

Children of God at Mulberry, we are ecstatic to report that our pledge campaign for 2025 is off to a tremendous start with 79 pledges totaling \$511,079. Thank you for your generous and tangible support for this great church and all it does! Of course, pledges continue to be gladly received, and we'll provide updates in the coming weeks on our progress. We want you to be part of the exciting growth at Mulberry and invite you to join us in pledging as an act of faith if you have not committed already. If you need a pledge card, contact the church office, or use this QR code to go directly to an online pledge card.



We also celebrate your generosity as you have embraced several recent mission-specific initiatives including:

- The silent auction for beautiful turned wood pieces created and donated by Doug Scharp that raised funds for Macon Outreach;
- The Mulberry Youth's time spent decorating and delivering Christmas gifts to our homebound members who can no longer attend worship in person;
- The United Women of Faith's casserole and cinnamon roll sale that raised money for UMC missions and ministries; and
- The Children's Center at Mulberry's Annual Fund campaign earmarked to bridge the gap between tuition and the full cost of offering the gold standard of early child care learning for families who desire more than "daycare" for their children and look especially to Mulberry for a faith-centered approach.

In Bible times, a steward was a trusted servant who managed the resources of his employer's estate. In present times, we are *all* stewards who decide not only how to spend our money but also our time and talents. We appreciate all the ways you give selflessly to our congregation: attending worship, serving meals, writing notes of encouragement, singing in the choir, kindly greeting visitors, leading small groups, teaching Sunday school, caring for the garden, serving on committees, and all the other ways you show your commitment to God and to Mulberry.

Great things are happening at Mulberry, friends! Moreover, we have a place for you to come alongside us, using your skills and talents in meaningful ways that will enrich your spirit and serve God's kingdom. If you are looking for a way to plug in to life at Mulberry, reach out to Jack or Payton or contact any of us to learn what we love to do for and at Mulberry.

Stewardship Committee

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