



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 3, 2016

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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It's hard to believe that 2015 is almost done! I'm sure there is a department store somewhere with Valentine's cards & candy on display! I hope that your 2015 was a good year. Maybe God answered your prayers in a powerful way, a relationship was restored, you got good news on the test result or you welcomed a new member into the family. Maybe your faith grew as you took another step closer to Christ by worshipping, studying or serving.

Sometimes when we look back, we see the evidence of God's work in our lives. Maybe it was a hard year for you, but looking back you can see how God was with you and sustained you through it all. Now you realize that you could not have made it through 2015 without his help.

As we Debbie and I reflect on 2015, we are so grateful that God's plan included sending us back to Mulberry Street UMC, where you so warmly received us. We love being here and I am honored to serve as your Senior Pastor. There is nothing like being back home!

God has blessed Mulberry with many new members, visitors, improved pledges/finances and answered prayers. He has reminded us of our "Why Mulberry" and challenged us to think about how we can continue to be a "symbol and source of blessing." Even still, I am fully convinced that he is not through yet and has even greater things in store for us in 2016!

Here's my prayer for you and your family at the end of this year - that you feel the love of God in Christ Jesus like never before. I pray that you better understand just how much you are loved by the one who sent his son to earth to save you! I pray that you feel his presence close by and that you are strengthened and ready for the journey ahead.

I pray that 2016 brings new opportunities for renewal, growth and much joy! I fully believe that God has much for us to do this coming year, and I am so glad that you are part of the Mulberry family!

So, on behalf of the entire Mulberry staff - we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jimmy".



Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Confirmation Retreat

Please pray for those of us attending the Confirmation Retreat, January 15-18, 2016 in the mountains of North Carolina. It's an important weekend for our church family as we travel to focus on serving others.



Friday, January 23

5:30-8:00 pm

Light supper and snacks provided.

Cost is free but donations are accepted.

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
Total YTD	1,055,957	1,238,027	(182,071)	54,000	(128,071)

Year End Gifts

Gifts to be credited to your giving record for this year, 2015, must be received in the church office by December 31, 2015 or postmarked by the post office no later than December 31. Gifts received after December 31 will be posted in 2016. Thank you for your attention to this important deadline. Thank you for your gifts.



Memorial Fund

In memory of Hazel Couch by

*Mr. David N. Munford Mrs. Norma M. Munford
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Riley*

*In memory of David Kiser Whatley and his
Grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond A. Thompson by
Ms. Kristin D. Whatley*



Pantry Needs:

Rice & Mac & Cheese



Macon Outreach Fund

In honor of Freeda and Harold Chapman by Mr. Wiley Sloan

In honor of Andy Watson by Ms. Ann Tift

In memory of Marie Williams by

Esther Circle Elizabeth and Everett Drinnon

In memory of Mary Anderson Comer by

H. Crocker and Sarah H. Smith

In memory of Marie Doss Harris by

H. Crocker and Sarah H. Smith

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Rau by

Susan and Sid Middlebrooks

In honor of Dr. Seth Bush by Carys and Calissa Fonner

In honor of Margaret Berry by Carol Chanin

In honor of Sally McKay by Carol Chanin

In honor of Carole Lovett by Carol Chanin

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Whitten by Margaret P. Bell

In honor of Ann Harper Smith by Eddings A. Smith

In memory of Robert Sheehan, Jr. by Cindy and Greg Elliott

In memory of Ruth Elliott by Cindy Elliott

In memory of James (Spike) Hinman by Cindy and Greg Elliott

In memory of Cecilia Koestler by Cindy and Greg Elliott

In memory of David Nicholson by Cindy and Greg Elliott

In memory of Arthur Anderson by Cindy and Greg Elliott

In honor of Barbara and Sam Henley by Cindy and Greg Elliott

In honor of Ginny and Sam Lamback by Cindy and Greg Elliott

In honor of Gail Springstead by Cindy and Greg Elliott

In honor of Bill Roberts by Cindy and Greg Elliott

In memory of Florence Hutchings by Cindy and Greg Elliott

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Albert McKay by Carole and Bob Lovett

In honor of Dr. and Mrs. Ves Berry by Carole and Bob Lovett

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chanin by

Carole and Bob Lovett

In honor of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Turk by Carole and Bob Lovett

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gaby by Carole and Bob Lovett

In honor of Margaret Berry by Sally McKay

In honor of Carol Chanin by Sally McKay

In honor of Carole Lovett by Sally McKay



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 9

5:30 pm Fellowship Hall

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 10

6:30 pm Sanctuary

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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, January 3

9:00 am Worship/Chapel
9:40 am KIDSPRAISE
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 5

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

Wednesday, January 6

9:15 am CCM Chapel
10:30 am M/O Worship
12:30 pm Centering Prayer
4:30 pm Memorial Service for Cindy Bateman/Chapel
5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper
6:15 pm Children's Choirs
6:15 pm Youth Fellowship
7:15 pm Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, January 7

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

Friday, January 8

5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal/Bonner-Broun

Saturday, January 9

5:30 pm Wedding/Bonner-Broun

Sunday, January 10

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



Macon Outreach Fund

In honor of Robert and Carol Chanin by Ves and Margaret Berry
In honor of Frank and Lawson Kelly by Ves and Margaret Berry
In honor of Leila Holmes by Ves and Margaret Berry
In honor of Bob and Carole Lovett by Ves and Margaret Berry
In honor of Albert and Sally McKay by Ves and Margaret Berry
In honor of Minor and Natalie Vernon by Ves and Margaret Berry
In honor of Libbie Walthall by Ves and Margaret Berry
In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dickey by Nelle and Bryan Persons
In honor of Dr. and Mrs. Ken Harper by Nelle and Bryan Persons
In honor of Shannon Fickling by Nelle and Bryan Persons
In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris by Nelle and Bryan Persons
In memory of Rusty Gunn by Nelle and Bryan Persons
In honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Easterlin by Nelle and Bryan Persons
In honor of Shannon Fickling by Tom B. Wight
In honor of Ken and Fran Mayhew by Anne and Paul Riley
In memory of Susanna R. Nicholson by Ben Rives
In honor of Ruby Madge Banksdale by Kimberly and Kenneth Tyson
In honor of Beth and John Tripp by Jan and Marcus Tripp
In honor of Ed and Melinda Powell by Mark and Pat Andrews
In memory of Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Woodall, Sr. by W. Robert Woodall, Jr.
In honor of Ann and Ken Hall by Sally and Coyet Lowery
In memory of Debra Geeslin by Rose McDaniel
In honor of Frances Inzer's birthday by Anne and Paul Riley
In memory of Bette Urquhart by Alashia S. Dawson
In memory of Ken Thompson by Martha Adams Thompson
In memory of Betty Persons Ballard by Beth and Tom Curles
In memory of William Gatliff by Wes and Allison Sawyers
In memory of Alice and Leland Jackson by James L. Jackson, Jr.
In memory of Ben Simpson by Elaine and Beal Williams
In honor of Dr. Brad Stevens by Dr. Doug Morton
In honor of Dr. Sid Moore by Doug and Susan Morton
In honor of Dr. Evelyn Bickley by Susan Morton
In honor of Dr. Teresa Luhrs by Susan Morton

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 *Erin Frazier, Director, Children's Center*
Debbie Towson, Director, Macon Outreach
Sara Colvin, Financial Secretary *Linda Parker, Administrative Secretary*
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Custodians
Clifton Carswell *Jeffrey Smith*