

# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 25, 2016

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## MULBERRY AT HER FINEST!

What a magnificent day at Mulberry Street UMC yesterday! We had three incredible worship services at 9, 10 & 11. The music at all 3 services was off the charts! Cam Bishop introduced us to a new soloist at 9 and 11, Lindsey Rueter, a graduate student at Mercer, who blessed us with "Give Me Jesus". And, we had another young family with two beautiful girls take the important next step to officially join the Mulberry Family! Please welcome the Dents to Mulberry, Gary, Ann, Katherine and Caroline!

Just when I thought it couldn't get any better, we hosted the worship service welcoming Bishop Lawson Bryan as the bishop of our South Georgia Annual Conference. Mulberry has been blessed to host this service for all of the bishops who have come to serve in South Georgia. It was packed out, and I wish you could have heard the congregation singing the great hymns! I was so proud of our Ainsworth choir as they led us into worship with an amazing arrangement of "How Firm a Foundation".

As the Senior Pastor of this great church, I could not have been more proud of our church, our staff, our volunteers, the bakers of all the goodies, the decorators, the greeters, the servers and all who helped make this special service and reception a huge success! I am also proud of those who stayed to clean up afterwards. Everyone working together made this a very special day!

So let me ask you, have you shared with other the wonderful things happening at Mulberry? Everybody ought to experience what we experience every week in worship, Sunday school, children's and youth programs! Why not find someone today to invite to be part of the beauty, grace and majesty of all that God is doing at Mulberry Street UMC!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimmy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

# Sunday Worship

September 25, 2016

9:00 am Chapel

11:00 am Sanctuary

### WHY?

*The question that won't go away.*

*Why Suffering?*

*Genesis 50:14-21 (NLT)*

Rev. Jimmy Towson



### Assisting with Worship

#### Usher for Nine O'clock

Warren Dunn & Scott Wangen

#### Ushers for Eleven O'clock

Charlie Bridges, Austin Carter,  
Kenneth Harper, Jason Hawkins,  
Baxter James, David Mann, Don Ream,  
Brett Toles, Bob Veto, Jim Wilson

#### Children's Church

Bo & Caitlin Walker (2K/3K)  
Robert & Heather Evans (4K/5K)



### Altar Flowers



*The flowers in the chapel are given to  
the glory of God and in memory of*

*Dorothea Peace,*

*mother of Dr. Rush Peace*

*and Robert A. Robertson,*

*father of Judy Peace*

*by Dr. & Mrs. Rush Peace.*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given  
to the glory of God in loving memory*

*of Guy Harrington*

*by Mickey & Carol Pope.*

### Attendance Last Week

Nursery	13
Nine O'clock Worship	34
NewRoom Worship	72
Eleven O'clock Worship	217
Total Worship Attendance	336

# MUSIC News

Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist

### Ainsworth Choir

Rehearsal - Wednesdays - 7:15

### Children's Choirs

Rehearsals - Wednesdays - 6:15



## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

### World Communion Sunday Homebound Communion

This World Communion Sunday, October 2 following the 11:00 service in the sanctuary, volunteers will extend the table of Communion with those unable to come to church for the sacrament. You are invited to serve in this very meaningful ministry sharing of our Lord's Table to Mulberry's homebound members. If you are willing to share no more than 77 minutes between 12:30-5:00 pm on October 2<sup>nd</sup> to our homebound members, please contact Tommy Perkins at [tperkins@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:tperkins@mulberrymethodist.org) or 745-8601 no later than Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. If you are or know of a member of Mulberry who would like to receive Holy Communion at their home on October 2<sup>nd</sup> please contact the church office so Tommy Perkins can coordinate the visit.

