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APRIL, 2023

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CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK AT MCEACHERN!

I want to invite everyone to Celebrate Holy Week. Our Worship Service Schedule is as follows:

Palm / Passion Sunday - April 2 - 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary

We will have a Palm Processional as well as a Service of Sermon and Song.
The Choir has planned some very special music that I will intersperse with a Sermon.

Maundy Thursday - April 6 - 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

A Traditional Celebration of Maundy Thursday remembering the Last Supper
including the celebration of Holy Communion.

Good Friday - April 7 - 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

A Service of Tenebrae (Service of Darkness) - This year our Youth will assist in a
modern adaptation of this beautiful Service remembering the Crucifixion of Christ.

Easter Sunday - April 9 - 7:00 AM at Higher Ground

Come, begin Easter Sunday in Worship. In case of rain we will move inside Higher Ground.

Easter Sunday - April 9 - 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary.

Celebrate the glory of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!

I hope everyone will participate and invite a friend!

I love you all,
Dr. Doug



LOVE GOD ✦ LOVE NEIGHBOR ✦ MAKE DISCIPLES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Message & Music

presented by the
McEachern UMC Sanctuary Choir



Journey to the Cross



April 2, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

To our Care Ministry Volunteers



Many, many thanks to all of our faithful volunteers! You are a vital part of the Care Ministry and deeply appreciated for the sacrifices that you make to do what you do.

Safe Sanctuary Training - Sunday, April 23

SAFE SANCTUARIES

Reducing the Risk of Abuse in the Church for Children and Youth



Join us for in-person Safe Sanctuary training on
April 23, 12:30-2:00 PM in Lula Dobbs
All adults 16 years and older who serve in ministry with children, youth or vulnerable adults must complete in-person training every three years and online training annually. **No registration required!**
Please contact Stacie Barrow for more information at SBarrow@mceachernumc.org.

Donations Given To...

The Outdoor Playground in memory of Rachel Peters by
Choice Sunday School Class

The General Fund
in memory of William Farrell by
Phyllis Berlin

The Youth Scholarship Fund
in honor of Moose Mosteller by
Macland Seniors

The Children's Ministry Fund
in memory of Joy Hardy Scott by
Jane DeFoor

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in honor of Susan Jordan by
Jane DeFoor

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



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](#)

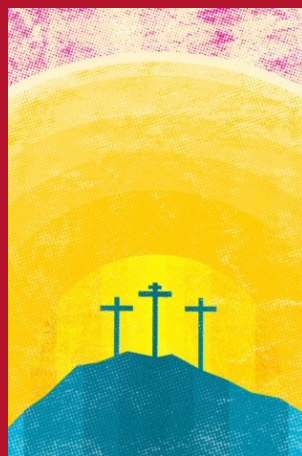
[Faith Parenting](#)

[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/**](http://www.pursueGODkids.org/mceachern/).



Come to collect eggs and more to learn and tell the **GOOD NEWS** of Easter as a family or by yourself. On Palm Sunday, Sunday School will walk as a class. The self-directed Family Drop-in will include even more on Maundy Thursday anytime from 4-6:30pm. Weather permitting, all outside!



**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



The last CLUB345 of the school year is an IKEA Family Scavenger Hunt shared event with the Student Ministry. Find details at on the McEachern UMC web site. [**www.mceachernumc.org/children/**](http://www.mceachernumc.org/children/)

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

STUDENT MINISTRY

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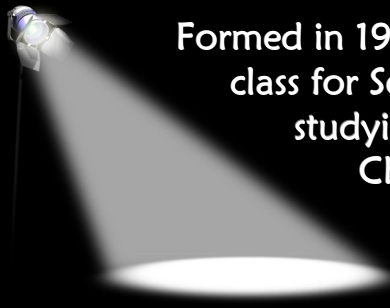
- 2 - RENEW & Confirmation, 9:30-10:45 AM
- 5 - No MidWeek, Spring Break
- 6 - Maundy Thursday, 7 PM
- 7 - Good Friday, 7 PM
- 9 - Easter Sunday
RENEW & Confirmation, 9:30-10:45 AM
- 12 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM
- 16 - RENEW & Confirmation, 9:30-10:45 AM
Ikea Scavenger Hunt, TBA
- 19 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM
- 23 - Confirmation Sunday
RENEW & Confirmation, 9:30-10:45 AM
- 26 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM
- 30 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM



