

MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 25, 2016

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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*

Christmas Eve Services

Saturday, 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 25

10:00 am Worship Service/Sanctuary

Sunday, January 1

Regular schedule.

Sunday Worship

December 25, 2016

Christmas Day

9:30 am Sweet Rolls in Fellowship Hall
10:00-10:30 am Worship Service/Sanctuary



Assisting with Worship

Nine O'clock Ushers

Tim Anderson/Tim Mathews

Eleven O'clock Ushers

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



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.



Jeanette W. Gunn
December 13, 2016

Why Not Mulberry? Pledge Report

Pledge Year	Total Amount	Number of Pledges
2016	\$921,494	202
2017	\$714,083	152
Difference	(\$207,411)	(50)

Attendance Last Week

Nursery	7
Nine O'clock Worship	28
NewRoom Worship	75
Eleven O'clock Worship	292
Total Worship Attendance	402
Sunday School	171

MUSIC News

Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist

Choirs in January

The Children's Choirs and Ainsworth Choir will resume their regular schedules in January. Children's Choirs – January 11 at 6:15 pm
Ainsworth Choir – January 11 at 7:15 pm

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The church office will be closed
December 26, 27 and January 2.

(see back page for Pastoral contact information for emergencies.)



Worship Guild

The Communion Ministry of Mulberry's Worship Guild prepares for the celebration of Holy Communion. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve. If you are looking for a "quiet" way to serve God and Mulberry, there is a place for you in the Communion Ministry. Please contact Worship Guild Chair, Carol Head for details [478-731-5860](tel:478-731-5860) or carolc.head@gmail.com.



Epiphany is the climax of the Christmas Season and the Twelve Days of Christmas, which are usually counted from Dec 25th until January 6th. In western Christian Tradition, January 6 is celebrated as Epiphany. The season of Epiphany extends from January 6th until Ash Wednesday, which begins the season of Lent leading to Easter. The term epiphany means "to show" or "to make known." It remembers the coming of the Wise Men who brought gifts to the Christ child, and who were the first Gentiles to acknowledge Jesus as the incarnate Christ. This was one of the first indications that Jesus came for all people, of all nations, of all races, and that the work of God in the world would not be limited to only a few. The season is now observed as a time of focusing on Christian brotherhood and fellowship, especially in healing the divisions of prejudice and bigotry that we all too often create between God's children.



Wise Men and Women Still Seek Him

Grace Circle

The Grace Circle will meet Thursday, January 5 at the home of Florence Allen.
All Women are invited!



Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries

Anchored

Sundays – 5:00 pm

Wednesdays

Youth Fellowship – 6:15 pm



memorials & gifts

Memorial Fund

In memory of Cubbedge Snow, Jr. by
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Head Mrs. Betty Hurdle
Mr. Charles H. Yates Mrs. Martha A. Thompson
Mrs. Ginger A. Collins Mr. & Mrs. Waverly Golson
Mr. W. H. Long Honorable & Mrs. Marc T. Treadwell
Wimberly Treadwell Mr. & Mrs. James A. Berg, Sr.
Mrs. Harriet A. Newton Mr. David G. Jeffords
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Thomson Mr. & Mrs. G. Boone, III
Claire Smith Anne, Alan & Meghan Chamlee
Dr. & Mrs. Rush Abbott Peace Esther Circle
Mr. & Mrs. Hal Clarke & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hightower Mr. Manley F. Brown
Mr. Philip M. Brown Mr. & Mrs. Lester Giddens
Mrs. Bessie M. Clay Dr. & Mrs. Edward Young
Clark Young Mr. & Mrs. Robert F. Hatcher
Mr. & Mrs. David Rozier Mr. & Mrs. John Edwards
Mr. & Mrs. R. Lanier Anderson, III
Mr. & Mrs. John Stewart Mrs. Frances Inzer

In memory of Christine P. Harbarger by
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Head

