



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 28, 2016

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GOD IS

There are two things about God that I heard recently that I have found to be true in my life. Here they are:

1. God is always speaking.
2. God is always teaching.

The first statement might bother some of us who would say, "I haven't heard God say anything to me lately." I've been there - periods in my life where I felt like God was silent. Or, maybe it was not that he quit speaking - it's just that he quit speaking to me. Have you ever felt that way?

Yet, as time passed, and I continued to seek him, I began to hear him speak again - through the Word, through others, through music, movies or books. Job's friend said, "For God speaks again and again, though people do not recognize it." Job 33:14 (NLT) It makes sense that if we are not close to him, it would be hard to hear him speak to us. See John 10:27-28 (ESV)

The second statement about God gives me comfort. Knowing that I am far from being a finished product, I am so grateful that God continues to teach me - to help me grow more into the likeness of Christ. Every experience in life is an opportunity to learn and to grow. In Psalm 32:8 (NIV) the Lord says, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you." I can't think of a better teacher than the Lord!

As we move toward Easter this year, I pray to experience both of these truths in a deeper way. If we yearn for Christ to speak to us and to help us grow, we will find him faithful once again.

Blessings,



Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Lent Mission Project

Bring snacks and personal hygiene supplies for "Blessing Bags".
Sign up at

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084baaaf29abf49-blessing>

Deadline (we'll stuff bags in Sunday school on Sunday, March 13th)



Saturday, February 27

7:45 am - 4:00 pm

Confirmants and Mentors Invited!

Come visit an interactive, outdoor museum of archeology from Biblical times - including a working olive press, tomb, cross, sheepfold, mummies, etc. We'll make bread over a fire and be served a 4-course Passover meal. Cost: \$32 or scholarship available.



Saturday, March 26

Coleman Hill

11:00 am - 1:00 pm



On Sunday, May 8, we will recognize during the 11 o'clock worship service all the children who have been born into the Mulberry Family who are under 18 months of age. Below is a list of the children we know of. Please contact Pam if you know of another baby who needs to be on the list.

Murphy James Hinshaw John Emmett Mooney
Madeline Kate Moore Emily Sharon Palmer
Anna Jane Stephens



Vacation Bible School

June 13-17, 2016

8:45 am - 12:00 pm

Online registration begins in April.

Want to volunteer? Let Pam know!



Pantry Needs:
Rice & Mac & Cheese



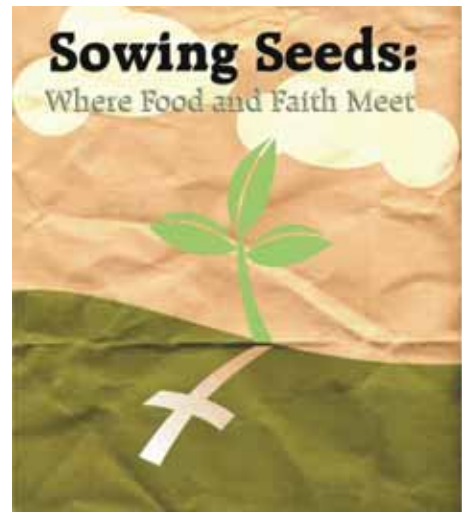
There is a bucket in the atrium to receive donations to Daybreak.

Supplies Needed:

Paper Towels

Coffee Creamer

Sugar



The National UMC Caring for Creation Conference
April 8-9, 2016
Decatur First UMC

The theme of the 9th annual Caring for Creation Conference is "Sowing Seeds - Where Food and Faith Meet."

This conference is about people and their interactions with the Creation through food and food production. It is designed to help participants to think and pray deeply about food: the way we produce it, the way we consume it, and its importance in our faith. This 2-day event will feature keynote speakers including Norman Wirzba of Duke University, Jennifer Ayres of Emory University's Candler School of Theology, and Alice Rolls of Georgia Organics.

Contact Jack Head for more information (719-7455) or email him at ajacksonhead@gmail.com or go to the link below.

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ebefye07d7ffff8f&llr=tjfrircab>

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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, February 28

9:00 am Worship/Chapel
 9:40 am KIDSPRAISE
 9:45 am Sunday School
 9:45 am Mulberry 101/Conf Rm
 11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary
 5:00 pm Anchored
 5:00 pm Confirmation Class

Tuesday, March 1

8:30 am Prayer Group/Prayer Rm
 10:30 am Staff Meeting/Conf Rm
 12:00 pm Kiwanis/F-Hall

Wednesday, March 2

9:15 am CCM Chapel
 10:30 am M/O Worship
 4:30 pm UMW Board Mtg/Conf Rm
 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper
 6:15 pm Children's Choirs
 6:15 pm Youth Fellowship
 7:15 pm Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, March 3

9:30 am Circle of Friends Sewing Group/Rm 232
 12:00 pm Esther Circle/Parlor
 6:30 pm Grace Circle

Friday, March 4

10:30 am – 2:30 pm CF&A Mtg/Rm 323
 5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal/Coleman

Saturday, March 5

5:00 pm Wedding/Coleman

Sunday, March 6

9:00 am Worship/Chapel
 9:40 am KIDSPRAISE
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary
 5:00 pm Anchored
 5:00 pm Confirmation Class



KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

Mulberry will once again support the spring KAIROS spiritual renewal weekend on March 10-13, at the Burruss Correctional Training Center, in Forsyth. We invite your prayer support, home baked cookies, financial donations, and cards/art work especially by children. Steve Rumford and Sam Lamback are participating team members. Deadline for contributions is Sunday, March 6th.

Contact: Sam Lamback at (478) 550-3067, lambacks@bellsouth.net.

Budget Report 2015

Month	Revenue	Expense	Net	Endowment	
				Revenue	Net
Jan	65,946	96,592	(30,646)	0	(30,646)
Feb	83,166	105,627	(22,462)	0	(22,462)
Mar	102,146	113,483	(11,337)	6,000	(5,337)
Apr	86,112	107,031	(20,919)	6,000	(14,919)
May	98,658	99,700	(1,042)	6,000	4,958
Jun	74,263	113,841	(39,578)	6,000	(33,578)
Jul	80,661	104,878	(24,217)	6,000	(18,217)
Aug	97,141	106,791	(9,650)	6,000	(3,650)
Sep	96,572	120,975	(24,403)	6,000	(18,403)
Oct	81,881	112,297	(30,416)	6,000	(24,416)
Nov	189,412	156,812	32,600	6,000	38,600
Dec	216,305	116,569	99,736	(12,833)	86,903
Total YTD	1,272,262	1,354,596	(82,334)	41,167	(41,167)

Mulberry Street UMC Staff

Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries
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

