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BACK-TO-SCHOOL TEACHER'S PRAYER

"Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants." Deuteronomy 32:2

LOVE GOD + LOVE NEIGHBOR + MAKE DISCIPLES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Wild Sunday August 10th



Join us Sunday, August 10 - 9:00 AM in the Christian Life Center for breakfast as we showcase opportunities for you in our **MINISTRY and MISSIONS!** The theme is "Wild Sunday" and Pastor Cindy Blocksidge will preach on Noah's Ark. Please dress in your animal print attire!







Questions? www.Pack405.com

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some of the things we do! Join Us for Popcicles in the Park Have some fun meeting other families and ge your questions answered! No obligations! Powder Springs Park Pavilion-4100 Lewis Ext Thursday, August 28th

6:30 - 7:30 pm

FUN FOR

do fun activities, experience new things, and

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Pack Meetings 1 **VHOLE FAMILY** Only \$30 to sign up for a trial-period through December

NEXT MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 8:00-9:00 AM

The United Methodist Men, invite men of all ages to join us for a GREAT breakfast in Oaks Hall on the 2nd Sunday of most months.

Join us and bring a friend! Enjoy a rewarding time with the men of McEachern and interesting guest speakers.



NURSERY MINISTRY

PARENTS' TIME AWAY

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS BEGINS AUGUST 5TH 9am - 1pm

Sign up once, as needed or by the Day/Week/Month/School Year \$30 1st Child, \$25 1st Sibling, \$20 Each Additional Child **One-time Annual Family \$20 Fee**

Register & Pav On-Line

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Kids

PRESCHOOL



dribeiro@mceachernumc.org, or stop by the preschool office to pick up an application.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us on Sundays from 9:30-10:30 in the children's area on the first floor of the Christian Life Center as we journey through the Bible together! We are excited to kick off the school year with a WORSHIP series, filled with fun lessons, trainings, games, special guests, and crafts! If you are interested in joining our children's volunteer team, contact Lora!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

We are so excited to offer Wednesday night programming, starting September 3rd, but we need faith-filled volunteers to help us provide some great programs for our children! If you would like to be part of our volunteer team and help with our children's choir from 6-6:30 or children's activities from 6:30-7:30, OR be a story reader once every few weeks for our closing program, contact Lora@mceachernumc.org







FAITH-OLOGY RETREAT

Every fall, the North Georgia Conference hosts this retreat for 3rd-5th graders! Our yearly theme is Faith-ology where we explore faith stories from scripture along with science and nature. This year's theme is Stars and Light. This retreat is always an action-packed fun time! We'll have big group worship sessions in the chapel and rotate through 6 workshops throughout the day and have a chance to zipline into the lake!

Register on the Children's Page of the church website! <u>McEachernUMC.org/children</u>



SEPTEMBER 19-21, 2025

JOIN OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ALL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATES Search: McEachern Kids at MMUMC or scan the QR code



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STUDENT MINISTRY



SENIOR ADULTS MINISTRY



McEachern J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) You're Invited to our next luncheon! Friday, August 1st - 11:30 AM - In Lula Dobbs Bring a covered dish to share and your beverage!



OUR SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE OUR STUDENT MINISTRY DIRECTOR, MOOSE MOSTELLER, WHO WILL SHARE OUR STUDENTS' EXPERIENCE ON THEIR RECENT MISSION TRIP TO COSTA RICA. We have a very active student/youth ministry so come and hear how THEY ARE SHARING THE STORY OF JESUS WAY BEYOND OUR WALLS!

We normally meet on the first Friday of the month, EXCEPT during a holiday week. On those weeks, we meet on the following Friday.

If you are 55+ and considering joining this exciting group, please contact Nancy Burkhardt at nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org for more information or to begin receiving informational emails. You will be warmly welcomed!!!

Marietta History Center & Root House Day Trip Tuesday, August 19th!

* * * REGISTER NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, AUGUST 12TH * * * Cost: Marietta History Center (\$5.00) + William Root House (\$7.00) = \$12.00 per person. We will eat lunch at one of the restaurants on Marietta Square.

The Marietta History Center is dedicated to preserving and showcasing the history of Marietta and Cobb County, and it features a variety of exhibits, artifacts, and interactive displays. Established in 1996, the Marietta Museum of History offers visitors the opportunity to learn about the people, events, and industries that have shaped the community over the years.





