



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Hello, my friends and flock! I have a number of things to report today:

HUNGER IN MACON AND GEORGIA

The *Atlanta Journal Constitution* reports that 40% of Georgians would have trouble covering a \$400 expense, 35% of Georgia workers are unemployed and there are 1.8 million claims for unemployment in our state. Food banks are running out of canned goods; lines of families waiting for groceries stretch for blocks.

You can help Macon Outreach re-stock our pantry; our shelves are bare. We can especially use canned fruits and vegetables and canned meat. These can be dropped off curbside during our noontime serving hours. Let's restock the food pantry. Call our church (478-745-8601) to arrange the drop-off. Financial gifts are always welcome, too.

SENDING GREETINGS TO THE REV. DR. NITA CRUMP

We look forward to receiving The Reverend Dr. Nita Crump as our new Lead Pastor in a month. Her first Sunday will be June 28th. Nita is a gifted preacher and wise leader; she and her husband Jackson will quickly become a part of our life. You can send her greetings at revnitac@gmail.com or her home address: 132 Hampton Way, Macon GA 31220

WELCOMING THE REV. DR. MARCUS TRIPP

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is proud to announce that Dr. Marcus Tripp will join our staff July 2020 as our Part Time Pastoral Care Associate involved in the visitation now being made by Jeff Cook. This will be an interim position designed to last from 6-12 months, after which the Senior Pastor and SPRC will decide on future staffing needs. A retired elder in the South Georgia Conference, Marcus has a long and distinguished ministry, including service as Associate Pastor at Mulberry Street in the 1970s. He and his wife Jan maintain many ties with our church. It will be a joy to receive the Tripps back to Mulberry Street.

SEEKING A PART TIME MINISTRY POSITION

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is seeking one more part time position (15-20 hours/week) to fill Jeff Cook's role. Like the above position, this will be an interim (6-12 months) job. This would involve organization of small groups, developing congregational care teams and prayer teams, coordinating Wednesday Night Suppers, etc. Applicants could be church members. If you are interested, contact Dr. Warren Dunn, Staff Parish Relations Committee, or Creede Hinshaw.

Creede



Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are hoping to begin a Prayer Shawl Ministry at Mulberry Street and are looking for those who can knit or crochet to help create the shawls or small sized blankets to be given to those in need of prayer. When we are able to meet in person it will be wonderful to get together occasionally for prayer, fellowship and yarn crafting, but we also can knit and crochet while we are socially distancing. All ages, skill levels and abilities welcome! If you want to volunteer or need more information, please contact Rev. Julia Norman (jnorman@mulberrymethodist.org or 919-323-6626).

Family and Children's Ministry for Summer 2020:

We have great Summer Sunday School resources that we'll be sending out each Sunday morning for your family with children to do at home! Please make sure you are signed up for the Family and Children's Newsletter so you can receive these resources. To sign up click here and fill out the form: <https://www.mulberrymethodist.org/community/children>

We will also send information to that email list with Vacation Bible School resources in July and when we come back for regular scheduled programs it is used for information monthly. Everyone is welcome to sign up and see what the children are learning each week. You can also share it with your family members or neighbors who want updates about Mulberry St. UMC Family and Children's Ministry activities.

The Link

Below is the link to "The Link", a way to keep you informed and connected with what's happening in South Georgia United Methodism and beyond! The Link is published every two weeks, full of Conference news, resources, and event information to keep you up to date and in the know.

<http://sgaumc-email.brtaapp.com/viewinsite/21a04c47ec07a7750de8dc4154fc79b5?>

South Georgia Advocate

The South Georgia Advocate, a twice monthly online news publication, is the official news source of the South Georgia Annual Conference and a ministry of the Office of Connectional Ministries. Here is the link.

<http://sgaumc-email.brtaapp.com/viewinsite/8d642d411c2ec4751c096509a85f161e?>



Alice Smith Mullins
April 28, 2020

Link to Alice's obituary:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/macon/obituary.aspx?n=alice-smith-mullins&pid=196127454&fhid=5441>



Gloria McAfee Wynn
May 16, 2020

Link to Gloria's obituary:

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/macon-ga/gloria-wynn-9184642>



Here is this week's needs list:

Gloves: latex free gloves and food service gloves

Disinfectant sprays/wipes/cleaners -- spic-n-span, pine cleaner

Vinegar Gatorade Raisins/dry cranberry Canned and fresh fruit 8 ounce cold drink cups

INSTANT Grits

Disposable bowls/spoons/forks

Pop up cans of things ready to eat: i.e. sausage, spaghetti, fruit, trail mix, beef jerky

Sturdy Backpacks

Please consider adding these items to your shopping list! Curbside donation available during operating hours, just call (478) 216-9119.