

April, 2011

McKendree United Methodist Church



## *Holy Week Schedule*

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MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

*April 21st 7pm*

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

*April 22nd 7pm*

EASTER SUNDAY

*April 24th*

*7:00am Sunrise Service (in the outdoor classroom)*

*8:00am Traditional Worship Service*

*9:30am Contemporary Worship Service*

*11:00am Traditional Worship Service*

*(Nursery available for 8, 9:30 and 11am Worship)*

## I Wish...

On January 9 we asked congregants to complete the sentence "I wish McKendree would...." in an effort to learn how we can continually improve our church. We had 34 respondents offering 73 suggestions and comments that can be summarized in five main categories:

### Over-communicate

Strive to embrace over-communicating using rolling, on-screen announcements before and between services, the flat screen in the narthex, the new website, enhancing e-mail methods, the newsletter and church Facebook page.

### A hunger for all-things BIBLE

Go deeper in the sermons, encourage more Bible memory in children's programming, and offer young-adult focused classes and evening women's studies.

### More testimonies!

## Welcome to Our New Members

Radford & Lisa Ethridge  
Charlotte & Amelia  
1040 Birch Ridge Run  
Lawrenceville, GA 30043  
678-575-5940

Parke (Tony) & Marcy Forsyth  
James Ficklen  
2360 Walnut Grove Way  
Suwanee, GA 30024-3219  
770-237-0363

Laura Gibbs  
Elizabeth  
2769 Beddington Way  
Suwanee, GA 30024-3170  
770-338-9325

Eric & Annette Hinson  
Lisette & Scout  
1068 Davis Bend Ct  
Lawrenceville, GA 30043  
404-519-2476

Anthony & Debbie Rossmann  
1771 Green Oak Cir  
Lawrenceville, GA 30043  
770-277-5205

Jessica Stribling  
Callie  
1085 Chandler Park Court  
Lawrenceville, GA 30043

### More youth involvement in services

Several suggested periodically adding youth musicians and/or singers at 9:30 or have the youth usher.

### Simplify the music at 11am

Announce hymn numbers before singing them, choose music easy to follow, and sing all stanzas of a hymn.

We always welcome your comments and ideas!

## Spring Break Office Schedule

During the week of Spring Break, April 4th - 8th, the church office hours will be 9am - 12pm. The buildings will still be open at night for evening activities.

Being a "Family Oriented" church, this schedule will allow everyone to spend some precious time with their loved ones. If you have a special need to get into the church between 12pm and

5pm, please call the church office ahead of time to make arrangements.



## Easter Sunday Flower Cross

Don't forget to bring your fresh-cut flowers and floral tree cuttings to place on the cross Easter Sunday.



## Book of Job Bible Study

**Mondays**

**Beginning April 18**

**7pm/Room 308**

**Contact: Pastor Diego**  
[dorsini@mckendreeumc.org](mailto:dorsini@mckendreeumc.org)

Please Note: This month's Angel Food order deadline is April 17. Orders can be picked-up, April 23.

⊕ The deadline for article submission for the May newsletter is April 11. ⊕

## Flower Power Youth Fund-Raiser



Our Youth are selling flower bulbs through

April 17. When you buy these beautiful plants at great prices, 50% of your purchases will go into individual youth accounts to help pay for events and retreats. Bulbs will arrive April 28 – May 9, just in time for spring planting. Contact Debbie Lucas in the church office.



## Attention Graduates

We need your help! If you (or your child) will be graduating from high school or college this year, please let us know! Please, do not assume that we have this information. We want all of our graduates to be recognized on Graduate Recognition Sunday (May 23).

E-mail [dlucas@mckendreeumc.org](mailto:dlucas@mckendreeumc.org) by April 30, 2010, with the following info...

**Name, Parents, School graduating from, Activities involved in, Honors, Plans for the future** (include the college you plan to attend and your major, or your future employment plans).



## Walking Together in Love

(excerpt from [www.stephenministries.org](http://www.stephenministries.org))

Twenty-four years ago, Joanne, the young mother of an infant child, was devastated by the unexpected death of her husband.

