Christmas Bell Bakery Sale

December 3

9:45 am – 12:45 pm

Sponsored by the Mulberry United Methodist Women

SALE OF HOMEMADE GOODIES FOR CHRISTMAS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
AFTER 9, 10, AND 11 CHURCH SERVICES

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
UMW Mission Giving, Macon Outreach
and UMC Hurricane Relief

To help these great causes BRING and/or BUY cookies, cakes, pies etc. Drop your
goodies by the fellowship Hall on Friday, December 1 – from 10:00-2:00 OR Saturday,
December 2 – from 10:00- 2:00 OR when you come, Sunday, December 3.

SO...
FREEZE THEM
OR EAT THEM ON THE WAY HOME!
BUY AS PRESENTS!
SPREAD AROUND THE JOY!

CASH OR CHECK:
All money paid for Baked Goods will be donated to missions. Checks should be made
out to Mulberry UMW.

NOTE CARDS featuring our Stained Glass Windows will be on sale also
they make great Christmas Cards!!!
**Sunday Worship**
December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent
9:00 am Chapel
10:00 am NewRoom/Library Ballroom
11:00 am Sanctuary

The Wonder of Christmas:
“Wonders Beyond our Expectations”
Isaiah 64:1-4 (CEB)

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**Advent and Christmas at Mulberry**

**Wednesday, November 29**

**Hanging of the Greens Service**
Sanctuary
(immediately following Wednesday Night Supper)

**Sunday, December 3**

La Fiesta de la Posada
5:00 pm – Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, December 10**

Ainsworth Choir’s Christmas Music
11:00 am Worship
Family Caroling
4:00 pm

**Sunday, December 17**

Children’s Nativity
11:00 am Worship

**Sunday, December 24**

11:00 am Family Christmas Communion Service/Sanctuary
4:30 pm Music of the Season/Sanctuary
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service/Sanctuary

**Esther Circle**
The Esther Circle will meet Thursday, December 7, at 12:00 noon in the Parlor.

**Grace Circle**
The Grace Circle will meet Thursday, December 7 at 6:30 at the home of Marilyn Armstrong.

Come help us prepare surprises for our shut-ins.

**Anticipation**

**Peace Love Hope Jesus**

**Committed 2018 Pledge Report**

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**For To Us A Son Is Given**

**Altar & Flowers**
The arrangement in the sanctuary is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for her husband, Robert Walthall Gerson, and her daughters, Kimberly & Tim Munshower and Allison & Victor Younkins by Naomi Gerson.

**TREvor Ward, Interim Director of Youth Ministries**

**Sunday Mornings**
Youth Sunday School
10:00 am – Youth Class Room 314

**Sunday Evenings**
Anchored - 5:00 pm

**Travel Ministry Seminar**
Thursday, November 30
5:00 pm – Fellowship Hall
We are planning a 2018 trip to Indiana and Kentucky to go to the Creation Museum, the Ark Encounter, and go on The Lanier Mansion & Mayfield Dairy Tour. The trip will be four nights with lodging at finer hotels, resorts and historic taverns. Please plan to attend the seminar to find out more details.

Questions? Contact Jeff Cook, 745-8601 or jcook@mulberrymethodist.org.

**Rose of Sharon Banner**

During the weeks of Advent, in the atrium, you will see our Rose of Sharon banner. Over the next few weeks consider this – the Rose of Sharon grows in dry and unfavorable conditions producing a beautiful flower. The Rose of Sharon is sometimes considered a symbol of the most precious gift – Jesus, who came from the root of Jesse and David to redeem and save us.

“I am the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley” (Song of Solomon 2:1). Reflect on the beauty and joys of this Advent season as we wait for the coming of the Christ Child.

Chris Abbott, Worship Chair
**Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries**

Join Mulberry United Methodist Church for

**“The Night of Las Posadas”**

Fun Games! Faith Based Fun!

Spend the morning hearing the story & witnessing
Mary & Joseph’s journey to The Inn in Bethlehem.

**Saturday, December 2**
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
$15 Child, Lunch will be provided.
RSVP by Nov. 18 at sherryingnlt@gmail.com

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**Family Advent at Mulberry**

If your child would like to participate in the Nativity on December 17 or the Christmas Eve Service at 11:00 am please let Pam know by December 3.