## MIDWEEK AT MULBERRY

*Love, Care and Share around the Table*

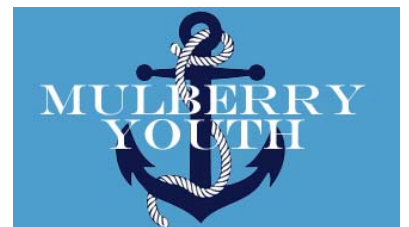
**September 28**

### Program:

**Jim Crisp, Artistic Director  
Theatre Macon**

### Menu:

**Meatloaf**



Rev. Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries

### Anchored

Sundays - 5:00 pm

### Wednesdays

Youth Fellowship - 6:15 pm

### Cluster Charge Conference

This Sunday, September 25, 2016

4:00 pm

Riverside UMC



### WHY?

*The Question That Won't Go Away!*

### Small Groups

#### Mondays

10:00 am - Mulberry St. UMC

Men & Women

Leaders: Steve & Rozelle Rumford

#### Tuesdays

7:00 am - Taste & See Coffee Shop

Men's Group

Leader: Jimmy Towson

#### Tuesdays

7:15 pm

Contact: Allison Hawkins (478) 808-3967

Young Women

Leader: Rotates

#### Wednesdays

6:15 pm - Mulberry St. UMC

Youth

Leader: Bill Culpepper

#### Thursdays

6:30pm

130 Treyburne Way

Men & Women

Leaders: Rader & Kate Sellers



*To Shane and Laura Schofield  
upon the death of Laura's father*

*Dr. Thomas Cole Johnson of Atlanta, GA,  
on September 16, 2016.*



Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries



Sundays  
(through October 16)  
5:00-7:00 pm

**KIDZQUEST Retreat at Epworth**  
September 23-25

**Children's Council Meeting**  
October 2, 2016  
12:00 pm



**Fall Festival & Chili Cook-off**  
Sunday, October 23  
4:30-7:00 pm  
Mark your calendar!

**Budget Report 2016**

Month	Gifts and Other Revenue	Endowment Revenue	Expense	Net
Jan	93,604.62	18,616.56	103,762.19	8,458.99
Feb	62,362.89	16,848.37	109,624.07	(30,412.81)
Mar	77,138.00	37,665.00	137,696.00	(22,893.00)
Apr	79,131.00	19,459.00	113,989.00	(15,399.00)
May	93,815.00	14,689.00	107,789.00	715.00
Jun	78,530.00	17,687.00	109,374.00	(13,157.00)
Jul	76,558.00	22,233.00	116,185.00	(17,394.00)
<b>Total YTD</b>	<b>561,140.00</b>	<b>147,198.00</b>	<b>798,419.00</b>	<b>(90,082.00)</b>

**Soul Friends Ministry Covered Dish Celebration**  
Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm

All who are interested in a "blessed-to-be-a-blessing" ministry for the Mulberry congregation are invited to Mulberry's Soul Friends banquet celebration Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> in the church parlor. Meat and drinks will be provided, so bring a side item or snack along with the thrill of discovering God in Mulberry's Older members. Soul Friends Ministry will continue to be a way Mulberry's congregation connects with homebound members. Soul Friends pair up with people who are no longer able to come to church connecting with cards, phone calls, and visits, befriending them in the love of Christ. If you wish to be a part of this wonderful ministry, investigate it by coming to the celebration, or know of anyone in the church who needs a Soul Friend, please contact:

Marilyn Armstrong [marilyn@cox.net](mailto:marilyn@cox.net),  
or Tommy Perkins [tperkins@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:tperkins@mulberrymethodist.org)



Canned Green Beans  
Cereal  
Canned Mixed Vegetables (no Corn)  
Oatmeal in Individual Packets



**Macon Outreach Fund**  
In memory of Louis Rau, Jr. by  
Joann Kendrick-Holmes Dr. & Mrs. Charlie Cloaninger  
In honor of Sylvia & Johnny Hathcock's Birthdays by  
Harold & Freeda Chapman



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

**Supplies Needed:**

coffee, creamer, sugar, cereal, Quick grits,  
oatmeal, detergent, baking soda, bleach  
spray deodorant, disposable razors,  
body wash, paper towels, toilet paper, disinfectant spray

**Mulberry Community Garden**



**Volunteer Gardeners**

**Mondays in the Garden- 7:30-10:00 am**  
**Thursdays in the Garden – 7:30-10:00 am & 3:00-5:00 pm**

Questions? Call Jack Head 719-7455



**Mission Opportunity**

**Domestic**  
**G2G4**

**(Generation 2 Generation)**  
A Mulberry Intergenerational Mission Trip  
**January 13-16, 2017**  
Hinton Rural Center, Hayesville, NC

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Our 11 a.m. service is broadcast live  
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, September 25

9:00 am Worship/Chapel  
9:40 SONRISE  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:00 am NewRoom Service/Library Ballroom  
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary  
4:00 pm Cluster Charge Conference/Riverside UMC  
5:00 pm Anchored  
5:00-7:00 pm Kids Small Group

### Monday, September 26

1:00 pm Cottages on Wesleyan Communion

### Tuesday, September 27

8:30 am Prayer Group/Prayer Rm  
9:30 am Staff Meeting/Conf Rm  
12:00 pm Kiwanis/F-Hal

### Wednesday, September 28

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 29

9:30 am Circle of Friends Sewing Group/Rm 232  
10:00 am Conference Pension Mtg/Mustard Seed Cls

### Sunday, October 2

9:00 am Worship/Chapel  
9:40 SONRISE  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:00 am NewRoom Service/Library Ballroom  
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary  
12:00 pm Children's Council Mtg  
5pm Anchored  
5:00-7:00 pm Kids Small Group



memorials  
& gifts

*Children's Department*  
*In honor of Mel Jamison by Dr. Rick Lanford*

## Key information about Tags of Hope Thrift Shoppe

- We are located on Vineville Avenue in the shopping center right beside Gems Dry Cleaning
- Right now we are open Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 am to 3 pm; Thursdays 9 am to 5 pm
- Need volunteers to serve as Cashiers, Sales associates, Storeroom and receiving, and greeters.
- Welcome partial day workers
- We provide lunch
- Retail experience is not required...everyone is welcome.
- Dress code – nice casual clothing (we are looking into purchasing smock aprons)
- We need 3 to 5 volunteers at all times

## Presentation by Mary Grace Rumford Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:30 pm

If you were unable to attend the presentation given by Mary Grace Rumford a few weeks ago, she will again discuss her mission work in Cambodia at the home of Don & Heidi Ream on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

## *Mulberry Street UMC Staff*

Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor  
Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor  
Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries  
Trevor Ward & Tyler Giles, Worship Leaders  
Bruce Bishop, Church Administrator Camille Bishop, Music Director/Organist  
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, Custodians  
Erin Frazier, Director, Children's Center  
Debbie Towson, Director, Macon Outreach