



# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 11, 2016

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## *Sounds of the Season*

*Presented by*

*Mulberry's Ainsworth Choir*

*with*

*Brass, Timpani,*

*Strings, Organ*

*Dr. David Keith, Conductor*

*Sunday, December 11*

*11:00 am*

# Sunday Worship

December 11, 2016

Third Sunday in Advent

9:00 am Chapel

10:00 am NewRoom/Library Ballroom

*’Twas the LIGHT Before Christmas:  
"Search Light"*

Matthew 11:2-11

Rev. Jimmy Towson

11:00 am Sanctuary

*"Sounds of the Season"*

Ainsworth Choir Music



## Assisting with Worship

Nine O'clock Ushers

Tim Anderson/Tim Mathews

Eleven O'clock Ushers

Russ Barber, Gregory Bushway,

Gary Dunn, Emory Dunn, Jim Manley,

Drew Mercer, Don Ream, Vaughan Smith,

Joe Stephens, Lee Stevens

Children's Church

Jeremy & Brandi Hinshaw (2K/3K)



Altar  
Flowers



The arrangement in the chapel is given to the glory of God and in honor of the Ainsworth Memorial Choir by the Flower Guild.

The arrangement in the sanctuary is given to the glory of God and in honor of the Ainsworth Memorial Choir by the Flower Guild.

### Why Not Mulberry? Pledge Report

Pledge Year	Total Amount	Number of Pledges
2016	\$921,494	202
2017	\$735,763	158
Difference	(\$185,731)	(44)

### Attendance Last Week

Nursery	14
Nine O'clock Worship	32
NewRoom Worship	65
Eleven O'clock Worship	257
Total Worship Attendance	368
Sunday School	147

# MUSIC News

Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist

Our Ainsworth Choir will be bringing their annual gift of Christmas music to you next Sunday morning in the 11:00 worship service. The program, accompanied by a brass ensemble, percussion, strings and organ, will be under the direction of our own Dr. C. David Keith. The choir has been working on their music since September. The music features stunning new congregational carol arrangements by Julian Wachner "Gloria" by Randol Alan Bass and other carols of the season, including the greatly loved setting the choir sang last year of "Lo, How a Rose/The Rose" by Craig Heller Johnson. Our reader is our cherished friend, Jim Crisp from Theatre Macon. We look forward to seeing all of you next Sunday morning at 11:00. Be sure to bring a friend with you. You'll be glad you did.

Our children's choirs delighted us again last Sunday evening at their annual Plum Pudding Festival. It was wonderful to see a stage full of children who love to sing! Children's choirs will take a break for the remainder of December and will resume in January.



Cubbedge Snow  
December 3, 2016



## Advent & Christmas at Mulberry

Sunday, December 11

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with Brass, Timpani, Strings & Organ

Dr. David Keith, Conductor

11:00 am Worship

Family Caroling - 4:00 pm

Sunday, December 18

*NewRoom Brunch*

(immediately following 10:00 am service  
at the Library Ballroom)

Children's Nativity - 11:00 am Worship

Saturday, December 24

3:00 pm Family Christmas Communion

Service/Sanctuary

4:30 pm Music of the Season/Sanctuary

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Communion Service/Sanctuary

Sunday, December 25

9:30 am Sweet Rolls in Fellowship Hall

10:00-10:30 am Worship Service/Sanctuary



## Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 13

5:30 pm – Fellowship Hall



Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries

Anchored

Sundays – 5:00 pm

Wednesdays

Youth Fellowship – 6:15 pm



Nika Lofton

463 New Street

Macon, GA 31201

Kyle O'Donnell Starling

855 Mulberry St. Apt. 105

Macon, GA 31201



Congratulations to Robbie & Marie Allen  
upon the birth of their son  
Harris Matthews Allen  
on November 25, 2016.



## Advent Wreath

The Advent wreaths being displayed during this season continue a tradition adopted by Christians during the Middle Ages as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas. The evergreens that make up the wreath signify continuous life; and the circle shape of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, and the everlasting life found in Christ. The four candles around the wreath represent the four weeks of Advent. The white candle, placed in the center of the wreath, is lit on Christmas Eve to celebrate the birth of Christ, the light of the world. The Advent wreaths are in memory of Cecil Robert Kelly (Sanctuary), and W.P. Stevens, Jr. (Chapel.)



Congratulations to Ben & Kris Vaughn  
upon the birth of their daughter  
Hattaway "Hattie" Elizabeth Vaughn  
on December 3, 2016.



To Sam and Gini Lamback and family upon the death  
of Gini's mother, Christine P. Harshbarger  
on December 5, 2016.



Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries



## Family Advent at Mulberry

If your children would like to participate in the Nativity or the Family Christmas Eve service, please let Pam know by Wednesday, December 7 [pjohnston@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:pjohnston@mulberrymethodist.org).



