



# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 20, 2015

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*For to us a child is born to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Isaiah 9:6*

## **Sunday, December 20**

*Chapel – 9:00 am*

*Children's Nativity – 11:00 am*

*Service of the Longest Night/Sanctuary – 5:00 pm*

*Reflective worship for and with those who mourn and are living through dark times.*

*Nursery provided.*

## **Christmas Eve Services**

**Thursday, December 24**

*A Service for Children & Families/Sanctuary – 3:00 pm*

*Candlelight Communion Service/Sanctuary – 5:00 pm*

*Music of the Season begins at 4:30 pm*

## **Sunday, December 27**

*Regular schedule.*





Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries



## Family Advent at Mulberry

### Children's Nativity

December 20 - 11:00 am Worship

### Family Christmas Eve Service

December 24 - 3:00 pm  
Sanctuary

## Budget Report 2015

Month	Revenue	Expense	Net	Endowment	
				Revenue	Net
Jan	65,946	96,592	(30,646)	0	(30,646)
Feb	83,166	105,627	(22,462)	0	(22,462)
Mar	102,146	113,483	(11,337)	6,000	(5,337)
Apr	86,112	107,031	(20,919)	6,000	(14,919)
May	98,658	99,700	(1,042)	6,000	4,958
Jun	74,263	113,841	(39,578)	6,000	(33,578)
Jul	80,661	104,878	(24,217)	6,000	(18,217)
Aug	97,141	106,791	(9,650)	6,000	(3,650)
Sep	96,572	120,975	(24,403)	6,000	(18,403)
Oct	81,881	112,297	(30,416)	6,000	(24,416)
<b>Total YTD</b>	<b>866,545</b>	<b>1,081,215</b>	<b>(214,671)</b>	<b>48,000</b>	<b>(166,671)</b>

## Christmas Offering

Our Christmas Offering gifts will go to support Mary Grace Rumford's work in Cambodia as she provides care for children who live in slums. Her dream is to grow her team to care for even more kids, and to reach more families through help with medical care for kids, improved housing, funding school uniforms and other financial assistance. We will also give support to our own local ministries. Please give generously. Mark your checks "Christmas Offering".

## Year End Gifts

Gifts to be credited to your giving record for this year, 2015, must be received in the church office by December 31, 2015 or postmarked by the post office no later than December 31. Gifts received after December 31 will be posted in 2016. Thank you for your attention to this important deadline. Thank you for your gifts.

Peace Love JOY Peace Love JOY



## Macon Outreach

### Community Christmas Celebration

Wednesday, December 16

11:00 am - Fellowship Hall

memorials  
& gifts

## Macon Outreach Fund

*In memory of Frances & Jesse Kite, Jr. by Ann & Ken Hall*

*In honor of Nina Yeomans by Jeff & Linda Davis*

*In honor of Allison Gatliff Sawyers by Williams & Susan Gatliff*

*In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Ray Dominy by Doyle & Merle Mendheim*

*In honor of Billie Abbott by Reeves, Roland & Abbott Insurance*

*In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Alan Neal by Waverly & Beth Golson*

*In memory of Hazel Couch by*

*Bob & Patsy Fountain Dr. & Mrs. Charlie Cloaninger*

*Janet Stevens Dottie M. Reich*

*In memory of Patricia Grayson by Carlton & Barbara Hunnicutt*

*In memory of Betsy Lewis by Carlton & Barbara Hunnicutt*

*In honor of Frank & Mary Anne Gaudry by Mariann C. Evans*

*In memory of Tommie Melton by Charles Yates*

*In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Sid Middlebrooks by Marguerite Higdon*

*In memory of Penny Thistlewood Abney by George & Sandra Thistlewood*

*In memory of Kay H. Joiner by Russell T. Joiner*

*In memory of Denise Saturna by Joseph Saturna*

*In memory of Guy Harrington by Rev. & Mrs. V. L. Daughtery, Jr.*

*In honor of Margaret Brogdon by Sandra W. Williamson*

*In honor of Bob McCormick by the Joy Class*

*In honor of Jimmy & Debbie Towson by Catherine Daughtery Class*

## DAYBREAK

### A Thank You Note from DAYBREAK

Thank you at Mulberry for the socks, shampoo and conditioner that was brought to DAYBREAK on December 7, 2015. These items are used in our hygiene program on a daily basis. We are grateful for your support in our work to bring Rest, Relationships, Resources, and Renewal to the homeless and marginalized members of our community.

Thank you for providing "Comfort and Joy!"

Blessings of the Season,

June Bryant, Interfaith Liaison

### A Note from UMW

Once again, at the end of the year, the Mulberry United Methodist Women have made donations to a number of mission organizations.

These include \$300 gifts to each of the following:

Wesley Glen in honor of Freeda Chapman

Magnolia Manor Good Samaritan Fund in memory of Marie Williams

Methodist Children's Home in memory of Hazel Couch

Mulberry Committee on Missions

\$600 gift was sent to Mary Grace Rumford

for her Cambodian Mission

\$1,000 gift to Macon Outreach

These gifts were funded by the pledges of UMW members

and by donations to "Soup's On."

Thanks to all,

Mary Hurt, UMW President

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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, December 20

9:00 am Worship/Chapel  
9:40 am KIDSPRAISE  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary  
5:00 pm Service of the Longest Night/Sanctuary

### Tuesday, December 22

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

### Wednesday, December 23

9:15 am CCM Chapel  
10:30 am M/O Worship

### Thursday, December 24

3:00 pm Family Christmas Eve Communion  
Service/Sanctuary  
4:30 pm Music of the Season/Sanctuary  
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Communion  
Service/Sanctuary

### Friday, December 25,

### Monday & Tuesday, December 28 & 29

### Friday, January 1

Church Office Closed

### Sunday, December 27

9:00 am Worship/Chapel  
9:40 am KIDSPRAISE  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary



### Just for information...

We will not be publishing a newsletter for December 27, 2015  
The next newsletter will be dated January 3, 2016.

## Sunday Worship December 27, 2015

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

“Don't They Know Its Christmas?”

Matthew 2:13-18

Rev. Bill Culpepper

### Usher for Nine O'clock

Clay Washburn

### Ushers for Eleven O'clock

Russ Barber, Gregory Bushway, Gary Dunn, Emory Dunn, Jim Manley, Drew Mercer,  
Don Ream, Vaughan Smith, Bill Sparks, Joe Stephens & Lee Stevens

### Children's Church

Joel & Kathryn Ginaldi (2K/3K) Steve & Brooke Kinross (4K/5K)



The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in honor of  
Millie and Larry Murray's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary by Tim and Melissa Anderson.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of C.J. Bridges, Sr. and Vivian H. Bridges by the family.

## 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 Erin Frazier, Director, Children's Center  
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