

# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 25, 2015

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## WITH MUCH GRATITUDE

I love Paul's letter to the Ephesians, especially Chapter 1, verses 15-16. Paul reveals his heart for the church at Ephesus when he writes:

*"Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus  
and your love for God's people everywhere,  
I have not stopped thanking God for you.  
I pray for you constantly..." (NLT)*

I write this front page to offer my deep gratitude for each of you, and your strong faith in the Lord Jesus, in this great church and in your pastors and staff. I know your love for God's people - it is evident from all that you do. Loving people, helping those in need and demonstrating Christ's passion for others is the heart of who we are!

As we discovered this past Sunday, God intends for Mulberry to continue to be "a symbol and a source of blessing." (Zechariah 8:13 NLT) God shared his "why" in Zechariah 8:20-23 "so that many people and powerful nations would come to Jerusalem to seek the Lord ... and to ask for his blessing."

As a church family, we must ask God to continue to use us, individually and as a whole, to be a tangible blessing to those within our church family, in our community and around the world. Would you join me in praying this prayer daily?

*"Lord, we humbly ask that you make Mulberry St. UMC a symbol and source of blessing.  
Make that blessing so evident that others will know that You are with us, and will be  
attracted to You through Mulberry! Hear our prayer, O Lord!"*

God has blessed this church for 190 years, and countless men, women and children have been blessed through her. We fully believe that God has more in store for us in the coming years! We can't wait to see what He will do next to draw His people close to Him through this great church!

Thank you for your financial commitments for 2016. If you haven't had a chance to turn in your pledge just yet, it's not too late. You can send it in by mail (or email: [bbishop@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:bbishop@mulberrymethodist.org)), or give Bruce a call in the church office (745-8601).

# Sunday Worship

October 25, 2015

9:00 am Chapel  
11:00 am Sanctuary

"Shepherds and Farmers"  
Genesis 4:1-16

Rev. Bill Culpepper



## Assisting with Worship

Usher for Nine O'clock  
Sam Henley & David Ivey

Ushers for Eleven O'clock

Steve Allen, Jeff Amerson, James Berg,  
JB Easterlin, Eric Hefner, Bill Henderson,  
Bill Jarrard, Bob Lovett, Bob McCormick,  
David Morris, Wesley Rauls, Rader Sellers,  
Russ Vaughn

## Children's Church

Amanda Smith (2/3K)  
Jim & Candi Wilson (4/5K)



## Altar Flowers



The flowers in the chapel are given  
to the glory of God and in honor of  
Rosa Bennett's birthday  
by her daughter, Lark Bennett,  
Melody Shearer and family.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to  
the glory of God and in loving memory  
of Herman and Dot Martin  
by their family.



Gospel Reading  
for the Week

Mark 13:5-27

## Attendance Last Week

Eleven O'clock Worship	302
Total Worship Attendance	302
Sunday School	185

## Soup's On and Bake Sale!



Mulberry UMW is proud to announce  
our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
Soup's On and Bake Sale  
Mission Fundraiser.  
Sunday, November 8  
immediately following the 11:00 am  
worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

Please come and bring a friend!  
*(Donations of baked goods are appreciated.)*  
All profits go to our UMW missions  
(Macon Outreach, Methodist Home,  
Cambodia Mission & Mulberry  
Mission Teams).



Congratulations to Jeremy & Brandi  
Hinshaw upon the birth of their son  
Murphy James Hinshaw  
on October 16, 2015.  
Proud grandparents are  
Creede & Bonnie Hinshaw.



## Flower Opening

The Flower Guild has an opening for  
flowers in the sanctuary:  
**Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**  
*(deadline to respond - Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>)*  
Contact Carolyn Dominy, 361-1012  
if you are interested.



October 28

Menu:  
Meatloaf

Children's Menu:

Meatloaf  
Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches  
2% Milk & Apple Juice

Program:

A Night with Rev. Bill Culpepper



Rev. Bill Culpepper,  
Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries

**Anchored**  
Sundays - 5:00 pm

**Youth Fellowship**  
Wednesdays - 6:15 pm



A Mulberry  
Intergenerational  
Mission Trip

January 15-18, 2016 (MLK Weekend)  
Hinton Rural Center, Hayesville, NC

This is an amazing trip to the North Carolina  
mountains for a weekend of mission work, worship,  
and fellowship for the entire church. Since we started  
this trip two years ago, many people have told me  
that it is their favorite thing to do at Mulberry  
throughout the year. You will come back home to  
Macon knowing your church family much better than  
when you left.

The way it works is that Mulberry reserves a certain  
number of spots for the different age groups (youth  
through older adult) so that we can be sure that each  
generation is represented on the trip. In the past, the  
youngest person was 11 years old and the oldest  
was 72! We encourage all of you to come no matter  
what stage of life you find yourself in now. Please  
prayerfully consider going on this trip.

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).



Tuesday, November 24, 2015

7:00 pm

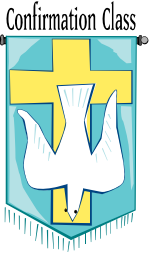
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## Bite Sized Desserts Needed!

