



FEBRUARY, 2023

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

## EMERGENCY & Inclement Weather Policy

Information regarding closures due to emergency or inclement weather is available through our website, [www.meachernumc.org](http://www.meachernumc.org), the church main office phone message, and WSB-TV, Channel 2.

## Preschool Weather Policy

Please remember that we follow Cobb County Schools for inclement weather closings. If a school closing is announced, we will send out an email as early as possible. However, please stay tuned to local media for the most updated information. If Cobb County delays opening for one hour, our McEachern Weekday Preschool will open at 10:00 AM. However, if Cobb delays opening for two hours, the preschool will close.

## Hosting Cobb Foster & Adoptive Families Dinner

*Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep one's self unstained by the world. James 1:27*

As we have done in the past, on the evening of February 9, 2023, we will again host Cobb County Foster and Adoptive Families for a dinner and training. Our church champion Cindy Teate said, "The families always enjoy being on McEachern's Campus. They have said that they feel loved by our volunteers."



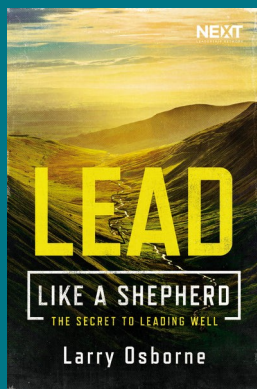
Your assistance is welcomed and appreciated. Volunteers may help with serving the meal to the families and helping with childcare while adults attend the training on our campus. If you would like to be involved, please contact Cindy Teate at 770.355.5862.

## Book Small Group

*Lead Like A Shepherd:  
The Secret To Leading Well*

By Larry Osborne

**Begins Tuesday, February 28, 6:30-7:30 PM**



Purchase the book from your favorite vendor and join us as we learn to lead more effectively using leadership skills from the Word of God, specifically 1 Peter 5:1-4.

Leader: Kat Byers

For more information contact DeDe Reilly at 770.943.3008 or [dreilly@meachernumc.org](mailto:dreilly@meachernumc.org).

## Donations Given To...

The Christmas Catalog Item #2  
in honor of Jeff Jernigan by  
Conyers First UMC

The Children's Ministry Fund  
in honor of Susan Jordan by  
Jane DeFoor

The Tanya Ghoreishi Scholarship Fund  
in honor of Tanya Ghoreishi by  
The Macland Seniors Group

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

## Can Your Chili Stand Up To The Challenge!?!



Join us in Oaks Hall on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 12 PM after worship. People's Choice awards given to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Everyone is encouraged to bring their entry in a Crock Pot to Oaks Hall by 11:00 AM and return after the 11:00 AM Worship Service to sample and vote for your 3 favorites.

**Hot dogs, toppings, desserts and drinks provided!**

For more details, contact Toni Brewton via email at [tonibrewton@bellsouth.net](mailto:tonibrewton@bellsouth.net). Proceeds from donations will help assist the Korytskyi family who reside in the McEachern MUMC Mission Inn.

(Sponsored by the Unity Sunday School Class)

## NURSERY MINISTRY



Parents Time Away &  
Nursery Ministry Director:

**Susan Koopman**

[skoopman@mceachernumc.org](mailto:skoopman@mceachernumc.org)  
or 678.567.5006

### Parents' Time Away ~ Tuesdays & Thursdays 9 AM - 1 PM

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

Registration with payment is required at least 24 hours in advance.

Please understand that we cannot "hold" spaces without payment.

\$30 1st child, \$25 2nd child, \$20 each additional child - One-time registration fee of \$20 per family

Register & Pay On-Line at [McEachernumc.org](http://McEachernumc.org) under "Events" or "Church Life"

We must have Vaccination records and Medical Release forms on file for each child.

MMUMC is exempt from licensure by the State of Georgia because our program meets the maximum of 4 hours per day for 2 days per week. The church carries insurance for all programs and our staff is trained in CPR, First Aid and Safe Sanctuary to provide a fun, safe environment for children.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Check in often at our digital small groups for daily encouragement and the latest info of how children are served and serving at McEachern Memorial United Methodist Church!  
[McEachern Kids Facebook group](#)      [Faith Parenting](#)      [Faith Grandparenting](#)

**Sunday Mornings: K5-5<sup>th</sup> grade 9:30-10:30am large/small groups in The Treehouse**  
 Arrive early since there's always something special going on in the Welcome Center which opens at 9:00am.  
 Check out the online classroom and at-home resources at [www.pursueGODkids.org/mceachern/](http://www.pursueGODkids.org/mceachern/).

McEachern  
Memorial UMC

## PursueGOD Kids

When kids and parents talk about the Bible, the whole family wins! Visit the Children's page at [www.mceachernumc.org](http://www.mceachernumc.org)

Take a Tour

## Register now for Ambassador Road Trip!

Discounted registration fee of \$125 ends on February 1st!

