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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Church Emergency & Inclement Weather Policy

Information regarding closures due to emergency or inclement weather is available through our website, 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.



Cheers for Classroom Cheerios

You have done a fantastic job of providing children in need at Compton Elementary School with snacks during the fall and winter seasons.

The photo captures your latest donations. Impressive! Now we begin to collect for the spring session. You may drop boxes off in the front office lobby anytime during the week.

Please remember that we are *using plain Cheerios only* as other types may contain nuts.

Thank you!

Church Secretary Wanted New Beginnings UMC

New Beginnings UMC in Kennesaw
is looking for a church secretary!

Duties include answering phones, greeting members and visitors and preparing the weekly bulletin. Hours are 9:00 AM -1:00 PM,
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Pay is \$20.00 per hour. For more information,
contact Debbie Campbell at 404.403.7190.

Donations Given To...

The Choir Fund
in honor of Steve & Glenda Innes by
Mildred Gamel

The Children's Minstry Fund
in honor of Lynne Vansant by
Jane DeFoor

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Congratulations To Winners Of The Chili Cook-Off



Congratulations to the winners of the Chili Cook-off sponsored by the Unity Sunday School Class!

First place went to David Brewton. Rebecca Spain won second place and there was a tie for third place between Joy McTyre and Toni Brewton.

All who attended were also winners as there was good food and fellowship for everyone. \$1,083 was raised to bless our family from Ukraine, the Korytskyis! Thank you Unity Class! Well done!



NURSERY MINISTRY



Parents Time Away &
Nursery Ministry Director:

Susan Koopman

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 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: K5-5th 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 9:00 AM.
Check out the online classroom and at-home resources at 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

Take a Tour



Pizza dinner is provided!

Register new students K5-5th grade online!



Calling all kindergartners-2nd graders and a big who loves them to the Indoor Playground to learn together on Sunday, March 19, 4-5 PM.
For details, contact Stacie Barrow at sbarrow@mceachernumc.org.
(No CLUB345 this month due to the 4th & 5th Indian Springs Road Trip).

**Thursday
Dine-outs
for Lent**

A different restaurant each week to share table life during the season of Lent.
Wear your McEachern swag and let's dine-out together.
6-7:30pm



**MOVING  UP TO
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

All 5th graders + a big who loves you
Wednesday March 29
6-7:30pm
RSVP mceachernumc.org/children

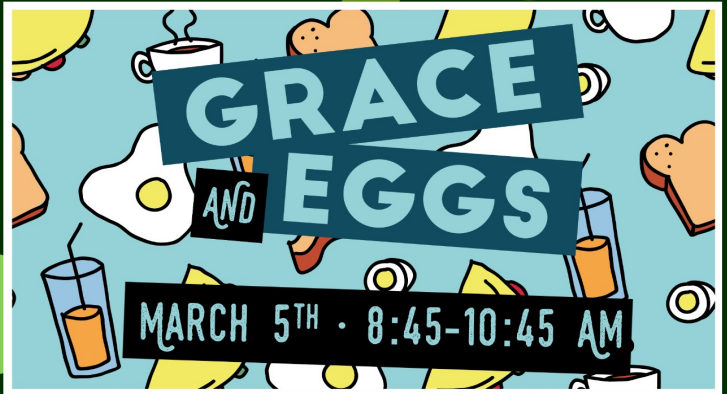
For Children's information or to volunteer, call X 6039 or email dreilly@mceachernumc.org.

STUDENT MINISTRY

MARCH 2023

- 1 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM
- 5 - RENEW & Confirmation,
9:30-10:45 AM
Grace & Eggs Fundrasier
- 8 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM
- 12 - RENEW & Confirmation,
9:30-10:45 AM
- 15 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM
- 19 - RENEW & Confirmation,
9:30-10:45 AM
- 22 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM
- 25-26 - GLOW Retreat
- 26 - RENEW & Confirmation,
9:30-10:45 AM
will join with GLOW Retreat
- 29 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM
Moving up to Middle School Night

MARCH 5 DEADLINE To Register



GLOW Retreat is a 23-hour retreat for Middle School students (6th-8th grade) that is hosted by the High School students (9th-12th grade). It is like an extended lock-in with a purpose. The retreat runs from Saturday at 1 PM on March 25 until Sunday at 12 PM on March 26. The retreat is all over the church campus for different events, games, lessons, worship, food, and sleeping areas. We do have a special off-site activity on Saturday afternoon.

The goal of this retreat is to have High School students invest in the lives of our Middle School students and to encourage them in their faith journey. Friends are more than welcome to attend this event. Please make sure to register for the retreat as soon as possible and not wait until the March 12 deadline. If you have any questions, please contact Moose.

Register for events and full details online at www.meachernumc.org/student

ADULT MINISTRY

Spotlight On A Sunday School Class ~ Joyful Noise



The Joyful Noise Sunday School class meets each Sunday at 9:45 AM in the East Room (Choir Room). Class participants include a variety of ages from the 40's to 70's.