In the months that followed, she tried dealing with grief on her own but found few resources to help her. As a result, she developed a desire to be there for others who faced similar circumstances.

Several years later, when Joanne saw a notice at church calling for Stephen Ministers, she responded. In her decade of service, Joanne has had the opportunity to care for people with a variety of needs, including a recent care receiver who was a young widow. Joanne noted, "This care receiver's circumstances were similar to mine and I was happy to give her the kind of help I didn't have."

Though their formal relationship is over, Joanne and her care receiver still remain close friends. For Joanne, and thousands like her in congregations worldwide, this is the hope—and the joy—of Stephen Ministry.

If you are interested in having or becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Diego Orsini at 770-339-9801 or Karen Hubbard at 404-606-0658.



## Easter Bunny Pancake Breakfast

Join us April 18th from 7:30-9:30am for the Preschool's Annual Easter Bunny Pancake Breakfast. Come, enjoy all the pancakes you can eat for \$5 adults and \$3 kids 2 and up. Get your picture made with the bunny for \$1. All proceeds benefit the Preschool and in turn the church. Call 770-339-7040 to make a reservation or for more information.

Save  
The  
Dates  
FOR...

**AWE**

(Awesome Worship Experience)  
Music, Art, Drama & Dance Camp  
June 6 - June 10, 2011  
Ages: Kindergarten - 3rd grade

## Music Ministries



Who are you leading? Who's leading you?

6pm, Wednesday, April 27

Dress Rehearsal - 6pm, Tues. April 26

### Important Dates:

#### **Orchestra:**

April 10 — 11am Worship

#### **Dove Awards:**

Wednesday, April 20th

Shannon Freaney, Director of Music Ministries  
Eileen Straw, Asst. to Music Ministries  
Devon Patrick, Worship Leader  
Kim Steinke, Admin. Asst. to Music Ministries  
Phone: 770.339.9801



## 9th Annual Desserts "2 Die 4" Bake Sale

This Easter, purchase your homemade cakes and pies from Sharper Image and the Women of Worship and allow yourself more time to celebrate the wonderful gift God gave us - His Son



When: April 23, 2011  
Time: During the Easter Egg Hunt  
Where: Hallway outside of the Fellowship Hall  
Cost: Cakes \$13.00 Pies \$8.00



### BAKERS NEEDED!!!

Do you bake? If so, please donate your homemade pies and cakes to our sale. Sign-up sheets are outside the Music Office. For your convenience, cake and pie boxes are available. Set up will be Friday, April 22nd. Please watch for e-mails with more information.

## Listening to God

*“Speak God for your servant is listening.” Samuel 3:10*

Message – Praise the Lord, for our awesome Prayer Emphasis Sunday.

Are you taking time to listen to God? You can listen to Him while waiting for the train to pass, while waiting at a red light, while pumping gasoline, while taking a shower. In the New Testament notice how many times, Jesus went off by himself to talk and listen to God. He was obedient “even unto death.” As we prepare for Easter, prepare yourself to be humble and seek His will.

Prayer – Lord, we praise You for Your awesome love for us. We seek Your presence. Prepare our hearts to celebrate Your greatest gift to us, Jesus Christ.

In His name we pray, Amen.

## Prime Timers (50 and over) for Fun, Faith and Fellowship

Friday, April 1, in the Fellowship Hall, 6:30 pm, bring a dish to share and a friend. Bob Jones will provide a Christian message through his wonderful music. There’s a change in May: meeting is May 13 (Bingo Night) – not May 6.

For additional information, contact Jay & Nancy Rowland at 678-618-8735, 770-904-2420 or nancy.m.rowland@gmail.com. We always promote Fellowship, Faith and Fun.



## Loads of Love

Our first “Loads of Love” laundromat evangelism outreach was a great experience and blessing to all. Would you like to join us on our next outreach? Are you interested in knowing more about this outreach? Our next “Loads of Love” event will be Sunday, April 3 from 11am - 2pm.

