



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 2, 2020

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You Are Our People

Everyone has said, at least once in the last four months, that this is the most unusual time we remember living through. Some of us, me included, have called these days crazy. I saw a meme on Facebook recently that said, about Covid19, "Whoever was supposed to go to Nineveh, just go already!" Don't we wish it were so simple?

Churches have obviously been affected by Covid19. We've had to learn how to produce online worship. We've had to figure out how to safely resume in person worship while continuing to produce online worship so that all will feel safe as they participate in the worship service that is best for them. We've had to learn how to wear masks around the office and how to have worship without congregational singing. And we pastors have had to learn how to handle pastoral care from a distance.

Pastors have always practiced the ministry of presence when caring for a congregation. We have visited hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted care facilities. We have visited in homes. We've been a part of small groups at the church and in homes. We've also made telephone calls and written notes. Our primary way of providing pastoral care, however, has been to spend time with people.

As a pastor, it is frustrating to be told that we can't visit in the hospitals or the assisted care facilities. We understand why. But you are our people and we want to be with our people. We want to share the celebrations and good times with you. We want to be present in the minutes prior to surgery and in the ICU when that level of care is needed. We want to be present in the homes in the hours following a death. We want to hold your hand and pray for you in person. Our hearts hurt when we can't do that because it is what God has called us to do and we feel that we're letting both God and you down when we can't do what we're called to do. Again, we understand why. Understanding the why does not make the situation any easier for us.

We, your pastoral staff, have worked hard to stay in touch. We need your help. Please let us know when you know of people who are sick, whether they're at home or in the hospital. We would rather hear from a dozen people than no one at all. We will be in touch, most likely by phone.

Below you will find the phone numbers of our pastoral staff. Please call or text when a pastor is needed. We have a schedule that has one pastor on call each day of the week and one on call during the weekend. Call or text any one of us and we'll make sure the right pastor knows.

You are our people. The fact that we can't be present to visit you in the excitingly wonderful times such as after the birth of a baby or to sit with you in the difficult times such as illness or death weighs heavily on us. Please know that, even in this time of distancing, prayer is still practiced daily, and prayer covers all distances. We are praying for you and praying for the time when we can come back together in all the ways we participate in our church.

Nita Crump, Senior Pastor	478-867-3029
Marcus Tripp, Pastoral Care Minister	478-747-6041
Julia Norman, Children and Family Minister	919-323-6626
Trevor Ward, Youth and NewRoom Pastor	478-607-9003

Worship This Sunday, August 2, 2020

This Sunday we will hold our NewRoom in-person worship service in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. and our Sanctuary in-person worship service at 11:00 a.m. Our nursery will be open for both services. Entrance and exit for the NewRoom in-person worship service will be through the Atrium Entrance. Entrance and exit for the Sanctuary in-person worship service will be through the Sanctuary doors facing Mulberry Street or the ramp entrance in the courtyard. The nursery will allow for drop-off and pick-up through the nursery gate.

Reservations are required for our in-person worship services and nursery care.

Please make your reservations by noon on Thursday, July 30th by using the link below or by calling the church office at 478-745-8601.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040445aaa82ca6f49-worship>

We will continue to offer a recorded Sanctuary worship service online. Additionally, our in-person Sanctuary worship service will be broadcast live at 11:00 a.m. on 940 AM and our in-person NewRoom worship service will be live streamed on Facebook at 9:00 a.m.



**Please remember to wear your masks
and your nametag to church this Sunday!**



Children in Worship and Nursery Reopening

As always, all ages of children are welcome to full participate in any worship service at Mulberry Street UMC. Nursery care is available for children who are rising Kindergarten and below beginning this Sunday. Disposable worship packs with coloring pages, quiet activities and crayons will be supplied for all children who pre-register for the worship services. Full information for Families with Children in worship and new Nursery Procedures will be sent via the Family and Children Newsletter. We want to welcome all ages in worship!

The Link

Below is the link to "The Link", a way to keep you informed and connected with what is 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.brtpapp.com/viewinsite/a9e42c4bf31b701405e19d49de1f0e13?>

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.

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Donation Needs:

Gloves: latex free & food service gloves disinfectant sprays/wipes lotions large hand-sanitizers Face masks
reusable water bottles Gatorade patio furniture wet wipes/baby wipes new underwear (men & women) Belts shoelaces
umbrellas sturdy backpacks

Medical Needs:

Cough drops anti-fungal foot spray canes saline eye drops Zyrtec knee support sleeves