



OCTOBER 2023

*Let us not become weary  
in doing good,  
for at the proper time  
we will reap a harvest  
if we do not give up.*

*Therefore,  
as we have opportunity,  
let us do good to all people,  
especially to those who belong  
to the family of believers.*

*Galatians 6:9-10*

LOVE GOD ✦ LOVE NEIGHBOR ✦ MAKE DISCIPLES

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

## FALL GATHERING

OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>  
4-6PM

Trunk-or-Treat • Games • Food • Fun

Bring your individually wrapped candy donations to share at the Fall Gathering. You will find collection baskets all over campus!



Everyone is invited to celebrate a free, fun Fall Gathering with kid-friendly costumes, games, food, trunks, cake walk, music and more on Sunday, October 29, 4-6pm, rain or shine.



Set up a trunk for the 2023 Fall Gathering where the Trunk-or-Treat area will be the best place to welcome our neighbors to the McEachern Family. Register your trunk through the church website



COMPTON

Keep Them Coming!



## Cheers for Classroom Cheerios

Last year our partners at Compton Elementary School requested our help with snacks for children in need. Through your Faith Promise giving, we were able to provide cereal dispensers for each classroom. The program was a huge success. Once again this year, you can bless elementary school children by bringing boxes of **PLAIN CHEERIOS** to refill these dispensers.

Boxes may be placed in food pantry collection containers or in the basket located in the front office.

**IMPORTANT!** We need **PLAIN CHEERIOS ONLY** as other types may contain nuts. Thank you!

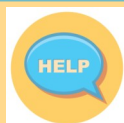


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Register online for your 18-24 year old young adult to receive some love from McEachern!



Locate registration form on our website at [McEachernUMC.org](http://McEachernUMC.org).



## Service Opportunities In The Front Office Ministry!

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

**Front Desk Volunteers:** Occasionally, the church office needs volunteers with smiling faces and cheerful voices to answer the main phone lines and make guests and members feel welcome.

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

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 [burkhardt@mceachernumc.org](mailto:burkhardt@mceachernumc.org).

## NURSERY MINISTRY



Parents Time Away & Nursery Director:

Susan Koopman

[skoopman@mceachernumc.org](mailto: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](http://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](#)

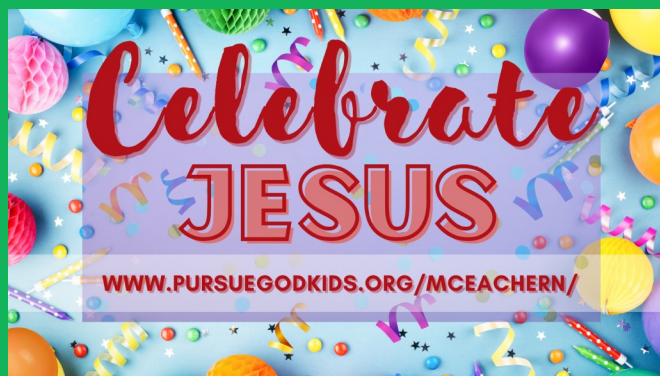
**Sunday Mornings: K5-5<sup>th</sup> grade 9:30-10:30am large/small groups in The Treehouse**

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



## Well-Versed Kids Fall 2023 Theme Nights

- 10/4 PAJAMA NIGHT
- 10/11 DRESS TO IMPRESS
- 10/18 FAVORITE HAT DAY
- 10/25 COSTUME NIGHT
- 11/1 CRAZY SOCK NIGHT
- 11/8 CLOSET SWAP - BIGS AND LITTLES DRESS LIKE EACH OTHER!
- 11/15 TWIN NIGHT - PARTNER UP AND DRESS LIKE YOUR BUDDY!



