

## CONTACT US

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last name followed by [@mceachernumc.org](mailto:@mceachernumc.org).

**Come Worship With Us!**  
**Worship Times:**

**Traditional Worship - 9:30 & 11:00 AM - Sanctuary**

**Modern Worship - 11:00 AM - Higher Ground**

**Spanish Worship - 10:00 AM - Chapel**

**Sunday School: Children - 9:30 AM and Adults - 9:30 & 11:00 AM**

**Note:** Articles for *The Vine* are subject to approval by the appropriate  
ministry staff leader. Please send requests directly to the staff leader for  
approval **a few days before** the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to desired edition.

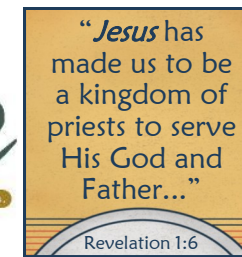


**McEachern Memorial**

A United Methodist Church

[www.mceachernumc.org](http://www.mceachernumc.org)

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## McEachern's Monthly News Update

**August 2021**

**Come Worship, Grow and Serve With Us!**

*"I am The Vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5*

Let us help you get connected and stay connected  
to THE Vine through *The Vine*!

Dear Friends,

In the Spring around 200 of you participated in Listening Sessions. I want to thank you for participating. I found that you are excited and hopeful for the days ahead of us as a church. I am too!

When I went through all the notes I collected at the Sessions, I found that they fell into three areas. First, it became clear that the people of McEachern have some Core Beliefs that they hold as important. Second, many of the comments could be understood as Culture thoughts. They helped describe the Culture of the McEachern church. Third, your thoughts also were about your hopes and dreams for McEachern's ministry.

In the days to come, I will be sharing with you both the Core Beliefs that the Church Council has approved and the Culture that our Lay Leadership and Staff have developed. We will also begin working together on our new Vision for ministry. Many people have worked very hard to lay a great foundation for future ministry here.

But, one thing stood out to me as I attended all the Listening Sessions. The folks here at McEachern love McEachern. You love this church and truly desire to be a part of its amazing ministry.

So, Come Home to McEachern on August 8th and let's start something great for God together!

I love you all,  
Dr. Doug

Join us after the 11 AM service for the Welcome Home Family Picnic!

**LOVE GOD | LOVE NEIGHBOR | MAKE DISCIPLES**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



Join us for the...  
**Welcome Back Picnic**

**Sunday, August 8, in the  
church front parking lot  
And Lula Dobbs Hall**

Join us for a celebration lunch  
after the 11:00 AM worship service!

**Hamburgers! Hot Dogs!  
And all the trimmings!**

AUGUST 8, 2021 // FOLLOWING THE 11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

**You're Invited To A Cheese & Jesus Churchwide Event!**

Register online for this exciting event on Sunday, August 22, 3-5:00 PM!

See details on our website or on page 3 of this edition of *The Vine*.

## NURSERY MINISTRY



**Nursery Ministry Director:  
Susan Koopman**

**skoopman@mceachernumc.org + 678.567.5006**

Our nursery staff and teachers are trained in CPR, First Aid and  
**Safe Sanctuary** to provide a safe, fun place for your children to grow!

## School Year 2021-2022 Parents' Time Away

Summer PTA ends on August 12 and the Fall PTA begins August 24

**Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM**

Sign up once, as needed or by the day/week/month/school

\$25 child, \$20 1st sibling, \$15 each additional siblings

**One-time registration fee of \$20 per family - Register & Pay On-Line**

We cannot "hold" spaces without payment.

Registration and payment must be received at least 24 hours in advance,

Vaccination record and Medical Release form must be on file with PTA.

## WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

**mceachern**  
united methodist preschool

**We currently have openings  
for the 2021-2022 school year!**

For more information, please contact the  
preschool office at **770.439.7110**.



## CARE MINISTRY CONTINUED



## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**Monday, August 16, 2021  
3:00-7:00 PM In Oaks Hall**

Please sign up to give the gift of life - blood!

The goal for this Blood Drive is 27 pints. We can surely meet this goal!

Sign up today to give at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

For any questions, contact Nancy Folds

[nfolds@mceachernumc.org](mailto:nfolds@mceachernumc.org) or **770.943.3008 X5002**.

## MISSIONS MINISTRY

### Back to School Greeters

Please consider joining us Monday, August 2, 2021, as we greet students on their 1st day back to school! To ensure we have enough greeters, please take a minute to fill out this [form](#) or enter the link below.

<https://mceachernumc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/495/responses/new/>

### Backpack Supply Drive - Now Through August 8

We are collecting school supplies for students in our community until August 8, 2021. Drop-off bins are located in the Narthex. For a list of supplies needed this year, please [click here](#) or visit the link below.

<https://mceachernumc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/498/responses/new/>

### Exciting Food Distribution Partnership

**Friday Mobile Food Market Partnership:** Our Mobile Market partnership with *Goodr* will continue through the end of the year. Thank you for YOUR generous donations. We receive the honor and privilege of responding to God's call for us to assist those in need in our community because of this congregation's heart for service!

