



JUNE 2023

Dear Friends,

As you all know, I am retiring from full time ministry this month after 44 years of serving churches in North Georgia. There is a retirement celebration on Sunday, June 4th with lunch following the 11 AM Service. Also, while Sunday School will meet as usual, we will only have the 11 AM Worship Service that day, no 9:30 AM Service on June 4th. My last Sunday will be on June 11th and we will celebrate Holy Communion together with both regularly scheduled services.

I have heard a lot of comments about retirement. Many have asked what Debbie and I are planning. At this point, other than time with our children and grandchildren and time at the beach, we haven't made any plans. I have trusted God my entire life and believe that He will direct my path in the future.

Some have asked if we would be continuing in our involvement at McEachern. I think they are mostly interested in Debbie's participation in the Music Ministry when they ask this :) One of the things Methodist ministers learn, and, in fact, promise to do is to leave when we leave. This includes not returning for Baptisms and Weddings and Funerals. We will go to another church for worship and service. Where? We don't know yet. We love you, but we must leave here in order for the way to be opened for you to get to know and love the Hutto family in the same way that you have loved us.

I do want to thank everyone for the last three years. I came in the midst of COVID and we really didn't know what the future would hold. That first year we were constantly adjusting, trying to keep people safe while at the same time continuing the ministry of the church. I really want to thank the Staff for all the hard, creative, and collaborative work that they did then and continue to do today. And I want to thank you for the gracious and loving way you welcomed Debbie and me into the church. It has been an amazing blessing to serve Christ with McEachern these last three years. I am thankful to have this last opportunity to serve as a Pastor before retiring.

I love you all,

Dr. Doug

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

♥ *Fathers are loved at McEachern UMC* ♥



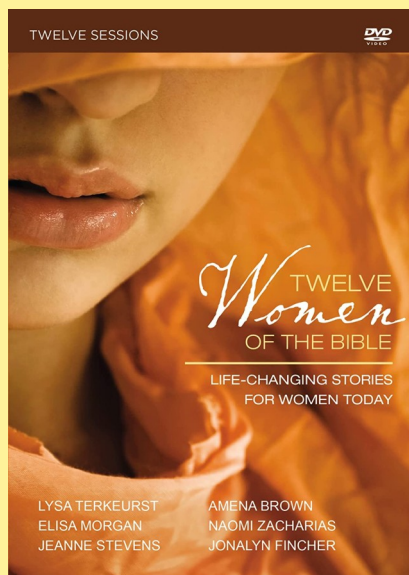
Thank you for your spiritual leadership!



Donation Given To...

The Tanya Ghoreishi Scholarship Fund in honor of Tanya Ghoreishi/Sanctuary Choir
by Carol McLeod

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



Rebekah Women's Group

Monthly Meeting & Bible Study

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!

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.

After the 11:00 AM Worship Service, stay late by hanging out at the GaGa Ball Pit.

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.

SUNDAY MORNINGS THIS SUMMER



COMING IN JULY!



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

STUDENT MINISTRY

JUNE 2023

- 1 - Service Project, 5-7 PM
- 5 - Youth Week: Dine Out, 6:30-7:30 PM*
- 6 - Youth Week: Movie Night, TBA, \$10*
- 7 - Youth Week: Tribes Week 2, 6-8 PM*
- 8 - Youth Week: Service Project, 5-7 PM*
- 9 - Youth Week: Six Flags, 10 AM - 10 PM, \$5*
- 11-16 - High School Nashville Mission Trip
- 15 - Service Project, 5-7 PM
- 21-25 - River of Life Middle School Mission Trip
- 22 - Service Project, 5-7 PM
- 28 - Tribes Week 3, 6-8 PM
- 29 - Service Project, 5-7 PM



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

ADULT MINISTRY

Spotlight On A Sunday School Class ~ L.I.F.T.



The L.I.F.T. Sunday School Class is a ladies' lecture and discussion group that meets each Sunday at 9:30 AM in Room B108 in the church office building. This class uses biblical and topical studies that are based on Scripture. The group consists of women from all stages of life: single, widowed, divorced and married. All ladies are welcome to join L.I.F.T. on any Sunday.

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

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

*Thank
You,
McEachern
Men!*



The Family Reunification and Counseling Center

We have reached our initial goal!! Praise God for all of you who have donated to help make this possible. This will become a major part of our campus ministry, along with being a training center for foster parents of Mountain Top Homes!



Thank you to the great men of McEachern UMC and New Beginnings UMC and others, for getting us started! We are in process of obtaining a General Contractor to help oversee the project and obtain the appropriate permits needed. We will need many volunteers in the coming months to help us make this dream a reality!



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

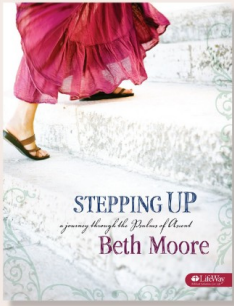
Come and start your day in the Word with other men in a Bible study consisting of various topics. Meet us in the Welcome Center/CLC, Room F326. We enjoy a great time in the Word and finish feeling uplifted and refreshed by 7:00 AM. Join us this Thursday! Facilitated by: Charles Chilton

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Register for all Women's events at www.meachernumc.org/women.



