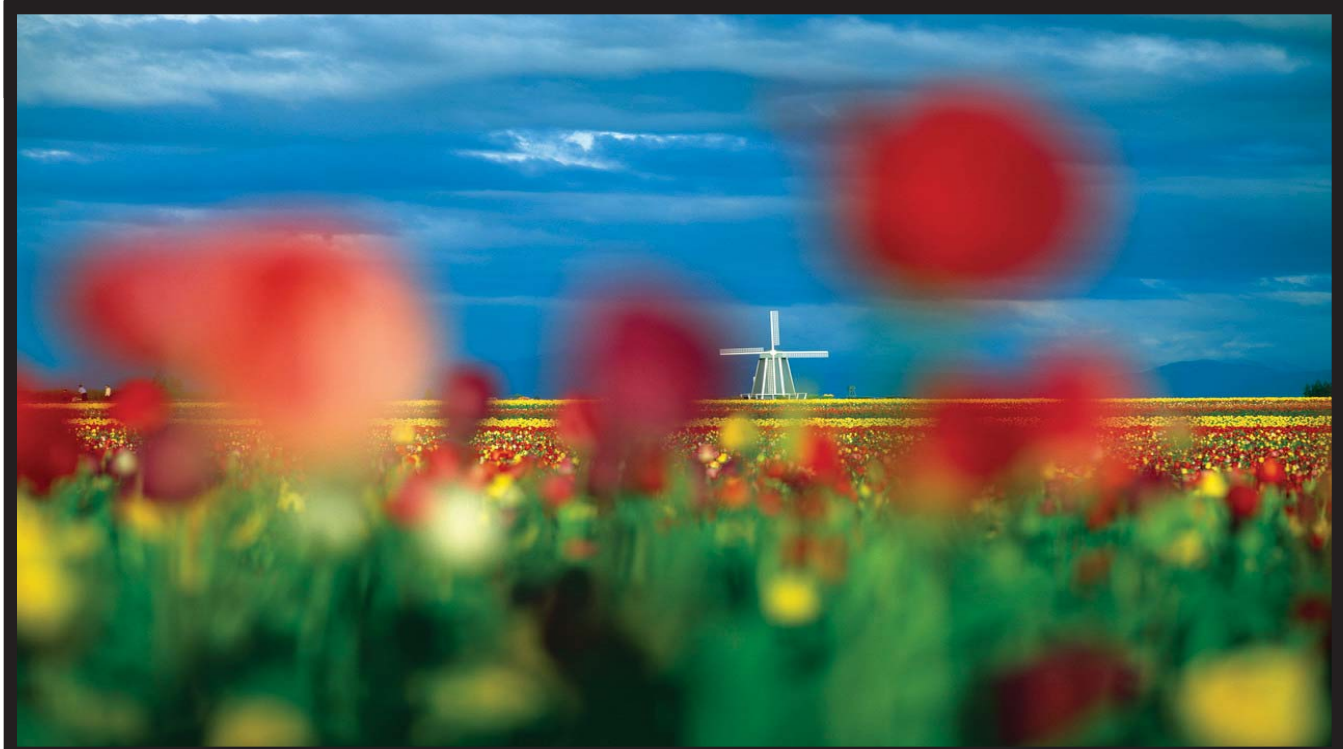


May, 2011



### **Reception for Ashley Fitzpatrick**

Ashley Fitzpatrick came to McKendree in June of 2008, hired to assist with Youth Ministries, and immediately offered up her heart to our teens. During the past three years she has actively guided our youth. With her gentle manner, she has helped shaped their earliest images of holiness. By quietly reflecting the grace of our Lord, she has been an example to all at McKendree and has captured a very special place in our hearts.

In March she passed the Board of Ordained Ministry and is projected to have an appointment as an associate pastor effective in June at Annual Conference. Ashley is finishing up her theological education at Emory and will be graduating May 9, 2011. Her last full day here will be May 15, 2011.

The excerpt below is from a letter Ashley sent to the parents and students of McKendree.

*"I am thrilled, excited, and anxious about this new appointment as a pastor in my life but I am also sad. I am sad because I am leaving such a wonderful place - McKendree UMC. I have loved these past three years of ministry and have so many treasured memories that I will never forget. Thank you for teaching me so much. You have given me joy, love, and been such a blessing in my life. I love each and every one of you."*

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall, after 11am worship, Sunday, May 15th as we celebrate Ashley's ministry here and wish her well on her new appointment.

