

SEPTEMBER 2023



Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,
as if working for the Lord, not men, since you
know that you will receive an inheritance.
It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

1 Corinthians 15:58

LOVE GOD ✦ LOVE NEIGHBOR ✦ MAKE DISCIPLES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



Service Opportunities In The Front Office Ministry!

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.**

Mass Mailing Projects: Periodically, many hands are needed to execute a mass mailing project.

Schedule a time to come by and determine whether the Lord is calling you to serve at the Front Desk or on an occasional mass mailing project! For more information or to have your name added to the list of volunteers for the front desk and/or mass mailings, please contact Nancy Burkhardt at **678.567.5002** or nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org.



Thank You For Your Generous Donations

School Supplies

Thank you for giving school supplies for our partner schools.

You were very generous with your gifts, and our school children will be blessed.

Venezuela Crate

The crate for the people of Venezuela is on its way, filled with gifts of over-the-counter medications, baby formula and more. A large amount of prescription drugs were added to the crate going to the five medical centers we support. Please pray that the crate will reach the people who most need help, and thank you for giving to the Lord.



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 at the link below.

<https://mceachernumc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/736/responses/new>

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



Live Nativity
Design Team Meeting
Tuesday Sept 19 @ 6:30-7:30pm
McEachern Kids Welcome Center

Korytskyi Family Update

We thank God that the Korytskyis have had a peaceful summer staying in our Mission Inn as the war rages on in Ukraine.

Thanks to the donation of a family sized vehicle from our Car Care ministry, the Korytskyis were even able to enjoy a short vacation to Florida.

Diana has continued her swimming program this summer. Vanessa, who is 3 years old, is attending McEachern's Preschool this fall and is in Ms. Kelly's class. This is a big step for Vanessa and her mother.

Please continue to keep the entire family in your prayers as they make their home away from home in the United States.

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/.

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

Take a Tour

McEachern
Kids

Well-Versed Kids
K5-5th Grades
Wednesdays
6:15-7:45pm
Beginning
Sept. 6th!

Children enrolled in
kindergarten
through 5th grade
are invited to their
own developmentally
appropriate
Bible Study,
pizza dinner,
and game time.
Register online!

**Bring a
grandparent or
grand-friend to
Sunday school
Sunday, Sept. 17**



**Awesome Apple
Bingo Party
Sunday Sept. 24
9:30am**

McEachern
Kids



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

STUDENT MINISTRY

S E P T E M B E R 2 0 2 3

3 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM

6 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM

9-10 - Fall Retreat

10 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM

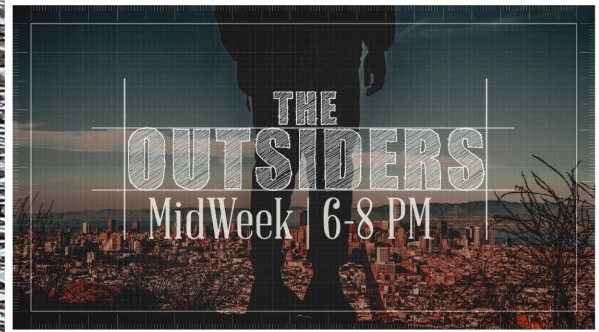
13 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM

17 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM

20 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM

24 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM

27 - No MidWeek (School Break)



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

ADULT MINISTRY



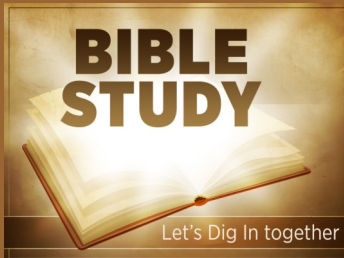
Men's Breakfast

Sunday, September 10, 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, Barry Walsh



Study God's Word With Pastor Craig Hutto
Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 AM
in the Christian Life Center, Room F-147.

McEachern Men's Bible Study



The 1st, 2nd & 3rd
Books of John
By Dr Tony Evans

Wednesday Nights
Beginning September 6
6:30-7:30pm

For more information, go to www.mceachernumc.org
or email dreilly@mceachernumc.org

Ongoing Men's Bible Study Thursday Mornings 6-6:30 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 Monthly Book Club Returns! September 14, 6:30-8:00 PM

Book Club will discuss the following two books:

The Letter Keeper by Charles Martin
(2nd of a 3 book series) and
What a Dog Knows by Susan Wilson
Led by Mala Karr and Toni Brewton

We will resume meeting monthly on the 2nd Thursday through May 2024 reading one book selection per month. Below is the book title we will read in September to discuss in October.

The Record Keeper by Charles Martin (last in the series)

For more information, contact Mala Karr,
karr.mala@gmail.com.