Lemon squares, pecan sandies, brownies,  
wedding cookies...please bring your  
favorite dessert to share after the Interfaith  
worship service. Desserts may be brought  
to the church kitchen on Monday &  
Tuesday, November 23 & 24. Call Betsy  
Abbott, 745-8601 if you have questions.



Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries



## Confirmation Class 2015-2016

Remember the Confirmation Class and their mentors in your prayers.

### Confirmands

Cooper Baskette  
Gunn Bush, IV  
Austin Carter  
Olivia Coleman  
Isabella Ewing  
Maddie Fackler  
Will Fackler  
Langley Fickling  
Carys Fonner  
Ben Jamison  
Graham Johnston  
Akins Manley  
Olivia Mann  
Georgia Mercer  
Niklas Odette

### Mentors

Emory Dunn  
Baxter James  
Gordon Johnston  
Paige Mann  
Brooke Kinross  
Marianne Lokey  
Vaughan Smith  
Rob Evans  
Freeda Chapman  
Paul Riley  
Creede Hinshaw  
Rader Sellers  
Courtney Baskette  
Nita Smith  
Becky Kerner  
Xavier Tarbox  
Jake Jamison  
Joseph Driggers  
Gracie Bell  
Isabel Newberry  
Reilly Brown  
Ames Jamison  
Micah Johnston  
Emma Johnston  
Alex Newberry  
Joseph Whitten  
Matt Newberry  
Savannah Stone  
Sarah Kate Sellers  
Ashley English



## Free Seminar

### 1-2-3 Magic for Christian Parents

Tuesday, October 27

5:00-7:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

*This free seminar is hosted by the Children's Center at Mulberry. It offers ways to help your family navigate through the everyday ups and downs of parenting. Through this seminar, Dr. Beers will show how using 1-2-3 Magic can help your family do just that! So whether you have a school-age child, teenager, "three-nager", "terrible-two", or even if you are just starting out, this seminar offers a little something for everyone.*

*Seating is limited and reservations are required.*

Contact: Erin 478-745-8621

or email her at [mulberrychild@gmail.com](mailto:mulberrychild@gmail.com)

(Dinner and childcare will be provided.)



If you'd like to volunteer at Macon Outreach please call Robin or Debbie at 478-743-8026 or email [dtowson@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:dtowson@mulberrymethodist.org)

## 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



## Samaritan's Purse

*Have you watched the thousands of families marching across western Asia and east Europe with nothing but the clothes they are wearing and wondered "What can I do to help?"*

Well, Operation Christmas Child is a start.

Shoebboxes are available in the Atrium (or use your own).

Fill them with fun useful items. (I like the dollar stores for this!) Read the simple suggestions on the "Boy/Girl--Age group" handout, and get the finished box back to me in the church Atrium in early November.

Thanks for being such a caring congregation!

Please call Marilyn Armstrong, 478-335-8363, or email her at [marilyn@cox.net](mailto:marilyn@cox.net) if you have any questions or concerns.

## Donated Items Needed for Water Well Trip by October 25<sup>th</sup>

Your Mulberry mission team will take your donated items to Central America as Mulberry's generosity extends by way of a 6th water well expedition — this time to a small community in Rivas, Nicaragua!

**Donations may be dropped off in the atrium anytime until Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup>.**

*The team is unable to accept or distribute clothing.*

TOYS: Wham-O Frisbees, Playground grade jump ropes, soccer balls, footballs, tennis balls/solid rubber balls, ball pump & needles, bubbles  
SUPPLIES: glue sticks, construction paper, plain white paper 8.5x11, brown paper lunch bags, paper plates/non-glossy, beads for gospel bracelets (different colors), twine, soap bars, toothbrushes/toothpaste, ziplock bags, playdough, white coffee filters

## 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)
<b>Total YTD</b>	<b>688,092</b>	<b>847,943</b>	<b>(159,852)</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>(123,852)</b>

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Rev. Jimmy Towson (538-9067)  
Rev. Bill Culpepper (803-673-7860)

## This Week at Mulberry

### Sunday, October 25

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, October 26

1:00 pm Cottages on Wesleyan Communion

### Tuesday, October 27

8:30 am Prayer Group/Prayer Rm  
10:30 am Staff Meeting/Conf Rm  
12:00 pm Kiwanis/F-Hall  
5:00-7:00 pm Seminar: 1-2-3- Magic for Christian  
Parents/F-Hall

### Wednesday, October 28

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, October 29

9:30 am Circle of Friends Sewing Group/Rm 232  
1:30 pm Conference Personnel Mtg/Rm 323

### Sunday, November 1

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



memorials  
& gifts

### *Memorial Fund*

*In memory of Lillian Mahone by*

*Mr. & Mrs. Joe Wall Mr. & Mrs. Jay Traynham  
Mrs. Joyce J. Myers Mr. & Mrs. Tom Richardson*

*In memory of Frank Edwards by Mr. & Mrs. Jack K. Lasseter*

### *Music Fund*

*In honor of Jim & Betsy Abbott by Mr. & Mrs. James A. Berg, Jr.*

*In memory of H. B. Churchwell by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Loomis*

## **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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