

LORD,
bind us
in love
and perfect
harmony.

Colossians 3:14



Let us **not**
give up
the habit of
meeting
together.

Hebrews 10:25

AUGUST 2023

August 6th is Promotion Sunday and Rally Day!

Promotion Sunday is when children move up to their new Sunday School classes and Rally Day is when we come together to celebrate getting back into the swing of things through Sunday School, Bible Studies and Small Groups! So, come to

Sunday School, invite a friend, and learn about new spiritual growth opportunities! Then...

McEachern Memorial UMC presents:

**Meet Me at
the Midway!**



Rally Day

August 6th, Noon til 2 pm

One Body ONE SPIRIT One Hope
Eph. 4:4

Meet Me at the Midway!

Following the 11:00 AM Worship service, we will have our church-wide Rally Day picnic!

Come and enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs and peach cobbler.

Dress casually!

Bring your pop-up tents, lawn chairs or a blanket, and your appetite!

LOVE GOD ✦ LOVE NEIGHBOR ✦ MAKE DISCIPLES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

We Need Your Help!

Smiling faces and cheerful voices are needed to make everyone feel welcome when contacting or visiting our church. Occasionally, the church office needs front desk volunteers to answer the main phone lines and greet guests and members.

Two shifts available: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM and/or 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM. **Training is provided.**

If you are willing to serve in the Front Office Ministry or would like more information, please contact Nancy Burkhardt at **678.567.5002** or nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org.

IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!

LET'S BLESS OUR PARTNER SCHOOLS

SUPPLIES REQUESTED:

- LINED PAPER WIDE RULED
- SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS WIDE RULED
- 1 INCH BINDERS DURABLE
- DIVIDERS
- PENCIL CASES
- INDEX CARDS
- PENCIL SHARPENERS
- POST-IT NOTES (3X3)
- DRY ERASE MARKERS
- COMPOSITION BOOKS (WIDE-RULE ONLY)
- HAND SANITIZER
- KLEENEX BOXES
- COLORED MARKERS

PLEASE PLACE IN BINS IN NARTHEX OR CHURCH OFFICE

JULY 16-AUG 6



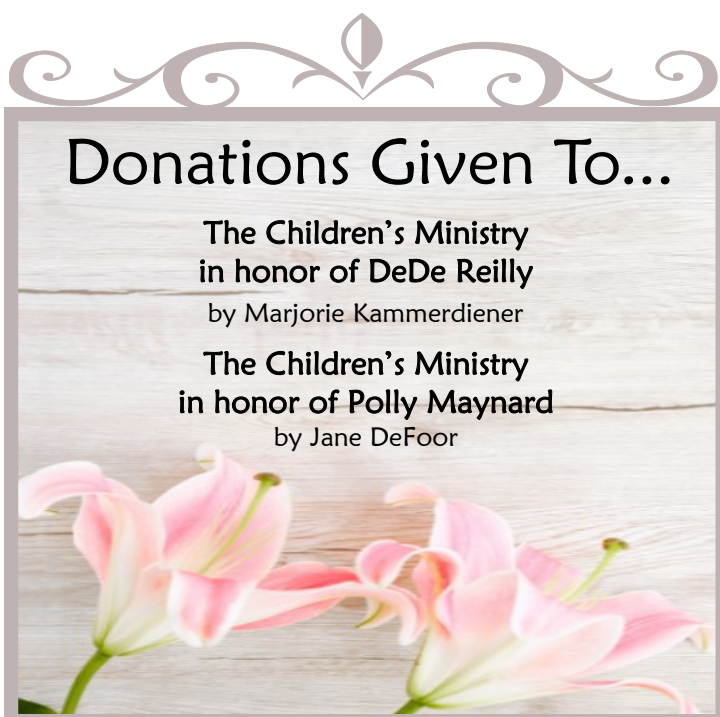
2023 Habitat For Humanity Home Build

Once again, our United Methodist Men are joining together with the Cobb Interfaith Habitat Coalition to sponsor the building of a new home for a deserving family. This year's build will be at 716 Britt Road in Mableton. **The construction will happen every Saturday through September 23** with a dedication target date of October 1. If you are interested in participating please [sign up here!](#)

