

MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 30, 2016

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JESUS COMMANDS US TO LOVE

Drew Mercer, our mission chair, shared his testimony of the impact of missions during yesterday's Stewardship Sunday worship service. It was so good that I wanted you to see it in writing. We are off to a great start in 2017 pledges. If you haven't had a chance yet to get your pledge in, please send it to Bruce in the church office.

Thank you for loving and supporting Mulberry with your gifts! Not now and then. Always present tense.

In 2012, I was compelled to go on my first Mission Trip. Some of you made it happen, including a couple of anonymous givers who I can't thank enough.

With Becky's support, I dedicated a week to helping others in need. People with true quality of life problems. People living in 90 degree heat, year round, without safe drinking water close by.

For 1 week, each day was filled serving others and learning to recognize God. Indeed, we seemed to find spirit everywhere we looked that week. Concerted focus on helping others seems to have that effect.

We saw things like...

- Close, happy families, living in what we would refer to as "Third World" conditions
- Tight-knit communities sharing each-others talents and burdens
- Perfect communication between strangers, who didn't speak the same language

The week culminated with a Working Water-Well. It was amazing to see the community celebrate and see the children playing in the clean water!

When the week was up, the Team was exhausted. But also, refreshed and renewed. Empty and full.

We think we're going to help others. What we find is others helping us! Returning home is a sweet highlight. Much of the trip stays with us.

That trip in December 2012 cleared up a few misconceptions I had about missions:

1. I shouldn't over think my ability to contribute to the cause.
2. The main thing is simply, to have a flexible, loving attitude. Always present tense.
3. Mission Trips have the power to amplify recognition of the mystery of the Spirit at work.

Mulberry has a strong history of missions involvement to be proud of.

The Missions Endowments, your donations, and your participation in the field impact thousands of people here in Macon and around the world.

What matters most at this point is where we go from here.

As co-creators in God's creation...what do you think? Where do we go from here?

Drew Mercer

Sunday Worship

October 30, 2016

9:00 am Chapel

11:00 am Sanctuary

"Trying to See"

Luke 19:1-10

Rev. Jimmy Towson



Assisting with Worship

Nine O'clock Ushers

Sam Henley & David Ivey

Eleven O'clock Ushers

Steve Allen, Jeff Amerson, James Berg,
JB Easterlin, Eric Hefner, Bill Henderson,
Bill Jarrard, Bob Lovett, Bob McCormick,
Reeves Minton, David Morris,
Wesley Rauls, Rader Sellers
& Russ Vaughn

Children's Church

Jason & Jennifer Borage (2K/3K)
Casey & Catherine Gardner (4K/5K)



The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our mothers, Lucy Anderson and Eleanor Nicholson by Tim and Melissa Anderson.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Estelle Stevens Mason, mother, and Dr. R. Holmes Mason, father of Emily Estelle Mason Clisby.

Commitment Sunday Pledge Report

Pledge Year	Pledge Sunday Amount	Number of Pledges
2016	\$661,110	132
2017	\$430,817	96
Difference	(\$230,293)	(36)

Attendance Last Week

Nursery	37
Nine O'clock Worship	32
NewRoom Worship	46
Eleven O'clock Worship	271
Total Worship Attendance	386

MUSIC News

Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist

BEAUTIFUL SINGING

Kudos to our children's choirs who sang so beautifully in worship last Sunday. Both choirs truly blessed us with their gift of joyous song.

We only have five rehearsals left to learn our Christmas music for the annual Plum Pudding Festival. Thanks in advance, parents, for having your child at all of these very important rehearsals. The Plum Pudding Festival is December 4.



Our 2016 Operation Christmas Child collection is under way! We have boxes available in the atrium (or use your own), more boxes are on order, and gifts are coming in. All members of our church family are invited to come and help with this important mission project and fill boxes on Sunday, October 30th at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your gifts and/or filled shoeboxes to church anytime during October. Thanks for being such a caring congregation! Monetary donations for shipping (\$7.00 per shoebox) also gladly accepted. Questions? Contact Marilyn Armstrong, marilynarm@cox.net.

SOUP'S ON NOVEMBER 13

12:00 Noon - Fellowship Hall

Once again the Mulberry United Methodist Women will hold their Fall Fund Raising event, SOUP'S ON. For one donation at the door you will be able to sample all kinds of soup. Last year we had 19 different kinds! Then, you can stock up on goodies for the holidays from the Baked Sale. Thanks to your generous donations, we will be able to disburse money to Mulberry UMW mission projects, like Macon Outreach, Mary Grace Rumford, Daybreak, Wesley Glen and others, in December.

SPECIAL INVITATION TO 9:00 and 10:00 congregations

We will begin serving at noon.

Please join us for SOUP'S ON!

