

MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 3, 2016

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AND THEN, THE SUN WENT DOWN THAT EASTER SUNDAY

After the incredible joy of the Resurrection, and Jesus appearing to the Disciples, what happened next? John, the beloved disciple, tells us in John 21. Some of the disciples gathered at the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Notice what they did.

2 Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. 3 "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Seems a bit strange, doesn't it? After experiencing the most incredible event in all of history, after seeing Jesus alive, and after touching his hands - there had to be no doubt as to what just happened.

But instead of rushing to tell the world, they went back to doing what they used to do - fishing! Maybe they had a good reason - fear that the Jewish leaders would put them to death too. I don't know why they went back to fishing.

But, it makes me wonder. Are we any different? After the incredible celebration of the truth of the Resurrection, will we just go back to doing what we used to do? The same old "fishing" in our own way? I'm not interested in that - especially when we see that the disciples fished all night and caught nothing!

What if we let this Easter celebration mark the point where we resolve not to return to the same old thing? What if we instead, filled with the joy of Christ's Resurrection, resolved to do more, to reach more folks, to share this incredible Good News with more people?

What if, in your home or business or school, you decided to share this truth in a new way - loving people like never before, forgiving, encouraging, lifting up Christ in all that you do?

What if we all did that? Maybe that's why we celebrate Easter - to experience again the most incredible event ever so that we are continually changing into the men, women, youth and children God wants us to be!

Just wondering...

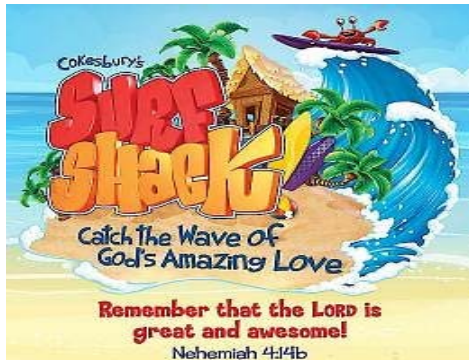


Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Infant Recognition

On Sunday, May 8, we will recognize during the 11 o'clock worship service all the children who have been born into the Mulberry Family who are under 18 months of age. Below is a list of the children we know of. Please contact Pam if you know of another baby who needs to be on the list.

Murphy James Hinshaw	John Emmett Mooney
Madeline Kate Moore	Emily Sharon Palmer
Anna Jane Stephens	Lenora Lee Swain



Vacation Bible School
June 13-17, 2016
8:45 am - 12:00 pm

Online registration begins in April.
 Want to volunteer? Let Pam know!

Budget Report 2016

Month	Revenue	Expense	Net	Endowment Revenue	Net
Jan	103,704	103,762	(58)	0	(58)

Mulberry Community Garden



Mondays in the Garden (March 14 - May 9)
 Bibb Mentors - 2:30-5:00 pm
Thursdays in the Garden (March 3 - July 28)
 Volunteer Gardeners - 2:30-5:00 pm



Pantry Needs:
 Canned Fruit & Dried Black-eyed Peas



Music Fund

In memory of Albert Yates Johnson by Mrs. Rose Marie Brantley

Macon Outreach Fund

*In memory of Bill Roberts by
 Drew & Rebecca Mercer Laura Kersey Dr. & Mrs. Charlie Cloaninger
 Cathy & Diana Cartwright Sam & Barbara Henley
 In memory of David Bartlett Higdon, Sr. by Marguerite Higdon
 In honor of Debra Geeslin by Rose McDaniel
 In memory of Hazel Couch by Carlton & Barbara Hunnicutt*



Celebration Day
The Methodist Home for
Children and Youth
April 2, 2016
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

We will have a kid's carnival, a Harvest Kidstown Show, a bake sale, BBQ plate sales, a silent and live auction, a Harvest Worship Concert, and much more!

We are excited to announce that we will be a sanctioned event of the Cherry Blossom Festival this year! All proceeds go towards fun experiences for our children and youth, such as trips to the beach and recreational equipment. We are currently seeking teens and adults who can be smiling faces to greet our guests, outgoing helpers with the kid's carnival games, bakers who can donate yummy goodies for our bake sale, and volunteers to help count bids and grab items for our silent/live auctions. Celebration Day is made of the hearts of servants like you, which is why it is such an amazing, special day. Let us celebrate as we join in making a positive difference in the lives of these kids. For more info contact Lacey Meador at:

478-751-2898 or lacey.meador@themethodisthome.org.



Esther Circle

Esther Circle will meet Thursday, April 7 at 12:00 pm in the Parlor.

Grace Circle

Grace Circle will meet Thursday, April 7 at 6:30 pm at the home of Jane Moore. Jane will share with us her PeaceCorp experiences in Africa.

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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, April 3

9:00 am Worship/Chapel
9:40 am KIDSPRAISE
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary
5:00 pm Anchored
5:00 pm Confirmation Class

Tuesday, April 5

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

Wednesday, April 6

9:15 am CCM Chapel
10:30 am M/O Worship
4:00 pm Executive Team Mtg/Parlor
4:30 pm UMW Board Mtg/Conf Rm
5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper
6:15 pm Youth Fellowship
7:15 pm Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, April 7

9:30 am Circle of Friends Sewing Group/Rm 232
12:00 pm Esther Circle/Parlor
3:30 pm History Club/Parlor
6:30 pm Grace Circle

Friday, April 8

6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal/Anderson-Simpson

Friday-Sunday, April 8-10

Scampers - High Falls Trip

Saturday, April 9

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Mercer's Children's Choir/Sanctuary-F-Hall
6:00 pm Wedding/Anderson-Simpson

Sunday, April 10

9:00 am Worship/Chapel
9:40 am KIDSPRAISE
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary
5:00 pm Anchored
5:00 pm Confirmation Class



Flower Openings

The Flower Guild has the following openings for flowers:

Chapel: July 31

Sanctuary: May 22

If you are interested in one of the openings,
please contact Carolyn Dominy at 361.1012
or email her at cken@cox.net.

Bible Study

SUMMER IN THE WORD: Under the Tree of Life

This summer you are invited to join Rev. Tommy Perkins in a longer-term bible study meeting Sunday afternoons and evenings from May to August. This two hour discipleship "missional wisdom" study will include a daily component with a minimum of three cumulative hours broken up for individual study, service, and sabbath over a six day week. There will be an informational/introductory meeting on Sunday afternoon at 5:00 pm on April 24th in the church parlor. Materials for the study will cost no more than \$55.00 over the four months of study. If you have any questions about this study please contact tperkins@mulberrymethodist.org or 745-8601.

Mulberry Street UMC Staff

Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries
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Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries
Betsy Abbott, Director of Hospitality *Karen Carter, Connections Director*
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