

# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 20, 2016

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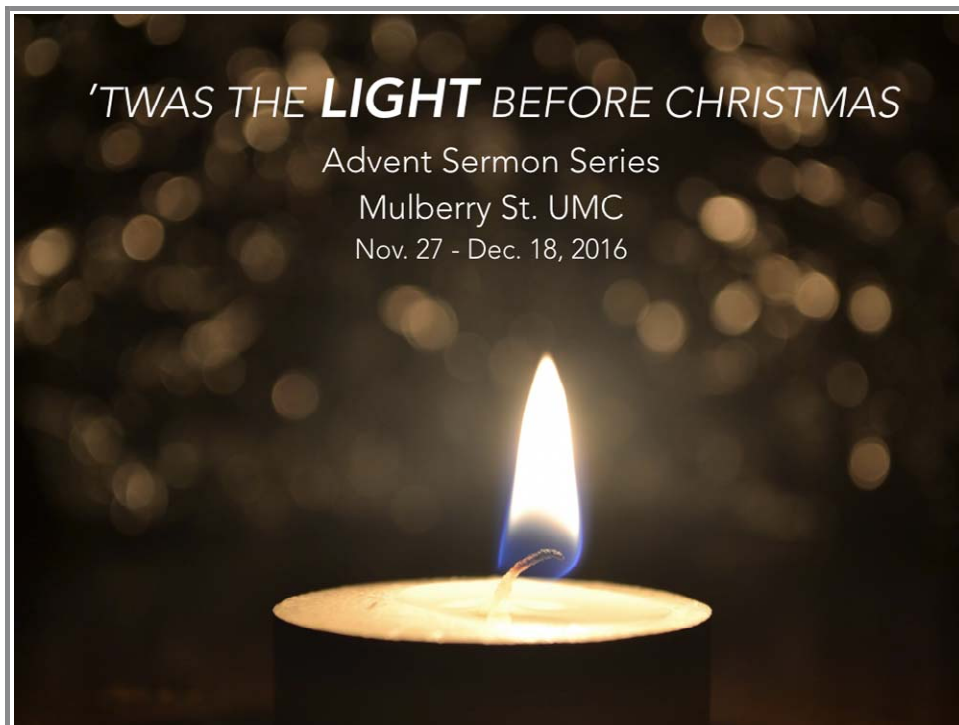
## ANTICIPATION & EXPECTANCY

The Advent & Christmas season is a great time to invite someone to church! Your neighbors, co-workers, family and friends are waiting for YOU to invite them. You probably came to Mulberry because someone invited you to give it a try. Now is the time to invite.

And, to help you with the invitation - we have planned a great lectionary Advent Sermon Series titled "Twas the LIGHT before Christmas." In this series we will prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ and the Christmas Season.

The Ainsworth Choir will bless us with a music service on December 11 during the 11:00 worship service. This is always a highlight of the Advent/Christmas season and a great reason to invite others to come and enjoy the best music program in our area!

So, who will you invite to Mulberry this Advent & Christmas Season? Start asking them now! They are waiting on you, and they need a church family - just like you do!



*Jenny*

# Sunday Worship

November 20, 2016

9:00 am Chapel

10:00 am NewRoom/Library Ballroom

11:00 am Sanctuary

**"What Kind of King is This?"**

**Luke 23:33-43**

**Rev. Jimmy Towson**



## Assisting with Worship

### Nine O'clock Ushers

Bill Jackson/Clay Washburn

### Eleven O'clock Ushers

Art Banks, Waverly Golson, Mel Jamison,

Martin Magda, Darin McClure,

Jason Mott, Ed Powell, Doyle Powers,

Bert Thompson, Ben Vaughn &

Tom Woodcock

### Children's Church

Baxter & Christi James (2K/3K)

Ken & Amanda Smith (4K/5K)



## Altar Flowers



The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rita Heger by her son, Harold Downs.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and loving memory of their son

Joseph Thomas Jones

by Colonel and Mrs. Joseph H. Jones.

### Why Not Mulberry? Pledge Report

Pledge Year	Total Amount	Number of Pledges
2016	\$921,494	202
2017	\$692,379	146
Difference	(\$229,115)	(56)

### Attendance Last Week

Nursery	10
Nine O'clock Worship	31
NewRoom Worship	54
Eleven O'clock Worship	212
<b>Total Worship Attendance</b>	<b>307</b>

## MUSIC News



Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist



### Plum Pudding Festival

Sunday, December 4 at 5 PM

Children's Choirs will sing.