One further note: The UMW would appreciate any soup or baked goods made by others in the congregation to add to the occasion.

Just bring them to church on November 13 between 10:00 and 11:00. Thank you!

MIDWEEK AT MULBERRY

Love, Care and Share around the Table

November 2

Program:

**Women's Interfaith Alliance
of Central Georgia**

Menu: Potato Bar



Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries

Anchored

Sundays - 5:00 pm

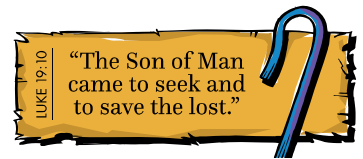
Wednesdays

Youth Fellowship - 6:15 pm



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.



Flower Opening

The Flower Guild has an opening for flowers in the sanctuary for December 4 (Second Sunday of Advent).

Please contact Carolyn Dominy, 361-1012 or ckn@cox.net if you would like to place flowers on that Sunday.

Green Space Interest Meeting

Sunday, November 6,

12:15-1:15 pm

Fellowship Hall

Light snacks and child care provided

All Mulberry members are invited to a one-hour meeting to discuss the possibility of a renovation creating an open green space between the Children's Center playground out toward New Street. The meeting will be facilitated by Heather Evans with Pam Johnston, Seth Bush, Clare Rauls and others from Children's Ministries present to share some of our ideas. We welcome those with questions, ideas, dreams and curiosity to attend! Please come help us explore what could be a wonderful way to grow our church.



Esther Circle

The Esther Circle will meet Thursday, November 3 at 12:00 pm in the Parlor

Grace Circle

The Grace Circle will meet Thursday, November 3 at 6:30 pm at the home of Marilyn Armstrong. All are invited.



Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Operation Christmas Child

Choose an age (2-14) and bring 5 toys - we need 125 in all.

Drop off the toys in the Children's Assembly Room.

Deadline: Wednesday, October 26.

Kids will help fill boxes during Sunday School on October 30.

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.

Upcoming Events

Plum Pudding Festival - December 4 - 5:00 pm

Children's Nativity - December 18

Family Christmas Eve Communion - December 24

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)
Total YTD	627,908.00	176,543.00	931,507.00	(127,057.00)

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service



Tuesday, November 22

7:00 pm

Temple Beth Israel

Rev. Jimmy Towson, preaching



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

DAYBREAK

REST RELATIONSHIPS RESOURCES RENEWAL

A PROJECT OF DEPAUL USA
Macon, GA

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, spray deodorant, disposable razors, body wash, paper towels, toilet paper, disinfectant spray

Mulberry Community Garden



Volunteer Gardeners

Mondays in the Garden - 9:00 am - Noon

Thursdays in the Garden - 9:00 am - Noon & 3:00-5:00 pm

Questions? Call Jack Head 719-7455



Mission Opportunity

Domestic G2G4

(Generation 2 Generation)

A Mulberry Intergenerational Mission Trip

January 13-16, 2017

Hinton Rural Center, Hayesville, NC

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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, October 30

9:00 am Worship/Chapel
9:30 Blue Room Kids
9:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Operation Christmas Child Mission Project/F-Hall
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary
5:00 pm Anchored

Monday, October 31

11:00 am Macon Outreach Fall Luncheon

Tuesday, November 1

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

Wednesday, November 2

9:15 am CCM Chapel
10:30 am M/O Worship/Chapel
4:30 pm UMW Board Mtg/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 3

9:30 am Circle of Friends Sewing Group/Rm 232
12:00 pm Esther Circle/Parlor
6:30 pm Grace Circle

Friday, November 4

10:30 am – 12:00pm Women Interfaith Alliance Group/Sanctuary

Sunday, November 6

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



Piano Concert at Mulberry Street UMC

Thomas Pandolfie, Piano

November 11 at 7 PM

No Charge

Donations will benefit

Navicent Health Children's Hospital

Thomas Pandolfie is an exciting virtuoso who performs for audiences worldwide and is showered with superlatives about his passionate artistry and amazing technique. A graduate of The Julliard School, Pandolfie earned both his Bachelor's and Master's as a scholarship student. Read more about him at thomaspandolfie.com and make plans to attend this exciting concert that will honor our veterans and benefit our own Children's Hospital.

Rutter Requiem presented by Choral Society/Mercer Singers

Sunday, November 13 at 4 PM

Mulberry Street UMC

A November Advent Study of Slaughter and Billups' *Down to Earth*

Tuesday evenings November 1st-November 29th

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 1st Streets starting All Saints Day (November 1) and ending November 29th 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 ecopy and bring on the November 1st ISBN: 9781501823398

Facilitator: Rev. Tommy Perkins

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

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Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Betsy Abbott, Director of Hospitality Karen Carter, Connections Director

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