



# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 24, 2016

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## EXCITING NEW OPPORTUNITY

I am so excited about what God is doing at Mulberry Street UMC! We had an incredible time in worship yesterday! At 11:00 we had a full service of music featuring favorite choir anthems and great hymn singing! It was Mulberry at her finest and a wonderful service!

Later in the day we hosted the North Central District Conference and worship service. Here again, Mulberry shined as clergy and laity from all over our district worshiped in our beautiful sanctuary! God continues to use Mulberry as a symbol and source of blessing!

That's why I am so excited to announce to you a new opportunity we have to reach out to a growing population in downtown Macon by providing a new worship experience. So many people have moved into our area during the past few years, and many more are coming! Offering a new worship service will give them a chance to move closer to Christ!

And here's the incredible thing about this exciting opportunity: We have the funds to give this a try thanks to the generosity of a kind church member!

What will this service look like? When and where will it meet? We are considering starting this service at 10:00 on Sunday mornings in the fall of 2016 at the Library Ballroom across the street. The service will be different from our traditional worship, but fitting of our heritage and expectation of excellence with a different music style. There will be hymns at times, liturgy on occasion and we will celebrate the sacraments.

I'm really excited about how this might draw young people into a relationship with Christ and our church family! We plan to start visiting our Sunday school classes so that you can hear more details and ask questions.

We will also have an informational Church Council meeting tentatively set for May 9 at 6:00 pm for all to come, ask questions and consider this opportunity.

I'm sure you have many questions. So do we. But we hope to address as many as possible as we share the details in the days ahead.

Right now, here's what I ask of you. Pray for God to guide us as we seek to do his will for this great church!





Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries



This Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> is a big day for our Confirmands, as they take their vows before the congregation in our 11:00 o'clock service. You are invited to come be a part of their public commitment to continue a life-long journey with Christ. Keep them in your prayers.

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| Cooper David Baskette     | Stanley Seth Gunn Bush, IV |
| Austin Edward Carter, Jr. | Olivia Jones Coleman       |
| Isabella Maria Ewing      | Madelyn McCard Fackler     |
| Langley Patrick Fickling  | Carys Josephine Fonner     |
| Benjamin Coleman Jamison  | Graham Vaughn Johnston     |
| Akins Francis Manley      | Olivia Churchwill Mann     |
| Georgia Hall Mercer       | Niklas Vaughn O'Dette      |



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.

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| 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!



**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  
Questions? Call Jack Head 719-7455



**Wesley Glen Ministries Annual Fish Fry**  
**Saturday, April 30**  
**11:00 am – 2:00 pm**  
**Wesley Glen Ministries Life Skills Center**  
**Tickets are available online at**  
**[wesleyglenministries.com](http://wesleyglenministries.com)**  
\$9.39 Adults & \$6.24 Children

Enjoy a fun day with family and friends at Wesley Glen Ministries' annual Fish Fry! Great food, beautiful music, and wonderful fellowship make an occasion you will not want to miss. The Macon Auxiliary Country Store will offer many tempting homemade treats.

## Mulberry UMW Quiet Disciple Award

It's time once again for the Mulberry UMW Quiet Disciple Award. Please consider nominating someone for the UMW Board to consider for this presentation. We want to honor people in our congregation who work quietly behind the scenes, accomplishing great things with little notice. This is a way to recognize those who go the Second Mile. There are a few rules - you must sign your nomination and include information concerning the nominee. Everyone is eligible to be nominated except members of the UMW Board. Forms must be received by May 2. There will be forms and a collection box in the Atrium (plain sheets of paper will do if all the necessary information is included.) They may be given to any Board member, as well. The winner will be announced preceding the UMW Worship Service, May 22, at 11:00. Leolene Tate was last year's Quiet Disciple.

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

## This Week at Mulberry

### Sunday, April 24

9:00 am Worship/Chapel  
 9:40 am KIDSPRAISE  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary  
 4:00 pm Mercer Choir Program – Requiem/Sanctuary  
 5:00 pm Anchored  
 5:00 pm Confirmation Class  
 5:30 pm Bible Study/Parlor

### Monday, April 25

1:00 pm Cottages on Wesleyan Communion  
 5:15 Finance Committee Mtg/Conf Rm

### Tuesday, April 26

8:30 am Prayer Group/Prayer Rm  
 9:30 am Staff Meeting/Conf Rm  
 12:00 pm Kiwanis/F-Hall

### Wednesday, April 27

9:15 am CCM Chapel  
 10:30 am M/O Worship  
 4:00 pm Senior Adult Travel Mtg/Conf Rm  
 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper  
 6:15 pm Youth Fellowship  
 7:15 pm Ainsworth Choir

### Thursday, April 28

9:30 am Circle of Friends Sewing Group/Rm 232

### Sunday, May 1

9:00 am Worship/Chapel  
 9:40 am KIDSPRAISE  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary  
 12:15 pm Senior's Luncheon  
 5:00 pm Anchored  
 5:30 pm Bible Study/Parlor



## Music Fund

*In memory of Roy L. Kennedy, Jr. by Mrs. Carolyn K. Dominy*

## Macon Outreach Fund

*In memory of Janet Collins by Hannah Greene*  
*In memory of Bill Simmons by Mrs. Logan Weaver*

### Budget Report 2016

Month	Gifts and		Endowment		
	Other	Revenue	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)

## 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*  
*Clifton Carswell & Jeffrey Smith, Custodians*  
*Erin Frazier, Director, Children's Center*  
*Debbie Towson, Director, Macon Outreach*