

## A Letter from Your Pastor...

Dear church family and friends of Mulder,

Happy Easter! He is risen! He is risen indeed! After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His first followers before ascending into heaven and gave them a "Great Commission." It goes like this:

***Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."***

***(Matthew 28:18-20, NIV)***

This is the Great Commission we share with every church and every believer around the world. Every church finds particular ways to fulfill it. At Mulder, we have articulated our mission in three words: "**Connect. Grow. Serve.**" Mulder Church helps people connect with God through friendship with Jesus Christ, grow in that relationship alongside fellow believers, and serve others in the Spirit of Jesus. Every ministry, every event, and every environment within our church is related to one or more of these three words: "Connect. Grow. Serve."

Connect, Grow, and Serve are also words that describe the *spirit* of our church. Even though we are a larger church than we used to be, I consistently hear first time attenders talk about being greeted and having people introduce themselves by name. We want to know each other. We *want* to connect with one another. And we *want* to connect with God. We have a hunger to grow not just in numbers, but in spiritual maturity as we learn what it means to follow Jesus. We have a desire to turn that spiritual growth outward in service to others, and through that service, to connect others to the grace and love of Jesus Christ.

Our mission – "Connect. Grow. Serve." – is also a pathway. These are steps we are invited to take on our journey with Christ. If you don't feel that you've *connected* yet, either by beginning a relationship with God through faith or with other believers, I pray you will consider taking that first step. If you've been getting comfortable here and are ready to take the next step of growing in Christ with other believers, I hope you'll pick up a Groups and Classes brochure on our Resource Table in the hallway outside the Worship Center. If you have questions about any of our groups and classes, email [info@mulderchurch.com](mailto:info@mulderchurch.com). If you are connecting and growing, but haven't found a place to serve, we have Serve forms on the Resource Table as well, and we would love to give you more information on any of our ministry areas.

Connect. Grow. Serve. If you're new to Mulder, this is our mission. If you're not new to Mulder, thank you for the ways you help us accomplish our mission. Through our Connect Class for adults and our Own It class for students, we have received 13 new members including 5 baptisms and 1 reaffirmation so far in 2024! We have a clear mission that is helping us fulfill the Great Commission. That's one reason I'm so grateful to be your senior pastor.

Grace and peace,

*Pastor Jonathan*

# April 2024

**Connecting** with God  
**Growing** in Christ  
**Serving** Others

## Chat & Chew



**April 9 at 11:30 am  
in Carter Hall**

Join us for musical entertainment and sing along with Mr. John Bulkley.

The menu is poppyseed chicken casserole, veggies, fruit and rolls.

Please sign up so we prepare enough food.  
Sign up sheets are on the bulletin boards and in classrooms.

Donations accepted to cover meal costs.

For more info, contact Tracie Setzer at 334-300-4002.

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# CHILDREN'S NEWS



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## Sunday Mornings in Kidstown

Nursery provided at 8AM, 9AM & 10AM (6 weeks-Pre K)

- 9AM - Build Up Children's Church:** K-6th graders meet in Carter Hall.
- 10AM - Build Up:** K-4th graders meet in Carter Hall.
- 10AM - Route 56:** 5th & 6th graders meet in Rt 56 room (to the left of Carter Hall).

## Wednesday Nights in Kidstown 6-7PM

### Club Kidstown (Kindergarten - 6th Grade)

K-6th grade students can join us from 6-7PM on Wednesday nights to learn scripture & focus on faith basics along with some fun activities and snacks.

**Memory Verse:** "But even if we don't feel at ease, God is greater than our feelings, and He knows everything." 1 John 3:20

### Camp Kidstown Registration



Registration is open through May 5th! Camp Kidstown is a fun 3 night camp at Camp Chandler, June 2nd-5th, for students currently in 3rd-6th grades. Camp Kidstown is led by Mulder staff and volunteers, with the camp activities led by Camp Chandler staff. This is a great time

for your children to make memories, build friendships and grow in their faith. Packets are available outside the church office and on the Kidstown desk. Scholarships are available for those needing assistance, please contact Mara at mara@mulderchurch.com.

### VBS: July 14th-17th, 6-8PM

VBS is open to children 4 years old (by July 1) to 6th grade. Registration will open online April 15th. Pre-register by June 16th to guarantee a free t-shirt. VBS volunteers are needed also. You can register to volunteer when you register your child online. (Nursery is available for volunteers.) Stay tuned for more VBS information coming soon.



### Stay up to date on what's happening in Kidstown, join our Remind.

For all ages, Nursery-6th grade text @mulderk to 81010.  
Specifically for Route 56 (5th & 6th grade) text @ekf7A to 81010.  
You can also check us out on Facebook at Mulder Holden.

