



# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 27, 2016

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**This Easter weekend, Come and worship.  
Give thanks. Celebrate Life!**

## *Easter Egg Hunt*

*Saturday, March 26  
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM*

*Everyone is invited to the fun on Coleman Hill.  
Bring picnic lunch, drinks, chairs and blankets.*

## *Easter Sunrise Service*

*7:30 AM on Coleman Hill  
Rev. Sam Lamback, Preacher*

*In the event of rain, the service will be held in Mulberry's sanctuary.*

## *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.*

## *Easter Worship*

*(both services will be in the Sanctuary)  
9:00 & 11:00 AM Sanctuary  
Rev. Jimmy Towson, Preacher  
Ainsworth Choir*

# Sunday Worship

March 27, 2016

9:00 am Chapel  
11:00 am Sanctuary

**"Lifted Up from the Earth"**  
**Luke 24:1-12**

**Rev. Jimmy Towson**



## Assisting with Worship

**Usher for Nine O'clock**

Bill Jackson & Clay Washburn

**Ushers for Eleven O'clock**

Art Banks, Waverly Golson, Mel Jamison,  
Martin Magda, Darin McClure, Jason Mott,  
Ed Powell, Doyle Powers, Bert Thompson,  
Ben Vaughn, Tom Woodcock

**Children's Church**

Clay & Sherry Singleton (2K/3K)



## Altar Flowers



*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. & Mrs. J. Milton Heard, Jr. by Mr. & Mrs. Milton Heard, III and family.*



Janet Collins  
March 17, 2016

## Attendance Last Week

Nursery	6
Nine O'clock Worship	50
Eleven O'clock Worship	319
Total Worship Attendance	375
Sunday School	205

# MUSIC News

Cam Bishop, Director of Music

## Ainsworth Choir & Brass On Sunday, April 17

This service will feature some of the choir's favorite anthems as well as great congregational singing accompanied by brass and timpani. You'll not want to miss this 11:00 service. Come and invite people to join you.



**The church office will be closed Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.**



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**March 30**

**Menu**  
**Meatloaf**

**Program**  
**Katie Trotter Sings**



Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries

**Anchored**

Sundays - 5:00 pm

**Youth Fellowship**

Wednesdays - 6:15 pm



## KAIROS REPORT

*by Sam Lamback*

The Mulberry community needs to know the impact of your generous support of the March 10-13, 2016, Kairos spiritual renewal weekend. Forty-one inmates of the Burruss Correctional Training Center in Forsyth, GA led by a team of thirty volunteer lay and clergy men expressed life-changing spirit.

Mulberrians Steve Rumford and Sam Lamback participated as group and worship leaders during the 72 hour weekend experience. We bonded particularly with the six inmate participants at our "family tables" in discussion, fellowship, worship, and meals. Our role was to "Listen, Listen, Love, Love" (the Kairos motto).

These men shared burdens and hopes as they began to realize our genuine Christian concern for them.

--One man stated with tears in his eyes that he had been trying to join Kairos for the past fifteen years. He was thrilled to experience this Kairos weekend just two months before he is to be released.

--Another elderly inmate, who has had two periods of incarceration, told me it had been sixty years since he has prayed aloud. "Because of Kairos," he said, "I am now able to pray for anybody any time."

--One prisoner commented, "I have finally forgiven the person who killed my daughter."

Mulberry has given strong support to Kairos over the past several years. However, this time was truly exceptional. Here are the statistics:

51 prayer notes for the prayer chain displayed at Kairos

822 homebaked cookies.

(The participants loved them!)

17 letters with artwork from the Mulberry youth (Inmates spent a very emotional half hour reading a bag filled with these and other messages presented to them Saturday afternoon.

Many prisoners never receive mail.)

Financial donations: \$1135

Kairos is a direct response to Jesus' challenge to his followers in Matthew chapter 25 that when we minister to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the sick, or someone in prison, it is the same as our ministering to Christ himself.

Steve and I will return for monthly Kairos 'reunion' to continue our encouragement of the Kairos community at Burruss CTC just up the road.



Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries

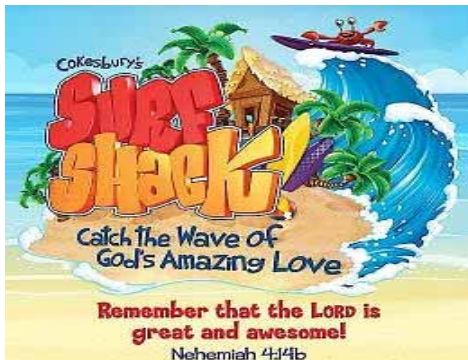


**Saturday, March 26**  
**Coleman Hill**  
**11:00 am - 1:00 pm**



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     Lenora Lee Swain



**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 13-17, 2016**  
**8:45 am - 12:00 pm**

Online registration begins in April.  
 Want to volunteer? Let Pam know!

**Budget Report 2016**

Month	Revenue	Expense	Net	Endowment	
				Revenue	Net
Jan	103,704	103,762	(58)	0	(58)

**Disciple Class**  
**Beginning Sunday, April 24**  
**5:30 pm**  
**Parlor**

*This 24-week Disciple Class will be taught by Rev. Tommy Perkins. Please call him at 745-8601 or email him at [tperkins@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:tperkins@mulberrymethodist.org) to sign up for the class or to answer any questions you may have.*



**Pantry Needs:**  
 Canned Fruit & Dried Black-eyed Peas



**Memorial Fund**

*In memory of Joseph C. League, Sr., by the S/L/A/M Collaborative, Inc.*

**Music Fund**

*In memory of Albert Yates Johnson by Mrs. Betty Barnes*

**Macon Outreach Fund**

*In memory of Dorothy Towson by Mrs. Logan Weaver*

**Mulberry Community Garden**



**Mondays in the Garden (March 14 - May 9)**

**Bibb Mentors - 2:30-5:00 pm**

**Thursdays in the Garden (March 3 - July 28)**

**Volunteer Gardeners - 2:30-5:00 pm**



**Celebration Day**  
**The Methodist Home for**  
**Children and Youth**

**April 2, 2016**  
**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

We will have a kid's carnival, a Harvest Kidstown Show, a bake sale, BBQ plate sales, a silent and live auction, a Harvest Worship Concert, and much more!

We are excited to announce that we will be a sanctioned event of the Cherry Blossom Festival this year! All proceeds go towards fun experiences for our children and youth, such as trips to the beach and recreational equipment.

We are currently seeking teens and adults who can be smiling faces to greet our guests, outgoing helpers with the kid's carnival games, bakers who can donate yummy goodies for our bake sale, and volunteers to help count bids and grab items for our silent/live auctions. Celebration Day is made of the hearts of servants like you, which is why it is such an amazing, special day. Let us celebrate as we join in making a positive difference in the lives of these kids. For more info contact Lacey Meador at:

478-751-2898 or [lacey.meador@themethodisthome.org](mailto:lacey.meador@themethodisthome.org).

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Our 11 a.m. service is broadcast live  
over Radio Station AM 940 WMAC.



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

## This Week at Mulberry

### Sunday, March 27 – Easter Sunday

7:30 am Sunrise Service/Coleman Hill  
9:00 am Worship/Chapel  
9:40 am KIDSPRAISE  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary

### Monday, March 28

Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, March 29

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

### Wednesday, March 30

9:15 am CCM Chapel  
10:30 am M/O Worship  
5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper  
6:15 pm Youth Fellowship  
7:15 pm Ainsworth Choir

### Thursday, March 31

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

### Saturday, April 2

Youth Ice Cream Sale – Cherry Blossom Festival

### Sunday, April 3

9:00 am Worship/Chapel  
9:40 am KIDSPRAISE  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary  
1:00 pm Youth Ice Cream Sale/Cherry Blossom Festival  
5:00 pm Anchored  
5:00 pm Confirmation Class



## Easter Homebound Communion

If you would like to either receive or serve homebound communion in the afternoon on April 10<sup>th</sup>, please contact Tommy Perkins at 745-8601 or [tperkins@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:tperkins@mulberrymethodist.org) by Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.



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

The theme of the 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ajacksonhead@gmail.com) or go to the link below.

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ebefye07d7fff8f&llr=tjfirrcab>

## 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*