McEachern Memorial Women's Ministry



Upcoming Tuesday Bible Study

Stepping Up: A Journey Through
the Psalms of the Ascent
By Beth Moore

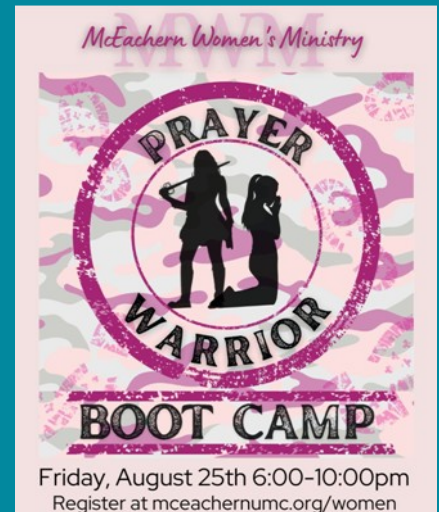
June 13th-July 25th
9:30am-12:00pm

Register at meachernumc.org/women

New Ladies' Summer Bible Study

If you are interested in growing deeper in love with the Lord this summer, we invite you to join with other women in a study of His Word beginning mid June.

For more information,
contact Teresa McDaniel at
tmcdaniel@meachernumc.org
or 770.943.3008



Women's Bi-Monthly Book Club

Book Club currently meets the 2nd Thursday of every OTHER month, 6:30-8:00 PM. Next meeting: Thursday, July 13.

Read the following two summer selections and join us!

The Water Keeper by Charles Martin
(the first in a 3 book series)

The Homewreckers by Mary Kay Andrews

Led by Mala Karr and Toni Brewton

We will begin the fall season, on September 14, 2023. From that date forward, we will begin meeting monthly again through May 2024 with one book selection per month.

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

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

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

MACLAND SENIORS LUNCHEON JUNE 3, 2023

You are cordially invited to join us for our Macland Seniors Luncheon
Friday, June 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.

THANK YOU FOR
the Food the Friends the Love
and Your Presence among us.

The program will be presented by Amy Schref, from *Compassus*.
Amy will share lots of important information about Hospice care. We will learn how
Hospice offers much more assistance than most people know about.

Please Join Us For An Old-Fashioned Picnic Lunch Party!

May 31st at 12:00 PM at 4780 Moon Road, Powder Springs



Enjoy food, fellowship, fun, and musical entertainment
by our own Harry Lester under the stately oaks by the lake!

Fried chicken ~ Potato salad ~ Coleslaw
Green Beans ~ Watermelon
and...desserts that you bring to share!

BRING A LAWN CHAIR!!!

RSVP to Nancy Burkhardt by Friday May 26th 678-567-5002 or nfolds@mceachernumc.org!

NOTE: Due to limited parking at the farm,
church van transportation will be provided from the church.

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



Congratulations To Kay Robinson & Robert McLeod

Recently, the Stephen Ministry program commissioned two members of our Congregation: Kay Robinson and Robert McLeod.

Stephen Ministry training consists of 50 hours of reading, studying and intense classroom instruction. These dedicated people have committed to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation.

Congratulations, Kay and Robert and may God bless you as you each serve as Stephen Minister!



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 By Filling The Crate!

During the month of June our church will continue collecting 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. Individuals may purchase these items 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 June.

Desitin Cream 4 oz
Zyrtec Liquid or Citirizine – 4 oz for child
Claritin Liquid or Loratidine – 4 oz for child
Vitamin C – chewable and liquid drops
for infants

Tylenol Liquid or Acetaminophen – 4 oz for child
Infant Formula – any size or brand
Gerber 16 oz Baby Cereals:
Single Grain for infants or *Grain and Grow* for older
babies – **No substitutions please.**

Saving Susan Trip To Guatemala September 23-29



Cost for the trip including airfare is approximately \$1,500. This trip is open to both youth and adults. Allyson Overstreet, Emily Westbrook and McEachern’s own Nancy Dow will lead us as we travel to Manos De Compasion on the banks of the beautiful Lake Atitlan to love on their children and staff.

There’s a place for you. We will have a chance to serve through projects, games, music, teaching, sports and more.

Deadline for applications is July 10.
There will be a training commitment of 4 meetings prior to the trip.

Contact Emily Westbrook at emily@savingsusanministry.org for more information or to begin your application. Here’s a link to the application [Field Trip Application 2023 — Saving Susan Ministry.](#)

LIVE 2540
Love Him, Love them.

Your Missions Team Leadership often witnesses the wondrous things God is doing around the world. This month, our church had the opportunity to support *Live2540* based on Matthew 25:40 where Jesus says,

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

Live2540 is a Christian non-profit started in Liberia, Africa which has spread to 4 countries. They have just finished building a hospital in a remote area of Liberia where the doctors and nurses deliver the Gospel message to patients.

We heard that \$15 can save the life of a malnourished child there. The hospital expects to treat 20,000 this year. Because you gave to missions in this church, you will be a part of saving 1,000 children in Liberia this year. It’s great to be a part of all the Lord is doing! Praise Him!

MISSIONS

GO DEEP! Global Impact Celebration 2023



*When Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."
Luke 5:4*



Based on Luke 5:4, we did indeed "GO DEEP" during our mission celebration! 25 of our 29 mission partners joined us for the weekend to celebrate powerful ministries taking place locally regionally and internationally. Their display tables filled the gym providing information about their important work.

Our senior staff and mission lead team prayed over each partner during breakfast. This was followed by lunch when riveting stories were told about lives transformed by God using these partners. On Sunday morning, our international missionaries shared stories while our Youth served "Grace and Eggs." Two worship services featured preaching by Bishop Carlos Pirona. Four very talented young ladies performed a dance and Tapp 6th Grade Chorus sang with great joy. Our choir had us all clapping with their upbeat singing.

Thank you to those who filled out Faith Promise cards and Life Commitment cards. Faith Promise gifts fund our mission program. Cards are available in the narthex if you would like to turn one in.

Thank you to our terrific mission partners and to all those who helped to make our 2023 GIC a success. Please keep praying for our partners to have a blessed year ahead.



CONTACT US

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

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
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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