## Traditional Worship

The worship choir is looking for a pianist for our 8:00 AM traditional service.

If you would like to join the choir or for more info contact Kathy Corbman at kcorbman@elmore.rr.com.



## TLC Ministry



If you need assistance with a household chore or a small repair such as changing light bulbs, changing air filters, greasing squeaky doors, etc., TLC is a handyman ministry that would love to help.

To request help, please contact the church office at info@mulderchurch.com or call (334) 567-4225.

## Celebrate Recovery

Mulder's Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program for anyone struggling with hurts, habits, and hang-ups of any kind. It is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling our life. CR meets each Friday night from 6-8:30PM in Carter Hall.

For more information please contact Tracy Pfannkuche at (334)296-2774, Audra Pfannkuche at (334)300-8273, or celebraterecovery@mulderchurch.com.

# April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 April Payne Carol Bulkley Harper Lewis	3 Annette McKemy Evan Wright *Travis & Lynn Weldon	4 Katie Dean Brooke Boddie	5 Landon Jennings Macey Kirkland Austin Wyatt Easton Wyatt *John & Donna Garrison	6 Erwin Becker Evelyn Carter *Lee & Debbie Banker *Brian & Tisha Ward
7 Elliott Wasden *Rodney & Amy Smith	8 Amy Hooks *Don & Dianne Wilson	9 Claire Whetstone *Matt & April Payne	10 Jason Trippe	11 Reese Watson *Jack & Vicki Jackson *David & Cindy Rogers *Joey & Amber Holmes	12 Brad Owen Sherrie Boone Greg Vinson *Jon & Kaitlyn Hicks	13 Abigail Smith
14 Nina Bonds Anna Dozier Dallas Roebling *Jane Claire & Brent Carter	15 Adam Easley Gavin Rhodes	16 Will Walker Betsy Bargainnier Kelsey Smith	17 Michael Dickey Kent Whetstone	18 Hannah Oakley William Crosby *Shannon & Chris Jones *Patricia & Frank Harris	19 Ella Kate Baker	20 Michael Boone
21 Debra Burnside *Ben & Kirsten Busbee *Jonathan & Kristen Wright	22	23 *Preston & Melissa Jinright	24	25 James Osborne McKinley Garrity *Joey & Kami Scarborough	26 Valerie Dixon Patty Lambrecht Betty Strickland *Ralph & Kim McBride	27 Krissy Landers
28 Will Reese *Jonathan & Jane Crosby	29 Brooke Smith *Tommy & Michelle Holmes	30 Mack Roberts				

## Financial Info for 2023/2024 Fiscal Year - 7/01/2023-2/29/2024:

Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Contributions vs. Budget	Contributions vs. Expenses
\$826,793	\$772,956	\$701,440	-\$53,837	\$71,516

**Mortgage Balance as of 2/29/2024: \$158,748.**

Last month the **Dollar-A-Day** campaign received \$777 to be applied to the principal of our current mortgage.

**Disaffiliation Balance as of 2/29/2024: \$26,096.**



Over the last school year, over 30 5th grade students from Redland Middle School have come to Mulder each Thursday afternoon to learn about God and His Word through our new School Ministries program. We have already begun to prayerfully plan for next year's School Ministries and need your help! For each student to have their own Bible and workbook, it costs \$50. If you, your Grow Group, or Sunday School class are interested in sponsoring one or more of our students for the next school year, you can make a check out to Mulder Church with the memo line "School Ministries." If you are interested in volunteering, email [hunter@mulderchurch.com](mailto:hunter@mulderchurch.com).

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## Ascend Student Ministries

### Mission Trip Fundraisers

Our student mission trip is scheduled for June 17-21, 2024 and we'll be headed to Siloam Springs, Arkansas. The cost is \$450 per students and we need your help to cut the cost.



#### Change for Change

Drop your loose change or dollars in one of the empty Blue Ridge water jugs that you see sitting around the church.

#### T-shirt Sale, April 7th, 14th & 21st

Ascend Students will be selling one of a kind comfort color t-shirts with a cool sketch of Mulder Church on the back. All proceeds will go toward the mission trip. Look for the table outside the worship center.



#### Youth Car Wash, Sunday, April 14th, 3:00-5:00pm

Ascend Students will be washing cars in the church parking lot. Come and support our students and help them raise money for the mission trip.

#### Stay Connected

Follow the youth Instagram page at "mulderyouth" and check out the youth Facebook page by searching Mulder Ascend. If you wish to be added to the text message group, contact Tonya in the church office.