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

ADULT MINISTRY

Spotlight On A Sunday School Class ~ Nat Long Bible Class



Formed in 1967, The Nat Long Bible Class is a warm and welcoming class for Senior Adults age 50 and over. The class is dedicated to studying God's Word as participants continue to grow in their Christian faith. This Sunday School class meets every Sunday at 9:30 AM in Room F147 in the Christian Life Center. This group is facilitated by Judy & Bob Poore. Join us!

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 Spotlight - 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, April 16, 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!

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



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 and
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.

Women's Outings: We often plan an outing on alternating months. Our next outing is April 13. Join us for dinner and a movie! For details, contact Mala Karr, karr.mala@gmail.com.

Living the Sweet Life

2023 WOMEN'S RETREAT

April 28-30, 2023
Lutheran Retreat Center - Tallapoosa, GA

What do you crave?

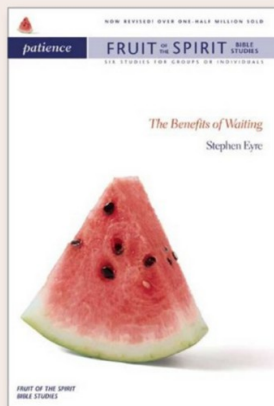
For women high school age through adult

Register at www.mceachernumc.org/women/

REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 11, 2023!



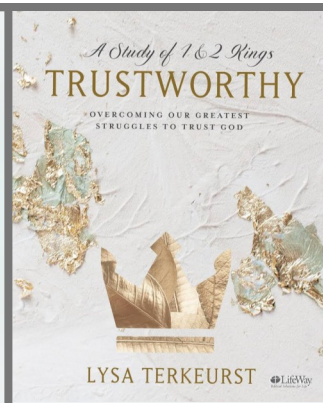
McEachern Memorial Women's Ministry



Upcoming Thursday Bible Study
Patience: The Benefits of Waiting
March 23 - May 4, 2023

Morning & Evening session offered!
Register at mceachernumc.org/women

Study Begins Wednesday, March 29
Join us for this 6-session DVD study of 1 & 2 Kings by Lysa TerKeurst on location in Israel. We will explore the deeply applicable Scriptures that will teach us how to truly trust God. This study includes weekly homework assignments. Purchase your study book online through your favorite vendor. For more information or to register, contact Teresa McDaniel at tmcdaniel@mceachernumc.org.



**DIRECT INQUIRES REGARDING
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OPPORTUNITIES TO
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OR 770.943.3008 X 6039**

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

MACLAND SENIORS LUNCHEON MARCH 3, 2023



You are cordially invited to join us for our
Macland Seniors Luncheon
Friday, April 14, 2023 at 11:30 AM
In Lula Dobbs Hall - No reservation required!



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

Representatives from *The Table on Delk* will present the program.

The purpose of the organization is to connect women and children who are staying or living in the motels on Delk Road in Marietta to the resources in the area. The *Table on Delk* provides a safe place for those who are being sexually exploited to have a meal and make meaningful connections with volunteers who desire to show them the Father's love. By showing them His love through genuine interactions, telling them that their lives do matter and that He has a plan and purpose for them, some of those served will take steps toward healing and restoration.

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



Willis Tours Presents:

Early Summer Renewal & Inspiration Tour

Billy Graham Renovated Library/Gardens
NarroWay Christian Productions Dinner Theatre featuring
Samson-The Last Judge

2 Day/1 Night Tour to Charlotte, NC
Friday, June 16 - Saturday, June 17

Tour Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Escorted Tour
1 Night Lodging at Hampton Inn - 3 meals; 1 Dinner, 1 Breakfast, 1 Lunch
Tour Pricing Per Person: \$300 Double Occupancy - \$375.00 Single - Triple \$275.00
\$100.00 deposit due by April 8 – Final payment due May 8

Detailed information flyers and registration forms are available
at the Church Office or contact Nancy Burkhardt, nfolds@mceachernumc.org.