This class is facilitated by Scott Jones and Bill Hanse and is comprised of videos, Bible study and discussion. Joyful Noise members participate in various community service projects throughout the year.

Snacks are provided by the members each Sunday.

Come join us this week!



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 OR 770.943.3008 X 5012

MEN'S MINISTRY



Men's Breakfast

Sunday, March 12, 8:00-9:00 AM

Our United Methodist Men invite men of all ages to join them for breakfast on the 2nd Sunday of most months.

Please come and bring a few friends to enjoy this rewarding time of fellowship!

March Speaker: McEachern UMC Member Harry Lester



Men's Bible Studies

Sunday Evenings 5:00-7:00 PM - Room F147

Join Facilitator Don Hendershot for in-depth studies of books of the Bible.

Thursday Mornings 6:00-7:00 AM - Room F326 /Welcome Center

Come and start your day in the Word with other men in a Bible study of various topics. Meet us in the Welcome Center/CLC, Room F326. We enjoy a great time in the Word and finish feeling uplifted and refreshed by 7:00 AM. Come join us this Thursday! Facilitated by: Charles Chilton

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Women's Bi-Monthly Book Club

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.

We often plan an outing on alternating months.

Watch for details coming in the April edition of *The Vine*.

Living the Sweet Life

2023 WOMEN'S RETREAT
April 28-30, 2023
Lutheran Retreat Center - Tallapoosa, GA

What do you crave?

For women high school age through adult

Register at www.meachernumc.org/women/

Women's Ministry & You

Come and get involved in one or more of the various opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth experiences offered by the McEachern UMC Women's Ministry. Enjoy the benefits of a well nourished soul, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. ~ Galatians 5:22-23

DIRECT INQUIRES REGARDING WOMEN'S
MINISTRIES OPPORTUNITIES TO
DEDE REILLY AT
DREILLY@MCEACHERNUMC.ORG
OR 770.943.3008 X 6039

Adult Small Groups And Bible Studies

Do you want an abundant life that can weather any storm and give you peace in any circumstance? Small groups and studies are instrumental in helping individuals to develop and maintain vibrant Christian lives by offering godly support and spiritual growth opportunities. For more information about existing or upcoming small group and Bible study opportunities, please call the church office.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

MACLAND SENIORS LUNCHEON MARCH 3, 2023



*You are cordially invited to join us for our
Macland Seniors Luncheon
Friday, March 3, 2023 at 11:30 AM
In Lula Dobbs Hall - No reservation required!*



Please bring both a covered dish to share and your own beverage.

The program will be presented by representatives from My Father's House.

My Father's House is a 12-month residential Christian sober living home for women located in Hiram, GA. This ministry was founded to meet the needs in this community for women who truly want change. Our goal is to equip women with the skills and support necessary to maintain lifelong sobriety and become self-supportive, productive members of society through employment, working a 12-step Christ-centered program while living in a Christian environment.

Let's help this ministry by bringing regular size toiletry items that are needed: lotion, shampoo, conditioner, bath gel, soap, hair brushes, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental floss (no mouth wash, please)

Other items needed are cleaning supplies: multi-purpose cleaners, cleaning cloths, paper towels, glass cleaner, etc.

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



Easter Baskets: Easter is fast approaching and it is time to begin preparing Easter baskets for our shut-ins and those in nursing and assisted living facilities.
Please bring items to donate to the March 3 meeting: small lotions, hand sanitizers, ChapStick, word puzzle books, adult coloring books, colored pencils, jigsaw puzzles, socks, snacks (crackers, cookies, chips, non-melting candy), small packs of tissues, small Easter decorations.

Bow Making Class: Friday, March 10 from 10:00 AM - noon in B-108 (room behind the church office area). Come and learn how to make beautiful bows and help prepare the bows for the Easter baskets.

Easter Basket Preparation: Friday, March 24 from 10:00 AM - noon in Lula Dobbs Hall
We will sort donated items and fill the Easter baskets.

**DIRECT INQUIRES REGARDING ALL SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES TO
NANCY BURKHARDT AT NFOLDS@MCEACHERNUMC.ORG OR 770.943.3008 X 5002**

CARE MINISTRY

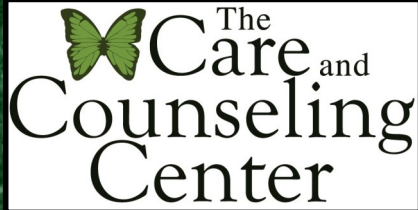


Alcoholics Anonymous:
Meets Tuesdays and Fridays at
8:00 PM in Room G-103 at the
Care and Counseling Center.



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

CARE MINISTRY



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

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 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 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.

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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!

Great Day of Service - Saturday, March 11

Our annual day of service will begin with a light breakfast in Oaks Hall at 8:30 am. At 9 am we will start projects that will last until noon. There is still time to sign up for projects on the website or by contacting Tamlyn Collins, [Tcollins@mceachernumc.org](mailto:tcollins@mceachernumc.org). The seven projects include: assembling meal packets for Mission of Hope in Haiti; dusting the sanctuary; preparing the shop for construction at Mountain Top Boys home in Cedartown; pressure washing/painting the Wee School playground (church); cleaning the inside of Higher Grounds; cleaning the inside of MMUMC buses and cleaning our indoor playground. Your hands are needed!

