



# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 20, 2020

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## **Let's Get Together**

One of the great pleasures as a new pastor is getting together with church members and spending time getting to know them. I usually start an appointment with visits to shut-ins and sick folks. Then in September, I begin visiting in homes.

Obviously, we haven't been able to visit the people who are hospitalized or in assisted living situations because of Covid19. Please know that we check with the hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted living homes about once a month to see if the visitation policy has changed to allow for visits. Your pastors want to spend time with you and when visitation restrictions are lifted, we will.

Now that we're in September, I would like to start visiting in homes. I'll be happy to come to your home and wear a mask to have a short visit inside. I'm happy to sit outside on a porch or a deck, or even in the driveway, if you'll let me come. If you would like a visit, please call Linda at the church (Monday-Thursday, 9-4) and ask her to add you to the list of visits. We'll be back in touch to schedule a date and time.

## **Outdoor Worship for Laity Sunday**

On Sunday, September 27, we will have one combined worship service. We've applied to the city to close the street in front of the church so that we can set up on the steps. Worship will begin at 10:00. Please bring a lawn chair for your seat. While we'll still need to wear masks, we will be able to sing! Hallelujah! Laity Sunday is a Sunday every fall during which the work of the laity is recognized. We will observe Laity Sunday on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker will be our own Lay Leader, Ms. Katie Griffis. Add this date to your calendar and plan to attend our outdoors worship.

## **World Communion Sunday**

World Communion Sunday is the first Sunday in October. We are planning a special outdoor communion service during the morning of October 4. We'll send out more details next week. You'll have the opportunity to sign up for a time for your family. We'll gather several families at individual tables in the courtyard for a communion service. Again, watch for more details next week when we send out the registration information. This is an opportunity for you to share communion with your family in as safe a manner as possible.

*Nita*

## In Person Worship This Sunday, September 20, 2020

We will continue the worship schedule we have had for the last several weeks. NewRoom will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Sanctuary service will be at 11:00 a.m. These will be abbreviated services, as we are still not going to have congregational singing. We will continue with services online and on the radio. Please join us in every way you can so that you stay connected to God through the fellowship of our church. Our nursery will be open for both services. Entrance and exit for the NewRoom in-person worship service will be through the Atrium Entrance. Entrance and exit for the Sanctuary in-person worship service will be through the Sanctuary doors facing Mulberry Street or the ramp entrance in the courtyard. The nursery will allow for drop-off and pick-up through the nursery gate. **You do not have to sign up to attend worship.**

### 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 date and in the know <http://sgaumc-email.brtaapp.com/viewinsite/1d5abcc7a8119c0dd503d138121b426e?>

### 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/81ca146133fae59828a0f3c7a6fce6a6?>

## **The Methodist Home’s Work Day Offering This Sunday, September 20**

This offering helps the mission work of restoring childhoods and strengthening families at The Home. To donate, please send your check to: The Methodist Home, PO Box 2525, Macon, GA 31203 or give at at [www.TheMethodistHome.org](http://www.TheMethodistHome.org).



If you would like to set up a Zoom meeting for your Sunday School Class, Small Group, Committee, Circle, etc., using the Mulberry Street UMC Zoom account, send an email to [zoom@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:zoom@mulberrymethodist.org) or call the church office at 478-745-8601.



## ATTENDANCE

**Sunday, September 13, 2020**

### **In-Person Worship**

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

### **On-Line Worship**

NewRoom Service @ 9:00 271  
Sanctuary Worship @ 11:00 503



### **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

## **September Activities**

### **Wednesday Evening Bible Study - God's Grown Up Children**

Do you remember all the Bible stories you learned in Sunday School growing up? Did your Sunday School teacher have you color a picture of an apple tree with a snake coiled around a branch as she told the story of the fall from grace found in Genesis 3? Are you sure that's really how it happened? Join us as we study the Bible, looking specifically at Old Testament stories. We'll explore scripture and discuss what it might be saying to us today.

