

GOD
BLESS
AMERICA



UNITED
WE
STAND

JULY 2023

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free
but do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh;
rather, serve one another humbly in love.

For the entire law is fulfilled
in keeping this one command:

“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

If you bite and devour each other,
watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

Galatians 5:13-15 NIV



LOVE GOD ✦ LOVE NEIGHBOR ✦ MAKE DISCIPLES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome The Reverend Craig & Mary Louise Hutto!



Craig & Mary Louise Hutto come to McEachern Memorial UMC after serving in the South Georgia Conference for 36 years. Craig grew up in Lithonia and Mary Louise grew up in Macon. They met at Emory University in their junior year and married in 1983. They have two children, Elizabeth and Jonathan. Elizabeth is a pharmacist, working at Northside Hospital in Forsyth County. She is married to Jordan Brown who is a special education teacher at DeSana Middle School. They have two sons, Jackson and Liam. Jonathan is a program director for the Suwannee River Area Boy Scout Council in Tallahassee, FL. He is married to Ronni, and they have one son, Marty.

Craig has most recently served as the North Central District Superintendent. His previous appointments include Trinity UMC, Warner Robins; Waynesboro First UMC; Douglas First UMC; Claxton First UMC; Adel UMC; Valdosta First UMC Associate; Omega UMC; and the Sumner UM Charge. He holds a BA degree from Emory College in Music and Religion, a MCM degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a MDiv degree from Candler School of Theology.

Mary Louise currently works for Sigma Thermal in accounts payable. She has also been a high school math teacher at Edmund Burke Academy in Waynesboro, Citizens Christian Academy in Douglas and Pinewood Christian Academy in Claxton. Mary Louise has also worked as the Administrative Assistant to the Valdosta District Superintendent of the South Georgia Conference, and as office manager at the Valwood School in Valdosta.

Craig & Mary Louise are enthusiastic Braves fans and enjoy trips to the mountains. Their greatest joy is spending time with their grandsons!



DISCOVER THE
HOLY LAND
February 7-14, 2024

Join us for an informational meeting
Sunday, July 23rd @ 12:15 in Lula Dobbs Hall
Contact dreilly@mceachernumc.org for further info.

The poster features a scenic landscape with rolling hills and a body of water. A small wooden boat with people on board is in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the image.

The entire church is invited!

**Ice Cream
Sunday!**
**July
16th**

No need to register!
at the Gaga Ball Pit
after the 11:00 Service

*Ministry Leaders will give tickets to their
volunteers for FREE ice cream!*

The poster has a red background. On the left is a large red popsicle with white and green layers, decorated with string lights. On the right is a yellow thumbs-up emoji. The text is in various colors and fonts, including red, white, and blue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



Donations Given To...

The Venezuela Crate Fund
in honor of Dr. Doug Thrasher
by David & Dorothy Price

The Car Care Ministry
in honor of Car Care Volunteers
by Donna Schlosser

The Children's Ministry
in honor of Jack Prado
by Jane DeFoor

The Children's Ministry
in honor of DeDe Reilly
by Jane DeFoor

The Mountain Top Boys Home in memory of Will Freise
by Ron Farris & by The Rebekah Circle

The Children's Ministry in memory of J.N. Maynard
by Jane DeFoor



NURSERY MINISTRY



Parents Time Away &
Nursery Ministry Director:

Susan Koopman

skoopman@mceachernumc.org
or 678.567.5006

Summer Parents' Time Away Is Underway!
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.



Register for the Christmas
In July Caroling online at
mceachernumc.org/children/.



Register for the
Tall Small Paint Party online at
mceachernumc.org/children/.



Register for Chill & Chat online
at mceachernumc.org/children/.



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

STUDENT MINISTRY

JULY 2023

6 - Service Project, 5-6 PM

7-10 - Beach Camp

12 - Tribes Week 4, 6-8 PM

13 - Service Project, 5-6 PM

19 - Tribes Final Week 5, 6-8 PM

20 - Service Project, 5-6 PM

27 - Service Project, 5-6 PM

29 - Welcome to 6th Grade
Tribes Jr, Middle Schoolers,
6-8 PM @ Higher Ground

30 - Welcome to 9th Grade
Progressive Dinner, High
Schoolers, 5:30-8 PM

31 - Parent Meeting, 6-7 PM,
Youth Suite



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

ADULT MINISTRY

BIBLE STUDY



Let's Dig In together

Study God's Word With
Pastor Craig Hutto
Beginning Wednesday, July 12,
10:00-11:30 AM
Join us in the CLC, Room F-147.