For details please contact Bernie Richardson at 770-513-8300 or rbrichardson@charter.net.

You can also help by sending in your quarters.

## FaithBooking

Saturdays, 1-9pm/Room 317

Join us for scrap-booking and crafting.

April 9; and May 7

Contact Kathryn Tyrrell  
at nlincl@yahoo.com

## Lawrenceville Co-op Fund-Raiser

The Peachtree Symphonic Winds and Peachtree Band of Jazz concert took place Thursday night March 3rd; it raised \$4,415 in donations and 1,253 cans of food. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this annual event a BIG SUCCESS!!



Joe Palmer, Director of High School Ministries  
Susan Rowe, Director of Family Ministries  
Ashley Fitzpatrick, Director of Middle School Ministries  
Paula Anderson, Admin. Assist. to Family Ministries  
Phone: 770.339.9801

## WTL – Sunday Youth group for 7 – 12 grade

4:30pm - snack and gathering time 5pm - Praise and Worship  
5:30-6:30pm - split off for middle school & high school programs.

### This month we will be talking about...

April 3: No WTL

April 10: High & Middle School: Combined with Ashley

April 17: High School: Youth Talk with Reed - El Diablo

Middle School: "He Has Risen" - 6th graders will join us.

April 24: No WTL – Easter Sunday

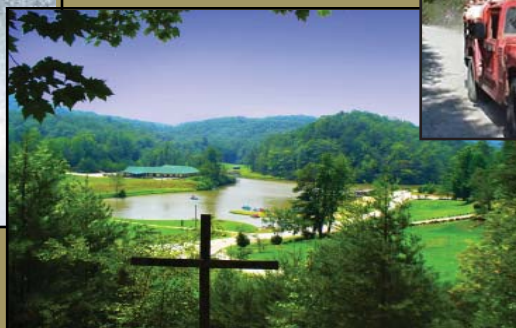


## Vogel State Park Camping Trip

4/29 – 5/1

We will meet at the church Friday 5:30pm and depart by 6pm. Youth should eat dinner beforehand or bring something with them to eat on the way to the campground.

We should return to the church on Sunday around 12:30pm. The youth will call when we are 20 minutes out. A packing list will be sent out soon.



## Summer Retreat

June 2 -June 5

Join us for an extended weekend of fun and grow closer to God on our Summer Retreat to Awanita Valley Retreat Center. There are many activities available: a zip line, 150 ft. waterslide, hummer rides & horseback riding. Cost: \$150 by 4/13. \$175 from 4/14—4/24. Final deadline: 4/24. Registration forms & details are located outside the youth office.

## 2011 Important Dates

April 2 – 9 Dominican Republic Mission Trip

April 4 – 8 Local Mission Trip

April 29 – May 1 Camping Trip

May 21 Graduation Banquet

May 22 Last WTL - Jumpies

May 27 Last Day of School Cook Out

June 2 – 5 Summer Retreat – Awanita

June 12 Laser Quest

June 20 – 24 VBS

June 26 – July 1 Clarkston

July 11 – 15 Youth Yard Sale Drop-off

July 16 Youth Yard Sale 9am – 3pm

July 27 Six Flags

July 31 Bowling

August 5 & 6 Amazing Race

August 7 Back to School Pool Party

# The Children's CORNER

Lisa Engberg, Director of Children's Ministries  
 Susan Rowe, Director of Family Ministries  
 Phone: 770.339.9801

**Vacation Bible School** - registration for "PandaMania" begins on April 17th after both services! VBS will be held June 19-23/evening session and June 20-24/morning and Extreme sessions. Cost is \$20 per child (with a maximum cost of \$50 per family) and includes a t-shirt, a CD of the VBS music and the whole week of VBS! We are looking for volunteers as well, so please contact Susan Rowe to help!

- VBS Planning Team will meet at noon on April 17th. We will eat a quick lunch then begin our meeting.

**Fun Fourth** - regular meetings have ended, but fourth graders are still invited to youth group! On April 20th, 4th graders will make their second trip to visit Flight 56, and they will head up the hill to worship with "The Way" on that evening.