If space is still available after February 1st, the registration fee is \$150.

## 4th & 5th grade Ambassador Road Trip to Indian Springs State Park



Friday-Sunday  
March 17-19, 2023  
Register at [www.mceachernumc.org/children/](http://www.mceachernumc.org/children/)



♥ Ladies & Mother-Daughter Heart & Cookie Exchange ♥  
 Register online! Ladies younger than 6th grade must attend with a loved adult. Sponsored by Women's Ministry and McEachern Kids in partnership with McEachern Students.

Ladies & Mother-Daughter

Heart & Cookie Exchange

Sunday, February 5, 4-5:30pm

Bring 2 dozen cookies and a heart decoration to exchange

Ladies of all ages and stages are invited  
 RSVP at [www.mceachernumc.org](http://www.mceachernumc.org)

## Register now for this

FREE workshop!  
 Faith Milestone: Media & Technology



**TUESDAY  
FEBRUARY 7  
6:30-8PM**



McEachern Methodist Church-Oaks Hall  
 4075 Macland Rd. Powder Springs, GA  
 RSVP at [www.mceachernumc.org](http://www.mceachernumc.org)

for parents, grandparents, and children elementary through middle school

# MARDI GRAS

**Sunday**

**February 19th**

**CLUB345 & K2 Club**

**Bike & Trike Parade**

For Children's information or to volunteer, call X 6039 or email [dreilly@mceachernumc.org](mailto:dreilly@mceachernumc.org).



# STUDENT MINISTRY

## FEBRUARY 2023

- 1 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM
- 5 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM
- 8 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM
- 10-12 - Confirmation Retreat (8th Grade)
- 12 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM  
Bake Sale Fundraiser
- 19 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM  
Movie Night, 3-5 PM
- 18 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM
- 22 - No MidWeek  
(Ash Wednesday)
- 26 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM

## Confirmation Retreat

FEB 10-12 · CAMP GLISSON



## Bake Sale

FEBRUARY 12, 2023  
A FUNDRAISER FOR YOUTH SUMMER BEACH CAMP



FEB 19  
3-5 PM

Registration  
Open  
**SUMMER**



High School Mission Trip · June 11-16

## RIVER of LIFE

Middle School Mission Trip  
June 21-25



Register for events and full details online at [www.mceachernumc.org/student](http://www.mceachernumc.org/student)

# ADULT MINISTRY

## Spotlight On A Sunday School Class ~ Came To Believe



The Came to Believe Sunday School class meets each Sunday at 9:30 AM in Building F, Room F326 of the CLC (Christian Life Center) Welcome Center. This class is comprised of 70 members ranging in ages from 60s to 80s with approximately 30 attending each Sunday. The group enjoys social activities and is very dedicated to being the hands and feet of Jesus by volunteering tirelessly to sponsor and assist in the church's many mission related projects. Came To Believe class participants value biblically based lessons that are carefully and prayerfully facilitated by Phil Marklin. Come join us this Sunday!

## Wednesday Bible Study With Dr. Doug

Books of the Bible - Wednesdays 10-11:00 AM - Room F147

**No registration required!** Men & women are welcome to drop-in any Wednesday morning to study God's Word with Dr. Doug Thrasher and other participants.

**DIRECT INQUIRIES REGARDING ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL & SMALL GROUPS TO  
REV. CINDY BLOCKSIDE AT [CBLOCKSIDE@MCEACHERNUMC.ORG](mailto:CBLOCKSIDE@MCEACHERNUMC.ORG) OR 770.943.3008 X 5012**

# MEN'S MINISTRY



## Men's Breakfast

Sunday, February 12, 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!

**February Speaker:** McEachern UMC Member Scott Jones



## Men's Bible Studies

Sundays 5:00-7:00 PM - Room F147

Join Facilitator Don Hendershot for in-depth Bible study (currently in Matthew).

Thursday Mornings 6:00-6:30 AM - Room F213

Men, don't forget that we have an early morning Thursday Bible study designed specifically for you!

**No registration required!** This study is for all men who want to begin their workday with a short Bible study followed by a time of fellowship. We enjoy a great time in the Word and finish feeling uplifted and refreshed by 6:30 AM. Contact: [info@mceachernumc.org](mailto:info@mceachernumc.org).



# WOMEN'S MINISTRY



## Women's Bi-Monthly Book Club

**February 9:** We plan to go to a movie in the afternoon and have dinner afterwards in Hiram (specifics forthcoming).

**Book Club meets the 2nd Thursday of every OTHER month, 6:30-8:00 PM. Our next meeting is Thursday, March 9.**

Read the following two selections and join us!

***Surviving Savannah* by Patti Callahan and  
*Half Broke Horses* by Jeanette Walls**

Led by Mala Karr and Toni Brewton

For details, contact Mala Karr, [karr.mala@gmail.com](mailto:karr.mala@gmail.com).