Adult Sunday School Classes

Get connected through one of the 14 Adult Sunday School classes listed below! For more information, contact the Pastor Cindy Blocksidge by email at cblocksidge@mceachernumc.org or call 770.943.3008.



9:30 AM GROUPS:

Came to Believe (60s+)	Choices (30s+)	Dig Deeper (All Ages)
F.I.S.H. (30s+)	FOCUS (50s+)	Horizons (40s+)
Journey (30s+)	L.I.F.T. (All Women)	Unity (40s+)
Nat Long Bible Class (60s+)	New Friendship (50s+)	

9:45 AM GROUP: Joyful Noise (All Ages)

10:00 AM GROUP: Hispanic Small Group (All Ages)

11:00 AM GROUP: Searchlights (50s+)

DIRECT INQUIRIES REGARDING ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL & SMALL GROUPS TO
REV. CINDY BLOCKSIDGE AT CBLOCKSIDGE@MCEACHERNUMC.ORG OR 770.943.3008 X 5012

MEN'S MINISTRY



Men's Breakfast

Sunday, July 9, 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, Marc Harris

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! Facilitator: Charles Chilton

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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

Ladies' Late Night

07.19.23
6:00PM

Bring a salad to share
& Invite a friend (or two)!

Register for Ladies' Late Night online
through the Women's Ministry page
on our website, meachernumc.org.

How's your prayer life?

You don't have
to settle for an
okay prayer
life or be filled
with fear and
dread when it
comes to
prayer.

Ephesians 3:12
tells us we can
approach our
great God
with boldness
and confidence!

Come learn how. Register online through the
Women's Ministry page on our website.

McEachern Women's Ministry



Friday, August 25th 6:00-10:00pm
Register at meachernumc.org/women

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 finish out the summer at our first fall meeting on September 14, 2023,
when we will discuss the following two selections:

The Letter Keeper by Charles Martin (the second in a 3 book series)

What a Dog Knows by Susan Wilson

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 JULY 7, 2023

You are cordially invited to join us for our Macland Seniors Luncheon

Friday, July 7, 2023 at 11:30 AM In Lula Dobbs Hall



Bring a covered dish to share
and your own beverage.

No reservation required!

The program will be presented
by a representative of the

Cobb County Sheriff's Department, who will communicate vital information regarding scams.

You won't want to miss our luncheon on Friday, August 4 at 11:30 AM in Lula Dobbs when our speakers will be our new pastor, Craig Hutto and his wife, Mary Louise. Come meet and greet Craig and Mary Louise and welcome them to McEachern MUMC!

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

Military Museum Trip in Columbus, GA - Thursday, July 20

Cost per person: \$34.00 includes a deli lunch (sandwich, chips and drink)



On Thursday, July 20, we will travel to the famous, educational and interesting Military Museum in Columbus. The National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center, voted USA Today's Best Free Museum and one of CNN Travel's 12 best military museums in the world, salutes American Soldiers in a world-class museum just outside the gates of Fort Moore. It is the only major museum in the country dedicated to the American Infantryman, and preserves one of the greatest collections of military artifacts. Its message – that freedom is not free – has been delivered to nearly three million visitors since its opening in June 2009.

The museum's era galleries chronicle Infantry involvement in conflicts since our nation's birth. There are additional galleries featuring Infantry training, Rangers, Officer Candidate School graduates, and Medal of Honor recipients. The museum's signature attraction is The Last 100 Yards, which takes visitors on an introductory journey through more than 240 years of Infantry history.

In addition to the museum, the 155-acre campus includes two major memorials: a ¾-scale replica of the Vietnam Wall and a memorial to the Global War on Terrorism featuring the names of all those killed in the conflict since 9/11 and a beam salvaged from the collapsed World Trade Center.

Other features of the museum and its 155-acre campus: World War II Company Street, Memorial Walk of Honor, Heritage Walk-lined with flags and commemorative granite pavers, Giant Screen Theater, DownRange Combat Simulators, Rally Point Canteen, Fife and Drum restaurant, and Soldier Store.

To register, contact Nancy Burkhardt, nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org or 770.943.3008, Ex. 5002.

**DIRECT INQUIRES REGARDING SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES TO NANCY BURKHARDT
AT NBURKHARDT@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.