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

CARE MINISTRY

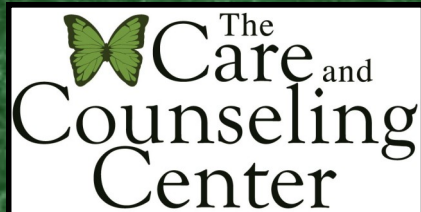


Alcoholics Anonymous:
Meets Tuesdays and Fridays at
8:00 PM in Room G-103 at the
Care and Counseling Center.



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.

MISSIONS

International Leadership Institute (ILI) Your contributions to ILI through Faith Promise gifts continue to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to nations around the world. In 2022, over 25,000 leaders were equipped to lead people to Christ. 114 nations were impacted in Africa, Asia, the Americas and beyond. Teaching happened both online and in person. In 2023 our church is funding the translation of leadership training materials into the Czech language. We are honored to be a part of this special project coming out of ILI headquarters in Carrollton, Georgia. Please pray for ILI translators as they work diligently to get training materials into 14 new languages.



Evangelist Tom Atkins You might not have heard about our long term partner in a while. Tom has been busy pasturing a church while also traveling from place to place preaching the good news. He was recently seen praying for people at the altar during a large worship service at Norcross UMC. Some weeks before, he was in a small service praying for a woman with tears streaming down her face. Wherever God calls, Tom desires to go, but like the circuit riders of old, Tom depends on the generosity of Christians to get him there. McEachern is one of only a few churches supporting his ministry, and since the circuit rider days, the needs of an evangelist have changed. Recently, Tom was in need of a new laptop as his was broken. He needed a small amount of money to be able to print new brochures about his ministry. If you gave to Faith Promise, you gave Tom a new laptop and new brochures. Oh, if you hear of a used pickup truck for sale, let your Missions Team know. Tom needs one.

Youth Evangelism Center in Belize Our newest missionary family serves the Caribbean Methodist Churches in Belize. Charles Mulemena serves as Pastor for both 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 can come for an event called "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 needed to transform the building. Because of your gifts, this vision will become a reality! 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. If you are interested in being a part of the team, please contact Tamlyn Collins for questions. The next newsletter will have more details about the trip. The following is a quote from Pastor Charles' Facebook page, "I want to be so full of Christ that if a mosquito bites me, it flies away singing, THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD."



GO DEEP! Global Impact Celebration (GIC) 2023 ~ Save The Dates!

The theme for our Global Impact Celebration 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 last 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

Grace and Eggs Breakfast with mission partners

9:30 AM Worship Celebration

11:00 AM Worship Celebration

MISSIONS



A Very Great *Great Day of Service*



Thank you to all of the 138 servants who participated in our Great Day of Service!



From the breakfast served by our men (and Bud's granddaughter), to the group that traveled to Mountain Top Boys Home, you did everything with excellence!



The sanctuary sparkled on Sunday as did the church buses and the slides in the children's playground.

Higher Ground was transformed into a place that families will truly appreciate during upcoming events.

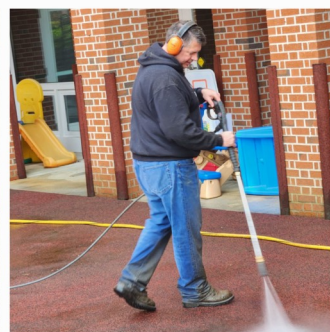


Finally, the Scouts joined us, and in only two hours we finished making 22,000 meals for children in Haiti. These meals will feed 55 children for a year. You are a great church family! Well done!



You can not only see God at work, but also join Him there to experience the blessings received from giving your time and effort to a purpose greater than yourself! Discover the thrill of becoming part of something amazing that the Lord will accomplish both in you and through you!

Contact McEachern's Missions Ministry Director, Tamlyn Collins at tcollins@mceachernumc.org or 770.871.1081.



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Romans 12:1

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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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
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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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