



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 21, 2020

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WELCOME, THE REVEREND DOCTOR NITA M. CRUMP!

With joyful anticipation we receive The Reverend Doctor Nita M. Crump as our next Senior Pastor. Her first Sunday with us will be Sunday, June 28th.

Some of you have already met Nita (via zoom meetings) in these days of transition. The church staff and I have been coordinating closely with her as we move through plans to carefully, conscientiously re-open for Sunday worship.

Nita comes to us from her position as Director of Connectional Ministries (2 years) preceded by 4 years as a District Superintendent. Prior to that she has served churches across South Georgia, including Roberta and Hawkinsville.

Nita grew up in Elberton, Georgia, received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia and a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degree from Erskine Theological Seminary in South Carolina. Prior to ordination she spent eleven years working in health care management.

Married to Jackson Posey, our new senior pastor enjoys reading science fiction, travel, and spending time with family.

I have spent a lot of time with Nita over these past few weeks. She is eager to return to pastoral ministry in the local church and has been diligently, prayerfully preparing for a long-term appointment with us. It has been a joy to work with her in these curious, challenging times; I thank God that we are receiving a person who cares about people and is highly qualified to lead our congregation, along with our excellent church staff, through these days. Plans will soon be announced for a welcoming event for Nita and Jackson.

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM CREEDE HINSHAW

My last Sunday as your Interim Senior Pastor will be this upcoming Sunday, June 21, 2020. Thank you so much for entrusting me with the privilege of serving alongside you these past four months. I never dreamed I would have an opportunity to return for a "sequel appointment" to this church I cherish so deeply. I also never thought I would be a video preacher. These have been, and continue to be, highly challenging days. I love you all and offer to you a virtual holy kiss. I now return to the pew, gratefully welcoming and commending Nita Crump as your and my new pastor.

APPRECIATION FOR JEFF COOK'S MINISTRY

Jeff Cook is one of the most hard-working, dedicated, sincere pastors in South Georgia. I had known this from my pew for over 2 years. Having the opportunity to serve together with him for 4 months has only heightened my admiration for this gifted pastor. Trinity United Methodist in Warner Robins will enjoy Jeff and Sandra and their girls for years to come. Jeff, you go with my prayers and deep appreciation. You are a true servant of Christ.

GRATEFUL FOR WESLEY GLEN

We received a note of gratitude last week from Vaughan and Beth Smith, expressing their deep appreciation for the ministry of Wesley Glen, South Georgia's residential ministry for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We have two church members who live there: Jim McKay and Mary Stuart Smith. Please remember to undergird this ministry with your prayers. Contributions are always welcome, too. Wesley Glen is located here in Macon.

CHURCH IS CLOSE TO ANNOUNCING RE-OPENING DATE

Your church staff, in close consultation with Interim Senior Pastor Creede Hinshaw, with our incoming Senior Pastor The Reverend Doctor Nita Crump, and with our Re-opening Advisory Committee (Wesley Rauls, Chairperson) is very close to announcing a hopeful date for when we will hold our first worship service. It is anticipated that Dr. Crump will make an announcement very soon after her arrival. Thank you for your prayers and your patience. We will have very specific recommendations to make very soon.

Opportunity to Join Mulberry Street United Methodist Church

Are you interested in joining Mulberry Street United Methodist Church? Even during these challenging times with online worship, you may join MSUMC. Please contact the Reverend Creede Hinshaw if you're interested.

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. 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.

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.



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In memory of Dr. Fleming Childs by

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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.

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South Georgia Advocate

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