PAJAMA  
DAY

**Wednesday Nights are for Well-Versed Kids  
K5-5<sup>th</sup> grade 6:15-7:45 PM.**

**Register today at [www.mceachernumc.org](http://www.mceachernumc.org)!**

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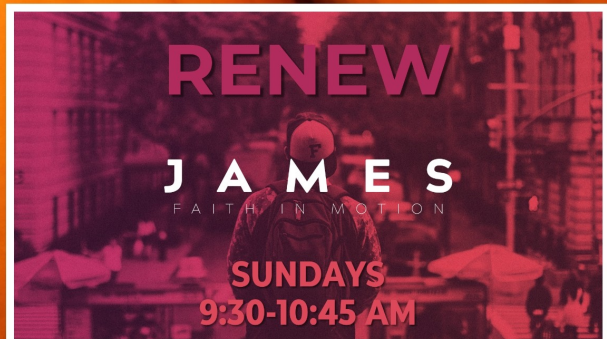
**For Children's information or to volunteer, call X 6039 or email [dreilly@mceachernumc.org](mailto:dreilly@mceachernumc.org).**



# STUDENT MINISTRY

## OCTOBER 2023

1 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM  
4 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM  
8 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM  
11 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM  
15 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM  
18 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM  
22 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM  
Six Flags, 1-9 PM  
25 - MidWeek: Zombies  
29 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM  
Fall Gathering, 4-6 PM



Register for events and full details online at [www.meachernumc.org/student](http://www.meachernumc.org/student)

# ADULT MINISTRY



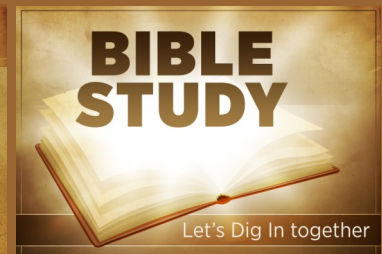
## Men's Breakfast

**Sunday, October 8, 8:00-9:00 AM**

Our United Methodist Men invite men of all ages to join them for breakfast on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



## 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 via Zoom or in person in

Room F213 in the Christian Life Center.

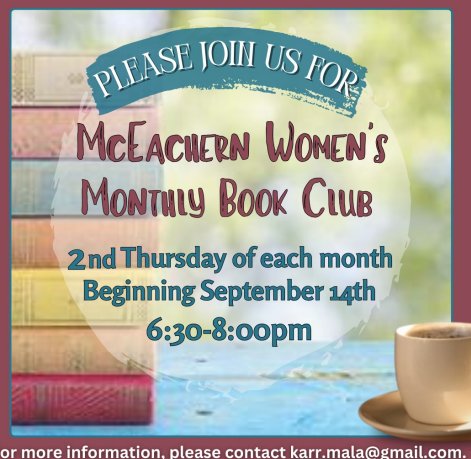
We enjoy a great time in the Word and finish feeling uplifted and refreshed by 6:30 AM.

For more information or to connect via

Zoom on Thursdays, email Facilitator, Charles Chilton at [cpchilton@gmail.com](mailto:cpchilton@gmail.com).

## 2023 Secret Hallelujah Sisters

PAIRING PICKUP ON OCT 1ST!



For more information, please contact [karr.mala@gmail.com](mailto:karr.mala@gmail.com).

## Women's Monthly Book Club

**October 12, 6:30-8:00 PM**

Led by Mala Karr and Toni Brewton

Book Club will discuss the following book:

*The Record Keeper* by Charles Martin (Last of a 3 book series)

We will meet monthly on the 2nd Thursday through May 2024, reading one book selection each month. Below is the book title we will read through October to discuss on November 9.

*Shadow of the Storm* by Connilyn Cossette  
(2nd book of a 3 book series)

For more information, contact Mala Karr, [karr.mala@gmail.com](mailto:karr.mala@gmail.com).



# SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

## MACLAND SENIORS LUNCHEON AUGUST 4, 2023

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



Friday, October 6, 2023 at 11:30 AM  
In Lula Dobbs Hall

Bring a covered dish to share and  
your own beverage!

No reservation required!



We will play several BINGO games to benefit Thanksgiving food baskets  
Bring your quarters to play!

### Macland Seniors Luncheons Upcoming Programs

**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.



**Annual Christmas Party - December 1**  
Come and enjoy our annual Christmas Party  
in the CLC Gym. This is always a very festive  
event with great food and musical  
entertainment from the *Joyful Singers*.

