

November, 2011

McKendree United Methodist Church



## A Magical Night

Join us for A Magical Night!

McKendree UMC Preschool's 6th annual silent auction  
Saturday, November 12, 2011  
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

McKendree UMC Preschool does more than just educate children on their ABC's and 123's. It is a ministry that teaches over 200 children each year about the amazing love of God! The preschool has brought many families to worship at McKendree, and shown countless others what friends and fellowship of church truly means. Proceeds from the preschool's annual fund-raising auction fund scholarships for families facing financial hardship, as well as other local missions programs, and preschool needs.

This year we are excited to have not one, but two beach vacations to bid on, Myrtle Beach and Panama City, plus gift certificates to attractions and restaurants, theatre tickets, huge baskets full of amazing items, and much, much more!

So, join us as we transform the Fellowship Hall of McKendree UMC into a lavish Moroccan marketplace! You won't believe your eyes! This year's event promises to be even better than the last, with amazing items to bid on, deals to be had, and exciting games to win!

Make your reservation TODAY! Call 770-339-7040

\$25 per family includes:

- \* Silent Auction with a chance to bid on outstanding items
- \* Exciting games and raffles with amazing prizes
- \* Fun, entertaining childcare for children under 12 provided by the preschool teachers
- \* A catered menu of heavy hors d'oeuvres for adults and a kid-friendly dinner for the kids!

If your company is interested in donating goods or services for this event, please contact Lisa Engberg at 770-339-7040 or [lengberg@mckendreeumc.org](mailto:lengberg@mckendreeumc.org). All donations are 100% tax-deductible.



## Giving Tree

This ministry helps families in financial crisis in our community by providing presents for Christmas morning.

If your family or one you know in this community needs assistance with Christmas presents this year due to financial hardship, please

obtain an application from Jane in the church office. Contact Tracey Brown at 770-995-8508 or Dawn Wilson at 770-995-6841 with any questions. All Applications must be received by November 18.

## Action Ministries

Many of you are aware, McKendree sponsors a family in the Action Ministries transitional housing program. Captivated Hearts, a McKendree small group, recently celebrated with this family, the mom's birthday, by sharing supper, and providing a \$100 gift card and balloons.

Action Ministries' purpose is to get this mom fully self sufficient in the two years she is allowed to stay in the house we sponsor.

She has recently applied and interviewed for several jobs. We are hopeful that she will be hired soon. She is bilingual and most of her experience is in a Call Center and in Customer Service.

She sometimes has a difficult time affording the gas it takes to travel to interviews, etc. She also has a need for staples such as laundry detergent, cleaning products, bleach, and hygiene products such as body soap, shampoo, tissue, etc.

If anyone would like to donate any of these items please leave them in the Action Ministries basket in the Giving Room of the Fellowship Hall.

Please continue to lift this family, and Action Ministries up in prayer.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Karen Meeks, 678-736-0612



## One Great Night of Service

McKendree is honored to have the privilege to serve Gwinnett Medical Center-Lawrenceville and Duluth on Christmas Eve! This year we are providing prayer blankets to patients, stuffed animals and blankets to the children, cafeteria meal tickets to the medical staff. These items will be delivered to the hospitals following the 5 PM service.

It takes the whole church working together to make this effort happen. Please consider participating in one of the following ways: 1) donating ready-made fleece blankets (any size or pattern) or stuffed animals; 2) providing a non-perishable snack basket; 3) delivering items to the hospitals; or 4) making a monetary donation.

Help McKendree spread God's love and grace on this special and holy night!

Blankets and stuffed animals can be dropped off at the "Giving Center" in Fellowship Hall. Look for the OGNS basket.

Elizabeth Reifert, 770-476-3460;  
ereifert@bellsouth.net



We need rolls of un-wired gold ribbon (all widths) donated. This ribbon will be used to help decorate the church this Advent season. Please bring them to Debbie in the church office by November 16th.

