p.m. Young at Heart

Friday-Sunday, March 12-14

Confirmation Retreat

Friday, March 12

7:00 a.m. Market Place Men's Ministry/Joshua Cup
6:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal/Smith-Miller

Saturday, March 13

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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.

Ministries Budget Report 2010 General Fund

Month	Gifts	Expense	Net	Net Last Year
Jan	78,132	100,172	(22,040)	(22,001)

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
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Custodians
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