**pjohnston@mulberrymethodist.org**

**Children’s Choirs Program: La Fiesta de la Posada**
December 3 - 5:00 pm - Fellowship Hall

**Family Caroling**
Sunday, December 10 - 4:00 pm

**Children’s Nativity**
Sunday, December 17 - 11:00 am Worship

**Family Christmas Eve Communion Service**
Sunday, December 24 - 11:00 am - Sanctuary

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**Grief Share for the Holidays**
**Wednesday, December 13**
11:30 am – 1:30 pm
**Luncheon in the Parlor**
If you are grieving the loss of a loved one this holiday season, come and hear some practical ways in which you can work through your grief.

RSVP to Jeff Cook at jcook@mulberrymethodist.org by Monday, December 11.

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**Macon Outreach Holiday Celebration**
We need pies and cakes for our Holiday Celebration on December 6th. Donations can be brought to Macon Outreach on December 6th by 10:00 am.

**Clothing Needs**

**Urgent need for SOCKS!**
Women’s: clothes (large size) & shoes
Men’s: belts, shoes & jackets

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**Macon Outreach Holiday Celebration**

**G2G Mission Trip**
**Hinton Rural Life Center, Hayesville, NC**
January 12-15, 2018
Cost: $195
($100 deposit due November 30th – balance due December 17th)
Registration forms are available on the volunteer desk in the church office.
Questions? Please contact your “Generational Coordinator”:
For Youth contact Trevor, trevor.lamanze@gmail.com
For Ages 20 to 54 contact Jim Manley, jimmanley@synovus.com
For Ages 55 and up contact Lee Triesenberg, leetree@bellsouth.net

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You are invited to join us for a four week Advent Study, *The Songs of Advent*, by Ed Rowell.
Rev. Jeff Cook will lead the study. Each session is stand alone.
Please bring your Bible and a pen.
We will meet on Thursdays from Noon – 1:00 p.m.
on the following dates:
November 30 and December 7, 14, and 21.
All meetings will be held in the parlor with the exception of December 7, which will be held in the Conference Room.
Lunch will be provided and cost $5.00 per person
Please R.S.V.P. to jcook@mulberrymethodist.org or call the church office at 745-8601.
This Week at Mulberry

**Sunday, December 3**
9:00 am Worship/Chapel
9:30 Blue Room Kids
9:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am NewRoom Worship/Library Ballroom
11:15 am NewRoom Group
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary
4:45 pm Anchored
6:15 pm Women's Bible Study/M. Walker

Tuesday, December 5
6:15 am Women's Bible Study/Starbucks
7:00 am Men's Bible Study/Taste & See
9:30 am Staff Meeting/Conf Rm
12:00 pm Kiwanis/F-Hall
6:30 pm Small Group/Lamback's

Wednesday, December 6
9:15 am CCM Chapel
10:30 am M/O Worship/Chapel
12:30 pm Staff Christmas Lunch/Youth Room
4:30 pm UMW Exec Mtg/Conf Rm
7:15 pm Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, December 7
9:30 am Circle of Friends Sewing Group/Rm 232
12:00 pm Advent Study/Conf Rm
12:00 pm Esther Circle/Parlor
5:30 pm CCM Christmas Party/F-Hall

Saturday, December 9
9:00 am – 12:00 pm Ainsworth Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 10
9:00 am Worship/Chapel
9:30 Blue Room Kids
9:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am NewRoom Worship/Library Ballroom
11:15 am NewRoom Group
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**Sunday Morning NewRoom Small Group**
11:15 am
Contact: Jim Smith (478-747-4189) or Michael Woodward at woodward2191@windstream.net

**Sunday Evenings Women’s Bible Study**
6:15-7:15 pm - Home of Molly Walker (4336 Old Club Road)
Contact: Molly (478-731-7175) or mollywalker@cox.net.

**Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study**
6:15 am - Starbucks at 4640 Forsyth Street
Contact: Clare Rauls (478-731-6813) or clarerauls@bellsouth.net.

**Tuesday Morning Men’s Bible Study**
7:00 am - Taste and See Coffee Shop (downtown)
Contact: Rev. Jimmy Towson (478-538-9067) or jtowson@mulberrymethodist.org.

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**Mulberry Street UMC Staff**

Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor  ·  Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor
Trevor Ward & Tyler Giles, NewRoom Worship Leaders
Richard Kosowsi, Director of Music  ·  Pat Crouse, Organist
Bruce Bishop, Church Administrator
Trevor Ward, Interim Director of Youth Ministries
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 & Michael Washington, Custodians
Tshanghi Corey, Director, Children’s Center
Debbie Touson, Director, Macon Outreach