

Many women
do noble
things but
you surpass
them all.

Proverbs 31:29



May the
Lord bless
our Moms
as they have
blessed us.

Happy
Mother's Day!

MAY 2023

Happenings At McEachern In MAY

There are a lot of different things happening at McEachern this May! Here's the list so you won't miss anything.

May 5-7 Global Impact Celebration – This is our annual celebration of all the ways McEachern is involved in Missions both locally and around the world. Watch for details of the different ways you can become involved.

May 14 Mother's Day Celebration – We will celebrate Mother's Day in worship. This is an important day to celebrate all of the women who have influenced you in your life. Who will you celebrate?

May 21 Graduation Sunday – On this day we recognize High School and College Graduating Seniors. We will honor them during our Morning Worship Services and the Tanya Ghoreishi Scholarship will be awarded.

May 28 Pentecost and Memorial Day – Our celebration of Pentecost will include remembering the day the Holy Spirit was given to the followers of Christ. There will also be a special remembrance for Memorial Day.

May is always a busy month.
Make plans now to participate in all these special events.

I love you all,
Dr. Doug

EXTRA: June 4 Dr. Doug's Retirement Celebration
Plan on coming and celebrating!!!

LOVE GOD ✦ LOVE NEIGHBOR ✦ MAKE DISCIPLES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

♥ *Mothers are loved at McEachern UMC* ♥



Thank you for your godly example!



Donations Given

The Rachel Peters Memorial Fund donated
two picnic tables and two benches for the Outdoor Playground
in memory of Rachel Peters

Donation to the Children's Ministry Fund in honor of Jose Luis Prado
by Jane DeFoor

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



**The McEachern
United Methodist
Men
BBQ Sale
Order Now!**

To support the
Habitat for Humanity
2023 build



Order by May 14th!
www.bit.ly/ummbbq2023

Orders available for pick up Saturday, May 20th
9am - 12pm at the CLC Kitchen.

NURSERY MINISTRY



Parents Time Away &
Nursery Ministry Director:

Susan Koopman

skoopman@mceachernumc.org
or 678.567.5006

Summer Parents' Time Away Begins June 6
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 9 AM - 1 PM

Sign up once, as needed or by the day, week, month or school year (Tuesdays & Thursdays).

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/.

Sunday 9:30-10:30am

K5-5th Grades

Welcome Center Opens @ 9am

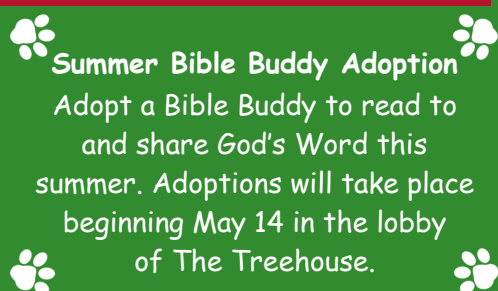
**McEachern
Memorial UMC**

**PursueGOD
Kids**

When kids and parents talk about the Bible, the whole family wins! Scroll down to talk about this week's topic from Kids' Church.



Grandparents are commissioned by God to share their faith. Let's gather for a bit of dessert and ideas for sharing your faith in Jesus with your grandchildren.



Beginning June 4th, Summer Sunday morning small groups will be using our hands, hearts, and minds to build our faith in Jesus.



We need you on the hard hat team! Children learn best to follow Jesus by spending time with people who follow Jesus!

To jump into the construction zone, reach out to DeDe Reilly at dreilly@mceachernumc.org.



Family VBS - Thursday nights in June - 6-7 PM at Higher Ground, then a dine-out to follow. Be part of the hospitality team; email dreilly@mceachernumc.org.

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

STUDENT MINISTRY

MAY 2023

- 3 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM
- 7 - Grace And Eggs,
8:45-10:45 AM
- 10 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM
- 14 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM
- 17 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM
- 21 - Graduation Sunday
RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM
Graduation Luncheon
- 24 - End-of-School Luau, 6-8 PM
- 19 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM
- 23 - Confirmation Sunday
RENEW & Confirmation,
9:30-10:45 AM
- 28 - Summer RENEW,
9:30-10:45 AM
- 31 - Tribes Week 1, 6-8 PM



**SUMMER
CALENDAR**
CHECK IT OUT



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

ADULT MINISTRY

Spotlight On A Sunday School Class ~ Searchlights



The Searchlights Sunday School Class uses a discussion/teaching style format for biblically based lessons. The class is comprised of parents of older children and lots of proud grandparents. The group participates in many mission projects. Couples and single members are welcome to join us any Sunday at 11:00 AM In Room F147 in the Christian Life Center.

Sunday Evening Bible Study With Don 5:00-7:00 PM - Room F147

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

Bible Study - Books Of The Bible With Dr. Doug

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 our Senior Pastor, Dr. Doug Thrasher and other participants. Come join us as we explore the books of the Bible in this interesting and informative study.

**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, June 11, 8:00-9:00 AM

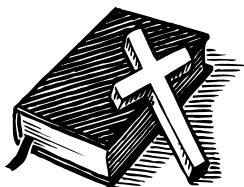
NO MEETING IN MAY - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

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!