McEachern Women's Ministry Invites you
to join us for our second year of
Secret Hallelujah Sisters

Signup to secretly pray and encourage another McEachern lady
for a **6-month** season from

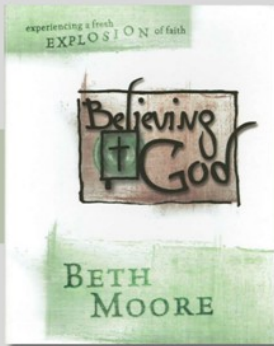
Oct-March creating delightful, prayerful, intentional,
intergenerational relationships with other Christian women.

Signups expire on Sept. 18 to give time for pairings.

Sign-up at: mceachernumc.org/women



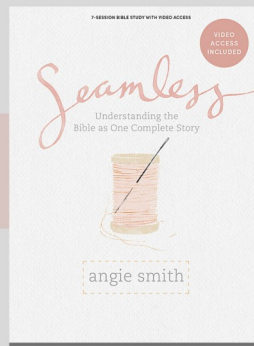
ADULT MINISTRY



Believing God By Beth Moore

Tuesday Mornings
Beginning September 5
9:30am-12:00pm

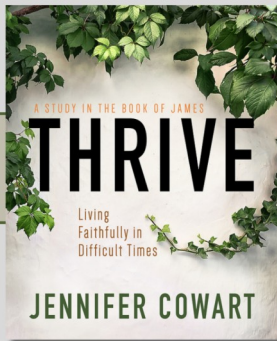
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www.mceachernumc.org/women
or email dreilly@mceachernumc.org



Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story By Angie Smith

Tuesday Nights
Beginning September 12th
6:30-8:00pm

For more information, go to www.mceachernumc.org
or email cblocksidge@mceachernumc.org

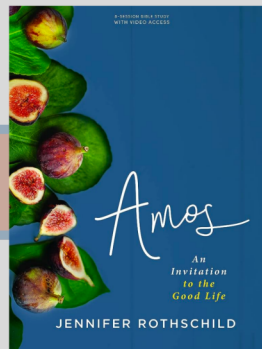


Thrive: A Study in the Book of James By Jennifer Cowart

Wednesday Mornings
Beginning September 6th
9:30-11:30am

Living Faithfully in Difficult Times

Register online or email Teresa
tmcdaniel@mceachernumc.org



Amos: An Invitation to the Good Life By Jennifer Rothschild

Wednesday Nights
Beginning September 6
6:30-7:30pm

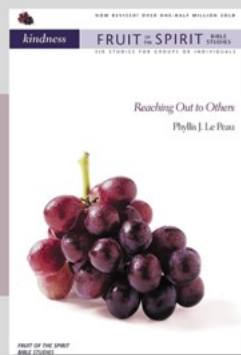
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Forgiving What You Can't Forget By Lysa Terkeurst

Wednesday Nights
Beginning September 6
6:15-7:45pm

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Or email dreilly@mceachernumc.org



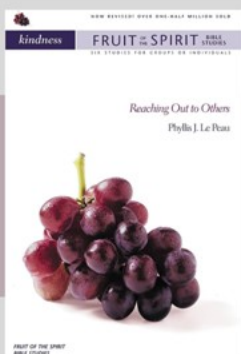
Kindness: Reaching Out to Others By Phyllis J. LePeau

Thursdays
Beginning September 7

Morning Session
11:30am-12:30pm

Register online
to attend the
morning session

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or email dreilly@mceachernumc.org



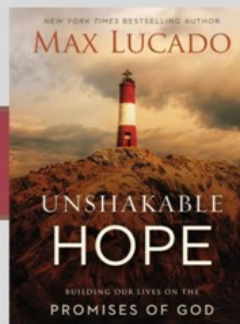
Kindness: Reaching Out to Others By Phyllis J. LePeau

Thursdays
Beginning September 7

Evening Session
7:00-8:00pm

Register online
to attend the
evening session

For more information, go to
www.mceachernumc.org/women
or email dreilly@mceachernumc.org



Unshakeable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God By Max Lucado

Thursday Nights
Beginning September 14th
6:30-8:00pm

For more information, go to
www.mceachernumc.org
or email moellerdijohn@gmail.com

**DIRECT INQUIRES REGARDING ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES TO
DEDE REILLY AT [DREILLY@MCEACHERNUMC.ORG](mailto: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, September 8, 2023 at 11:30 AM In Lula Dobbs Hall



Bring a covered dish to share and your own beverage! No reservation required!

The musical program will be presented by the talented Del Baroni and his friend, Scott, who are professional musicians and entertainers.

