

# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 25, 2016

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*For to us a child is born to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Isaiah 9:6*

### **Christmas Eve Services**

**Saturday, December 24**

*A Service for Children & Families/Sanctuary – 3:00 pm*

*Candlelight Communion Service/Sanctuary – 5:00 pm*

*Music of the Season begins at 4:30 pm*

### **Sunday, December 25**

*10:00 am Worship Service/Sanctuary*

### **Sunday, January 1**

*Regular schedule.*

# Sunday Worship

December 25, 2016

Christmas Day

9:30 am Sweet Rolls in Fellowship Hall  
10:00-10:30 am Worship Service/Sanctuary



## 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



The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of C.J. Bridges, Sr. and Vivian H. Bridges by the family.



Jeanette W. Gunn  
December 13, 2016

### Why Not Mulberry? Pledge Report

Pledge Year	Total Amount	Number of Pledges
2016	\$921,494	202
2017	\$714,083	152
Difference	(\$207,411)	(50)

### Attendance Last Week

Nursery	7
Nine O'clock Worship	28
NewRoom Worship	75
Eleven O'clock Worship	292
Total Worship Attendance	402
Sunday School	171

# MUSIC News

Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist

## Choirs in January

The Children's Choirs and Ainsworth Choir will resume their regular schedules in January. Children's Choirs – January 11 at 6:15 pm Ainsworth Choir – January 11 at 7:15 pm

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

The church office will be closed  
December 26, 27 and January 2.

(see back page for Pastoral contact information for emergencies.)



## 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).



Epiphany is the climax of the Christmas Season and the Twelve Days of Christmas, which are usually counted from Dec 25<sup>th</sup> until January 6<sup>th</sup>. In western Christian Tradition, January 6 is celebrated as Epiphany. The season of Epiphany extends from January 6<sup>th</sup> until Ash Wednesday, which begins the season of Lent leading to Easter. The term epiphany means "to show" or "to make known." It remembers the coming of the Wise Men who brought gifts to the Christ child, and who were the first Gentiles to acknowledge Jesus as the incarnate Christ. This was one of the first indications that Jesus came for all people, of all nations, of all races, and that the work of God in the world would not be limited to only a few. The season is now observed as a time of focusing on Christian brotherhood and fellowship, especially in healing the divisions of prejudice and bigotry that we all too often create between God's children.



Wise Men and Women Still Seek Him

## Grace Circle

The Grace Circle will meet Thursday, January 5 at the home of Florence Allen. All Women are invited!



Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries

### Anchored

Sundays – 5:00 pm

### Wednesdays

Youth Fellowship – 6:15 pm



# memorials & gifts

## Memorial Fund

- In memory of Cubbedge Snow, Jr. by**  
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Head Mrs. Betty Hurdle  
Mr. Charles H. Yates Mrs. Martha A. Thompson  
Mrs. Ginger A. Collins Mr. & Mrs. Waverly Golson  
Mr. W. H. Long Honorable & Mrs. Marc T. Treadwell  
Wimberly Treadwell Mr. & Mrs. James A. Berg, Sr.  
Mrs. Harriet A. Newton Mr. David G. Jeffords  
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Thomson Mr. & Mrs. G. Boone, III  
Claire Smith Anne, Alan & Meghan Chamlee  
Dr. & Mrs. Rush Abbott Peace Esther Circle  
Mr. & Mrs. Hal Clarke & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hightower Mr. Manley F. Brown  
Mr. Philip M. Brown Mr. & Mrs. Lester Giddens  
Mrs. Bessie M. Clay Dr. & Mrs. Edward Young  
Clark Young Mr. & Mrs. Robert F. Hatcher  
Mr. & Mrs. David Rozier Mr. & Mrs. John Edwards  
Mr. & Mrs. R. Lanier Anderson, III  
Mr. & Mrs. John Stewart Mrs. Frances Inzer
- In memory of Christine P. Harbarger by**  
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Head
- In memory of Grace Hix by**  
Mrs. B. W. Forester Mrs. Shirley J. Hooper
- In memory of Tom Perkins by**  
Mrs. Betty Hurdle
- In memory of C. Lane Lovein by**  
Mrs. Margaret S. Lovein
- In memory of Jace Moss by**  
Mrs. Frances H. Inzer

## General Fund

- In memory of Cubbedge Snow, Jr. by**  
Ms. Meryl Poku
- Macon Outreach Fund**  
**In memory of Christine P. Harbarger by**  
Mrs. Barbara B. Hightower  
Mr. & Mrs. Danny Humphrey
- In memory of Cubbedge Snow, Jr. by**  
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Marbut
- Garden Fund**  
**In honor of Volunteers by**  
GFWC Community Service Guild of Macon



Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries



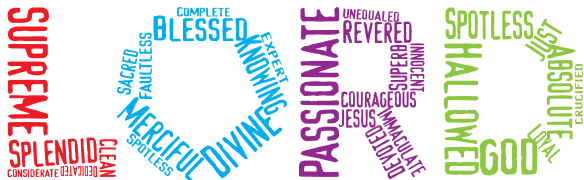
Friday, January 27

Come join us for a free night of family fun. We'll have light supper, and a movie in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30-8:00 pm. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Bring comfy chairs, blankets, pillows and even wear your PJs if you want! RSVP to Pam by January 22.

### Year End Gifts

Gifts to be credited to your giving record for this year, 2016, must be received in the church office by December 31, 2016 or postmarked by the post office no later than December 31. Gifts received after December 31 will be posted in 2017. Thank you for your attention to this important deadline. Thank you for your gifts.