### Family Caroling

Sunday, December 11 - 4:00 pm



### Children's Nativity

Sunday, December 18 - 11:00 am Worship

### Family Christmas Eve Communion Service

Saturday, December 24 - 3:00 pm - Sanctuary

### Budget Report 2016

Month	Gifts and Other Revenue	Endowment Revenue	Expense	Net
Jan	93,604.62	18,616.56	103,762.19	8,458.99
Feb	62,362.89	16,848.37	109,624.07	(30,412.81)
Mar	77,138.00	37,665.00	137,696.00	(22,893.00)
Apr	79,131.00	19,459.00	113,989.00	(15,399.00)
May	93,815.00	14,689.00	107,789.00	715.00
Jun	78,530.00	17,687.00	109,374.00	(13,157.00)
Jul	76,558.00	22,233.00	116,185.00	(17,394.00)
Aug	66,768.00	29,345.00	133,088.00	(36,975.00)
Sep	71,368.00	25,394.00	132,227.00	(35,465.00)
Oct	86,056.00	16,298.00	110,940.00	( 8,586.00)
<b>Total YTD</b>	<b>785,332.00</b>	<b>218,235.00</b>	<b>1,174,674.00</b>	<b>(171,108.00)</b>



A great idea for a Christmas gift this season is a donation to Macon Outreach in honor or in memory of friends and family. Christmas cards are available.



Canned Potatoes (white & sweet potato)  
Rice  
Cereal  
Peanut Butter



### CLOTHING CLOSET NEEDS

Men's pants and jeans, size 28-36  
Men's knit shirts, polo style



There is a bucket in the atrium to receive donations for Daybreak.

#### Supplies Needed:

Body Wash, Spray Deodorant & Creamer

### Mulberry Community Garden



#### Volunteer Gardeners

**Mondays in the Garden - 9:00 am - Noon**  
**Thursdays in the Garden - 9:00 am - Noon**  
Questions? Call Jack Head 719-7455

### Mission Opportunity

#### G2G4

#### (Generation 2 Generation)

A Mulberry Intergenerational Mission Trip  
**January 13-16, 2017**  
Hinton Rural Center, Hayesville, NC

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
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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, December 11

9:00 am Worship/Chapel  
9:30 Blue Room Kids  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:00 am NewRoom Worship/Library Ballroom  
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary  
1:00 pm Nutcracker Cast Party/F-Hall  
4:00 pm Family Caroling

### Monday, December 12

12:00 pm Macon-Bibb Accountability Court Luncheon/F-Hall

### Tuesday, December 13

8:30 am Prayer Group/Prayer Rm  
9:30 am Staff Meeting/Conf Rm  
12:00 pm Kiwanis/F-Hall  
5:30 pm Church Council Mtg/F-Hall

### Wednesday, December 14

9:15 am CCM Chapel  
10:30 am M/O Worship/Chapel  
12:30 pm Paula Motes Circle/Methodist Home

### Thursday, December 15

9:30 am Circle of Friends Sewing Group/Rm 232  
10:30 am DAR Mtg/Conf Rm  
12:00 pm DAR Luncheon/F-Hall  
5:00 pm Wesley Glen Christmas Party/F-Hall

### Saturday, December 17

10:00 am – 12:00 pm Nativity Practice/Sanctuary

### Sunday, December 18

9:00 am Worship/Chapel  
9:30 Blue Room Kids  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:00 am NewRoom Worship/Library Ballroom  
(Christmas Brunch immediately following service  
at Library Ballroom)  
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary  
5:00 pm Anchored



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To Rosemary Burke, Jean Burke Crawford and family upon the death of their brother,  
James Gardine Burke of Fairfax, Virginia on August 15, 2016.  
James was the grandson of Dr. William B. Burke, Mulberry's missionary to China  
from 1897 to 1943.

## Upper Room

January/February Upper Rooms are available in the church office.



### Memorial Fund

In memory of Grace Walker Hix by Youmans Chevrolet

### Water Well Project

In memory of Thomas Perkins by Ms. Gail Springstead

### Garden Fund

In honor of Jack Head by Col. & Mrs. Joseph H. Jones

## Paula Motes Circle

The Paula Motes Circle will meet Wednesday,  
December 14 at 12:30 pm at the Methodist Home.



## Worship Guild

The Communion Ministry of Mulberry's Worship Guild prepares for the celebration of Holy Communion. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve. If you are looking for a "quiet" way to serve God and Mulberry, there is a place for you in the Communion Ministry. Please contact Worship Guild Chair, Carol Head for details [478-731-5860](tel:478-731-5860) or [carolc.head@gmail.com](mailto:carolc.head@gmail.com).

## *Mulberry Street UMC Staff*

Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor  
Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor  
Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries  
Trevor Ward & Tyler Giles, Worship Leaders  
Bruce Bishop, Church Administrator Camille Bishop, Music Director/Organist  
Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries  
Betsy Abbott, Director of Hospitality Karen Carter, Connections Director  
Sara Colvin, Financial Secretary Linda Parker, Administrative Secretary  
Doris Andrews, Church Cook/Custodian  
Clifton Carswell & Jeffrey Smith, Custodians  
Erin Frazier, Director, Children's Center  
Debbie Towson, Director, Macon Outreach