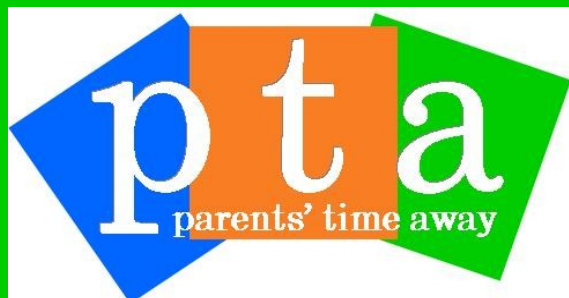
The future homeowner, Vernita, is a General Manager at McDonald's where she has worked for 21 years. She has an energetic and bubbly daughter, Diamond, who is now 21. It has been said of Vernita that she is always willing to lend a helping hand. She is so excited to have a place of her own where she can now spend time outside working in her yard.



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

For children ages birth-preschool

Sign up once, as needed or by the day, week, month or 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 "Forms" or "Next Generation."

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, come and hang out at the GaGa Ball Pit.

Check out the online classroom and at-home resources at www.pursueGODkids.org/mceachern/.

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**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



Wednesday Night Bible Study
for kids K5-5th grades begins
Wednesday, September 6 with
pizza dinner 6-7:30pm. Register
at Mceachernumc.org/children/



Promotion Sunday is when students
promote up into their new grade
level Sunday school classes. This
happens on Sunday, August 6th.

**McEachern
Kids
Ambassador
Training**
Wednesday August 16
4th & 5th graders
5-7:30pm

Calling all 4th & 5th graders to the
McEachern Kids Leadership Team
Register at mceachernumc.org.



Calling all kindergartners and
first graders to their first Faith
Milestone: Bread & Juice Class on
Wednesday, August 23, 6-6:45pm
in The Treehouse. Register at
Mceachernumc.org/children/



Let's praise God through the
gift of creativity that He has
given to us. Join us August 27,
9:30-11:30am during the
Sunday School hour to worship
our Lord through art!

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

STUDENT MINISTRY

Back To School



AUGUST 2023

- 2 - Pool Party, 6:30-8 PM
- 6 - Rally Day/Promotion Sunday
- 9 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM
- 13 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM
- 16 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM
- 20 - Grace n' Eggs
- 23 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM
- 27 - One Service
- 30 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM



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
Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 AM
in the Christian Life Center
Room F-147.

Adult Sunday School Classes

Get connected through one of the 14 Adult Sunday School classes listed below! For more information, contact 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, August 13, 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, The Reverend Will Berkner

Men's Bible Study - Thursday Mornings 6:00-6:30 AM

Start your day in the Word with other men in a Bible study consisting of various topics. Meet us in person in Room F213 in the Christian Life Center or via Zoom. We enjoy a great time in the Word and finish feeling uplifted and refreshed by 6:30 AM. For more information or to join us via Zoom on Thursdays, email Facilitator, Charles Chilton at cpchilton@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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

Fall Women's Bible Studies Begin In September

Plan to register for one of the Women's Fall Bible Studies being offered later this month!

Small Group Leader Training Dinner

Wednesday, August 30

6-7:30pm

Register online

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CHILDREN'S
MINISTRIES



Small Group Leader
Training & Dinner on
Wednesday, August 30,
6-7:30 PM in Room F147.

Register online at
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.

Women's Monthly Book Club Resumes September 14, 2023



Book Club will finish out the summer at our first fall meeting on September 14, 6:30-8:00 PM. Led by Mala Karr and Toni Brewton

Please read the following two summer selections and join us!

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

What a Dog Knows by Susan Wilson

After our September meeting, we will resume meeting on the 2nd Thursday monthly through May 2024 reading one book selection per month.