### Our Local Outreach Ministry Thanks You!

Thank you for YOUR generous monetary donations to our Local Outreach Ministry. The funds not only provide emergency groceries for local families but also bill pay assistance for utilities. Thank you for supporting our Local Outreach Ministry!

## DONATIONS GIVEN TO...

**The Tanya Ghoreishi Scholarship Fund in honor of Tanya Ghoreishi by:**

Jim & Jackie Hughey

**The Children's Ministry in loving memory of Polly Maynard by:**

Jane DeFoor



## CARE MINISTRY CONTINUED

### Discover Christ's Love Through Stephen Ministers



**Are you hurting, grieving, stressed or need someone to talk with?**

**Stephen Ministers** are members of MMUMC who have been through extensive training and provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are experiencing a difficult time. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and provide weekly support for you as long as your need persists.

If you or someone you know is hurting, please do not hesitate to learn more about Stephen Ministry by speaking with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders listed below.

- Rev. Cindy Blocksidge, [cindy@mceachernumc.org](mailto:cindy@mceachernumc.org), 678.567.5012
- Bill Hanse, [billhanse0905@gmail.com](mailto:billhanse0905@gmail.com), 678.849.8383
- Nancy Folds, [nancy.folds@yahoo.com](mailto:nancy.folds@yahoo.com), 770.337.2050

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life!



### Volunteer and Fellowship Opportunities

### There Is A Place For You In The Care Ministry!

**Bereavement Committee:** Organize and prepare receptions after funeral services. For more information, please contact Rev. Cindy Blocksidge at [cblocksidge@mceachernumc.org](mailto:cblocksidge@mceachernumc.org) or 770.943.3008 X 5012.

**Monday Morning Ministers:** Have begun meeting on Tuesday mornings! 10:00-11:00 AM in B-108. We pray for those who are ill, in crisis or celebrating exciting events such as weddings and births. Join members sending cards of congratulations, concern and sympathy. To share a prayer concern or for more information, please contact Pastor Cindy Blocksidge at 770.943.3008 X 5012

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Meets on Thursdays at 9:30 AM in room F322 to knit and crochet prayer shawls for those in hospitals and other care facilities. For more information, contact Nancy Folds at [nfolds@mceachernumc.org](mailto:nfolds@mceachernumc.org) or 678.567.5002.

**McEachern Friends:** Sign-up to visit the homebound, those in assisted living and nursing homes, when it is safe to do so. For inquiries or to participate, contact Diane Huie at [diane.huie@comcast.net](mailto:diane.huie@comcast.net) or Sally Sutton at [ecstift@gmail.com](mailto:ecstift@gmail.com).

**Front Office Volunteers:** Smiling faces needed occasionally to answer the main telephone lines and greet guests. For more information, contact Nancy Folds at [nfolds@mceahernumc.org](mailto:nfolds@mceahernumc.org) or 770.943.3008 X 5002

## CHURCHWIDE SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

Choose **Wednesday, August 11** at 9-11:00 AM with our Preschool staff or **Sunday, August 22** at 12:30-2:00 PM.

**No need to pre-register.** Meet in **Lula Dobbs** for in-person training. All who are 16 and older and serve in ministry with children, youth and/or vulnerable adults must complete Safe Sanctuary training annually.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



**Children's Ministry #mceachernkids**  
**Director: DeDe Reilly**  
[dreilly@mceachernumc.org](mailto:dreilly@mceachernumc.org) + 404.493.1683

Check in often at our digital small groups for daily encouragement and the latest on how children are served and serving at McEachern Memorial United Methodist Church! **McEachern Kids Facebook Group**

**Faith Parenting | Faith Grandparenting | Cheese & Jesus**

**Sunday, August 1:**

**9:30 AM - Wild Worship on Wheels by the Gaga Ball Pit - Let's Roll** into the School year! Bring your bikes, trikes, scooters and more!

**9:45 AM - 5th Graders & Parents Breakfast**

**12:30 PM - Kindergarteners & Parents Open House**

**Sunday, August 8:** Promotion Sunday is when we promote into our new Sunday school classes. Begin in the Welcome Center, worship as a family at 11 AM, then stay for a **Welcome Home Picnic** on the front lawn at 12 noon.

**Faith Milestone:** Acolytes on **Sunday, August 15 at 3 PM for 3rd-5th graders** in the Sanctuary. Register online for new acolytes.

**Faith Milestone:** Ambassadors on **Wednesday, August 25 at 5-7 PM** in the Welcome Center. Register online for all old and new Ambassadors.

**CLUB345:** We will answer the question WHY JESUS? Every 3rd Sunday of the month beginning **August 15 at 3:45-5:30 PM** in the new CLUB345 suite for all **3rd-5th graders**. Bring a friend!