**Kidz Klub** - will not meet on April 6th due to Spring Break, but we will resume on the 13th. On the 20th we will do a special "Stations of the Cross" for Kids and their families. We will also not meet on the 27th due to the Youth Musical "Led". Come and see it!

**McKendree's Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch**  
 This event takes place at 10am, Saturday, April 23rd. A small \$2 per child donation is appreciated to cover the cost of eggs and candy. Sign-up forms are available on the table outside the Fellowship Hall and in the rack outside Susan Rowe's office. All children ages birth through 4th grade are invited to participate!

**Flight 56** - will only meet once for our regular meeting this month due to Spring Break and Easter. On April 17th our 4th graders will visit Flight 56 and our 6th graders will go "up the hill" to WTL. Our Friday Night Live (FNL) this month is Laser Quest on April 15.

## Preschool

Join us April 18th from 7:30-9:30 am for the Preschool's Annual Easter Bunny Pancake Breakfast. Come enjoy all the pancakes you can eat for \$5 adults and \$3 Kids 2 and up. Get your picture made with the bunny for \$1. All proceeds benefit the Preschool and in turn the church. Call 770-339-7040 to make a reservation or for more information.

## Son Shine Camp

Check out our Son Shine camp program for Kids 2 (by 9/1/11) - rising 3rd grade. Camp runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-12 for 5 weeks beginning 7/5 and ending 8/4. You can come to as many weeks as you would like. Each week is a different theme and fun activity. Cost is \$35 a week and registration begins April 17th in the Fellowship Hall.

## Angel of the Month

Doug and Denise Dahlberg understand the importance of giving back to the children at McKendree. They have been involved in some capacity of this ministry since their kids were born around 8 years ago. They both teach on Sundays, work at VBS, serve on various committees, and are even still involved with the Pre-school. Thanks Doug and Denise, you are both angels.

## Important upcoming dates:

- April 4-8 - Gwinnett County Spring Break
- Sunday, April 3 - No Flight 56 due to Spring Break
- Wednesday, April 6 - No Kidz Klub due to Spring Break
- Sunday, April 10 - No Flight 56 due to Spring Break
- Wednesday, April 13 - 6-7pm - Kidz Klub regular meeting
- Friday, April 15 - 7pm - Laser Quest - Flight 56 FNL
- Sunday, April 17 - VBS Church Registration - After services;  
 4:30pm - 6th graders visit WTL  
 5:30pm - Flight 56 - 4th graders visit
- Wednesday, April 20 - 6pm-7pm - Wednesday night Holy Week event - "Stations of the Cross" - for children and families.
- Saturday, April 23 - 10am - Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch
- Sunday, April 24 - VBS Church Registration - After services;  
 No Flight 56; Happy Easter!
- Wednesday, April 27 - No Kidz Klub due to "Led" Youth Musical
- Sunday, May 1 - VBS Church Registration - After services;  
 5:30pm - Flight 56
- Monday, May 2 - VBS Preschool Registration
- Tuesday, May 3 - VBS Registration open to the public

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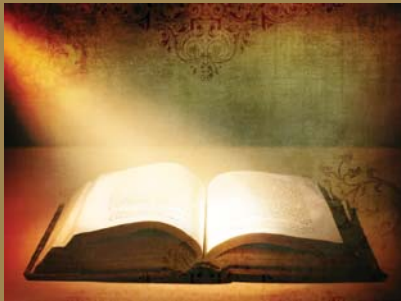
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*"Facilitating the Facilities"*

Tom Balog  
 Minister of Administration



*"So ... every skilled person to whom the LORD has given skill and ability to know how to carry out all the work of constructing the sanctuary are to do the work just as the LORD has commanded." Then Moses summoned ... every skilled person to whom the LORD had given ability and who was willing to come and do the work. They received from Moses all the offerings the Israelites had brought to carry out the work of constructing the sanctuary. And the people continued to bring freewill offerings morning after morning.*

Exodus 36:1-3

**McKendree UMC 2011 Budget  
 Expenses - \$1.3M**

