

MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 19, 2017

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God Is At Work

Do you ever have one of those moments where God simply stuns you? You know what I'm talking about - when someone says something that speaks directly to a thought, idea or prayer that you have discussed with Jesus?

That happened to me again recently. I was talking with a friend about an idea, and as we talked he shared something he had said just moments before that lined up perfectly with that idea. We both said, "God is at work!" As we talked about this, we both were stunned that God had placed the same thought on his heart as he had placed in mine many days before.

There are so many people who simply don't know how God is at work in our world, in their lives all around the world - every day! I wish they could see and hear what you and I get to see and hear - those moments when it becomes crystal clear that God is alive and working.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus told us that his Father was always working. You remember that Jesus had healed a crippled man on the Sabbath, and some of the religious leaders took offense because they believed it violated their tradition and law. Jesus didn't even slow down, but he said something that has proven true in my life (and I suspect in yours too).

So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. In his defense Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working." For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

John 5:16-18 (NIV)

I am grateful that our Father in heaven is always "at his work to this very day." Here's the beauty of this work of God - God is working way ahead of us and we don't even know it. He doesn't take a day off, call in sick or simply not show up for work! He's always working to help, comfort, teach, correct, heal and love.

I don't know about you, but I want to follow and serve a God like that! Where have you seen God work like that in your life? What if you shared that experience with someone in your family, at work or at church? It just might encourage someone else to believe in a God who is always at work!

Blessings,

Sunday Worship

March 19, 2017

9:00 am Chapel

10:00 am NewRoom/Library Ballroom

11:00 am Sanctuary

"Giving Up Superiority"

John 4:5-42

Rev. Jimmy Towson



Assisting with Worship

Nine O'clock Ushers

Bill Jackson & Clay Washburn

Eleven O'clock Ushers

Richard Ector, Waverly Golson,

Mel Jamison, Martin Magda,

Darin McClure, Jason Mott, Ed Powell,

Doyle Powers, Bert Thompson,

Ben Vaughn & Tom Woodcock

Children's Church

Lindsey Culpepper (2K/3K)

Tom & Elizabeth Fonner (4K/5K)



Altar Flowers



The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her son, Stan Warchak, and husband, John Warchak by Aliene Warchak.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by the Scampers in loving memory of the faithful members who are no longer with us.



Jim Weldon

February 12, 2017

Attendance Last Week

Nursery	11
Nine O'clock Worship	41
NewRoom Worship	41
Eleven O'clock Worship	230
Total Worship Attendance	323

MUSIC News



Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist

Wesley Choir Extra Rehearsals

Sunday, March 19

4:00-5:00 pm - Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 22

5:00-5:30 pm

Everyone in Sanctuary for warm-up

6:15 pm - Performance

(This is the final evening of children's choirs... will also include choir awards.)

"Mass in G" by Schubert

Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017

11:00 am

Ainsworth Choir

McDuffie Center Strings

Dr. C. David Keith, Conductor

Cherry Blossom Organ Concerts

March 27-31, 2017

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church

Daily Concerts at 12 Noon

Monday, March 27

Gerald Carper, Organist

Tuesday, March 28

Caitlin Dowling

Wednesday, March 29

Pat Graham Crowe

Thursday, March 30

Elizabeth Morgan

Friday, March 31

Joseph O'Berry

Co-sponsored by Mulberry Street UMC
Macon Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

MIDWEEK AT MULBERRY

Love, Care and Share around the Table

March 22

Menu: Chicken Tenders

Program:

Wesley Choir presenting the musical "Unplugged" and Children's Choir Awards



Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries

Anchored

Sundays - 5:00 pm

Wednesdays

Youth Fellowship - 6:15 pm



The Music Committee has planned two opportunities for you to Celebrate Cam Bishop's 35 years of service to Mulberry!

A Retirement Dinner Party to Honor Cam Bishop

Sunday, April 23, 2017

5:30 Social Time 6:30 Dinner

Emerson Ballroom

543 Plum Street Macon, Georgia

Tickets \$30 each Purchase by April 2, 2017 and

A Reception Honoring Cam Bishop

Sunday, May 21, 2017

immediately following 11 o'clock

Worship Service

Fellowship Hall

Mulberry Street UMC

Dinner Ticket Information

Dinner tickets will be available in the Atrium on Sundays from 9:30-11:00 am March 19-April 2 and on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00 pm March 22 and March 29.

For questions, please contact Bonnie Hinshaw at bonniebjh@cox.net (912) 713-5190 or Judy Hodgens at jhodgens.int@gmail.com or (478) 361-0216.



Flowering of the Easter Cross

On Easter Sunday morning members of Mulberry are asked to bring flowers from their yards or gardens to place on the cross in Mulberry's courtyard. The cross will be covered in greenery and chicken wire and flowers will be easily placed on the cross. Please bring flowers to the courtyard prior to Sunday school. This beautiful blooming cross will symbolize our risen Christ to all who pass by our church home after Easter.

Mark your Calendar for National Day of Prayer



Details soon.



Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries



SMAK (Supper, Missions & Kids)
(Ages 5-11) (Nursery provided)
Sundays: February 19 - March 26

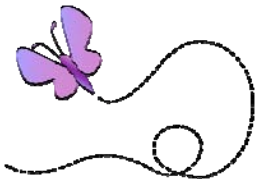
Join us in the Blue Room for 6 weeks of fellowship (bring your own snack supper), a devotion/prayer time, and fun projects that will help us learn about God's people on a Journey to Easter.



Palm Sunday Processional
April 9
11:00 am Worship Service



Easter Egg Hunt/Family Picnic
Saturday, April 15
11:00 am - 1:00 pm - Coleman Hill



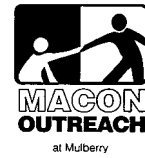
Easter Butterfly Release
Sunday, April 16
10:30 am
Mulberry Courtyard



Family Ministries Survey

Mulberry Street UMC wants to improve its Family Ministries so we can offer more of what you need from church. As partners with you in forming a faith foundation in your children, we know that many things are important, including meaningful worship, family activities, small groups and ways we can serve in our community. Please take 5 minutes and fill out this anonymous survey. Your voice is important and **we need input from everyone**. How can we make Mulberry a place you want to invite your friends?

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6BDVP9S>



Clothing Closet Renovation

We are beginning a new adventure for the Clothing Closet at Macon Outreach. We will be renovating the Cheerios building in the next few months and are looking forward to opening a New Clothing Closet in early spring.

Until the renovation is complete, the Clothing Closet will be operating at a reduced level of service in the Macon Outreach Conference Room, located in the basement of Mulberry Street UMC. This service will be offered on Tuesday mornings. Vouchers from the Rescue Mission will be given for any additional clothing not stocked.

All donations of used clothing can be sent to the Macon Rescue Mission or non-profits of your choice.

Thank you for your support and prayers during our renovation.



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

Supplies Needed:

Body Wash Spray Deodorant Creamer

Mulberry Community Garden



Volunteer Gardeners

Tuesdays in the Garden - 1:30-3:30 pm

Thursdays in the Garden - 1:30-3:30 pm

Questions? Call Jack Head 719-7455



Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday Processional and Service

Sunday, April 9, 11 AM

Holy Week Services

Monday-Wednesday, April 10-12 & Friday, April 14 - 12 Noon (followed by lunch)

Maundy Thursday Communion

Thursday, April 13 - 6 PM

Good Friday

Friday, April 14 - 12 Noon (followed by lunch)

Easter Egg Hunt on Coleman Hill

Saturday, April 15 - 11 am - 1 PM

Sunrise Service on Coleman Hill

Easter Sunday, April 16, 7:00 AM

Easter Services

Sunday, April 16, 9 AM, 10 AM & 11 AM

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over Radio Station AM 940 WMAC.



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Rev. Tommy Perkins (615-691-3171)
Rev. Bill Culpepper (803-673-7860)

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This Week at Mulberry

Sunday, March 19

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
5:00 pm SMAK

Tuesday, March 21

8:30 Prayer Group/Prayer Rm
9:30 am Staff Meeting/Conf Rm
12:00 pm Kiwanis/F-Hall
5:30 pm Called Charge Conference/
Church Council Mtg/F-Hall

Wednesday, March 22

8:30 am Lenten Study/Parlor
9:15 am CCM Chapel
10:30 am M/O Worship/Chapel
5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper
6:15 pm Children's Choir Musical
6:15 pm Youth Fellowship
7:15 pm Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, March 23

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

Sunday, March 26

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
5:00 pm SMAK



Spring 2017 Women's Bible Study

This 6-week study, *The Best Yes* by Lysa Terkeurst, will begin on Sunday, April 2nd at 6:30 pm (Sunday Evening Group) and April 4th at 6:30 am (Tuesday Morning Group).

This Bible study is open to ALL women. Each participant can purchase her own study guide at the following link: <https://www.p31bookstore.com/collections/by-lysa-terkeurst/products/the-best-yes-participant-guide>

There is a *The Best Yes* book as well. The book is optional but may enhance your study. You can purchase the book on this link: <https://www.p31bookstore.com/collections/by-lysa-terkeurst/products/the-best-yes>

** If you or someone you know needs help in purchasing the study guide, please let Karen Carter know at kcarter@mulberrymethodist.org or 478-745-8601.**

The Methodist Home for Children and Youth

Invites You to:

Celebration Day: An Open House

Saturday, April 22, 2017

10:30 am - 2:00 pm

Called Charge Conference

Church Council Meeting

March 21, 2017

5:30 pm - Fellowship Hall

The Church Council meeting on March 21st will be a called Charge Conference for the purpose of recommending Pam Johnston pursuant to BOD ¶310(1)(e) to the district committee on ordained ministry to be a certified candidate for ordination as a deacon.

DO YOU WANT TO BE CHALLENGED IN LENT?

Try reading through the Bible with Bill!

Weekly discussions every Wednesday during Lent in the Parlor at 8:30.

Coffee and breakfast will be provided! Can't make it to the meetings but want the reading plan?

Email Bill at bculpepper@mulberrymethodist.org

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

Annette Avant, Interim Director, Children's Center

Debbie Towson, Director, Macon Outreach