You don't want to miss this program!



Macland Seniors Luncheons Upcoming Programs

October 6: BINGO games to benefit Thanksgiving food baskets - Bring quarters to play!

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 New Season Begins Monday, September 11 10:00 AM In The Chapel

The **Joyful Singers** is an active, energetic group of adults age 55+ who sing both 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 **Joyful Singers** 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.

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. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life. If you are hurting, please 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



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 at www.griefshare.org. The *GriefShare* seminar begins on **Mondays, September 11 through December 4, 6:30 - 8:00 PM in F321 (CLC/Welcome Center).**

Led by Facilitators: Robert and Carol McLeod and Nancy Burkhardt. 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!!!



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

Our Intern Returns From Dominican Republic

Kristen Farrell has returned safely from her summer of service with the *Mission of Hope*. She was truly open to filling in wherever she was needed. In her last weeks, Kristen reports that she was able to serve in the community with a new pastor in Buena Vista and with a Haitian Pastor in Santiago doing a kid's camp. We are proud of Kristen and welcome her home.

Czech Mission A Huge Success

It's always amazing to see the way God brings a mission team together to serve Him using their unique gifts and talents. Although many in the team of 12 who went to the Czech Republic did not previously know each other, God brought us together for the purpose of serving with the Czech team to help children from the ages of 12 to 19 come to better know both the English language and Jesus.

During our time there, we saw dramatic growth in the way the campers spoke English. It is not always so easy to judge a person's spiritual growth but Radmilla Seniglova, the Czech Lay Leader said, "We have received many wonderful responses from parents of campers. Some campers experienced a really deep touch from God." We were able to witness this in the life of Misa as she tearfully asked Jesus into her heart while we were there.

Many lives have been changed due to our partnership with Jihlava Methodist Church. Your Faith Promise giving made this trip possible and will also make possible some repairs on the Jihlava church building in the next months. Thank you for your prayers, your encouragement and your giving. Thank you to the fantastic mission team of 12. Most of all...thank you God for making it all possible.



MISSIONS

Kairos Prison Ministry



In Matthew 25:34-40, Jesus tells us many ways to serve Him by feeding, clothing, showing hospitality and visiting both the sick and those in prison. At McEachern MUMC, we are often involved in many of these things but visiting in prison is not something we find easy to do. At our church, we have two men and two women who serve in this capacity in a program called Kairos which is similar to *Walk to Emmaus*. We have two weekends a year where we bring

Christ's love and forgiveness to women and men chosen by the prison chaplain. We also return once a month to have prayer, sharing, singing and worship with all the residents who have completed a Kairos weekend. Even though you may not be called to this ministry, there are several ways you can support it. Jane Johnson and I will be serving at Whitworth Women's Facility in Hartwell, GA from September 28 through October 1, 2023. We provide all the meals and supplies for the weekend and for each resident who participates. We can use financial support but most importantly, your prayers. I will be at a table in the Narthex on Sunday, September 10 with a sign-up sheet for those who are willing to help. Please pray about making a commitment to this important ministry. -- Janet Walsh

Cookies For Kairos: Humble thanks to those who baked cookies for our Kairos Prison Ministry weekends in the spring. Not only were the cookies delicious and beautiful, they were a powerful tactile expression of Christian love, and the people who received them sensed that. You'll be invited to bake some more in the fall. The McEachern UMC congregation has volunteers working at four state prisons.



Blessing our Partner Schools

MMUMC is beginning the year right as we seek to encourage teachers and students at McEachern High School, Tapp Middle School and Compton Elementary School. Once again we are sponsoring breakfast from Chick-fil-a for McEachern High with



our own Moose Mosteller connecting with students.

Super volunteers provided breakfast for teachers at both Tapp and Compton Schools. Prayers were prayed by our prayer walkers and students were greeted on the first day by a smiling group of church folks. Thanks for shining for Jesus ya'll!



M.U.S.T. Ministry Lunches

The summer lunch program has now come to an end with approximately 700 children fed for five days a week. Beth Green and Martha Joyce did a wonderful job of co-leading the program with our fabulous youth serving faithfully by assembling the food, helping to distribute it and by greeting and praying for our guests. We also thank other churches who gave pre-assembled meals to us making our load lighter.

Our season ended with an amazing worship service with over 100 community members in attendance. Towards the end of the service, those who wanted to have a relationship with Jesus Christ were invited to receive prayer at the altar and receive a Bible. Eight children and one adult prayed to receive Christ. One of our youth prayed for a child to receive Christ, and she was especially excited to do it. All children present received a backpack with school supplies and they, too, were prayed for. All in all, God really showed up and His Spirit was felt. What joy!

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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