Speaker: MMUMC Church Member, Loy Reddick

Men's Bible Study - Thursday Mornings 6:00-7:00 AM In F326



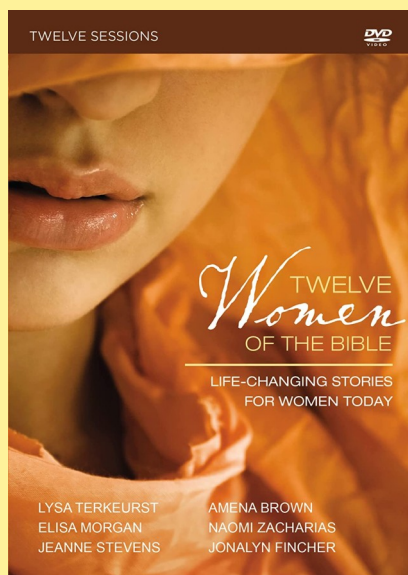
Come and start your day in the Word with other men in a Bible study consisting of various topics. Meet us in the Welcome Center/CLC, Room F326. We enjoy a great time in the Word and finish feeling uplifted and refreshed by 7:00 AM. Come join us this Thursday! Facilitated by: Charles Chilton

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

McEachern 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, full of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. ~ Galatians 5:22-23



Rebekah Women's Group

Monthly Meeting & Bible Study ~ May 22

We invite women to join us for a great time of caring, sharing and learning with other women through a video based study entitled

Twelve Women of The Bible;

Life-Changing Stories For Women Today

In this twelve-session small group journey, taught by six acclaimed Bible teachers, you will meet a group of amazing women in the Bible who are absolutely real. At first, you might wonder why God captured these particular stories in the Bible. However, as you press on, you will discover that their raw and revealing stories of frailties, struggles, sins and brokenness are a real gift to women today.

**We meet on the 4th Monday of the month,
6:30-9:00 PM in the CLC, Room F147. Drop in anytime!**

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, May 11.

Read the following two selections and join us!

The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and
Victoria Christopher Murray

Counted With the Stars by Connilyn Cossette
(Out Of Egypt Book #1)

Led by Mala Karr and Toni Brewton

For details, contact Mala Karr, karr.mala@gmail.com.

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

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

MACLAND SENIORS LUNCHEON MAY 5, 2023



*You are cordially invited to join us for our
Macland Seniors Luncheon
Friday, May 5, 2023 at 11:30 AM
In Lula Dobbs Hall - No reservation required!*



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

A Musical Program will be presented by
our own Preschool & Kindergarten classes!

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



REMINDER!!! Final Payment Due No Later Than
Monday, May 8 by 5:00 PM
For The Early Summer Renewal & Inspiration Tour
At The Billy Graham Renovated Library/Gardens

Joyful Singers Season Ends

At the end of May, the Joyful Singers complete their 2023 season of practicing and singing at various assisted living and nursing homes: Sterling, The Oaks at West Cobb, Dogwood and Hollbrook, Gaines Park, Aspen, Celebration, and Creekside Pines. They also provided the musical entertainment for the Macland Seniors Christmas Party.



The Joyful Singers are directed by Noel Roberds and accompanied by Muriel Sosebee and Conner Garmon. Thanks, Joyful Singers, Noel, Muriel and Conner for your community service and dedication to sharing the love of Jesus with others.

Watch for the beginning of the new season of Joyful Singers in September!
If you are a senior adult age 55+ and love to sing, come join us!

**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
In Oaks Hall.

CARE MINISTRY



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

Stephen Ministers are members of *MMUMC* who have been through extensive training and provide confidential, one-on-one listening, encouraging care. They will pray with and for you and provide weekly support for you as long as your need persists.

If you are hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders:

Cindy Blocksidge - cindy@mceachernumc.org

Bill Hanse - billhanse0905@gmail.com or

Nancy Burkhardt - nancy.folds@yahoo.com

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 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.

McEachern Morning Ministers - Now meets 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.

MISSIONS

Help The Lost And Hurting In Venezuela - Crate Arrives For Filling On May 2

During the month of May our church will be contributing items to fill a crate to ship to Venezuela. Through Faith Promise giving we have already paid for shipping and for prescription medications. However, there are some items for children in high demand at the Wesley Medical Centers. These items can be purchased at Walmart under the name of “**Parent’s Choice**” or “**Equate**.” To help, please bring the following items to church and place them in the crate in the Narthex on Sundays or bring them to the church office on weekdays during the month of May.

Desitin Cream 4 oz

Zyrtec Liquid – Citirizine 4 oz child

Claritin Liquid – Loratidine 4 oz child

Vitamin C – chewable and liquid drops for infants

Tylenol Liquid – Acetaminophen 4 oz child

Infant Formula any size or brand

Gerber 16 oz Baby Cereals: Single Grain for infant or

Grain and Grow for older babies – **no substitutes please.**

Thank You For The Tractor! Many of you are familiar with the quote, “If you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day. If you teach a man to fish, you feed him for a lifetime.” If you believe that this saying is true, then McEachern church members are about to feed some folks for a lifetime. In the United Methodist Northern Conference in Nigeria, you have just funded the purchase of a large tractor to help the people to grow crops. Not only will this tractor be used by the churches, it will also be used to plow fields for their Muslim neighbors. What a witness! One of their leaders, Rev. Salama said, “History is about to be made in the Northern Conference.” It’s wonderful to be a part of history and more wonderful still to serve the Lord.

