



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 23, 2020

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New Faces

We are so blessed as a congregation to have the tremendous staff we have. They are gifted and they are dedicated to Christ and the work of his kingdom.

We have several new staff members that we would like to introduce.

You are already aware of Rev. Marcus Tripp stepping in to fulfill Rev. Jeff Cook's pastoral responsibilities.

We now have Beth Smith on board to pick up the organizational and programmatic pieces of Jeff's job. She has been talking to a multitude of people the last couple of weeks to find out what the congregation wants and needs in terms of activities, small groups, etc. As she completes her phone calls, we will take all that she has discovered and use the information to develop activities for the fall. She will then be charged with organizing the activities, inviting people to lead these activities, inviting people to participate, and then following up to determine if the activity was successful.

In addition to Beth, we have Tucker Poupard on board as the worship leader for the NewRoom service. Blaine left at the end of July to pursue other options. Tucker has stepped in and led a seamless transition. He is a talented musician and vocalist. Tucker is a graduate of Middle Georgia State College. You can see him in person in the fellowship hall on Sunday mornings at 9:00. You can also see him in the online NewRoom service.

And, finally, we have Davis Perkins hired as our Media and Communications person. Davis is a graduate of Mercer with a degree in Communications. He is responsible for coordinating the recording of our online worship services. He is currently completing a survey of the many ways Mulberry Street is connected via social media. Through the fall, he will be working to develop a branding strategy to connect the various media we have so that everything is easily recognizable as Mulberry Street UMC. He will ensure that our website stays up-to-date and that our media channels are used. This will ensure that we continue to develop our online presence. A church's online presence has become the front door of the church. We intend to grow in our ability to identify and connect with the people who find us through social media so that they are encouraged to become a part of the Mulberry family. A church growth guru recently wrote about five reasons a church will decline over the next five years. Three of those reasons related to the church's online presence. The number one reason for decline over the next five years will be, in his opinion, the decision of a church to rely on a physical return to church. Davis will be instrumental in helping us avoid that decline by ensuring that we develop and maintain a robust online presence.

As you have a chance, please welcome these new staff members to the Mulberry family.

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Worship This Sunday, August 23, 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, August 20th 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

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!

Third Grade Bible Presentations

On August 23rd we will be honoring our Third Graders with a new Bible, a tradition that goes back many years at Mulberry Street UMC. If you have a child in Third grade, please make sure that Rev. Julia Norman has contacted you about if you'll participate in the service that day! We hope to have a video presentation to share with the whole church family, but we especially want to honor those children for this new level as they are growing in faith.

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.brtaapp.com/viewinsite/43c6598728266f328e6ebc3370e54a8e?rg>

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/9e35cd789990a335d4fa9159002d3590?>



ATTENDANCE

In-Person Worship

Sunday, August 16, 2020

NewRoom Service @ 9:00	2
Sanctuary Worship @ 11:00	14

memorials & gifts

Memorial Fund

In memory of Becky Donovan by Mr. Bill Stembridge

*In memory of Joyce Martin by
Mr. Bill Stembridge Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Bishop Dr. & Mrs. Ty Ivey*

In memory of Anne Riley by Mrs. Julie Yates

In memory of Gloria Wynn by Mr. Bill Stembridge

Macon Outreach Fund

In memory of Benjamin Tate by Mr. & Mrs. James Barrow

Mulberry Community Garden Fund

In memory of Carolyn Barber's 80th Birthday by Mrs. Linda Lane

In memory of Carolyn Barber by Mrs. Joyce Witham

Music Fund

In memory of Becky Donovan by Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Bishop

In memory of Alice Mullins by Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Bishop

In memory of Benjamin Tate by Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Bishop



*Sara Jane Bradley
August 8, 2020*

Link to Sara Jane's Obituary:

<https://www.hartsmort.com/obituary/SaraJane-Bradley>



Pastoral Care

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Julia Norman, Children and Family Minister	919-323-6626
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