In memory of Grace Hix by
Mrs. B. W. Forester Mrs. Shirley J. Hooper

In memory of Tom Perkins by
Mrs. Betty Hurdle

In memory of C. Lane Lovein by
Mrs. Margaret S. Lovein

In memory of Jace Moss by
Mrs. Frances H. Inzer

General Fund

In memory of Cubbedge Snow, Jr. by
Ms. Meryl Poku

Macon Outreach Fund

In memory of Christine P. Harbarger by
Mrs. Barbara B. Hightower
Mr. & Mrs. Danny Humphrey

In memory of Cubbedge Snow, Jr. by
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Marbut

Garden Fund

In honor of Volunteers by
GFWC Community Service Guild of Macon



Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries



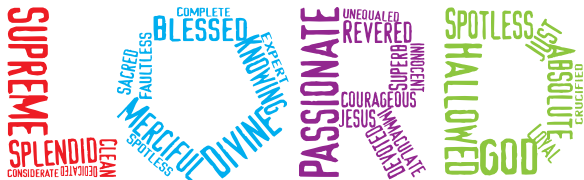
Friday, January 27

Come join us for a free night of family fun. We'll have light supper, and a movie in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30-8:00 pm. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Bring comfy chairs, blankets, pillows and even wear your PJs if you want! RSVP to Pam by January 22.

Year End Gifts

Gifts to be credited to your giving record for this year, 2016, must be received in the church office by December 31, 2016 or postmarked by the post office no later than December 31. Gifts received after December 31 will be posted in 2017. Thank you for your attention to this important deadline. Thank you for your gifts.

CALL ON HIS NAME



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)
Mar	77,138.00	37,665.00	137,696.00	(22,893.00)
Apr	79,131.00	19,459.00	113,989.00	(15,399.00)
May	93,815.00	14,689.00	107,789.00	715.00
Jun	78,530.00	17,687.00	109,374.00	(13,157.00)
Jul	76,558.00	22,233.00	116,185.00	(17,394.00)
Aug	66,768.00	29,345.00	133,088.00	(36,975.00)
Sep	71,368.00	25,394.00	132,227.00	(35,465.00)
Oct	86,056.00	16,298.00	110,940.00	(8,586.00)
Total YTD	785,332.00	218,235.00	1,174,674.00	(171,108.00)

Mulberry Community Garden



Volunteer Gardeners

Mondays in the Garden – 9:00 am – Noon

Thursdays in the Garden – 9:00 am – Noon

Questions? Call Jack Head 719-7455



Macon Outreach Fund

- In memory of Dot Towson by The Paula Motes Circle*
- In memory of Tom Perkins by The Paula Motes Circle*
- In memory of Cubbedge Snow, Jr. by Janet Stevens Jack & Marilyn Armstrong Paul Alton Basilico*
- In memory of Christine Harshbarger by Frank & Mary Anne Gaudry Peach State Lumber Products, Inc. Jack & Marilyn Armstrong Paul Alton Basilico Vernon & Margie Tanner Beth & Waverly Golson*
- In honor of Dr. Brad Stevens by Dr. Doug Morton*
- In honor of Dr. Sid Moore by Doug & Susan Morton*
- In honor of Dr. Evelyn Bickley by Susan Morton*
- In honor of Dr. Teresa Luhrs by Susan Morton*
- In honor of Dr. Jennifer Allen by Doug & Susan Morton*
- In memory of William H. Young by Sharon Young*
- In memory of B.L.N. Reddy and V.S.N. Reddy by Vundyala V. & Geetha Reddy*
- In honor of Allison Gatliff Sawyers by Susan Gatliff*
- In memory of Guy Harrington by Rev. & Mrs. V. L. Daughtery, Jr.*
- In honor of Shannon Fickling by Tom Wight*
- In honor of Ken & Fran Mayhew by Paul & Anne Riley*
- In honor of Frances Inzer by Paul & Anne Riley*
- In honor of Evelyn Trimble by Buster & Carolyn Barry*
- In honor of Dr. Rick Lanford by John & Teresa Edwards*
- In honor of Bernie Sanders by John Pattan*
- In honor of Jeff Neisler by Jill Thompson*
- In honor of Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Easterlin by Bryan & Nelle Persons*
- In honor of Mrs. Logan Weaver by Bryan & Nelle Persons*
- In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Pink Persons, III by Bryan & Nelle Persons*
- In memory of Debra Geeslin by Rosemarie McDaniel*
- In honor of Frances Inzer by Jane H. Brown*
- In honor of Ashley Hurt by Sarah C. Feely*
- In honor of Kay Joiner by Russell Joiner*
- In honor of Mrs. George Youmans, Sr. by Milton & Mary Ann Heard*
- In honor of Creighton Browder by Clay & Marcia Harshbarger*
- In honor of Curtis & Dee Barnes by Doris Mountjoy*
- In honor of Mrs. Betty Butler by Jimmy & Barbara Turner*
- In honor of Dr. Jamie Cockfield by Jimmy & Barbara Turner*
- In honor of Mrs. Sarah Freant by Jimmy & Barbara Turner*
- In honor of Mrs. Ede Hardy by Jimmy & Barbara Turner*
- In honor of Mrs. Barbara Magnum by Jimmy & Barbara Turner*
- In honor of Mrs. Doris Anderson by Jimmy & Barbara Turner*
- In honor of Dr. Mary Patton by Jimmy & Barbara Turner*
- In honor of Dr. & Mrs. Jerry Tift by Jimmy & Barbara Turner*
- In honor of Mr. Tom Wight by Jimmy & Barbara Turner*
- In honor of Mrs. Katherine Clark & Dr. Joe Manning by Jimmy & Barbara Turner*
- In honor of Mildred Turner by Jimmy & Barbara Turner*
- In memory of Mary Anne Thurman by William W. Williams*
- In memory of Rev. W. Hamp Watson by Jane W. Bettett & Lenna W. Morris*
- In memory of E. O. Baggett by Jane W. Baggett & Lenna W. Morris*

