



# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 8, 2015

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Well, Halloween is over so it's time for Christmas! Just kidding! But, your staff has already been thinking about Christmas for some time now. To get all of us ready, we start a new sermon series this week that will reveal God's heart for those who are not connected with a church family.

Did you know that the Christmas season is the best time to invite someone to church? During the next three weeks we'll explore why it's important to invite others. We'll also pick up some tools on "how to invite" - it's much easier than you might think!

We have so much at Mulberry to offer to those who do not have a church family! So - get ready! Christmas is coming and we want to invite others to join us! But, you don't have to wait until December - invite your family, friends, co-workers, neighbors to come to Mulberry with you NOW!

See you Sunday!





Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries



**Kid's Mystery Trip**  
**Friday, November 6**  
**5:00-9:30 pm**

Grades 1-6 welcome (younger with parents)  
Cost: \$12 or supplies for shoebox  
Must RSVP to Pam by November 4.

**Operation Christmas Child**

(Shoebox supplies)  
Due November 6

Send small items to fill child's Christmas box.  
We will stuff during Sunday School on November 8.



**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 20<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>, please let Pam know by Thanksgiving.)*



**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 16<sup>th</sup>.

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*



**Operation Christmas Child**

*Operation Christmas Child boxes are due the first week of November.*

*Please bring your filled shoe boxes to Mulberry by November 4<sup>th</sup>.*

*They can be left in the Atrium or taken up to the office.*

*Thank you so much for your active participation in this ministry!*

*I'm so proud of Mulberry. Please call Marilyn Armstrong, 478-335-8363, or email her at [marilyn@cox.net](mailto:marilyn@cox.net) if you have any questions or concerns.*

*Our boxes will be dedicated on Sunday, November 8 at the 11:00 am service.*

*Thank you so much for all of your donations.*

**Why Mulberry?**

**Pledge Report**

Total Pledged 2015: \$882,790

Total Pledged 2016: \$880,820

Difference: (\$ 1,970)

If you have not yet made your pledge for 2016, we hope you will do so soon.

Your prompt response will help us confirm our plans for ministry next year.

Thank you for your generosity.

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 over Radio Station AM 940 WMAC.



Rev. Jimmy Towson (538-9067)  
 Rev. Bill Culpepper (803-673-7860)

## This Week at Mulberry

### Sunday, November 8

9:00 am Worship/Chapel  
 9:40 am KIDSPRAISE  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary  
 12:15 pm UMW Soup's On Luncheon/F-Hall  
 5:00 pm Confirmation Class  
 5:00 pm Anchored

### Tuesday, November 10

8:30 am Prayer Group/Prayer Rm  
 10:30 am Staff Meeting/Conf Rm  
 12:00 pm Kiwanis/F-Hall  
 4:00 pm Trustees Mtg/Conf Rm

### Wednesday, November 11

9:15 am CCM Chapel  
 10:30 am M/O Worship  
 12:30 pm Centering Prayer  
 4:00 pm Paula Motes Circle/Conf Rm  
 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper  
 6:15 pm Children's Choirs  
 6:15 pm Youth Fellowship  
 7:15 pm Ainsworth Choir

### Thursday, November 12

9:30 am Circle of Friends Sewing Group/Rm 232  
 12:00 pm Young at Heart Luncheon/F-Hall  
 6:30 pm Grace Circle

### Friday, November 13

5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal/Arrieta-Potter

### Saturday, November 14

5:00 pm Wedding/Arrieta-Potter

### 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



## Circle Meeting

Paula Motes Circle will meet Wednesday, November 11  
 at 4:00 pm in the Conference Room.

## 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)
<b>Total YTD</b>	<b>784,664</b>	<b>968,918</b>	<b>(184,255)</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>(142,255)</b>



### Memorial Fund

*In memory of Lillian Mahone by Mr. & Mrs. Everett Drinnon*

*In memory of Frank Edwards by*

*Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Barnes Mr. & Mrs. Rich Herring*

### Children's Department

*In memory of Casey & Lilly by Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Bridges*

### Music Fund

*In honor of Jim & Betsy Abbott by Mr. & Mrs. William Knott*



*In honor of Eleanor Castellaw by Mr. Harold Downs*

## 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*