### It's Not Too Late To Join The Joyful Singers Mondays At 10:00 AM In The Chapel

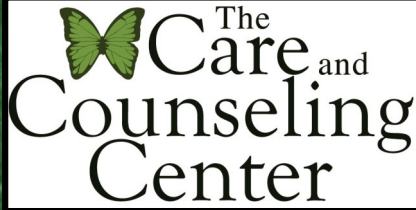


The **Joyful Singers** is an active, energetic group of adults age 55+ who sing both religious and secular songs at nursing and assisted living homes throughout the **Joyful Singers** season which is September through May. You don't need to read music or have an amazing voice; just love to sing and share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

**DIRECT INQUIRES REGARDING SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES TO NANCY BURKHARDT  
AT [NBURKHARDT@MCEACHERNUMC.ORG](mailto:NBURKHARDT@MCEACHERNUMC.ORG) OR 770.943.3008 X 5002**

# 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](mailto:counselingcenter@mceachernumc.org)

“So do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”  
Isaiah 41:10

**New Additional AA Meetings:** Please note, AA has added morning meetings on Mondays & Thursdays at 7:00 AM in addition to Tuesdays & Fridays at 8:00 PM



**Alcoholics Anonymous:**  
Meets in Room G-103 at the  
Care & Counseling Center  
Mondays & Thursdays at 7 AM  
and Tuesdays & Fridays at 8 PM



**Narcotics Anonymous:**  
Meets at 6:30 PM on  
Sundays and Mondays  
In Oaks Hall.

**FOR INQUIRIES REGARDING THE CARE & COUNSELING MINISTRY CONTACT  
THE REVEREND CINDY BLOCKSIDE AT [CINDY@MCEACHERNUMC.ORG](mailto:CINDY@MCEACHERNUMC.ORG).**



# CARE MINISTRY

**Are you hurting, grieving, stressed or just need someone to talk with?**

Stephen Ministers are members of *MMUMC* who have completed extensive training and provide confidential, one-to-one listening and encouraging care. They will pray with and for you and provide weekly support for you as long as your need persists.

If you or someone you know is hurting, please find out more about the Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders:

Cindy Blocksidge - [cindy@mceachernumc.org](mailto:cindy@mceachernumc.org)

Bill Hanse - [billhanse0905@gmail.com](mailto:billhanse0905@gmail.com) or

Nancy Burkhardt - [nancy.folds@yahoo.com](mailto:nancy.folds@yahoo.com)



Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.

## Volunteer And Fellowship Opportunities

**There Is A Place For You AND We Need You!!!**



**Spotlight on the Bereavement Committee:** Consider taking part in this loving group that provides meals for bereft families either before or after a funeral. For more details, contact Nancy Burkhardt at [nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org](mailto:nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org).

**Office Volunteers:** Smiling faces needed occasionally to answer the main telephone lines, greet guests, and/or place inserts into the bulletin, assist with mass mailings, design bulletin boards etc. For more information, contact Nancy Burkhardt at [nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:diane.huie@comcast.net).

# MISSIONS

## GOOD NEWS

With all the troubling news in the world, your Mission Lead Team wanted you to have a little good news today. We believe the following items are reasons to celebrate.

- Instead of being in Ukraine where the war rages on, the Korytskyi Family continues to thrive while living in Mission Inn. Myra, the mom, has a birthday this month. (She loves strawberries.)
- Our partner the **Mountain Top Boys Home** received over \$1 Million in donations for the first time this fiscal year. They expanded their mission to serve older boys as well.
- We supported **International Leadership Institute** (Wes and Joy Griffin) as it extended its training for Christian leaders to 115 nations. All of this from Carrollton, Georgia!
- **Circles Cobb** had its first leader meeting to train 10 volunteers to lead groups to help end poverty in our communities.
- McEachern Youth continue to stay in touch with the youth from the Czech Republic after our joint English Camp in July.
- Our **ESL** classes have 99 students who are excited about learning English from our wonderful volunteer teachers.
- **Fellowship of Christian Athletes** continues at McEachern High School, and Tapp Middle School wants to add an FCA!
- The **Habitat for Humanity** Home, sponsored by our church and others in the **Cobb Coalition**, has scheduled the dedication on October 1, 2023.
- **Car Care** not only continues to help members of our community with free repairs but also has recently gifted a family in crisis with a van.
- Our **Kairos** team is back at it. They are headed into the prisons to minister to those who others have forgotten.