Murphy-Harpst Celebration & Volunteer Opportunity



Kuddos to the Rebekah Woman's Group for their great support for our mission partner Murphy-Harpst. This center has provided services for children, teens and young adults for over 100 years. In January, seven group members took an hour long trip to Cedartown, GA to provide a January birthday celebration. Thirty-two residents and seven staff members attended a pizza luncheon with all kinds of goodies. Afterwards they played Bingo with great prizes. As they returned to their residences, each guest was given a gift bag.

Are you a part of a group that would be willing to encourage the youth at Murphy-Harpst? Due to staffing changes, they have not been able to schedule other birthday parties for the year. The staff would welcome groups that are willing to jump in! Other outdoor activities such as cookouts and visits to the stables on campus would also be welcome. If your group is interested, then please begin by contacting Scott Fuller, V.P. of Advancement, **828.387.0752**. Scott can get you on the calendar. Cindy Teate has kindly volunteered to provide information about her group's experiences if you call **770.355.5862**. Finally, don't let funding stand in the way. Missions can help with expenses, so call Tamlyn Collins at **770.871.1081**.

McEachern MUMC has enjoyed a long-term partnership with Murphy-Harpst. Please keep them in your prayers as they seek to fill staff positions and to continue worthwhile programming.

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Blessing The Muehleisens



For 27 years John and Beth Muehleisen have followed God's call. They have lived and ministered in East Africa where they worked very closely with the African church. These years were devoted to discipling and training Africans to live Christ-like lives as they reached out to others with the good news of Jesus Christ. In the past three years they have been World Gospel Missions global headquarters in Indiana developing new resources for missionaries and helping in the department of human resources so that staff can flourish wherever God calls them. Even though they are now based at headquarters, they are still on missionary status. This means they must raise their own missionary support just like they did while living in Africa.

McEachern has been honored to partner with the Muehleisens during all of their service. In December they let supporters know that they had a \$20,000 shortfall in support mainly because many long-term supporters had passed away. They also mentioned they would need 40 new supporters willing to give \$50 a month to move into the future. In January your Mission Lead Team was moved to show them MMUMC's complete support for their mission. With God's guidance, we voted to send them a check for \$25,000 to relieve their 2022 shortfall and to give them breathing room as they find new supporters. They were joyful to receive these funds and praised God for His quick answer to their prayers.

This great gift was possible because of your giving to Faith Promise. Please pray for John and Beth as they continue to mentor Christian Leaders at home and abroad.

Korytskyi Family Update



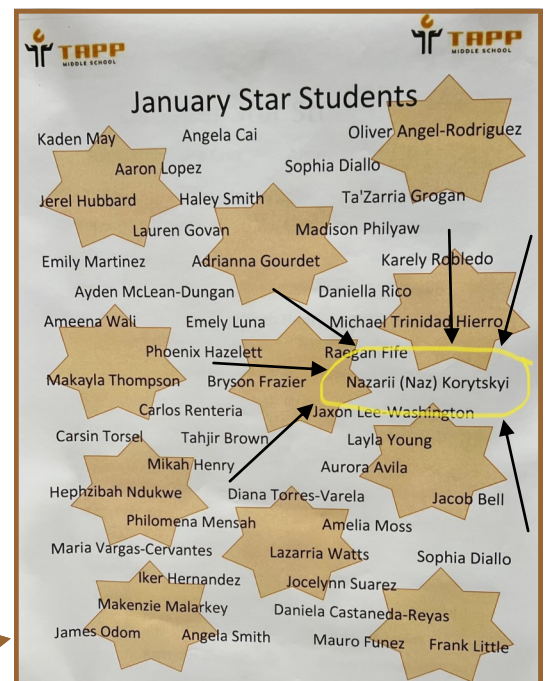
Several of you have asked about the area that our Ukrainian family came from. They came from Rivne. They said that there has not been shelling in their region recently, but that other regions are being hit hard. They still have parents living in Ukraine. We are glad that they are safe with us!

Andrii, the father has been at his job with MAREK for about a month. He gets going at about 5:00 a.m.

but he is happy to get home early to spend time with his family. Myro, the mom continues to teach online three days a week with students in Ukraine. In addition to being in school, Nazarii and Diana are taking ESL classes at MMUMC. Diana continues to swim and enjoys it tremendously. Sasha likes riding his bike, and is excited when Nazarii comes home from school so they can wrestle. Vanessa continues to enjoy playing with her new toys.

Steve Innes recently took the family on a fun outing (see photo above). If you are interested in spending time with the Korytskyis, or are willing to give an occasional ride to swim practice, then please contact ssinnes@yahoo.com.

CONGRATULATIONS, NAZI!



CONTACT US

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM
Office Closed on Fridays

Please visit our website for the most current information.

Email: info@mceachernumc.org

Website: 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 10th of the month prior to desired edition.



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