## CALL ON HIS NAME



### 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>

### 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



### Macon Outreach Fund

- In memory of Dot Towson* by The Paula Motes Circle
- In memory of Tom Perkins* by The Paula Motes Circle
- In memory of Cubbedge Snow, Jr.* by Janet Stevens Jack & Marilyn Armstrong Paul Alton Basilico
- In memory of Christine Harshbarger* by Frank & Mary Anne Gaudry Peach State Lumber Products, Inc. Jack & Marilyn Armstrong Paul Alton Basilico Vernon & Margie Tanner Beth & Waverly Golson
- In honor of Dr. Brad Stevens* by Dr. Doug Morton
- In honor of Dr. Sid Moore* by Doug & Susan Morton
- In honor of Dr. Evelyn Bickley* by Susan Morton
- In honor of Dr. Teresa Luhrs* by Susan Morton
- In honor of Dr. Jennifer Allen* by Doug & Susan Morton
- In memory of William H. Young* by Sharon Young
- In memory of B.L.N. Reddy and V.S.N. Reddy* by Vundyala V. & Geetha Reddy
- In honor of Allison Gatliff Sawyers* by Susan Gatliff
- In memory of Guy Harrington* by Rev. & Mrs. V. L. Daughtery, Jr.
- In honor of Shannon Fickling* by Tom Wight
- In honor of Ken & Fran Mayhew* by Paul & Anne Riley
- In honor of Frances Inzer* by Paul & Anne Riley
- In honor of Evelyn Trimble* by Buster & Carolyn Barry
- In honor of Dr. Rick Lanford* by John & Teresa Edwards
- In honor of Bernie Sanders* by John Pattan
- In honor of Jeff Neisler* by Jill Thompson
- In honor of Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Easterlin* by Bryan & Nelle Persons
- In honor of Mrs. Logan Weaver* by Bryan & Nelle Persons
- In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Pink Persons, III* by Bryan & Nelle Persons
- In memory of Debra Geeslin* by Rosemarie McDaniel
- In honor of Frances Inzer* by Jane H. Brown
- In honor of Ashley Hurt* by Sarah C. Feely
- In honor of Kay Joiner* by Russell Joiner
- In honor of Mrs. George Youmans, Sr.* by Milton & Mary Ann Heard
- In honor of Creighton Browder* by Clay & Marcia Harshbarger
- In honor of Curtis & Dee Barnes* by Doris Mountjoy
- In honor of Mrs. Betty Butler* by Jimmy & Barbara Turner
- In honor of Dr. Jamie Cockfield* by Jimmy & Barbara Turner
- In honor of Mrs. Sarah Freant* by Jimmy & Barbara Turner
- In honor of Mrs. Ede Hardy* by Jimmy & Barbara Turner
- In honor of Mrs. Barbara Magnum* by Jimmy & Barbara Turner
- In honor of Mrs. Doris Anderson* by Jimmy & Barbara Turner
- In honor of Dr. Mary Patton* by Jimmy & Barbara Turner
- In honor of Dr. & Mrs. Jerry Tift* by Jimmy & Barbara Turner
- In honor of Mr. Tom Wight* by Jimmy & Barbara Turner
- In honor of Mrs. Katherine Clark & Dr. Joe Manning* by Jimmy & Barbara Turner
- In honor of Mildred Turner* by Jimmy & Barbara Turner
- In memory of Mary Anne Thurman* by William W. Williams
- In memory of Rev. W. Hamp Watson* by Jane W. Bettett & Lenna W. Morris
- In memory of E. O. Baggett* by Jane W. Baggett & Lenna W. Morris

### Donations Needed for Water Well Mission Trip to Nueva Concepcion, Guatemala

Your Mulberry mission team will take your donated items to Central America as Mulberry's generosity extends by way of a 7<sup>th</sup> water well expedition - this time to Nueva Concepcion in Guatemala!

**Donations may be dropped off in the atrium anytime until Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup>.**  
 The team is unable to accept or distribute clothing.

**TOYS:** Wham-O Frisbees, Playground grade jump ropes, soccer balls, footballs, tennis balls/solid rubber balls, ball pump & needles, bubbles

**SUPPLIES:** glue sticks, construction paper, plain white paper 8.5x11, brown paper lunch bags, paper plates/non-glossy, beads for gospel bracelets (different colors), twine, soap bars, toothbrushes/toothpaste, ziplock bags, playdough, white coffee filters

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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 25

9:30 am Sweet Rolls in Fellowship Hall  
10:00-10:30 am Worship Service/Sanctuary

### Monday, December 26-27

Church Office Closed

### Wednesday, December 28

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

### Thursday, December 29

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

### Sunday, January 1

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

### Monday, January 2

Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, January 3

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

### Wednesday, January 4

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

### Thursday, January 5

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

### Sunday, January 8

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



## Just for information...

We will not be publishing a newsletter for January 1, 2017.  
The next newsletter will be dated January 8, 2017.

## Sunday Worship January 1, 2017

Nine O'clock – Chapel  
Ten O'clock – NewRoom (Library Ballroom)  
Eleven O'clock – Sanctuary

“Navigating Nu-Way(s)”  
Matthew 12:1-12 (KJV)  
Rev. Tommy Perkins

### Ushers for Nine O'clock

Warren Dunn & Scott Wangen

### Ushers for Eleven O'clock

Charlie Bridges, Austin Carter, Ken Harper, Jason Hawkins, Baxter James,  
David Mann, Don Ream, Brett Toles, Bob Veto & Jim Wilson



The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God  
and in appreciation of Clifton Carswell, Doris Andrews and Jeffrey Smith  
by the Flower Guild.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Cohen & Dot James  
by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

## 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  
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Erin Frazier, Director, Children's Center  
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