One Of Our Own We are so proud of our young adult member, Kristen Farrell. She has been offered an internship with Mission of Hope in the Dominican Republic this summer. Kristen is a second year student at UGA pursuing a career in Orthotics and Prosthetics. She says, “Since my freshman year of high school the Lord has placed missions on my heart, and I knew it was something that He wanted me to pursue long term.” McEachern Missions is excited to support Kristen in her service, but you may also want to contribute. Please pray for Kristen and if you are interested in giving, contact Tcollins@mceachernumc.org.

Your Giving Touches Liberia Have you ever imagined that your giving could save lives half way around the world? This month you have done just that. Through your Faith Promise giving, you have saved the lives of 1,000 children. MMUMC has joined with a mission called LIVE2540 to provide lifesaving medical treatment for malnourished children in a section of Liberia where medical treatment is rare. For \$15, the new hospital built through LIVE2540 can save lives while providing the good news of Jesus Christ for their patients. We praise God for this opportunity to make a difference.

Continuing Help for Flood Victims You may remember that we supported two Certified Emergency Response Teams in the fall which went to help flood victims in Kentucky and Florida. As time passes, the need for help continues, but giving often goes to the latest disaster. UMCOR has now set up a station at Hampton UMC in Jackson, Kentucky to continue the work that was started in that mountain community. Hampton UMC also housed the team that Tamlyn Collins was a part of in the fall. In support of this ongoing mission, our church just donated \$3,415 specifically to help those who are still in trailers. Your giving continues to make a difference. Thank you!

Youth Evangelism Center in Belize Our newest missionary family serves the Caribbean Methodist Churches in Belize. Charles Mulemena serves as Pastor for Libertad and Corazol Methodist Churches and their schools. You may remember that we sent a mission team there last October. While there, the team noticed a building, owned by the church, which was in disrepair. Pastor Charles has the vision to turn it into a youth evangelism center where young people could come for “dinner church” to hear about God and to enjoy learning in small groups. Last month he submitted a proposal for the materials and skilled labor that would be needed to transform the building. Because of your gifts, this vision will be coming true. McEachern is able to fund the entire project! We are hoping to send a team to Belize in mid October to complete any remaining work on the Youth Evangelism Center. The next newsletter will have more details about the trip. If you are interested in being a part of the team, please direct inquiries to Tcollins@mceachernumc.org.



MISSIONS

GO DEEP! Global Impact Celebration (GIC) 2023 Saturday & Sunday, May 6th & 7th



The Global Impact Celebration theme is based on Luke 5:4.
*When Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon,
"Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."*

In the past year, with God's help, we have gone wider and deeper in mission and we will celebrate this on both Saturday and Sunday, May 6-7! Join missionaries from around the world and those from our own back yard as we pray, eat, fellowship and worship together.

We begin the fun with a church-wide FREE Olive Garden luncheon at NOON on Saturday, May 6th. In the afternoon, we will offer a mission project for those who wish to serve. On Sunday morning, May 7th, the Youth will host Grace and Eggs as we hear from our mission partners. Our 9:30 and 11 AM worship services will be packed with excitement as we praise God for all He has done and will do. Remember, when we go deep with Jesus, He is able to do far more than we ask or think, according to His power that works within us.

Saturday, May 6

Free Church-wide luncheon at NOON
then Work-Your-Lunch-Off Mission Project

Sunday, May 7

9 AM Grace & Eggs Breakfast with mission partners
9:30 AM & 11:30 AM Worship Celebration

Meet Our GIC Speakers



Carlos Jose Pirona: Bishop of the Methodist Church of Venezuela, organized in 2007, founder of the Global Restoration Network, Engineer, Rector of the Wesleyan Seminary of Venezuela, and coordinator of the International Leadership Institute, dedicated to teaching and mentoring pastors and planting new churches. With more than 33 years of ministry, family coaching and organizational work in the work of God. Married to Dr. Maria de Pirona and father of three children and happy grandfather of Mía Alegría.

Dr. Maria de Pirona: Pediatrician and Founding Medical Director of the Wesley Medical Centers, now five Centers in 3 states in Venezuela. The Centers will treat over 25,000 patients in 2023. The Centers employ over 60 health professionals. One new program is *Una Esperanza* treating hundreds of very poor mothers and their babies providing prenatal and postnatal care, nutrition care and teaching them parenting skills. Dr. María is also a pastor and leads dynamic women's ministries in Venezuela.

Both Bishop and Dr. Pirona have earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in the Seminario Wesleyano de Venezuela and now teach multiple courses in the Seminary.

CONTACT US

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Church Office is Closed on Fridays

Please visit our website for the most current information.

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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 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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