



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 15, 2015

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WHAT'S THE DRAW?

As we read the Gospels, we see that there was always a crowd around Jesus. Some in the crowd were simply curious - they wanted to see what He was doing (or how he was doing it.) Others were genuinely interested in what he was teaching and how he inspired men and women to leave everything to follow him. They really wanted to be where he was.

But, some in the crowd were out to get him. These religious leaders (and others) wouldn't be satisfied to have him arrested, beaten and released. No, they wanted him dead because he threatened their way of life, their power, their established systems and traditions. And, they ultimately succeeded (or so they thought!)

Crowds followed Jesus everywhere. Do you ever wish you could have been there to experience Jesus in person? I do. Was it his magnetic personality? The miracles? The way he spoke? A combination of these things and others? What was the "draw" for such large crowds - many who ran to the other side of the Sea of Galilee to be with him a little longer?

Here's my two cents worth: I think the people (whether for the right reason or an evil one) were drawn to Jesus because he personified love in such a powerful way. I heard someone once say, "People flock to where love is - that's why crowds were always around Jesus." It's true!

They wanted to be with him - even the tax collectors and other notorious sinners! Why? Because they felt comfortable around him, accepted, not judged. Jesus didn't send them away or try to avoid them. Instead, he drew them in, loved them and set many of them free! That's the way he walked!

John tells us that we are to walk as Jesus walked. (1 John 2:6). This means if we live like Jesus, then people should flock to us because that is where real love is.

I believe Mulberry excels at loving Christ and others. Can we improve? Of course we can. And if we keep improving, it won't be long before even more people flock here as we invite them to be a part of what God is doing in our midst!

Who can you invite to experience the joy of being part of Mulberry St. UMC? Pray that God would show you the person who needs to experience his love!

Blessings,



Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries



December 5

9:00 am – 1:30 pm

Kids ages 3-10

Cost : \$ 15

Ornament making, Advent Devotion, Games, Singing,
Lunch, Holiday movie

RSVP by December 2 – Space is limited!



**Family Advent
at Mulberry**

Plum Pudding Festival

December 6

5:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

*Come hear the children's choirs sing and
enjoy plum pudding cake by our beautiful
family tree. It will be one of the best
blessings you experience all year!*

Family Caroling

December 13 - 4:00 pm

Children's Nativity

December 20 - 11:00 am Worship

Family Christmas Eve Service

December 24 - 3:00 pm - Sanctuary

*(If you want your child to participate in the Children's
Nativity on December 20th or 24th,
please let Pam know by Thanksgiving.)*

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)
Total YTD	784,664	968,918	(184,255)	42,000	(142,255)



**Please help
Macon Outreach
this Thanksgiving Season**

Donations of pies, turkeys or money are needed.

Lots of volunteers are also needed!

In order to make final meal preparations, please deliver your

Thanksgiving turkeys by Monday, November 16th.

Donations are accepted between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm.

Please call Debbie, 743-8026 if you are able to make a donation
or to sign up as a volunteer.



**Macon Outreach
Community Christmas Celebration**

Wednesday, December 16

11:00 am

Fellowship Hall

DAYBREAK

There is a bucket in the atrium to receive donations to Daybreak.

Supplies Needed:

- Paper Towels Bathroom Tissue Spray Deodorant
- Disinfectant/deodorizing Spray (Lysol)
- Baking Soda Men's Crew Socks Disposable Razors



Macon Outreach Fund

In honor of Johnny Hathcock (Johnny's Helping Hands) by Barbara Polonic

In memory of Betsy Lewis by

Bob & Patsy Fountain Anne McCrary

In honor of Barbara Henley by Bickley Design Build Services, Inc.

In honor of 20th Wedding Anniversary by Ken & Ann Hall

In memory of Jo Baker Henry by

Helen Hunnicutt Clarice Sheehan

In memory of Jack Roberts by Suzanne Moody

In memory of Manning Haskins by Jamie Cockfield



A Mulberry

Intergenerational

Mission Trip

January 15-18, 2016 (MLK Weekend)

Hinton Rural Center, Hayesville, NC

Registration is now open for this trip. The cost is \$175. **To reserve your spot, we need a \$100 deposit by November 1.** If interested, you can come by the church office to pick up a registration packet.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email
Bill Culpepper at bculpepper@mulberrymethodist.org.

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Our 11 a.m. service is broadcast live
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, November 15

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

Monday, November 16

5:00 pm CCM Board Mtg/Conf Rm

Tuesday, November 17

8:30 am Prayer Group/Prayer Rm
10:30 am Staff Meeting/Conf Rm
12:00 pm Kiwanis/F-Hall
7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, November 18

9:15 am CCM Chapel
10:30 am M/O Worship
12:30 pm Centering Prayer
5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper
6:15 pm Children's Choirs
6:15 pm Youth Fellowship
7:15 pm Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, November 19

9:30 am Circle of Friends Sewing Group/Rm 232
10:30 am DAR Mtg/Conf Rm
11:30 am Fuller Housing Mtg/Rm 323
12:00 pm DAR Luncheon/F-Hall
12:00 pm M/O Board Luncheon/Parlor
1:00 pm Carlyle Place Communion
7:30 pm Craig Soaries' Recital/Sanctuary

Friday, November 20

12:00 pm Heart of GA Ambassadors/Parlor
5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal/Walker-Peterson

Saturday, November 21

6:30 pm Wedding/Walker-Peterson

Sunday, November 22

9:00 am Worship/Chapel
9:40 am KIDSPRAISE
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Combined Sunday School –
Mary Grace Rumford/F-Hall
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary
5:00 pm Confirmation Class
5:00 pm Anchored



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Celebrate the Season at Mulberry

Sunday, December 6

Plum Pudding Festival

5:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 13

Ainsworth Choir Christmas Music with Brass & Strings

11:00 am Sanctuary

Family Caroling

4:00 pm

Wednesday, December 16

Macon Outreach Community Christmas Celebration

11:00 am Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 21

Service of the Longest Night

5:00 pm Sanctuary

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve Services/Sanctuary

3:00 pm Family Christmas Eve Communion Service

4:30 pm Music of the Season

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

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

Ann Smith, Spiritual Director Debbie Towson, Director, Macon Outreach

Sara Colvin, Financial Secretary Linda Parker, Administrative Secretary

Doris Andrews, Church Cook/Custodian

Custodians

Clifton Carswell Jeffrey Smith