Donations Needed for Water Well Mission Trip to Nueva Concepcion, Guatemala

Your Mulberry mission team will take your donated items to Central America as Mulberry's generosity extends by way of a 7th water well expedition - this time to Nueva Concepcion in Guatemala!

Donations may be dropped off in the atrium anytime until Sunday February 5th.

The team is unable to accept or distribute clothing.

TOYS: Wham-O Frisbees, Playground grade jump ropes, soccer balls, footballs, tennis balls/solid rubber balls, ball pump & needles, bubbles

SUPPLIES: glue sticks, construction paper, plain white paper 8.5x11, brown paper lunch bags, paper plates/non-glossy, beads for gospel bracelets (different colors), twine, soap bars, toothbrushes/toothpaste, ziplock bags, playdough, white coffee filters

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Our 11 a.m. service is broadcast live
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Rev. Tommy Perkins (615-691-3171)
Rev. Bill Culpepper (803-673-7860)

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This Week at Mulberry

Sunday, December 25

9:30 am Sweet Rolls in Fellowship Hall
10:00-10:30 am Worship Service/Sanctuary

Monday, December 26-27

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 28

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

Thursday, December 29

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

Sunday, January 1

9:00 am Worship/Chapel
9:30 Blue Room Kids
9:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am NewRoom Worship/Library Ballroom
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary

Monday, January 2

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 3

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

Wednesday, January 4

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

Thursday, January 5

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

Sunday, January 8

9:00 am Worship/Chapel
9:30 Blue Room Kids
9:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am NewRoom Worship/Library Ballroom
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary
5:00 pm Anchored



Just for information...

We will not be publishing a newsletter for January 1, 2017.
The next newsletter will be dated January 8, 2017.

Sunday Worship January 1, 2017

Nine O'clock – Chapel
Ten O'clock – NewRoom (Library Ballroom)
Eleven O'clock – Sanctuary

“Navigating Nu-Way(s)”
Matthew 12:1-12 (KJV)
Rev. Tommy Perkins

Ushers for Nine O'clock

Warren Dunn & Scott Wangen

Ushers for Eleven O'clock

Charlie Bridges, Austin Carter, Ken Harper, Jason Hawkins, Baxter James,
David Mann, Don Ream, Brett Toles, Bob Veto & Jim Wilson



The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God
and in appreciation of Clifton Carswell, Doris Andrews and Jeffrey Smith
by the Flower Guild.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Cohen & Dot James
by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mulberry Street UMC Staff

Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries
Trevor Ward & Tyler Giles, Worship Leaders
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
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