



# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 15, 2015

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## WHAT'S THE DRAW?

As we read the Gospels, we see that there was always a crowd around Jesus. Some in the crowd were simply curious - they wanted to see what He was doing (or how he was doing it.) Others were genuinely interested in what he was teaching and how he inspired men and women to leave everything to follow him. They really wanted to be where he was.

But, some in the crowd were out to get him. These religious leaders (and others) wouldn't be satisfied to have him arrested, beaten and released. No, they wanted him dead because he threatened their way of life, their power, their established systems and traditions. And, they ultimately succeeded (or so they thought!)

Crowds followed Jesus everywhere. Do you ever wish you could have been there to experience Jesus in person? I do. Was it his magnetic personality? The miracles? The way he spoke? A combination of these things and others? What was the "draw" for such large crowds - many who ran to the other side of the Sea of Galilee to be with him a little longer?

Here's my two cents worth: I think the people (whether for the right reason or an evil one) were drawn to Jesus because he personified love in such a powerful way. I heard someone once say, "People flock to where love is - that's why crowds were always around Jesus." It's true!

They wanted to be with him - even the tax collectors and other notorious sinners! Why? Because they felt comfortable around him, accepted, not judged. Jesus didn't send them away or try to avoid them. Instead, he drew them in, loved them and set many of them free! That's the way he walked!

John tells us that we are to walk as Jesus walked. (1 John 2:6). This means if we live like Jesus, then people should flock to us because that is where real love is.

I believe Mulberry excels at loving Christ and others. Can we improve? Of course we can. And if we keep improving, it won't be long before even more people flock here as we invite them to be a part of what God is doing in our midst!

Who can you invite to experience the joy of being part of Mulberry St. UMC? Pray that God would show you the person who needs to experience his love!

Blessings,





Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries



**December 5**

9:00 am – 1:30 pm

Kids ages 3-10

Cost : \$ 15

Ornament making, Advent Devotion, Games, Singing,  
Lunch, Holiday movie

RSVP by December 2 – Space is limited!



## Family Advent at Mulberry

### Plum Pudding Festival

**December 6**

5:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

*Come hear the children's choirs sing and  
enjoy plum pudding cake by our beautiful  
family tree. It will be one of the best  
blessings you experience all year!*

### Family Caroling

**December 13 - 4:00 pm**

### Children's Nativity

**December 20 - 11:00 am** Worship

### Family Christmas Eve Service

**December 24 - 3:00 pm - Sanctuary**

*(If you want your child to participate in the Children's  
Nativity on December 20<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>,  
please let Pam know by Thanksgiving.)*

## 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)
<b>Total YTD</b>	<b>784,664</b>	<b>968,918</b>	<b>(184,255)</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>(142,255)</b>



## Please help Macon Outreach this Thanksgiving Season

Donations of pies, turkeys or money are needed.

Lots of volunteers are also needed!

In order to make final meal preparations, please deliver your

Thanksgiving turkeys by Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Donations are accepted between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm.

Please call Debbie, 743-8026 if you are able to make a donation  
or to sign up as a volunteer.



## Macon Outreach Community Christmas Celebration

**Wednesday, December 16**

**11:00 am**

**Fellowship Hall**

## DAYBREAK

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

Supplies Needed:

Paper Towels Bathroom Tissue Spray Deodorant  
Disinfectant/deodorizing Spray (Lysol)  
Baking Soda Men's Crew Socks Disposable Razors



## Macon Outreach Fund

*In honor of Johnny Hathcock (Johnny's Helping Hands) by Barbara Polonic*

*In memory of Betsy Lewis by*

*Bob & Patsy Fountain Anne McCrary*

*In honor of Barbara Henley by Bickley Design Build Services, Inc.*

*In honor of 20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary by Ken & Ann Hall*

*In memory of Jo Baker Henry by*

*Helen Hunnicutt Clarice Sheehan*

*In memory of Jack Roberts by Suzanne Moody*

*In memory of Manning Haskins by Jamie Cockfield*



A Mulberry

Intergenerational

Mission Trip

**January 15-18, 2016 (MLK Weekend)**

**Hinton Rural Center, Hayesville, NC**

Registration is now open for this trip. The cost is \$175. **To reserve your spot, we need a \$100 deposit by November 1.** If interested, you can come by the church office to pick up a registration packet.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email  
Bill Culpepper at [bculpepper@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:bculpepper@mulberrymethodist.org).

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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, November 15

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

### Monday, November 16

5:00 pm CCM Board Mtg/Conf Rm

### Tuesday, November 17

8:30 am Prayer Group/Prayer Rm  
10:30 am Staff Meeting/Conf Rm  
12:00 pm Kiwanis/F-Hall  
7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study

### Wednesday, November 18

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

### Thursday, November 19

9:30 am Circle of Friends Sewing Group/Rm 232  
10:30 am DAR Mtg/Conf Rm  
11:30 am Fuller Housing Mtg/Rm 323  
12:00 pm DAR Luncheon/F-Hall  
12:00 pm M/O Board Luncheon/Parlor  
1:00 pm Carlyle Place Communion  
7:30 pm Craig Soaries' Recital/Sanctuary

### Friday, November 20

12:00 pm Heart of GA Ambassadors/Parlor  
5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal/Walker-Peterson

### Saturday, November 21

6:30 pm Wedding/Walker-Peterson

### Sunday, November 22

9:00 am Worship/Chapel  
9:40 am KIDSPRAISE  
9:45 am Sunday School  
9:45 am Combined Sunday School –  
Mary Grace Rumford/F-Hall  
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary  
5:00 pm Confirmation Class  
5:00 pm Anchored



## Celebrate the Season at Mulberry

### Sunday, December 6

#### **Plum Pudding Festival**

5:00 pm Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, December 13

#### **Ainsworth Choir Christmas Music with Brass & Strings**

11:00 am Sanctuary

#### **Family Caroling**

4:00 pm

### Wednesday, December 16

#### **Macon Outreach Community Christmas Celebration**

11:00 am Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, December 21

#### **Service of the Longest Night**

5:00 pm Sanctuary

### Thursday, December 24

#### **Christmas Eve Services/Sanctuary**

3:00 pm Family Christmas Eve Communion Service

4:30 pm Music of the Season

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

## 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

Ann Smith, Spiritual Director Debbie Towson, Director, Macon Outreach

Sara Colvin, Financial Secretary Linda Parker, Administrative Secretary

Doris Andrews, Church Cook/Custodian

Custodians

Clifton Carswell Jeffrey Smith