## MCKENDREE UMC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Director of Middle School Ministries (Part-Time)

Resumes are now being accepted for this (20 hours per week) position. Applicants will be responsible for all of McKendree's programs for 5th – 8th grades, including, but not limited to; coordinating and leading Confirmation, Sunday School, Wednesday and Sunday night small groups; assist with planning of and attend/lead retreats; lead/assist with Flight 56 meetings and events; find and coordinate volunteers for all Middle School programs. Work hours are flexible, including hours worked on the weekends and Wednesday nights. Please submit resumes to Tom Balog in the church office on or before May 3.

### Assistant Director of Music (Part-Time)

Do you have a passion for glorifying God through music? Do you have a passion for working with children or youth? Then please, prayerfully, consider this opportunity. This part-time position will average 15-20 hours per week depending on the season. We are looking for someone with a background in music education to work with children or youth, teaching them how to glorify God using music as the tool. This person will report to the Director of Music and Worship, needs to be available on Wednesday evenings and Sundays, and will also assist in the coordination of the Children's Christmas Eve service and spring musical productions. If you are interested, please mail your resume to the church, ATTN: Tom Balog, Business Administrator or, e-mail your resume to [tbalog@mckendreeumc.org](mailto:tbalog@mckendreeumc.org). You may also call Shannon Nesbit at 770-339-9801 for additional details.

## Help Bring Our Vacation Bible School to Clarkston Refugee Children

Did you know that Clarkston, Ga, has one of the highest concentrations in the country of refugees from all over the world? Did you know that each summer our youth spend a week in Clarkston "being Jesus" to 80-100 kids who attend a camp there? I bet you didn't know that this summer, we will touch these children with our VBS!

This is both an exciting and challenging undertaking! Here are some things you can do to be a part of this project: Donate to the Clarkston VBS program (whatever amount you are called to give); Sponsor a child or two (\$30 each); Volunteer to help with VBS, (We mostly need crew leaders.); Pray for this mission.

Please contact Susan Rowe or Lisa Engberg if you are interested in helping. Also, since this is a brand new venture, we know we haven't thought of everything, so please, contact us with your ideas and suggestions.

Please Note: This month's Angel Food order deadline is May 15. Orders can be picked-up, May 21.

✦ The deadline for article submission for the May newsletter is May 11. ✦

The next Great Day of Service will be Saturday, May 14th. We will work on projects both at church as well as in the community.



Please sign-up between services Sundays, May 1st or May 8th or sign-up on-line at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3ZD7PQX>.



## Gwinnett Braves Faith and Family Night

On June 17, McKendree has reserved a block of 20 tickets. Seats are \$6 each. Children can bounce on the jumpies for an additional \$5 (as long as we have 10 kids signed up). Sign-up forms are in the rack outside Susan's office and on the Welcome Desk and are due to Susan before June 3.

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

There's a change in May: Our meeting is May 13 (Bingo Night with Prizes) – not our usual first Friday. Join us for a Potluck Dinner filled with Fun, Faith & Fellowship at 6:30pm in our Fellowship Hall.

**WOMEN OF FAITH – Aug. 12th – 13th**

Ladies – are you looking to get recharged, rejuvenated and filled with overwhelming joy? Then come join us at the 2011 Women of Faith Imagine tour at Philips Arena, Aug. 12th – 13th. This event will have fantastic speakers, wonderful music and most importantly a fun time to fellowship with other sisters in Christ. The tickets are only \$89 for both days and includes lunch each day. Tickets are limited so reserve your space today. Contact Darlene Eades at 678-714-0826 or demw378@yahoo.com

Wednesday Night Supper Menu	
Chicken Divan	5/04/11
Pot Roast	5/11/11
(This is the last Wednesday Night Supper until the Fall.)	

**Prayer Ministry**

**“Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep”**

MESSAGE: After all the trials of the day, what comfort it is to lay our burdens in the hands of the Master. When we hand this over to God, what peace we can experience. He knows our every need. We can pray for a restful sleep and that He will continue to guide us for the following day. We can ask God to watch over our family. We ask that the following day will be used for His glory and service. Sweet Dreams.

SCRIPTURE: *“By day the Lord directs his love, at night His song is with me – a prayer to the God of my life.” Ps. 42:8*

PRAYER: Lord, my burdens are in Your hands. I ask for Your guidance and wisdom. Please give me peaceful rest so that I will be ready to serve You tomorrow. Thank you for this day. Thank you for sending your Son for me. In His name we pray. Amen.



Stephen Ministry FAQs

You have heard Stephen Ministry mentioned at McKendree. The following Frequently Asked Questions can help you understand exactly what Stephen Ministry is.