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attend with a loved adult.

Sponsored by Women's Ministry & McEachern Kids  
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**DIRECT INQUIRES REGARDING WOMEN'S MINISTRIES TO  
DEDE REILLY AT [DREILLY@MCEACHERNUMC.ORG](mailto:DREILLY@MCEACHERNUMC.ORG) OR 770.943.3008 X 6039**

# SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

## Macland Seniors Luncheon February 3, 2023



Meet us in Lula Dobbs Hall at 11:30 AM for a great time!  
Please bring both a covered dish to share  
and your own beverage.

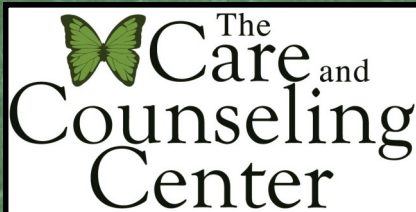
**No reservation required!**

Come and enjoy the presentation of an  
interesting and informative program.

**THANK YOU FOR**  
*the Food before us,* *the Friends beside us,* *the Love between us,*  
*and Your Presence among us.*

**DIRECT INQUIRES REGARDING ALL SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES TO  
NANCY BURKHARDT AT [NFOLDS@MCEACHERNUMC.ORG](mailto:NFOLDS@MCEACHERNUMC.ORG) OR 770.943.3008 X 5002**

# CARE MINISTRY



Individuals

Couples

Families

Children

Adolescents

Groups

Services are offered to our church family and the community by licensed therapists.

- \* Life Coaching
- \* Relationships
- \* Pre-marital
- \* Parenting
- \* ADHD

- \* Grief
- \* Depression
- \* Anxiety
- \* Phobias
- \* PTSD

- \* Bipolar Disorder
- \* Eating Disorders
- \* Anger Management
- \* Stress Management
- \* Work and Career Issues

Let us help you achieve a healthy balance in life!

Fees are based on a sliding scale according to household income - Visa/MC accepted  
Flexible appointment times available weekdays, evenings and weekends to fit your schedule!

**Contact: 678.567.5020 - [counselingcenter@mceachernumc.org](mailto:counselingcenter@mceachernumc.org)**



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



**Narcotics Anonymous:**  
Meets at 6:30 PM on  
Sundays and Mondays  
At Higher Ground.



# CARE MINISTRY



## Who are Stephen Ministers?

Stephen Ministers are members of your congregation trained to provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care. They have a compassionate heart for those who are hurting, and they are equipped with caring ministry

skills. A Stephen Minister has one care receiver at a time and meets with that person once a week to listen, care, pray, encourage, and offer emotional and spiritual support.

If you know of someone who is going through a difficult time and may benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please contact one of our Stephen leaders to learn more about this caring ministry:

Rev. Cindy Blocksidge - [cindy@mceachernumc.org](mailto:cindy@mceachernumc.org)

Bill Hanse - [billhanse0905@gmail.com](mailto:billhanse0905@gmail.com)

Nancy Burkhardt - [nancy.folds@yahoo.com](mailto:nancy.folds@yahoo.com)

Consider whether you know of someone who needs their care, and offer to connect them to this ministry. And remember our Stephen Ministry in your prayers.

## Volunteer And Fellowship Opportunities

**There Is A Place For You AND We Need You!!!**



**Office Volunteers:** Smiling faces needed occasionally to answer the main telephone lines and greet guests, place inserts into the bulletin, or assist with mass mailings, design bulletin boards etc. For more information, contact Nancy Burkhardt at [nfolds@mceachernumc.org](mailto:nfolds@mceachernumc.org) or 770.943.3008 X 5002.

**Monday Morning Ministers - Now meeting on Tuesday mornings! 10-11:30 AM in B-108:**

We pray for those who are ill, in crisis or celebrating exciting events such as weddings and births. Join us to sign and send 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 / or crochet prayer shawls for those in hospitals, assisted living communities and other care facilities. For more information, contact Nancy Burkhardt at [nfolds@mceachernumc.org](mailto:nfolds@mceachernumc.org) or 770.943.3008 X 5002.

**McEachern Friends:** Sign-up to visit the homebound, those in assisted living and nursing homes. For inquiries or to participate, contact Diane Huie at [diane.huie@comcast.net](mailto:diane.huie@comcast.net).

# MISSIONS

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## Be Blessed Through Involvement In Missions!

Our Missions Ministry offers many opportunities for you to not only see God at work but to also join Him and experience the blessings received from the gifts of your time and effort toward a purpose greater than yourself. Discover the thrill of becoming part of something amazing that the Lord will accomplish in you and through you! Contact our Missions Director, Tamlyn Collins today by phone at **770.871.1081** or through email at [tcollins@mceachernumc.org](mailto:tcollins@mceachernumc.org)!