**McEachern Kids Mission for August:** Donate Band-Aids for our school nurses. Collection pool in the lower level of the Christian Life Center.

**McEachern Kids Online** is emailed each week or found on the children's page of the website. To get on the email list contact Mrs. DeDe Reilly at [dreilly@mceachernumc.org](mailto:dreilly@mceachernumc.org).

**CHURCHWIDE - Cheese & Jesus - Sunday, August 22, 3-5 PM**

"Charcuterie Board for Two" is a tasty experience beginning with expert instruction from a guest instructor from *Boxed Bites To Go* on how to create a charcuterie food spread that will impress your family and friends. Once you create your very own delicious spread, you'll be able to snack on it while we hear from Kristi Duncan and Kristin Duncan King about Christian hospitality. **Register online or contact DeDe Reilly at [dreilly@mceachernumc.org](mailto:dreilly@mceachernumc.org).**

## McEachern Student Ministry



Student Ministry Director:  
**Carlos Fernandez**

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### Renew Sunday Mornings For 6th - 12th Graders

6th-8th grade Students can now join us either in person or online! If joining us in person, our Student Ministry doors open at 9AM for a meet & greet! The program start time is 9:30 AM. If you are joining us online, <https://zoom.us/j/93218620783?pwd=QkwxZkdVbEpOQnVIZ2hrNGRiNUhmZz09>, we'll start at 10:00 AM. Whether joining us in person or online, we'll have both fun and engaging group activities, small groups and utilize the SOAP (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer) method for our study of the Word. If attending in person, register student/s [here](https://mceachernumc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/399/responses/new) or enter the link below. <https://mceachernumc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/399/responses/new>

### Save The Date! Midweek Kickoff - Wednesday, September 8

Watch for more information coming soon as we look forward to beginning our weekly Midweek events for the 2021-2022 school year!

## ADULT MINISTRY

### Upcoming Fall Bible Study Options Coming Soon!

Until then, create your **FREE RightNow Media** account and enjoy an abundance of Christian videos and Bible studies online at no cost to you!



**RightNow Media**  
**A FREE Resource For You And Each Member Of Your Family!**

McEachern MUMC provides **RightNow Media** as our gift for your spiritual wellbeing and development at no cost to you. You can invite everyone in your household and each will have

their own login. We encourage you to register, log in, and explore all that's available with this free gift to you. To create a profile and gain access to this amazing faith building tool, [click here](https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/MMUMC) or enter the link below. <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/MMUMC>.

## MEN'S MINISTRY

**Men's Bible Study - Thursday Mornings 6:00-6:30 AM**  
**Drop-in Anytime! No registration required for this group!**  
**Ongoing In Room F329 In The CLC** - For all men who want to begin their work day with a short Bible study followed by a time of fellowship. Please drop in and have a cup of coffee with us!



## MEN'S MINISTRY CONTINUED

### Come, Help Build A Habitat For Humanity Home!



The United Methodist Men's group is part of the Cobb Interfaith Habitat Coalition to build a home with Habitat for Humanity. A Habitat for Humanity build has begun! Please visit the link below or click [here](https://bit.ly/ummhhabitat2021) to volunteer for one of the last two days of the project, August 21 or 28. <https://bit.ly/ummhhabitat2021>

### Men's Breakfast: Sunday, August 8 At 8:00-9:00 AM



Our United Methodist Men invite **men of all ages** to join them for breakfast on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of most months. Please come and bring a few friends to enjoy this rewarding time of fellowship with other men of McEachern UMC!

**August Speaker:** Bob Wright, MMUMC Member

## SENIOR ADULTS MINISTRY

### Macland Seniors' Monthly Luncheon

**Friday, August 6 At 11:30 AM In Lula Dobbs Hall**

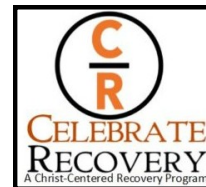
**Our covered dish / potluck luncheon has resumed!**



**Program:** Presented by Mayumi Cole who will perform a traditional Okinawan drum dance accompanied by traditional music. Join us for this interesting glimpse into the Okinawan culture.

Bring your favorite dish to share AND bring your own beverage. If you are more comfortable bringing your lunch, please feel free to do so. Reservations are no longer necessary! Direct inquiries to Nancy Folds at [nfolds@mceachernumc.org](mailto:nfolds@mceachernumc.org) or call **770.943.3008 X 5002**

## CARE MINISTRY



### Fellowship Support Groups

**Celebrate Recovery** is a Christ centered group that meets every **Thursday at 7:00 PM via Zoom**. This group helps individuals to overcome not only addictive behaviors but also life issues and hang-ups that rob them of joyful living.

If you'd like to connect to this group, contact Nancy Folds via email at [nfolds@mceachernumc.org](mailto:nfolds@mceachernumc.org) or by phone **770.943.3008 X 5002**.

**AA: Meets Tuesdays and Fridays at 8:00 PM** - Alcoholics Anonymous meets in room G-103 at the Care and Counseling Center.