**What is Stephen Ministry?** It’s a ministry in which trained and supervised lay persons, called Stephen Ministers, provide one-on-one Christian care to individuals facing life difficulties.

**Who are Stephen Leaders?** Stephen leaders train, organize and supervise our Stephen Ministers, identify people in need of care and match them with a Stephen Minister.

**Who are Stephen Ministers?** Caregivers with 50 hours of training in listening, feelings, boundaries and assertiveness, as well as specialized training in ministering to the divorced, hospitalized, bereaved and aging.

**Who are care receivers?** They are recipients of Stephen Ministers’ care. They are people from our church or community who are experiencing divorce, grief, job loss, illness or some other life challenge. Stephen Ministers usually meet with their care receivers once a week for about an hour for as long as the care receiver will benefit from the relationship.

If you would like more information, please contact Karen Hubbard at 678-985-6991.

# Music Ministries

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



**Summer Worship Arts Camp**  
**June 6 - June 10, 2011**  
**Singing in worship on June 12 at 11am Service**  
 Ages: Kindergarten - 3rd grade  
 Cost - \$15/student \$40 family max

Registration: May 1 & 8 between services or, 770-339-9801 or e-mail  
 snesbit@mckendreeumc.org - limited to the first 50 children who sign up!

## Summer Choir will resume June 5th - July 31.

We will have a couple of Wed. night rehearsals during the summer, so be on lookout for those!

### Parent Meeting

1pm, May 15

We will meet in the Sanctuary and present some exciting changes that will occur within the youth, children's & music ministries starting this fall.



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

## Last Day of School Cookout 5/27



Come and celebrate the end of school!!  
 Open to all high school students – We will meet after school at Collins Hill Park for hamburgers & hot dogs.  
 We will be there until 1:30pm.

## 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.

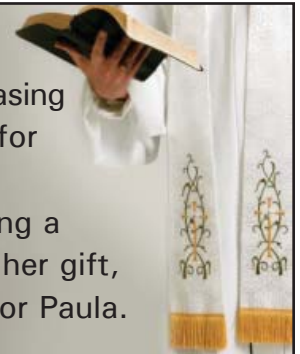
This month we will be talking about...

- May 1: High School: Youth Talk with Mitchell Attaway  
 Middle School: Live the Adventure with Jeff Dockman
- May 8: No WTL – Enjoy spending time with your Moms!
- May 15: High School & Middle School: The Last Good-bye with Ashley
- May 22: High School & Middle School: Last WTL with Jumpies

## Graduation Worship Service 7pm, May 21

Come help us tell our graduating Seniors how much they have meant to us, and how much we will miss them. This special service is open for everyone. Don't miss out.

McKendree Youth Ministries is purchasing a ministerial robe for Ashley. If you are interested in making a donation towards her gift, please e-mail Joe or Paula.



## 2011 Important Dates

May 15 Ashley's farewell celebration	May 22 Last WTL	July 11 – 15 Yard Sale Drop-off
May 15 Senior Pictures noon	May 27 End of School Cookout	July 16 Youth Yard Sale 9am–3pm
May 15 Parent Meeting 1pm/Sanctuary	June 2 – 5 Awanita	July 27 Six Flags
May 21 Graduation Banquet & Worship Service	June 13 Laser Quest	July 31 Bowling
May 22 Graduate Recognition Sunday	June 20 – 24 VBS	August 5 & 6 Amazing Race
	June 26 – July 1 Clarkston	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

## Preschool

Thanks for all your support with the Easter Bunny Pancake Breakfast. We had a great time fellowshiping together. Our last day of school will be May 19th and our 4 year olds will graduate that night at 7 pm. Summer office hours will start on May 23rd. The office will be open limited hours Monday-Thursday and closed Friday. Please leave a voice mail or e-mail and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

**Vacation Bible School** - Registration continues May 1 after both services. We open to McKendree Preschool on May 2 and to the public on May 3. "PandaMania" evening session is 5:30-8:30pm, June 19-23 and morning and Extreme sessions (rising 5th and 6th graders) are 9am - Noon, June 20-24. Many volunteers are needed as well! Contact Susan Rowe for more information on how to help!

**Fun Graders** - are invited to the Flight-56 lock-in on May 20th and to the end of school celebration on the 22nd.

**Summer Sunday School** - starts on June 5th! Our informal rotational Sunday School this summer is called "Shake it Up Café: Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe." We will meet and end in room 317 during the 9:30 service. This program is for rising Kindergarten through rising 6th grade. Volunteers will be needed! Contact Susan Rowe for more information.