Here's how you can help bring good news to the world in the next few months:

- Mark your calendar to make a pot of soup for the Community Christmas Celebration on Wednesday, December 13 at 6 pm in Oaks Hall. You will bless those in need. Contact Tamlyn Collins at [Tcollins@mceachernumc.org](mailto:Tcollins@mceachernumc.org).
- Drop off an edible gift at Mission Inn or at the office for Myra Korytskyi for her birthday.
- Have your small group or Sunday School Class offer to prepare and serve a meal for the **Circles Cobb** leadership training class. Contact Tamlyn Collins for more information.
- Honor the volunteer teachers for **ESL** with a small lunch or donate pizza for the entire group. Contact Steve Sparks at [steve.sparks26@gmail.com](mailto:steve.sparks26@gmail.com).
- Serve as a part of the **Kairos** men or women's teams. Make some goodies for those in prison. Pray, pray, pray for the team. Contact Janet Walsh at [Janetpwalsh@att.net](mailto:Janetpwalsh@att.net).
- Join the group planning to bring **Kid's Beach Club** to Compton Elementary School. This afterschool program teaches kids about Jesus. Contact Tamlyn Collins.
- Be a part of the team to bring **Fellowship of Christian Athletes** to Tapp Middle School. You don't have to be an athlete just a follower of Jesus. Contact Martha Joyce at [davidmarthajoyce@bellsouth.net](mailto:davidmarthajoyce@bellsouth.net).
- Donate a car (Car Care can make repairs) and make a big difference. Contact David McCoy at [msgtmacret@gmail.com](mailto:msgtmacret@gmail.com).
- Have your group or class contribute items for the **Mountain Top Boys Home** "Wish List". The list will be out in November, but gift cards are always appreciated. Contact Rick Standard at [standardrick1@gmail.com](mailto:standardrick1@gmail.com).



# MISSIONS

## Hurricane Idalia Relief:

In September, McEachern Missions funds were sent to the *United Methodist Committee on Relief* (UMCOR) to help those in South Georgia who are suffering after Hurricane Idalia hit their communities. Thank you for making this donation possible through your generous giving.

**Boys Home Honors Will Friese:** Last month, Board members of *Mountain Top Boys Home* voted to name their Family Counseling and Reunification Center after our own Will Friese. Will has faithfully supported the Boys Home for a long time and was serving on the Board at the time of his passing. The Center is currently under construction and when completed, will give families the opportunity to learn valuable parenting skills.

**Ukraine Family Update:** September has been a busy month for the Korytskyi family. Both boys are back in school and Diana is now being home schooled so that she can continue her rigorous swimming schedule. Three year old Vanessa has started at McEachern's preschool and is thriving. Andrii continues his work, and Myra is now working for McEachern's nursery on Mondays and Wednesdays. Myra will celebrate her birthday this month. We are so glad they are happy in Mission Inn and look forward to their one year anniversary in the USA in November.



## Tower Of Power

One of the most novel ways McEachern reaches out to the world with the good news of Jesus Christ is through the radio waves. You may not have noticed the radio tower on top of our church, but a faithful group of men use it to connect with other operators and encourage them. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry or would like to become a part, contact Dave Price at [jt2mo70@yahoo.com](mailto:jt2mo70@yahoo.com).

## McEachern Amateur Radio Club in International Contest

Our McEachern *Tower Of Power* amateur radio club (FCC-licensed station K4MMC) was active in the monthly "Weekend Sprint-a-thon" conducted by the *Straight Key Century Club*. SKCC is an international group of amateur radio operators dedicated to preserving the heritage of radio telegraphy. What is the "gospel payoff" of this, you may ask? It's the connection to our page on [www.QRZ.com](http://www.QRZ.com) where we have an invitation to website visitors to learn more about our station, our church and Jesus Christ. At the time of this writing, K4MMC was 7th overall in a contest that attracts over 100 amateur operators--and who very likely, will visit our page. In one day alone, *Tower Of Power* recently added twenty new visitors to its site! Contact Rev. Tamlyn Collins if you would like to be a part of this Mission Outreach.

# CONTACT US

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**Church Office is Closed on Fridays**

**Please visit our website for the most current information.**

**Email:** [info@mceachernumc.org](mailto:info@mceachernumc.org)

**Website:** [www.mceachernumc.org](http://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  
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**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 10<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to desired edition.



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