



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 17, 2017

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MIGHTIER THAN

As I write these words, the evacuation of Florida and many in Georgia is underway as Hurricane Irma approaches. Our son, Jim and his family, have fled from St. Simons seeking shelter in Macon. We've received many phone calls asking for help with housing for families in the path of the storm.

Last Wednesday, our church packed flood buckets that will be distributed to those whose homes have been or will be flooded or maybe even destroyed. We have people in our church who are volunteering at and providing supplies to the temporary shelters being established in Macon. There are many in our church who have received ERT (Early Response Team) training so we can take teams into the flood areas to remove debris and begin the clean-up process.

At last report, Irma may even head to Macon with high winds and a lot of rain. Memories of the great flood of 1974 are still vivid in the minds of many of us.

Some are speculating that these storms, coupled with devastating earthquakes and other natural disasters are some kind of sign of the end times. I can't answer that question, but I can tell you that GOD is in the middle of it all. We've watched black people, white people, Republicans, Democrats, Jews, Muslims, Methodists and non-religious men and women come together to do things like form a human chain to rescue an elderly man stuck in a flooded vehicle.

Countless people have already rushed to Texas and are ready to do the same in the wake of whatever damage Irma causes. Oh, I know the LORD is in the storms. He is present and active and helping. I remember running across a piece of scripture when we were working in New Orleans in the aftermath of Katrina that stood out to me:

*The floods have risen up, O LORD. The floods have roared like thunder; the floods have lifted their pounding waves. But **mightier** than the violent raging of the seas, **mightier** than the breakers on the shore— the LORD above is **mightier** than these!*

Psalm 93:3-4 NLT

I believe God is "mightier than" all of these! I believe He is using these storms to awaken a new passion and compassion in his children. I believe Mulberry wants to do more to help, and I am proud to be the lead pastor of a church family that is not afraid to roll up their sleeves and help.

Watch for more ways you can get involved in the coming days, and pray for all affected by these storms!

Sunday Worship

September 17, 2017

9:00 am Chapel

10:00 am NewRoom/Library Ballroom

11:00 am Sanctuary

Foundations:

"Why Should I Believe This Story?"

Matthew 18:21-22

Rev. Jimmy Towson



Assisting with Worship

Nine O'clock Ushers

Warren Dunn & Scott Wangen

Eleven O'clock Ushers

Charlie Bridges, Austin Carter,
Jason Hawkins, Baxter James,
David Mann, Don Ream, Brett Toles
& Jim Wilson

Acolytes

Lead Acolyte:

Crucifer:

Candlelighters:



Altar Flowers

The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. C. R. Price by Yetta Price.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eden and Pink Persons by their family.

Attendance Last Week

Nine O'clock Worship	29
NewRoom Worship	110
Eleven O'clock Worship	168
Total Worship Attendance	307

MUSIC News



Rich Kosowski, Director of Music

Ainsworth Choir

Rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:15 pm.

Please contact me 478-745-8601 or

richk@mulberrymethodist.org

if you'd like to know more.

Children's Choir

Cherub Choir (K3-K5)

Wesley Choir (Grades 1-5)

Rehearsal: Wednesdays, 6:15-7:00 pm

If you have questions, please contact Rich at

richk@mulberrymethodist.org.



Trevor Ward, Interim Director of Youth Ministries

Sunday Mornings

Youth Sunday School

10:00 am - 3rd Floor Hallway Classroom

Sunday Evenings

Anchored - 5:00 pm

Wednesday Evenings

Youth Fellowship - 6:15 pm



Michael & Vickie Woodward

334 Larry Stephen Way

Gray, GA 31032

The Methodist Home's Work Day Offering

This Sunday, September 17

This offering helps the mission work of restoring childhoods and strengthening families at The Home. Please give generously. Make your check payable to Mulberry Street UMC and indicate "Methodist Home Offering" at the bottom.



