



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 4, 2016

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The Plum Pudding Festival **Sunday, December 4** **5:00 pm** **Fellowship Hall**

The Plum Pudding Festival came to the United States from England many years ago. Mulberry's version features a grand procession of flaming plum pudding cakes brought into the fellowship hall by parents and other willing participants donned in towering chef's hats.

After the children present their music, everyone joins in an enthusiastic rendition of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" as the cakes are "processed." The evening concludes with a light supper and delicious plum pudding cake. Everyone is invited to join the children for this fun evening of great fellowship.

Sunday Worship

December 4, 2016

Second Sunday in Advent

9:00 am Chapel

10:00 am NewRoom/Library Ballroom

11:00 am Sanctuary

'Twas the LIGHT Before Christmas:
"Firelight"

Matthew 3:1-12

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 & Allison Hawkins (2K/3K)

Robert & Heather Evans (4K/5K)



Altar Flowers



The arrangement in the sanctuary is given to the glory of God and in honor of Ann Brannen Wilkes on her 95th birthday of December 9 by her daughter and son-in-law Nancy B. and Chris Kelley and her grandchildren Elizabeth and Joseph Kelley.

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	6
Nine O'clock Worship	34
NewRoom Worship	52
Eleven O'clock Worship	168
Total Worship Attendance	260
Sunday School	143



CHRISTMAS



Advent & Christmas at Mulberry

Sunday, December 4

Plum Pudding Festival

5:00 pm – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 11

Ainsworth Choir's Christmas Music

11:00 am Worship

Family Caroling

4:00 pm

Sunday, December 18

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

10:00 am Worship Service/Sanctuary



Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries

Anchored

Sundays – 5:00 pm

Wednesdays

Youth Fellowship – 6:15 pm



To Rosemary Burke, Jean Crawford Burke 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.



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.



Grace Elizabeth Walker Hix
November 17, 2016





Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Christmas CAMP

Saturday, December 3
9:00 am - 1:30 pm
Ages 3-11

Cost: \$15 (includes lunch)

Limited space - RSVP required by November 30.



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.

Plum Pudding Festival

December 4

5:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Come hear the children's choirs sing and enjoy plum pudding cake by our beautiful family tree. It will be one of the best blessings you experience all year!

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)
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 Green Beans
Cereal
Canned Mixed Vegetables (no Corn)
Oatmeal in Individual Packets



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

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Rev. Jimmy Towson (538-9067)
Rev. Tommy Perkins (615-691-3171)
Rev. Bill Culpepper (803-673-7860)

This Week at Mulberry

Sunday, December 4

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 Plum Pudding Festival/F-Hall

Monday, December 5

6:00 pm Master Gardener Dinner/F-Hall

Tuesday, December 6

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

Wednesday, December 7

9:15 am CCM Chapel
10:30 am M/O Worship/Chapel
4:30 pm UMW Board Mtg/Conf Rm
6:30 pm Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, December 8

9:30 am Circle of Friends Sewing Group/Rm 232
12:00 pm Esther Circle/Parlor

Saturday, December 10

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Ainsworth Choir
Dress Rehearsal/Sanctuary

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



Ester Circle

*The Esther Circle will meet Wednesday, December 8
at 12:00 pm in the Parlor.*

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