The William Root House was constructed during the 1840s and is the oldest house remaining in downtown Marietta. The Root House was built

circa 1845 for Hannah and William Root, early settlers of Marietta. The home offers an in-depth look at daily life for the Root family and the enslaved people who worked and lived on the property. Decorated with period antiques in the fashion of the 1860s, great effort has



Outside, visitors can view the recreated cookhouse and see the working 1850s cook stove. The Root House gardens are designed to reflect the gardening practices of the mid-19th century. The gardens are planted with vegetables, culinary herbs, fruit trees, decorative flowers, and blooming shrubs. Medicinal herbs are also grown. William Root would have likely used many herbs in his pharmacy. All the plants in the Root House Garden have been researched

to establish their availability in Georgia at the time the house was built.



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

been made to bring only authentic furnishings into the house.



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

Women's ministry



Women of ALL ages are invited to attend 🗃 our next meeting of the Women's Group, Sunday, August 3 at 5:00 p.m. in F326!

We are planning some exciting events and mission projects so come and enjoy this wonderful time of fellowship and fun and find out how this vibrant group is moving in our church!

Child care is available by contacting Susan Koopman ~ skoopman@mceachernumc.org.

For more information, contact Rev. Cindy Blocksidge ~ cblocksidge@mceachernucm.org.

CARE & COUNSELING MINISTRY



New GriefShare Session begins... Thursday, September 18th 6:30-8:00 PM in F147

Are you grieving the loss of a spouse, other family member, or other loss? If so, we invite you to participate in GriefShare. At GriefShare you'll

receive valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort, and peace of mind.

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability while gaining solid support each step of the way.

For more information, contact Nancy Burkhardt - nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org - 678.567.5002.

Do you like to plan events? Do you have a servant's heart? Our Bereavement Committee needs you!

The Bereavement Committee provides and serves a meal or reception for family and friends after the funeral of a loved one. This is a very important ministry that offers Christian hospitality for grieving family and friends.

Many volunteers are needed. You will only serve as you are able and available.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Nancy Burkhardt by email nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org or by phone at 678.567.5002.



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IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME AND TIME TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL SCHOOL PARTNERS!

Compton Elementary School: We Need You Saturday, August 2nd, 9:00 AM Please join us on a prayer walk at Compton Elementary School. Meet us at the front door of the school at 9:00 AM and we will pray for the students and staff.

First Day of School Greeters - Monday, August 4th, 7:00 AM: Bring your smile and help greet and guide students on their first day back to school at Compton Elementary.

 Tapp Middle School Food Pantry: Please consider serving at the Tapp Food Pantry on

 Tuesdays 4:00-6:00 PM, contact Beth Green or Rick McTyre

Opportunities To Donate And Serve In Missions!

Our Missions Ministry offers many opportunities for you to not only see God at work but to also join Him and experience the blessings received from the gift of your time and effort toward a purpose greater than yourself. Do you have a heart for Missions? Do you have a special Mission interest that you would like us to consider? Would you like to join a team sharing the Good News beyond the church walls? Discover the thrill of becoming part of something amazing that the Lord will accomplish both in you and through you! Come, join us in ministry!

Contact Beth Green or Julie Beem at local-outreach@mceachernumc.org.

Thank You For Supporting Our MUST Summer Lunch Program!



We distributed bags of meals to children in our local community every Wednesday from June 4th through July 30th. A special thank you to the Lighthouse Sunday School Class for heading up this project and to our youth for their faithful service.

ESL Classes Return In August!

MMUMC has proudly supported our local community over the years teaching 4 levels of English including grammar and conversational English. We offer classes to our adult students in both the morning and evening. Each class has a teacher and a helper. Our morning classes meet on Monday and Wednesday mornings and our evening classes meet on Tuesdays. We welcome volunteers who would like to service as a helper



or as a teacher. One of our volunteers said, "I started volunteering as a helper when I was a stay-at-home Mom. I had worked in corporate America, but once I started staying home I needed something just a few days a week and the MMUMC ESL classes filled that void. Teaching our students fills me with joy and allows me to help others on a regular basis without the strict schedule of working."— Robin Eggers

If you want a meaningful way to help others, come out and give it a try! Let the church office know of your interest. We can't wait to meet you!

CONTACT US

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM Church Office is Closed on Fridays

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Contact staff members via email using their first initial and last name followed by @mceachernumc.org.

Come Worship With Us!

Traditional Worship - 11:00 AM - Sanctuary

Sunday School / Small Groups - Children Through Adults - 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 your desired edition.



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