Music Fund

In memory of Billy Bishop by

Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Cloaninger

Memorial Fund

In memory of Billy Bishop by Ms. Janice Nordan



MULBERRY IN PRISON

Once again on **October 19-22, 2017**, Mulberry will be in ministry to inmates of the Burruss Correctional Training Center in Forsyth, GA. Four Mulberry men, Bob Bailey, Johnny Hathcock, Steve Rumford, and Sam Lamback, will serve on this Kairos team. Forty-two inmate participants will experience this spiritual renewal. A team of some thirty Christian laymen and clergy representing various denominations will lead the weekend. The impact of this ministry is undergirded by the support of Mulberry and other churches in the form of prayer commitments, home-baked cookies, cards/notes/letters, and financial support. Donation deadline is Sunday, October 15th. Please stop by the Kairos table in the Atrium to discuss this ministry and pledge your support. Also, please note the "Thank you" poster from the prison community for our past support.



Love, Care and Share around the Table

Wednesday, September 20

Program: Ed Grisamore –
Wonderful Words of Life

Menu: Baked Spaghetti #



Nick and Ashley Heuman will be presenting their daughter

Caroline Josie Heuman for Holy Baptism on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at the 11:00 am worship service.





Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries



Friday, September 29
5:30-8:00 pm

Join us for a family movie on the big screen! Bring a friend and have some fun - blankets, PJs, and sleeping bags are encouraged. Light supper and snacks provided. RSVP to Pam by September 27.



Sunday, October 22
4:30-7:00pm - Courtyard

Activities for all Ages!
Inflatables Games Costume contest

Apple Pie & Chili Contest

Bring your pie and chili to the kitchen by 5:00 pm to be entered in the contest.

Canned good donations will be accepted to benefit Macon Outreach.



The Children's Department would like to extend a BIG thank you to Don Ream for lending his woodworking skills and donating time and materials to build two custom "desert boxes" for our Godly Play classrooms as well as new shelves for our Bible materials to bridge our Old Testament and New Testament materials. (We had been telling stories about the People of God in a plastic storage bin!) Don went beyond the call and, in our opinion, exemplified the same type of craftsmanship as that exhibited by the artisans hand-selected by God to build the Tabernacle and Temple. We are blessed to have many faithful and talented members at Mulberry. "Thank you, Mr. Don!"



Please be praying for our 2017-2018 Confirmation Class and their Mentors.

Confirmand
Evan Bogle
Rho Bridges, IV
Wilson Brown
Mary Caroline Bushway
Piper Bushway
Jaelyn Churchwell
Callie Evans
Liam Fickling
Jack Ginaldi
Zane Harley
Kate Hatcher
Ella Magda
Henry McClure
Barrett Moody
Walter Moody
Avery Morris
Alec Rogers
Zach Rogers
Campbell Ann Sellers
Edie Sharpton
Landon Smith
Emerson Toles
Hayden Tonn
Walker Tonn

Mentor
Creede Hinshaw
David Baskette
Andrew Bender
Judy Hodgins
Judy Hodgins
Barbara Henley & Nita Smith
Teresa Fickling
Rob Evans
Waverly Golson
Trevor Ward
Heather Evans
Gordon Johnston
Waverly Golson
Trevor Ward
Trevor Ward
Karen Carter
Trevor Ward
Trevor Ward
Emily Newberry
Christi James
Bryson Holloway
Julia Magda
Katy Smith
Katy Smith



Breakfast Volunteers

Looking for cheerful, early risers! We start cooking at 5:30 and would love your help, or come at 6:30 and serve on the line. Some of our volunteers come at 5:30 then head to work with a cheerful spring in their step. You can stay 1 hour or 3 hours, pick your time! Ask Emily Newberry, Ed Sell or Mary McDonnell who faithfully serve in this ministry at Macon Outreach.

Travel Hygiene Items Needed

Have you traveled this summer and stuffed your suitcase with shampoo, conditioner and lotion? We'd love your items, the perfect size for those homeless and living on the street.



