



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 22, 2020

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Giving Thanks

This year feels as though it has already lasted several years, and we have another several weeks to go. I plan to stay up until midnight on New Year's Eve to be sure that 2020 exits and doesn't try to hang around any longer. But even as I consider the difficulties of 2020, I must admit that there have been many things for which to be thankful. I find many of those things in Psalm 145, a psalm of praise written by David. Here are thoughts from that psalm.

Verse 7 speaks of God's abundant goodness and his righteousness. It is God's goodness that each person experiences every day as God showers us with attention, goodness, and mercy. Verses 8 & 9 share aspects of God's goodness, as God is described as slow to anger, rich in love, and good to all. Additional words and phrases used to describe God are faithful, trustworthy, and near to all who call on him.

Yes, as we enter the Thanksgiving season, we find that we have much for which to be thankful despite the difficulties we've encountered this year. Let me encourage you to find time to read Psalm 145. Then read Psalms 146-150. You will find many reasons to feel thankful. These reasons are based on the nature and goodness of God and are everlasting. Thanks be to God!

Nita

Charge Conference

Mulberry Street UMC
Sunday, November 29, 2020
9:00 a.m. @ NewRoom Service (Fellowship Hall)
Rev. Craig Hutto, Speaker
All are welcome.

The Link

Below is the link to "The Link", a way to keep you informed and connected with what is happening in South Georgia United Methodism and beyond! The Link is published every two weeks, full of Conference news, resources, and event information to keep you up to day and in the know.

<http://sgaumc-email.brtaapp.com/viewinsite/7c70c5619eda84e09f2bf68dcee82e83>

South Georgia Advocate

The South Georgia Advocate, a twice monthly online news publication, is the official news source of the South Georgia Annual Conference and a ministry of the Office of Connectional Ministries. Here is the link.

<http://sgaumc-email.brtaapp.com/viewinsite/c10eeae4e203ee91fc988e429542d119>

Connect Through Christian Fellowship

Sundays (November 22) at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Creede Hinshaw will be leading our Connecting Through Christian Fellowship during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday school hour. He will be leading us in a series titled: Living Faithfully in Days of Calamity and Distress Based on Matthew 6:25-34 and the Journal of Quaker John Woolman.
November 22 – Week 3 – Living in Community

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82702025708>

Meeting ID: 827 0202 5708 Passcode: 7458601

Dial by your location [+1 929 205 6099](tel:+19292056099) US (New York)



ATTENDANCE

Sunday, November 15, 2020

In-Person Worship

NewRoom Service @ 9:00	22
Sanctuary Worship @ 11:00	32

On-Line Worship

NewRoom Service @ 9:00	107
Sanctuary Worship @ 11:00	1130



Pastoral Care

Nita Crump, Senior Pastor	478-867-3029
Marcus Tripp, Pastoral Care Minister	478-747-6041
Julia Norman, Children and Family Minister	919-323-6626
Trevor Ward, Youth and NewRoom Pastor	478-607-9003

Recorded Sanctuary Worship

November 22 – The Reign of Christ – Christ the King



Advent/Christmas/ Epiphany – Series: THOSE WHO DREAM

Plan to have an Advent wreath so you can light the candle at home as part of our Recorded Sanctuary Worship during Advent and on Christmas Eve. We will include more information on Advent wreaths in next week's newsletter.

November 29 – Hope – “THOSE WHO DREAM . . . keep awake”

December 6 – Peace – “THOSE WHO DREAM . . . prepare the way”

December 13 – Joy – “THOSE WHO DREAM . . . sow joy”

December 20 – Love – “THOSE WHO DREAM . . . are not alone”

December 24 – Christmas Eve – “this night, we are THOSE WHO DREAM”

This special Recorded Sanctuary Worship will be available at 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and it can be watched later, too. Listen to the Christmas story and listen to special Christmas music for strings, singers, organ, and piano, ending with “Silent Night, Holy Night.”

