



# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 29, 2015

[www.mulberrymethodist.org](http://www.mulberrymethodist.org)



Here it comes. The crazy Christmas season! The decorations, the perfect gifts, the family commitments and the endless schedule of parties. It seems to get worse every year. So, we go into survival mode almost as soon as the last of the Thanksgiving turkey sandwiches have been consumed.

It's no wonder so many people dread the Christmas season!

What if we could remove the packaging of what Christmas has become? Is it possible to find the peace and joy of God's incredible gift again?

We think so, and we want to help you rediscover what Christmas was meant to be from the beginning! Starting November 29<sup>th</sup> and continuing through Christmas Eve, we'll remove the glitter and sparkle of the season to find a tiny heartbeat of unbelievable love sleeping in a manger.

Sound good? Then invite your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors to join you at Mulberry this Christmas season! You'll be glad you did!

*Jimmy*





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.)*



Congratulations to

Elizabeth (Libby) McRae Walker and Thomas Lawrence Peterson  
united in Holy Matrimony  
on Saturday, November 21, 2015  
at Mulberry Street UMC.

Rev. Jimmy Asbell and Rev. Jimmy Towson officiated.



**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



With more than 800 different projects around the world, and different ways to support them, we can't wait to see what The United Methodist Church can do this UMC #GivingTuesday! Finding the project you care about is the first step. To find out how you can get involved, visit [www.umcmmission.org](http://www.umcmmission.org) today!



## *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**

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 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, November 29**

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

**Tuesday, December 1**

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, December 2**

9:15 am CCM Chapel  
 10:30 am M/O Worship  
 12:30 pm Centering Prayer  
 4:30 pm UMW Exec. Committee Mtg/Conf Rm  
 5:30 pm A Very Mery Mulberry Christmas/F-Hall  
 6:15 pm Children's Choirs  
 7:15 pm Ainsworth Choir

**Thursday, December 3**

9:30 am Circle of Friends Sewing Group/Rm 232  
 12:00 pm Esther Circle/Parlor  
 3:30 pm History Club/Parlor  
 6:30 pm Grace Circle

**Saturday, December 5**

9:00 am – 1:30 pm Christmas Camp

**Sunday, December 6**

9:00 am Worship/Chapel  
 9:40 am KIDSPRAISE  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary  
 5:00 pm Plum Pudding Festival/F-Hall



**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>



*In honor of United Methodist Women at Mulberry Street UMC  
 by Mr. Harold Downs*

**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  
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