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

Let us help you
achieve a healthy
balance in life!

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

Individuals
Children

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

Couples
Adolescents

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

Families
Groups

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 nburkhardt@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 nburkhardt@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

A Message From Kristen Farrell, Mission of Hope Intern

Hi everyone! First of all I want to say a HUGE thank you for your generosity by donating to my internship this summer! Without your support, I wouldn't be here.

Last week, we started off strong with three full days of intern training which consisted of learning about the mission and ministry of Mission of Hope. After training, we began serving the community in teams doing strategic ministry, speaking with people in the community and helping to connect them to the local church. We helped pack bags of food for 75 families for a month. We painted a home for a few Haitian families seeking refuge in Santiago, DR. Friday, after our intern exam, the staff took our class to a local waterfall and it was a great time just getting to know each other better, laugh, and connect. Saturday, we said bye to our college week teams and welcomed new teams.

Sunday, my new team went to a Dominican church in Jarabacoa. It was Mothers' Day in the DR and the entire service was devoted to seriously celebrating Moms and I think that's awesome. Sunday afternoon, I was able to step in to help in an incredible coffee shop on campus called "Common Grounds."

This week, our medical director, three other interns and I helped lead a mobile clinic at one of our partner churches in Santiago. I was able to facilitate the flow of the clinic, take vital signs and pack medication. Mission of Hope strives to minister to people holistically, not only meeting spiritual needs of a person but also meeting physical and emotional needs as well. The mobile clinic is a very practical way to serve people holistically.

Another awesome aspect of this internship is participating in the discipleship program where we learn what true discipleship looks like, discuss what role we believe the Lord is currently calling us to during the internship, and weekly scripture memorization. We memorized 2 Peter 1:2-4 *"Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. Through these, He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires."* I love this verse because I love that the more we know God, the more fully we understand that He truly gives us abundant life. That

abundance will look different than what the rest of the world might consider "good" but what the Lord has is so much sweeter!

So fun! I am very excited to see what the Lord does the rest of the summer!

Blessings,
Kristen Farrell

Website:
<https://missionofhope.com/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/hopegonow/> and <https://www.instagram.com/mohcaribbean/>



MISSIONS



Tractor Dedication in Nigeria

Through your mission giving, the Northern Conference of the UMC in Nigeria received a new tractor to help with food production and even use in evangelism with their neighbors.



There was a great celebration at the dedication of the tractor. Bishop Yohonna was at the dedication along with many government officials.



It was reported in the media that people are happy, and they are dancing and singing and glorifying God. They are also thanking God for "the people who are far from us but love us and want a good life for us."



Prayers For Your Czech Mission Team On July 13, we will send a mission team to serve with brothers and sisters from United Methodist churches near Prague in the Czech Republic. While there, we will meet with members of the community to engage them with English Classes and Sports and Art Camp.

We will lift up Christ as we share our personal testimonies and scripture. Your prayers are needed so that the Holy Spirit will guide us in the words that we speak and ways that we serve. Please ask God to prepare hearts to hear about Christ and be open to receiving all that God has for them. The Czech team members include: Tamlyn Collins, Rachel Dow-Williams, Rebecca Dow-George, Greg Hearn, Evan Hulsey, Susan Koopman, Shaun Nguyen, Alexander Nguyen, and Stacie, James, Olivia and Lilly Barrow.



Korytskyi Family Update

The Korytskyi family from Ukraine, staying with us in the Mission Inn, continues to adjust well to living in the U.S. Nazarii had a birthday in May and was all smiles with the cupcakes and the gift cards he received. During a 2022-2023 Tapp Middle School Celebration, Diana was honored by the Mayor of Powder Springs with an award for showing effort. Her teacher says of her, *"Diana gives top effort in every assignment. She consistently outworks others and is a great example for others."* We are so proud of this family and we are honored to have them with us.

Back To Belize - October 18-25, 2023 Our church will return to serve with the Mulemena Family in their mission with Caribbean Methodist churches in Corazol and Libertad. We will once again join with members of Chatworth United Methodist Church. While there, the team plans to connect with the schools served by these churches and help with painting and repairs of the renovated Youth Evangelism Center that our church sponsored. The dates of the trip are October 18-25, 2023. Please begin to pray about your participation. The lay leader for the trip will be David McCoy.

Contact Tamlyn Collins for more information at Tcollins@mceachernumc.org.

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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Lead Staff and Extension Numbers:

Rev. Craig Hutto, 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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