

*Love is  
Patient  
Love is  
Kind...*



*... Love  
Keeps no  
Record  
of Wrongs.*

**FEBRUARY 2024**

*faith  
hope*

**BUT THE GREATEST  
OF THESE IS LOVE**

*love*

**1 CORINTHIANS 13**

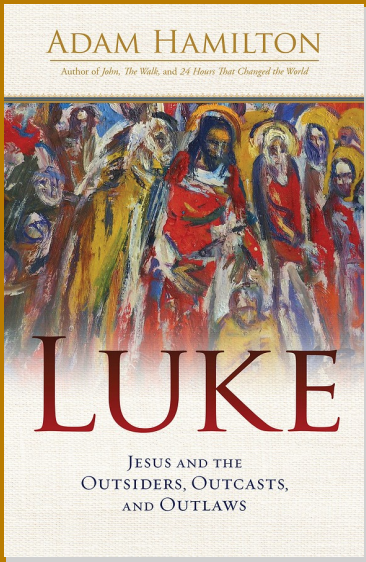
**LOVE GOD ✦ LOVE NEIGHBOR ✦ MAKE DISCIPLES**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



## Coming soon . . . A Church-Wide Lenten Study

*Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*  
by Adam Hamilton

The study begins on February 18.  
Small groups will be available at the following times:

- Sundays at 4:30 PM
- Tuesdays at 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM
- Wednesdays 10:00 AM
- Thursdays at 6:30 PM

More details regarding this amazing Lenten study coming soon!

## Enough

Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity



### COMMITMENT SUNDAY

**FEBRUARY 11, 2024**

**WORSHIP @ 11:00 AM**

**Bring Your Commitment Card!**

## Sunday, February 25



**Worship**

**11:00 AM**

**Dr. Jessica Terrell**  
**Preaching**

**Charge Conference**  
**12:00 Noon**

**Church Family Lunch**  
**12:30 PM**

## MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST: 8-9:00 AM, FEBRUARY 11



**McEachern Memorial**  
**UNITED METHODIST MEN**  
**BAND OF BROTHERS**

Our United Methodist Men invite men  
of all ages to join them for breakfast  
in Oaks Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
of most months.

Join us and bring some friends to enjoy  
this rewarding time with McEachern men  
on Sunday, February 11, 8-9:00 AM !

**COME FOR FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

## We need your help!

There is a new volunteer opportunity to answer the church phones and greet members and guests at the church office for a specific shift: the first, second and/or fourth Thursday of each month from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM. Training is provided. If you feel led to help, contact Nancy Burkhardt at

[nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org](mailto:nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org) or call 678-567-5002.

Occasionally, a volunteer is needed to answer the main church phone line, greet members and guests at the church office and to help with mailings. Two shifts are available: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM. Smiling faces and voices are needed so that all will feel welcome when contacting or visiting our church. Training is provided.

Periodically, many hands are needed to put together a mass mailing project.

For more information or if you are willing to be added to the Front Office or mass mailing volunteer list, please contact Nancy Burkhardt at 678-567-5002 or [nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org](mailto:nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org).



## A Donation Given To ...

The Joyful Singers in memory of D. F. Lane

by Morris Henderson

## NURSERY MINISTRY



PTA & Nursery Director:

**Susan Koopman**

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

678-567-5006 Nursery/PTA Office

## Parents' Time Away

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM

Ages Birth through Preschool

Register & Pay On-Line:

***[Mceachernumc.org/Next Generation](http://Mceachernumc.org/NextGeneration)***

*Sign up once, as needed or by the day/week/month/school year*



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# PRESCHOOL MINISTRY



MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

**2024-2025  
REGISTRATION  
BEGINS SOON!**

CLASSES FILL  
QUICKLY!

## Priority Registration

Monday, February 5th – Wednesday, February 7th  
Church members and current students/siblings

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Registration opens to the public on  
Thursday, February 8th.

## For more information:

Please call the preschool office at 770-439-7110,  
email Ms. Denise at [dribeiro@mceachernumc.org](mailto:dribeiro@mceachernumc.org), or  
visit our website at [www.mceachernpreschool.com](http://www.mceachernpreschool.com)



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



## Welcome, Lora Parker-Gayler!

We are excited to announce our newest staff member, Lora Parker-Gayler, as our Director of Children's Ministries.

Lora is excited to be joining the staff at MMUMC! Lora has been serving as a youth director since 2011, starting in her home state of Alabama. She and her husband, Matt, were both raised in United Methodist churches in North Alabama and met serving on staff at Camp Sumatanga. They have been living in Georgia since 2017, when Lora began as the youth director at

Due West and Matt joined the Cobb County Police Department.