**Important Parent Meeting May 15 (1pm)**  
 Meet with Shannon, Joe and Susan in the Sanctuary after Ashley's reception for an overview of some very exciting changes to McKendree's Wednesday and Sunday evening programs.

**Flight 56** - has a big month in May! We will continue our study of "Created by God" on May 1st concluding on May 15th. We will not meet on May 8th due to Mother's Day and will join WTL for a summer kick-off celebration on Sunday afternoon, May 22 with games and inflatables in the parking lot. 4th graders will join us for this celebration as well. Our Friday Night Live, for all rising 5th, 6th and 7th graders, will be our annual lock-in on May 20th-21st, 7pm - 7am.

**Son Shine Camp** Registration continues This program is for rising 2's (by 9/1) - rising 3rd graders. It meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-noon at a weekly cost of \$35. Camp starts the week of July 5th and ends August 4th. See Lisa or Susan for more information.

**Kidz Klub** - is almost over for the school year! We will meet May 4th and May 11th and then be finished for the session. Kidz Klub will return September 7th for the fall/winter 2011 session.

**Angels of the Month** Ryan & Gregory Miller Serving is a family affair for the Miller family. Gregory not only is our administrator for children and family but she is a volunteer for Children's Sunday School and VBS. Ryan also teaches 1st grade Sunday School and serves as our Financial Chair. We are so thankful for the countless hours they put into ministry here. Thanks Ryan and Gregory, you are both angels.

## Important upcoming dates:

- Sun, May 1 - VBS Registration; Flight 56 at 5:30pm
- Mon, May 2 - VBS Registration for McKendree Preschool - 9am
- Tues, May 3 - VBS Registration open to the public - 9am
- Wed, May 4 - Kidz Klub, 6-7pm
- Sun, May 8 - No Flight 56 due to Mother's Day
- Wed, May 11 - Final Kidz Klub of the school year, 6-7pm
- Sun, May 15 - 1pm Parent Meeting
- Wed, May 18 - 6pm VBS Planning Team
- May 20-21 - Flight 56 Friday Night Live Lock-in, 7pm - 7am.  
 All rising 5th, 6th and 7th graders invited.
- Sun, May 22 - Summer Kick-off Celebration, 5:30-7:15pm  
 for all rising 5th -7th graders. Flight 56 regular meetings finished for the school year.

**McKendree United Methodist Church**

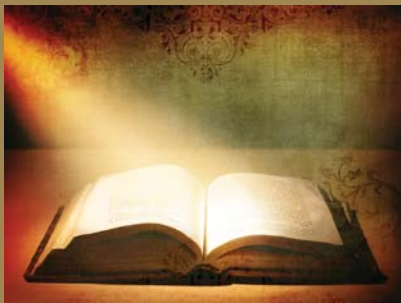
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*"Facilitating the Facilities"*

Tom Balog  
Minister of Administration



One of my favorite worship songs is "In the Sanctuary." To me, it is what we do in response to meeting Christ in the Sanctuary of our church. The first verse goes as follows...

We lift our hands in the sanctuary,  
We lift our hands to give you the glory,  
We lift our hands to give you the praise,  
And we will praise you with the rest of our days,  
Yes, we will praise you for the rest of our days.

It goes on to say we will "clap our hands" and "sing our song" in the sanctuary also. We do all these things in response to what Christ has done for us.

While singing this song today (in the privacy of my own office), I started thinking about the folks that help prepare our sanctuary for our time of worship each week - The Altar Guild. This group of individuals give of their time to come and vacuum the floors, pick up the trash, clean the windows, and whatever else is required to make McKendree's sanctuary beautiful! Each of them do it, not for the thanks, but to give God the glory. I imagine them singing...

We vacuum floors in the sanctuary,  
We vacuum floors to give you the glory...

Week in and week out they do everything that is needed with a smile on their face, and the love of Christ in their hearts! To them, I say "Thank You" for having a servant's heart.

This group never asks for much, except right now they are asking for help. Are you able to give a couple of hours a month to help out? They can work with your schedule and put you on a team

that fits! Jean Warner is leading this group and is working to come up with at least 4 teams that can clean once a month. Some teams work during the day, some at night, and some on Saturday mornings.

Have you been looking for a way to get involved here at McKendree? This is an excellent way to get started. You will meet some wonderful folks and be doing a great service for all who worship here.

Why don't you get in touch with Jean right now and volunteer? Don't put it off thinking that others will do it. Let's overwhelm Jean with offers of help.

Jean Warner's Contact Information  
Phone: 678-478-6375  
email: jzwarner@hotmail.com

**Your Brother in Christ,  
Tom**