



# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 22, 2016

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## EXCITING TIMES

I am so thankful for the large turnout this past Monday evening for the informational Church Council meeting about the possibility of starting a new worship service. We initially set out 75 chairs in a large circle, and it was very encouraging to see that we had to add more and more chairs as our time drew nearer.

After sharing the basic idea of the new service, we asked everyone to write down something positive about this opportunity. We have compiled the list and I want you to see it. It is very uplifting! You will find the list posted on the church's website.

Here are a couple of quotes from that list:

"Reaching out to the community!"

"An opportunity to engage new people."

"True 'missions' at home."

"Bring others to Christ."

Many good questions were asked like, "Why 10:00 am for the service?" "Why not hold it in the church building instead of across the street?" "How will this impact Sunday school for adults, youth and children?" Another concern raised had to do the process for considering this service. I hope that the answers that I and others gave helped address those thoughtful questions and concerns.

I know that trying something new is not always easy. I was reading John Wesley's journal entries about introducing field preaching to his setting. His brother, Charles, and "other brethren" were strongly opposed to the idea. Yet, John Wesley took the risk and gave it a try, and it became one of the keys to the movement of Methodism. Charles and the others eventually united around the idea and the rest is history.

That's my prayer for us now - that we will unite around this idea as a mission opportunity, that we will love and respect those who may not be completely comfortable with this idea and that we will stand shoulder to shoulder moving forward as one.

I want to do everything in my power to help us get to that point. If you still have concerns or would simply like to talk with me about this new service, just call the office and Linda will be happy to set a time.

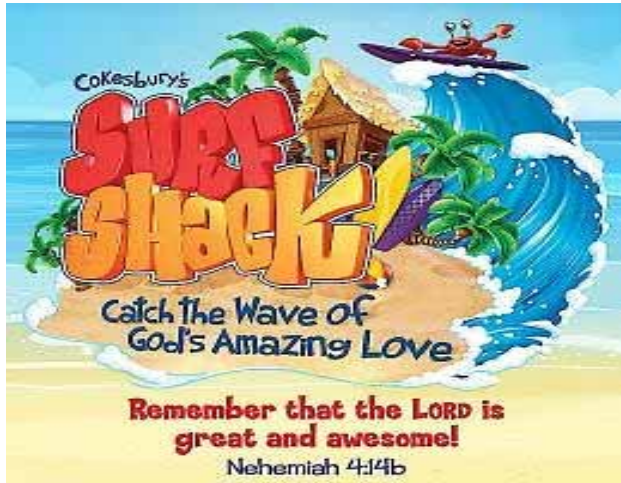
There is a lot of work to be done before this new service becomes a reality. Please keep the staff, the church and this opportunity in your prayers.

Blessings,





Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries



### Vacation Bible School

June 13-17, 2016

8:45 am - 12:00 pm

Go online to register.

Want to volunteer? Let Pam know!

### Bible Study SUMMER IN THE WORD: Under the Tree of Life

This summer you are invited to join Rev. Tommy Perkins in a longer-term bible study meeting Sunday afternoons and evenings from May to August. If you are interested or have any questions about this study please contact [tperkins@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:tperkins@mulberrymethodist.org) or 745-8601.

### 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)
Total YTD	233,105.51	73,129.93	351,082.26	(44,846.82)



### Annual Conference

The 150<sup>th</sup> Session of the South Georgia Annual Conference#

"Testify and Multiply" #

June 8-11, 2016

UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center - Tifton, Georgia#

Clergy members of Annual Conference

Jimmy Towson, Tommy Perkins & Bill Culpepper

Lay Members to Annual Conference

Jack & Carol Head, Russ Barber



Looking for willing helpers to wash pots and pans,  
Tuesday mornings from 7:00-8:00 am.  
Looking for willing hearts and hands!

**We'd love to have you join our TEAM!**  
**Call Debbie or Robin at 743-8026 and volunteer!**



16 oz. Peanut Butter  
Canned Fruit  
Oatmeal (box of individual packets)  
Cereal



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

### Supplies Needed:

Sugar Paper Towels  
Disinfectant Spray (Lysol)

## 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  
Questions? Call Jack Head 719-7455



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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, May 22

9:00 am Worship/Chapel  
9:40 am KIDSPRAISE  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary  
4:30 pm Covenant Bible Study/Children's Assembly Rm

### Monday, May 23

1:00 pm Cottages on Wesleyan Communion  
5:15 pm Finance Committee Mtg/Conf Rm

### Tuesday, May 24

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

### Wednesday, May 25

9:15 am CCM Chapel  
10:30 am M/O Worship  
4:00 pm Soul Friends Mtg/Conf Rm

### Thursday, May 26

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

### Friday, May 27

5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal/Watson-Yi

### Saturday, May 28

5:00 pm Wedding/Watson-Yi

### Sunday, May 29

9:00 am Worship/Chapel  
9:40 am KIDSPRAISE  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary  
4:30 pm Covenant Bible Study/Children's Assembly Rm  
5:00 pm Anchored



memorials  
& gifts

## Macon Outreach Fund

*In memory of Nina Yeomans by*

*The Esther Circle of Mulberry Street UMC Frances H. Inzer  
Denny & Julie Julius*

*In memory of Dot Martin by Dottie M. Reich*

*In honor of Maxine Goolsby by Irene P. Beasley*

*In memory of Bill Hurdle by Betty Hurdle*

*In memory of Frances Smith Kite & Louise Cater Hall by Ann & Ken Hall*

*In honor of Freeda & Harold Chapman by Dr. Al & Kay Ray*

*In memory of Kay H. Joiner by Russell Joiner*

*In memory of Janet Collins by*

*Frances H. Inzer Barbara & Carlton Hunnicutt*

*In honor of Ann Hall by Sherry & Bill Tift*

*In honor of our mothers by Sam & Barbara Henley*

*In memory of Leland & Alice Jackson by James L. Jackson, Jr.*

*In honor of Elizabeth Fussell Fonner by Dr. & Mrs. Daniel Fussell*

*In memory of Lois Nelson by Denny & Julie Julius*

## 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*