



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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“We Are All In Ministry, 25 Cents at a Time”

Fred Craddock, in an address to ministers, caught the practical implications of ministry:

“We sometimes think giving our all to the Lord is like taking \$1,000 bill and laying it on the table — ‘Here’s my life, Lord. I’m giving it all.’ But the reality for most of us is that he sends us to the bank and has us cash in the \$1,000 for quarters. We go through life putting out 25 cents here and 50 cents there. Listen to the neighbor kid’s troubles instead of saying, ‘Get lost.’ Go to a committee meeting. Give a cup of water to a shaky old man in a nursing home. Usually giving our life to Christ isn’t glorious. It’s done in all those little acts of love, 25 cents at a time.”

I have been reflecting on the past five weeks as new staff members have joined our church family. It has been an exciting and challenging time. We have spent a lot of time together, getting acquainted with each other, exploring both gifts for ministry, as well as ministry needs at Mulberry. Tommy, Ben, Thomas and I have thoughtfully looked at how we will be working together and with other staff and lay leaders, how we will share responsibilities, and how we will meet the challenges of ministry in and to this community. We are building a ministry team.

As with all of church staff, all three are hard at work. Ben Gosden is concentrating in the areas of evangelism, church hospitality, visitor welcome and follow-up, young adult ministries, and Christian Education. Tommy Perkins is concentrating in the areas of congregational care, senior adult ministries, small group studies, Gazelle ministries, and Wednesday night supper programming. Thomas Hodges is deeply involved with our youth, and is planning with them an exciting program of fellowship, worship, study, and missions. In a few weeks, he will be inviting parents to join in that process of growing our youth ministry, and reaching out to many other youth in this community. I want you to know that these new staff members are all very excited; their enthusiasm and energy are contagious.

This Saturday, all of our program staff members, as well as some of our support staff, are spending a day apart to build our team spirit, to coordinate our work together, and to consecrate ourselves and our ministries to that daily service to our Lord, Jesus Christ. Please be in prayer for us, for our church, for our community, as we dedicate ourselves to *“those little acts of love, 25 cents at a time!”*

In Christ,



Pam Johnston

Director of Children's & Family Ministries

Parent Orientation Meeting

Mark your calendar now for a lunch meeting after church on August 15. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for about an hour to discuss all the upcoming events and volunteer needs for the new year. This is an important meeting as there will be a few changes and new opportunities added to our current programs. See you then!

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

Kidzquest

Mark your calendar now for the Kidzquest retreat at Epworth by the Sea, on the weekend of September 24-26. All kids in grades 3 - 6 are invited to attend. The cost is \$125 per person for the weekend, and the deadline to register is September 10. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 12:30 on Friday. Call Pam for more details or if you'd like to chaperone.



Chances and Choices

"Supposing you have tried and failed... You may have a fresh start any moment you choose, for this thing we call 'failure' is not the falling down, but the staying down." - Mary Pickford

At Macon Outreach, people find encouragement and strength every day to try again. The simple act of enjoying a good meal with people who care in a comfortable, clean environment, can often make the difference. Thank you for supporting this Mulberry ministry!

Tipping the Scales in the Food Pantry

Mac & cheese, soups, and greens are all greatly needed; can you help, please? Last week, one area church donated over 500 pounds of food to the pantry, while another smaller congregation shared 78 pounds. Just how much will the scale tilt when Mulberry's donations are weighed next week?

Macon Outreach Fund

In memory of Hubert Gilmore by Carlton & Barbara Hunnicutt

In memory of Edna Fernandez by Al & Shirley Greenway

In memory of George Grier by

Amy & Tommy Griffith Ashley & Mary Hurt
Beth & Waverly Golson Carlton & Barbara Hunnicutt
Freddie W. Evans, Jr. Edna Bragg Gostin
Paul & Anne Riley Marjorie M. Grace Ben & Ann Oxley

In memory of Jennie Smith by Al & Shirley Greenway



The Children's Center at Mulberry is getting ready for our school year to begin. A donation box will be in the atrium. We are in need of the following items:

Pocket Folders Markers Glue Bottles
Glue Sticks Pencil boxes
Board Books or Hardback Books
Children's Computer Games (Ages 2-4)
Beach Towels
Art Supplies- Beads, Feathers, Etc.
Baby Bibs

Thank you for your help and support!

Young at Heart Luncheon

Thursday, August 12, 2010

12:00 p.m. - Parlor

Cost: \$6

Program: Rev. Jimmy Duke (Vineville UMC)

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, August 9th.



To Joe and Iris Jones upon the death of Joe's sister-in-law, Mary Jo Jones of Elizabethtown, KY.

To John and Sherry Culves upon the death of John's father, John William Culves, Sr. on July 22, 2010.

