



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 10, 2016

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THE GREAT ESCAPE!

Easter Sunday at Mulberry Street UMC was as beautiful as ever, even without sunshine. The music was off the charts and a huge crowd showed up! You could feel the energy and joy in the whole congregation!

For the kids, we were able to have sheep and lambs in the courtyard as a reminder of the fact that Christ is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. I hope you had a chance to see them - that is, before they escaped!

That's right. In case you were wondering why the sheep/lambs weren't in place after the 11:00 service, it's because they escaped! One of them figured out how to get out of the temporary fencing and the others followed suit. Next thing you know, the sheep were headed up Mulberry Street!

Fortunately, the owner and some of our 11:00 ushers were able to chase them down and pin them up. Their escape plan was not well thought out as they ran themselves into a corner behind the Cannon Ball House! I suppose a short-lived escape is better than none at all?

The good news is that the sheep and lambs were recovered unharmed. It would not have been good to have seen the blood of the lamb on this special day!

The ushers seemed to enjoy the chase as they shed coats while racing up the hill. I heard from several of them about their new job description - "Usher/Shepherds!" Bet they never thought they would have that to include on their resumes!

So, the lost sheep analogy from scripture seems appropriate. One sheep left the herd, followed by others. The ushers/shepherds left the other "99" (or 500) to go find the lost ones! And, there was great celebration when they found them and brought them "home" safely!

Just a little extra excitement on Easter Sunday to bring the reality of the Lamb of God and the Lost Sheep to our church! One not so young usher was heard to say, "I'm sure glad we have some young ushers who could chase them up the street!"

Blessings,

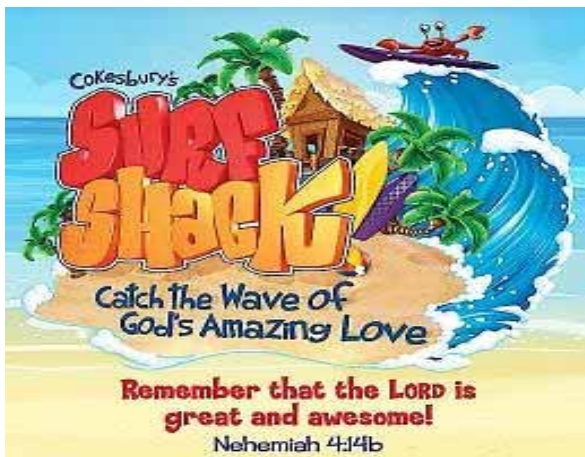


Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Infant Recognition

On Sunday, May 8, we will recognize during the 11 o'clock worship service all the children who have been born into the Mulberry Family who are under 18 months of age. Below is a list of the children we know of. Please contact Pam if you know of another baby who needs to be on the list.

Murphy James Hinshaw	John Emmett Mooney
Madeline Kate Moore	Emily Sharon Palmer
Anna Jane Stephens	Lenora Lee Swain



Vacation Bible School
June 13-17, 2016
8:45 am - 12:00 pm

Online registration begins in April.
 Want to volunteer? Let Pam know!

**A LEAF HAS BEEN PLACED ON
 THE E. L. BROOKING TREE OF LIFE
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 FRANCES AND JESSE KITE, JR.
 INSPIRED BY THEIR LOVE
 AND COMPASSION FOR OTHERS
 BY
 ANN KITE HALL**

The E. L. Brooking Tree of Life was conceived by Frances Kite and the initial funding to install the actual Tree was by a gift from the estate of E. L. Brooking. The fund, now valued at over \$263,000, generates income in support of the Missions and Music ministries of Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.



Pantry Needs:

Canned Fruit & Dried Black-eyed Peas

Mulberry Community Garden



Mondays in the Garden (March 14 - May 9)
 Bibb Mentors - 2:30-5:00 pm
Thursdays in the Garden (March 3 - July 28)
 Volunteer Gardeners - 2:30-5:00 pm

Bible Study SUMMER IN THE WORD: Under the Tree of Life

This summer you are invited to join Rev. Tommy Perkins in a longer-term bible study meeting Sunday afternoons and evenings from May to August. This two hour discipleship "missional wisdom" study will include a daily component with a minimum of three cumulative hours broken up for individual study, service, and sabbath over a six day week. **There will be an informational/introductory meeting on Sunday afternoon at 5:00 pm on April 24th in the church parlor.** Materials for the study will cost no more than \$55.00 over the four months of study. If you have any questions about this study please contact tperkins@mulberrymethodist.org or 745-8601.



Wesley Glen Ministries Annual Fish Fry
Saturday, April 30
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Wesley Glen Ministries Life Skills Center

Budget Report 2016

Month	Gifts and Other Revenue	Endowment Revenue	Expense	Net
Jan	93,604.62	18,616.56	103,762.19	8,458.99
Feb	62,362.89	16,848.37	109,624.07	(30,412.81)
Total YTD	155,967.51	35,464.93	213,386.26	(21,953.82)

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over Radio Station AM 940 WMAC.



Rev. Jimmy Towson (538-9067)
Rev. Tommy Perkins (615-691-3171)
Rev. Bill Culpepper (803-673-7860)

This Week at Mulberry

Sunday, April 10

9:00 am Worship/Chapel
9:40 am KIDSPRAISE
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary
5:00 pm Anchored
5:00 pm Confirmation Class

Tuesday, April 12

8:30 am Prayer Group/Prayer Rm
10:30 am Staff Meeting/Conf Rm
12:00 pm Kiwanis/F-Hall

Wednesday, April 13

9:15 am CCM Chapel
10:30 am M/O Worship
4:00 pm Paula Motes Circle/Conf Rm
5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper
6:15 pm Youth Fellowship
7:15 pm Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, April 14

9:30 am Circle of Friends Sewing Group/Rm 232
12:00 pm Young at Heart/F-Hall

Friday, April 15

12:00 pm Miller High Luncheon/Parlor

Sunday, April 17

9:00 am Worship/Chapel
9:40 am KIDSPRAISE
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary
4:00 pm North Central District Conference/Sanctuary
5:00 pm Anchored
5:00 pm Confirmation Class



Mulberry Street UMC Staff

Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries
Bruce Bishop, Church Administrator *Camille Bishop, Music Director/Organist*
Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries
Betsy Abbott, Director of Hospitality *Karen Carter, Connections Director*
Sara Colvin, Financial Secretary *Linda Parker, Administrative Secretary*
Doris Andrews, Church Cook/Custodian
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Erin Frazier, Director, Children's Center
Debbie Towson, Director, Macon Outreach