



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 18, 2016

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Christmas Offering

Our newest granddaughter is known to us as the “Hurricane Matthew Baby.” Now, “Matthew” is not part of her name, but it is her legacy. This little bundle of incredible joy came to us during the evacuation of Saint Simons Island for the approaching hurricane.

If you have visited the island since the hurricane hit, then you have seen the damage caused by the storm - trees down everywhere! Other areas along the southeastern coastline were hit harder, suffering much greater damage. Forty-three (43) people lost their lives and many others lost everything they owned. Can you imagine what their Christmas will be like this year?

We want to help - so this Christmas, we will use our 2016 Special Christmas Offering for Hurricane Matthew Disaster Relief through the South Georgia Annual Conference. 100% of your Christmas offering will make a significant impact on this disaster, future relief, and long-term recovery efforts.

By giving, we will be able to help those who have been displaced, lost homes, lost everything and are struggling to recover from the worst storm to hit the southeast in years!

At Christmas, we celebrate perhaps the greatest gift of all time - God with us - Emmanuel - to save us from our own storms. Without Christ's coming, we would have no hope and no future.

Your Christmas Offering will give others both hope and a future. Please join us in giving generously to this vital ministry. As always, thank you for being such a generous congregation.

Merry Christmas!

Sunday Worship

December 18, 2016

Fourth Sunday in Advent

9:00 am Chapel

10:00 am NewRoom/Library Ballroom

11:00 am Sanctuary

It was the LIGHT Before Christmas:
"Heavenly Light"

Matthew 1:18-25

Rev. Jimmy Towson



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

Jason & Jennifer Borage (2K/3K)
Caroline Perkins (4K/5K)



The arrangement in the chapel
is given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of

George, Anna and Robert Collier
by their daughter and sister Gail McNally.

The arrangement in the sanctuary is given
to the glory of God and in loving memory of

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Guest
by their children: Mack and Camilla,
Judson and Paula, June and Joe,
David and Debbie and 10 grandchildren.

Why Not Mulberry? Pledge Report

Pledge Year	Total Amount	Number of Pledges
2016	\$921,494	202
2017	\$736,263	159
Difference	(\$185,231)	(43)

Attendance Last Week

Nursery	17
Nine O'clock Worship	17
NewRoom Worship	62
Eleven O'clock Worship	460
Total Worship Attendance	556
Sunday School	139



Advent & Christmas at Mulberry

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



Jasolene "Jace" Carter Moss
December 9, 2016



Memorial Fund

In memory of Grace Walker Hix by
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Trogdon

Macon Outreach

In honor of Paul & Anne Riley by
Mr. Danny Humphrey

In memory of Stanley & Rosalyn Elkan by
Andy & Louise Watson

In memory of Don & Kay Rosen by
Andy & Louise Watson

In memory of Christine Parker Harshbarger by
Ms. Bonnie J. Kilpatrick

Honorarium

In honor of Judy Hodgens by
Mr. & Mrs. Austin Carter



Upper Room

January/February Upper Rooms are
available in the atrium.



Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries

Anchored

Sundays - 5:00 pm

Wednesdays

Youth Fellowship - 6:15 pm



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.)



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.





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.



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)
Total YTD	785,332.00	218,235.00	1,174,674.00	(171,108.00)



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
719 Mulberry Street, Macon, GA 31201
P.O. Box 149, Macon, GA 31202
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NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED WEEKLY

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)

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This Week at Mulberry

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
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary
5:00 pm Anchored

Tuesday, December 20

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

Wednesday, December 21

9:15 am CCM Chapel
10:30 am M/O Worship/Sanctuary

Thursday, December 22

9:30 am Circle of Friends Sewing Group/Rm 232

Saturday, December 24

3:00 pm Family Christmas Eve Communion
Service/Sanctuary
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memorials & gifts

Macon Outreach

In memory of Cubbedge Snow by

Harold & Freeda Chapman Bob & Patsy Fountain

In memory of Christine Harshbarger by

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In honor of Dr. Aubrey Harper by Dr. & Mrs. Daniel O. Fussell

In honor of Dr. Seth Bush by Dr. & Mrs. Daniel O. Fussell

*In honor of Carys and Calissa Fonner, our granddaughters by
Dr. & Mrs. Daniel O. Fussell*

In memory of Ken Thompson by Martha Thompson

In honor of Greg & Cindy Elliott by Clarice Sheehan

In memory of Penny Abney and Jim Twilley by George & Sandra Thistlewood

In honor of Betty Farr by Betty Butler

In memory of Tom Perkins by Waverly & Beth Golson

In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Gaudry by Mariann C. Evans

In honor of Marge Gersten by Brenda Turetsky

In honor of Carol Chanin by Margaret Berry

In honor of Carol Lovett by Margaret Berry

In honor of Sally McKay by Margaret Berry

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