Plum Pudding Cake will be served.

Don't miss the annual highlight of the Advent and Christmas season at Mulberry.

### Ainsworth Choir's Christmas Music

Sunday, December 11 at 11 AM in Sanctuary

with Brass, Strings, Timpani, Harp and Organ

Music will include traditional carols

as well as new settings of Christmas anthems.

Please mark your calendars now and make plans to bring someone with you.

## Interfaith Thanksgiving Service



Tuesday, November 22

7:00 pm

Temple Beth Israel

Rev. Jimmy Towson, preaching



## A Very Merry Mulberry Christmas

Wednesday, November 30

5:30-7:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Menu:

Breakfast



Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries

### Anchored

Sundays - 5:00 pm

### Wednesdays

Youth Fellowship - 6:15 pm



## Happy THANKSGIVING!

The church office will be closed Thursday & Friday, November 24-25 for Thanksgiving Holidays. See back page for pastoral contacts for emergencies.

## A November Advent Study of Down to Earth

by Mike Slaughter and Rachel Billups

Tuesday evenings November 1<sup>st</sup>-November 29<sup>th</sup>

A November Advent study? That's right! If the world will rush the commercial Christmas season before Halloween, why should we as the Church not anticipate the down-to-earth love, humility, and holiness of our liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmastide? You are invited on all five Tuesday evenings of November from 5:00-6:00 pm to the cellar of Just Tap'd at the corner of Poplar and 1<sup>st</sup> Streets starting All Saints Day (November 1) and ending November 29<sup>th</sup> for Pastor Mike Slaughter's latest Advent reflection.

Time and Place: 5:00-6:00 pm in the cellar/basement of Just Tap'd in downtown Macon.

Book: Mike Slaughter and Rachel Billups' *Down to Earth: The Hopes and Fears of All the Years Are Met in Thee Tonight*. Order your own book or copy and bring on the November 1<sup>st</sup> ISBN: 9781501823398

Facilitator: Rev. Tommy Perkins



## 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](mailto:carolc.head@gmail.com).

## memorials & gifts

### Memorial Fund

In memory of Troy Thomason by Mrs. Suzannah Thomason



In honor of Evie DeGraaf by Ms. Gail Springstead



Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries

## Christmas CAMP

Saturday, December 3

9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Ages 3-11

Cost: \$15 (includes lunch)

Limited space - RSVP required by November 30.



### Family Advent at Mulberry

If your children would like to participate in the Nativity or the Family Christmas Eve service, please let Pam know by Wednesday, December 7 [pjohnston@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:pjohnston@mulberrymethodist.org).

### Plum Pudding Festival

December 4

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

Sunday, December 11 - 4:00 pm

### Children's Nativity

Sunday, December 18 - 11:00 am Worship

### Family Christmas Eve Communion Service

Saturday, December 24 - 3:00 pm - Sanctuary

### 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)
<b>Total YTD</b>	<b>484,582.00</b>	<b>124,965.00</b>	<b>682,234.00</b>	<b>(162,522.00)</b>



## memorials & gifts

### Macon Outreach Fund

In memory of Troy Thomason by Lillian Jenkins and family  
In memory of Cloyd K. Hall by The Esther Circle



Canned Green Beans  
Cereal  
Canned Mixed Vegetables (no Corn)  
Oatmeal in Individual Packets



### CLOTHING CLOSET NEEDS

Men's pants and jeans, size 28-36  
Men's knit shirts, polo style



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

#### Supplies Needed:

coffee, creamer, sugar, cereal, Quick grits, oatmeal, detergent, baking soda, bleach, sprav deodorant, disposable razors.

### 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

### Mission Opportunity

**G2G4**

**(Generation 2 Generation)**

A Mulberry Intergenerational Mission Trip

**January 13-16, 2017**

**Hinton Rural Center, Hayesville, NC**



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NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED WEEKLY

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 20

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

### Tuesday, November 22

8:30 am Prayer Group/Prayer Rm  
9:30 am Staff Meeting/Conf Rm  
12:00 pm Kiwanis/F-Hall  
7:00 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service/  
Temple Beth Israel

### Wednesday, November 23

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

### Thursday-Friday, November 24-25

Thanksgiving Holidays  
Church Office Closed

### Sunday, November 27

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



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## 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  
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