Below is the book title that we will read in September for discussion at our October Meeting:

The Record Keeper by Charles Martin (the last of the 3 book series)

For more information, 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 AUGUST 4, 2023

You are cordially invited to join us for our Macland Seniors Luncheon
Friday, August 4, 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 feature our own
Senior Pastor Craig Hutto and his wife,

Mary Louise! Come meet and greet Pastor Craig and Mary Louise
as we welcome them to McEachern MUMC! If you have already met the Huttos,
this is a great opportunity to learn more about them!

Macland Seniors Luncheons Upcoming Programs

September 8: Del Baroni and his friend, Scott, who are professional entertainers,
will provide the musical program.

October 6: BINGO games to benefit Thanksgiving food baskets - bring your
quarters!

November 3: Thanksgiving Luncheon - bring your favorite Thanksgiving dinner
side dish. Turkey and ham will be provided. Our Car Care Ministry will present
the program.

December 1: Annual Christmas Party in the Gym.

Come Join The Joyful Singers



The **Joyful Singers** is an active, energetic group of adults age 55+ who sing religious and secular songs at nursing and assisted living homes throughout the **Joyful Singers** season which is September through May. You don't need to read music or have an amazing voice; just love to sing and share the love of Jesus!

The group practices on Mondays (except for Holidays) at 10:00 AM in the Chapel. For more information and to become a member of this loving music ministry, contact the Director Noel Roberds at nroberds@comcast.com.

**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.



GriefShare offers help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. This special weekly seminar and support group is designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. The weekly seminar consists of a video, workbook and discussion time.

We know it hurts and we want to help. If you or someone you know is grieving, please consider registering for this helpful seminar that begins meeting on Mondays, September 11-December 4 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in F321 (Welcome Center/CLC).

For more information or to register, contact Nancy Burkhardt at nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org or 678.567.5002.

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.

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English As A Second Language Classes (ESL)

Registration: Wednesday, August 9 from 9 AM until Noon
in the Christian Life Center, Youth Ministry Suite, F-329.

Everyone is welcome and classes are free! Books cost \$30.
Classes range from beginning to advanced levels which will
meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 AM until noon
beginning on Monday, August 14, 2023.



Terrific Turkey Trip

God's presence was truly felt as we wound our way through the streets of Ordu, Turkey. Each day, our mission partners, Justin and Elizabeth Leonard, mapped the streets for our prayer walks indicating mosques, schools, hospitals and other landmarks requiring special prayer. As we walked and prayed, we were able to gain a better understanding of the daily

lives of the Turkish people. As much as they are the same as us, they are also very different. They never mentioned the name of Jesus. Their prayers came over a loud speaker at prescribed times of day. Foreigners were looked upon with suspicion. In the midst of these differences, God was present.



One of the highlights of our prayer walks came when we were at the top of a mountain. There was a fresh stream coming out of the rocks. As we began to pray that God would bring living water to the people there, a sunbeam came down from the sky and joined with the stream to make one line going straight

to heaven. This was captured on video and served to encourage us because we saw God was hearing our prayers.

Justin and Elizabeth are a light in Turkey connecting the people there to God through their faithful prayers. Within small groups, they are showing their neighbors that Christians may be trusted. It was a joy to experience their hospitality and to share in their mission. Please remember the Leonards in your daily prayers as they continue to seek God's direction for their service.



MISSIONS

Back to Belize

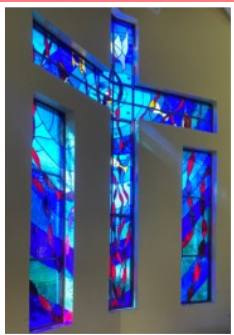
October 18-25, 2023

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

Contact Tamlyn Collins at tcollins@mceachernumc.org or text to 770-871-1081 with questions.

Intern Update From Jarabacoa, Dominican Republic

Our Mission of Hope Intern, Kristen Farrell, continues to give joyful reports from the Dominican Republic. Recently, she has been working with two medical teams and one construction team. In one clinic alone, the team saw 306 patients and 14 salvations! We are thankful that Kristen has chosen to give her summer to God. May God continue to bless her time there.



"Each one of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:10

CONTACT US

Church Office: 770.943.3008

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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.

Email: info@mceachernumc.org

Website: www.mceachernumc.org

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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