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

Supplies Needed:
Sugar & Creamer



**Magnolia Manor Classic
October 6, 2017**

**Southern Landings Golf Club (Warner Robins)
to benefit our Macon Campus**

4 Man Scramble: \$500 per Team
Includes Breakfast, Sandwich Box Lunch, Cart, Green Fees & Range Balls
Registration & Breakfast: 8:00-9:00 am
Shotgun start: 9:00 am

For more information contact Lauren Sapp, Director of Special Events at (229) 931-5928 or LSapp@magnoliamanor.com

**Scampers Fall Venture
to Bald Mountain Park
October 6-8, 2017**



If you are planning to make this trip, and have not already made your reservations, please contact the camp office immediately at (706)896-8896. Scampers will be camping in the general area of "Pine Cove Circle". A campground map is available online at www.baldmountainpark.com.

If you have reservations, and are planning to camp at Bald Mountain, please call Ed Powell at (478)737-1518 or email him at EPowell@ahpengr.com.

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Rev. Jimmy Towson – 538-9067
 Rev. Jeff Cook – 229-886-7032

This Week at Mulberry

Sunday, September 17

9:00 am Worship/Chapel
 9:30 Blue Room Kids
 9:45 am Sunday School
 10:00 am NewRoom Worship/Library Ballroom
 11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary
 5:00 pm Anchored

Monday, September 18

10:00 am Daughters of 1812/Conf Rm
 11:00 am Carlyle Place Communion
 12:00 pm Daughters of 1812/F-Hall
 1:00 pm Cottages on Wesleyan Communion

Tuesday, September 19

6:15 am Women's Bible Study/Starbucks
 9:30 am Staff Meeting/Conf Rm
 12:00 pm Kiwanis/F-Hall

Wednesday, September 20

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

Thursday, September 21

9:30 am Circle of Friends Sewing Group/Rm 232
 10:30 am DAR Mtg/Conf Rm
 12:00 pm DAR Luncheon

Sunday, September 24

9:00 am Worship/Chapel
 9:30 Blue Room Kids
 9:45 am Sunday School
 10:00 am NewRoom Worship/Library Ballroom
 11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary
 5:00 pm Anchored



Budget Report 2017

Month	Gifts and Other Revenue	Endowment Revenue	Expense	Net	Total Revenue
Jan	68,829	32,043	121,616	(20,744)	100,872
Feb	72,512	19,516	109,744	(17,746)	92,028
Mar	86,407	37,723	133,327	(9,197)	124,130
Apr	105,391	21,823	118,338	8,875	127,214
May	51,561	16,871	115,157	(46,724)	68,432
Jun	65,270	33,569	125,412	(26,574)	98,838
Jul	76,150	14,272	98,239	(7,817)	90,422
Total YTD	449,969	161,545	723,624	(112,110)	701,936

HELP END Human Trafficking



Human Trafficking Forum Sunday, September 17 2:00 pm Liberty UMC

Liberty United Methodist Women are hosting this forum.

There will be outstanding speakers coming to talk about this unthinkable crime that is taking place in Macon as well as across the nation.

Speakers include:

Dele Reichert

Tammy Crutchfield - Leads Traffick Jam at Mercer

Cynthia Smith - Chair, Out of Darkness in Middle GA

Christine Watson - MGALERT Board Member, International Justice Mission

Kim Granich - FBI Agent investigating human trafficking

Questions?

Contact Mrs. Pam Creech (478-788-5941)

Mulberry Street UMC Staff

Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor

Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor

Trevor Ward & Tyler Giles, NewRoom Worship Leaders

Richard Kosowski, Director of Music

Pat Crowe, Organist

Bruce Bishop, Church Administrator

Trevor Ward, Interim Director of Youth Ministries

Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Betsy Abbott, Director of Hospitality

Karen Carter, Connections Director

Sara Colvin, Financial Secretary Linda Parker, Administrative Secretary

Doris Andrews, Church Cook/Custodian

Clifton Carswell & Jeffrey Smith Michael Washington, Custodians

Tshanghi Corey, Director, Children's Center

Debbie Towson, Director, Macon Outreach