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## Christmas Continues - It's Not Too Late To Give

Wow Church! You gave over \$16,000 to 21 missions and ministries through the Giving Catalog at the end of last year. Because of your generous gifts, the celebration of Christ's birth will continue into 2023 for thousands of people all over the world as they receive food, education, medical care, car care, the ability to participate in recreation and more. All of this is given in the name of Jesus Christ. Thank you!

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## Korytskyi Family Update

Little Vanessa had her third birthday in January. She loved receiving her pink balloons and cupcakes from the church. She is pictured here with the wonderful toy kitchen that she received from the Journey Sunday School Class for Christmas. The class and their families enjoyed shopping for the Korytskyi Family gifts as you can tell from the picture. What fun!



## Great Day of Service - Save The Date

Save the date for our annual day of service to be held on Saturday, March 11 from 9 to Noon. Sign-up sheets for specific projects are available in the Narthex on Sunday, February 5. You may also email [Tcollins@mceachernumc.org](mailto:Tcollins@mceachernumc.org) or call the church office at 770.943.3008 X 6049 to ask questions or to participate.

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## Citizenship Classes Have Started - Saturdays 2-4 PM

Bonita White will lead classes on Saturdays from 2:00-4:00 PM in the McEachern UMC Christian Life Center (CLC), Room F147. Classes will continue through the entire year.

**Requirements:** You must have a Green Card. You must speak and understand basic English. Bring a pen and paper and wear a mask. Manuals cost \$35.

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# MISSIONS

## Mission Opportunities

### Mission to Leonards in Turkey

- Dates: June 8 – 17, 2023
- Ministry Partners: Justin and Elizabeth Leonard, serving in the Black Sea region.
- Team Leader: Tamlyn Collins
- Primary Activity: Prayer walks and encouraging Christian leaders in the area.
- Estimated Costs: Right now tickets are \$975. The addition of lodging, food, etc. may be \$500.
- Team size: Up to six persons
- Training requirements: Two group planning sessions to pray and prepare – Dates TBD
- Registration deadline: March 1, 2023



### Mission to UMCs in the Czech Republic

- Dates: July 14-22, 2023
- Ministry Partners: Jihlava, United Methodist Church and Mikulov UMC
- Team Leaders: Susan Koopman, English Camp & Shaun Nguyen, Recreation Camp
- Primary Activity: Connect with young people through these camps helping them to recognize these churches and begin interacting with them.
- Estimated Costs: Right now tickets are \$1344. Lodging and breakfast is \$42 a day with the main meal costing \$7 a day.
- Team size: 15
- Training Requirements: Attend all pre-trip meetings – Dates TBD
- Registration Deadline: April 1, 2023



PASSPORT



## Servant Opportunities in 2023

Do you have a few hours a week to give? The following are areas where you can serve:

- Help members of our local community with food, bills and a prayer at the church.
- Serve at Tapp Middle School greeting those who come to receive food through GoodR. (Please look for Sign-up Genius.)
- Provide a ride for 2 of our Ukrainian family members to swim practice.

For more information about these opportunities or others, please contact  
Tamlyn Collins at [Tcollins@mceachernumc.org](mailto:Tcollins@mceachernumc.org).

FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING MISSIONS MINISTRY, TEXT OR EMAIL  
TAMLYN COLLINS AT 770.871.1081 OR [TCOLLINS@MCEACHERNUMC.ORG](mailto:TCOLLINS@MCEACHERNUMC.ORG).

# CONTACT US

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**Church Office:** 770.943.3008

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Office Closed on Fridays

**Please visit our website for the most current information.**

**Email:** [info@mceachernumc.org](mailto:info@mceachernumc.org)

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

## **Lead Staff and Extension Numbers:**

Rev. Dr. Doug Thrasher, Senior Pastor.....X 5000  
Rev. Cindy Blocksidge, Senior Associate Pastor.....X 5012  
Tanya Ghoreishi, Music & Worship Minister.....X 5005  
Tamlyn Collins, Missions Ministry Director.....X 6049  
Moose Mosteller, Student Ministry Director.....X 5016  
DeDe Reilly, Children's Ministry Director.....X 6039  
Susan Koopman, Nursery Ministry Director.....X 5006  
Shaun Nguyen, Recreation Ministry Director.....X 5014  
Sharon Ellis, Financial Director.....X 5003  
John Spain, Facilities Director.....X 6038  
Denise Ribeiro, Weekday Preschool Director.....770.439.7110

**Contact staff members via email using their first initial and last name followed by @mceachernumc.org.**

**Come Worship With Us!**

**Worship Times:**

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

**Spanish Worship - 11:00 AM - Chapel**

**Sunday School:**

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

**Spanish Bible Class - 9:30 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.



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