Lora is excited to be getting back to her roots of working with children, as she earned a bachelor's degree in Collaborative Education in Elementary and Special Education from Birmingham-Southern College.

Lora and Matt welcomed their daughter, Delaney, in June 2023! She is such a delight and excited to smile at each of you!

Lora begins her ministry with MMUMC on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Her first Sunday is February 4<sup>th</sup>.



# STUDENT MINISTRY

## FEBRUARY 2024

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

**7 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM**

**10 - Winter Jam, 3-11 PM, \$15**

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

**14 - Ash Wednesday  
(No MidWeek)**

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

**21 - No MidWeek  
(School Break)**

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

**28 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM  
(Flashlight Tag)**



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

# SENIOR ADULTS MINISTRY



You are cordially invited to join us for our  
**Macland Seniors Luncheon**  
Friday, February 2, 2024 at 11:30 AM in Lula Dobbs Hall



Bring a covered dish to share and your beverage. Reservations NOT required!  
Direct inquiries to Nancy Burkhardt at [nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org](mailto:nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org) or 678.567.5002

**PROGRAM:** presented by Chelsea Watson, Enrichment Coordinator-Receiving Hope Center at Wellspring Living. This community program helps at-risk teenage girls by providing a safe place to stay. Items are needed for the girls: snacks (chips, crackers, juice boxes), personal items for teenaged girls, lotion, laundry detergent, toothpaste (toothbrushes not needed), toilet tissue, and liquid body wash. Please help by bringing items to the luncheon February 2.

It is time to begin collecting items for Easter baskets for our shut-ins. Suggested items: chips, crackers, small packs of tissues, lotion, word find books, adult coloring books (with colored pencils), puzzles, chapstick, small Easter decorations. Please bring items to the February 2 and March 1 luncheons.



## SAVE THESE DATES:

Friday, February 16, 9:00-11:00 a.m. - Easter basket bow class in Lula Dobbs Hall  
Friday, March 1, 11:30 a.m. - Macland Seniors luncheon, Lula Dobbs Hall  
Monday, March 11 - Deadline to drop off basket items in church office 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Friday, March 15, 9:00 -11:00 a.m. - Pack/organize Easter baskets in Lula Dobbs Hall  
Monday, March 18 - Pick up baskets at church office to distribute

**COMING SOON:** Information regarding 2024 Macland Seniors' trips!

# CARE & COUNSELING MINISTRY

## Get Involved In Care Ministry! Volunteer Opportunities Available!

**Monday Morning Ministers - Now Meeting on Tuesdays, 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. For more information or to share a prayer concern, contact Nancy Burkhardt at [nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org](mailto:nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org) or 770.943.3008 X 5002.

**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.



**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  
At Higher Ground



# MISSIONS MINISTRY

**LIVE 2540**

*We are on a mission to end malnutrition and  
provide healthcare for the most vulnerable  
in Liberia, West Africa.*



## Your Faith Promise Gifts Help Save Lives

You continue to save lives one child at a time through your Faith Promise giving. In 2023, MMUMC took on a new mission partner ministering in a remote section of Liberia, Africa. *Live 2540's* name is based on Matthew 25:40. After praying about this mission and the support we could give, your mission team agreed to give funds to save 1,000 children's lives. The following is a brief description of one child saved.

Last October, a child whose name means "Lucky Boy" was rescued and delivered to ELWA Hospital in Liberia sponsored by *LIVE 2540*. He was 12 months old and was so malnourished that he could have fit in a size 3 month outfit. At the hospital, he was treated with therapeutic milk and a lot of prayer and TLC. Within two weeks, he was sitting up and eating chicken. By the time he was discharged, he was able to eat solid food and was sent with a supply of Plumpy'Nut to continue restoring his health. Thank you for being a part of the ongoing work that *LIVE2540* is doing with Christian doctors and nurses to save lives in the name of Christ.



*A Special Thank You  
To The Reverend Tamlyn Collins*



*Please know how greatly you are appreciated for your loving  
devotion and enthusiasm in the ministry of serving our Lord Jesus!*

*May God continue to bless you as you have blessed countless  
individuals both locally and globally through your leadership in  
the Missions Ministry here at McEachern Memorial UMC!*

*You are loved!*

# CONTACT US

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**Fax:** 770.943.9664

**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](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  
Moose Mosteller, Student Ministry Director.....X 5016  
Lora Parker-Gayler, 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 - 11:00 AM - Sanctuary**

**Spanish Worship - 11:00 AM - Chapel**

**Sunday School:**

**Children - 9:30 AM    Adults - 9:30 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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