The Bible study will begin on Wednesday, September 16 and conclude on Wednesday, November 18. Each session will begin at 6:00 and last 30 – 40 minutes. We'll meet via zoom. The Zoom link will be included in the email you receive after you register. Please register for all the Wednesday's that you'll be available. As you register, feel free to skip the weeks when you know you're busy. If we fill all the slots, we'll schedule other times to offer the same study. This study will be taught by our senior pastor, Dr. Nita Crump.

Click on the link to register. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040445AAA82CA6F49-wednesday>

### **Connecting Through Christian Fellowship**

Mulberry is beginning a new series on Sunday mornings from 10:00-10:30 a.m. on Zoom. There will be guest speakers each week. This Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, Karen Carter will be the host and Julia Magda will be our speaker. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Smith, 745-8601 or [bsmith@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:bsmith@mulberrymethodist.org).

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 827 0202 5708

Passcode: MSUMC

Dial by your location

[+1 929 205 6099](tel:+19292056099) US (New York)

Meeting ID: 827 0202 5708

Passcode: 492329

### **Godly Play for Families with Children**

Watch the Godly Play story together as a family at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays and then log into Zoom to answer the wondering questions with our friends from church then have prayer together! Families with children of all ages are invited to join us, the Godly Play story is emailed each Sunday morning through our Families and Children Email list.

Sign up for the Zoom Call here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040445aaa82ca6f49-kids>





**Attention Scampers ... our Fall venture is less than 3 weeks away (Oct. 2-4)!**

**If you are planning to come and have not already notified me, please reply ASAP so I can get a count to better plan.**

**Notice: Regrettably, the Coronavirus pandemic mandates that our typical group activities change!** 😞 So, in the interest of everyone's safety, we will be practicing social distancing "Scamper" style. Please read the agenda below carefully ...

Friday night many will be traveling and/or setting up their campsites, but for those who can, we will gather fireside (approx. 8:00pm) for a time of agape fellowship. Our tradition of sharing a table of desserts will be suspended. Please bring whatever you and your family would enjoy including beverages, as coffee and hot chocolate will not be provided.

Saturday evening at 6:30pm we will gather together for socially distanced family picnics. Plan on bringing your favorite picnic foods and beverages for you and your family to enjoy (If you can't **scamp** without roasting a hotdog or a marshmallow on the fire, we'll have the campfire ready for you!). No condiments will be provided, nor will paper products and utensils. Please bring your own.

Immediately following our picnic meals, we will join together for "masked" fireside vespers service. After the devotional we will continue with group fellowship; however, again, no shared desserts or community coffee/hot chocolate service.

Sunday we will gather at 10:00am to enjoy a final devotion time together. No group food or beverage will be served Sunday morning.

**I am seeking two volunteers to do our devotionals: one - Saturday night, and one - Sunday morning.** If you would be willing to serve in this capacity, please let me know.

In these times when so much is uncertain, we celebrate the opportunity to enjoy God's great outdoors together. Melinda and I look forward to seeing each of you in the campground.

Kind regards,

Ed Powell  
(478) 737-1518

## ***Looking Ahead to Advent and Christmas***

*As we look forward to the Advent and Christmas season, we're considering ways families can add to the already great opportunities to worship at home. One of those ways is with an advent wreath. As a symbolic sense of connection, we're encouraging people who worship with us to have an Advent wreath and to light the candles each Sunday and on Christmas Eve. We're working to offer you ways to create your own Advent wreath. If you would rather purchase an Advent wreath, we will have a list of local businesses that can help you do so. Watch for more information closer later in the fall on this and join your friends and Mulberry family in this touching way to worship.*

## ***Upcoming Schedule for Recorded Sanctuary Worship: Fall, Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany***

September 27 – Laity Sunday – Lay leader Katie Griffis will speak.

### Four Sundays of October – Series: THRIVING

**October 4 – World Communion** – “When the Church Accounts for Its Harvest”

**October 11** – “Building Faithfulness on the Way to the Promised Land”

**October 18** – “God’s Imprint on Our Lives”

**October 25** – “Committed to the Win-Win-Win”

**November 1 – All Saints’ Sunday** – Special liturgy and music as we remember all those who have died in the past year, especially our church members who have joined the Church Triumphant.

**November 8** – “In the Meantime”

**November 15** – “Working While We Wait”

**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*”