December 27 – “THOSE WHO DREAM . . . will not keep silent”

January 3 – Epiphany Sunday – “THOSE WHO DREAM . . . persevere”



Advent Wreath

YOUR assistance with

Facebook and Recorded Sanctuary Worship

Please contact Tom Granum – tgranum@mulberrymethodist.org or cell/text 706-207-6010 – if you are willing to assist with either of these projects.

Facebook photos of Advent wreath:

During the four days of Advent (November 29 – December 2), we would like to have about 30+ **“still photos” (NOT video)** of Advent wreaths with **TWO** purple (or blue) candles burning that we can use on Facebook as we approach the 2nd Sunday of Advent. We hope to have a variety of Advent wreaths in these photos.

Video of lighting the Christ Candle for Christmas Eve Recorded Worship to be released at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve:

During December, we would like to have **video** of 20+ households (single, couples, families) lighting the Christ candle (the white candle from an Advent wreath) with a one-sentence liturgy to be provided. Please contact Tom for more information if you're willing to participate.

During the pandemic, one way we can connect is through our sharing the tradition of Advent wreaths in our homes. Plan now for your Advent wreath.


Sending Our
SYMPATHY

To Chris and Nancy Kelley and family upon the death of Chris' mother,
Dorothy Kelley on November 9, 2020.

Link to Mrs. Kelley's obituary: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/macon-ga/dorothy-kelley-9896564>

Cards can be sent to Chris at: 4700 Lattimore Drive, Macon, GA 31210

To Jimmy and Betsy Abbott and family upon the death of Betsy's uncle, Lonnie Bales
of Milledgeville, GA on November 7, 2020.

Link to Mr. Bales obituary: <https://www.moorefuneralhome.com/obituary/lonnie-bales>

Cards can be sent to Betsy at: 136 Bear Creek Road, Eatonton, GA 31024

To Scott and Kay Wangen upon the death of Scott's mother, Grace Rigio
of Washburn, WI on November 14, 2020.

Cards can be sent to Scott at: 5578 Head Way, The Villages, FL 32163

Grief Group



Grief Group led by Naomi Rockafellow begins
Monday, December 14 at 4:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

They will meet the second Monday of the month.

If you have any questions, please call or email Beth Smith at
719-9041 or bsmith@mulberrymethodist.org.



Ways Daybreak Needs Your Support:

Volunteering:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday – 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday – 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Call 972-0005 for more information about volunteering.

Donations:

Financial Donations Cloth face masks latex free gloves disinfectant sprays/wipes/cleaners
Paper towels liquid laundry detergent

Medical Clinic:

Ensure Reading glasses: +1-3.50 cough drops Oragel Dulcolax Naproxen

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

ABC's of Christmas

Please sign up your children/family if you would like to participate in our Children's Christmas Program for 2020. More information about specific roles and parts will be to be sent out to those that sign up, but it will require you to video your own children reading or singing their assigned parts. Then you'll be asked to send it in for the church staff to compile into one video for distribution to the church family via email and social media on December 20th. Deadline for signing up is Dec. 4, 2020. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040445aaa82ca6f49-abcs>

Parenting Pearls of Wisdom

In an effort to sustain and nurture families with young children, we are collecting inspirational messages and stories from our "older, wiser" church members about raising young children as Christian Families. We are excited about this opportunity to connect our church's generations so that we can make a difference in each other's lives, encouraging one another in modeling Christian love for grandparents, parents, and children (and aunts and uncles, too!). Please take a moment to complete the online or paper form below to offer your words of encouragement and spiritual wisdom about raising young children. Humor is welcome, too! Please answer all or a few as you are led to participate. We'll share these Parenting Pearls of Wisdom with families with young children after the beginning of the year. "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." - 1 Thessalonians 5:11

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxrilRoHD1OnXzCfoBAJjrnX8L58DuzoPJJVa6KlynxA8b9Q/viiewform>