Families of all kinds are needed, from those with young children to empty-nesters, to do an Advent reading during Sunday morning worship. If your family would like to be a part of this Christmas tradition, Nov 27 - Dec 18, contact Gregory Miller in the church office.

Also needed are readers for our Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols at 7pm and 9pm. If you are interested, please contact Gregory in the church office.

## Loads of Love

Sunday Dec. 4

Are you interested in going on a mission trip but can't get away for a week? Then join us for our Loads of Love (LoL) outreach Sunday, Dec. 4. You don't have to leave the country not even the county, it's right in our neighborhood and it only takes about 2-3 hours of your time on a Sunday afternoon.

What is LoL? It's a group of McKendree folks, with smiles on our faces and in our hearts willing to help others. We go to a local laundromat loaded with quarters ready to assist and pay for laundry services.

Join this next "mission" trip in your community. You will be blessed! For more information please contact Bernie Richardson, rbrichardson@charter.net .

## Prime Timers

(50 and over)  
for Fun, Faith and Fellowship

Friday Nov. 4, 6:30pm - Debra & Grace Hubbard (mother-daughter duo) will be entertaining us with their wonderful Christian, gospel music. Bring a friend & a potluck dish to share; meet in Room 317.

Sunday, Nov. 20 - Clayton State University Chorale performing at Spivey Hall. Leave McKendree at noon for lunch; free performance starts at 3pm. Phone or e-mail us if you want to sign-up:

Contact Jay & Nancy Rowland at 678-618-8735; nancy.m.rowland@gmail.com for more information on Prime Timers. We always promote Faith, Fellowship & Fun!



McKendree is a church blessed with members committed to helping others. From missions groups to Prayer Force to outreach programs, our members are focused on reaching out and sharing God's love. But what happens when one of our members needs compassion and care? That's where Stephen Ministry comes in.

Stephen Ministry is a caring one-on-one ministry for individuals who are going through a hard time. If you or someone you know has lost a loved one, gone through a divorce, is suffering with illness, has lost a job or is struggling with some other difficult life event, explore what Stephen Ministry has to offer. Having a dedicated person to talk and pray with in confidence can help so much!

If you need someone to listen and care, we're here for you. Simply call Karen Hubbard at 678-985-6991 or go to <http://mckendreeumc.org/Compassion.html> and fill out the confidential online form.

## Youth Dominican Republic Mission Team Fund-raisers

Want an easy, inexpensive way to get your Christmas cards out to members of your church family? The Youth Dominican Republic Mission Team is going to help. This holiday season bring your Christmas cards for church members by the youth office. For \$.25 per card, a youth will sort them for you and place



them alphabetically in bins. Each Sunday members will be able to come by & collect their cards.

The Youth Dominican Republic Mission Team will host a fund-raiser dinner on Sunday, December 4 before Christmas at McKendree. Please plan on attending and supporting our youth mission team.

## Music Ministries



**Shannon Nesbit**, Director of Music Ministries  
**Devon Patrick**, Contemporary Worship Leader  
**Elizabeth Manfroni**, Assist. Dir. of Music Ministries  
**Kim Steinke**, Admin. Asst. to Music Ministries  
Phone: 770.339.9801

*It's that time of year!!!*

We are getting ready for Christmas Eve rehearsals! We'd love for your child to be involved in our 5pm service. Because there are so few rehearsals, all children will need to be at every rehearsal. Please check with Susan Rowe, Shannon Nesbit, Elizabeth Manfroni or Kim Steinke for additional details. Sign-ups will begin Sunday, Nov. 6th outside of the Music Room (on the small bulletin board) or e-mail Susan Rowe at [srowe@mckendreeumc.org](mailto:srowe@mckendreeumc.org).

### Children's Christmas Eve Rehearsals

Wed, Nov 30 - Music Room 6 - 6:30pm

Sun, Dec 11 - Sanctuary 4:30 - 5:30pm

Wed, Dec 14 - Music Room 6 - 6:30pm

Sun, Dec 18 - Sanctuary 4:30 - 5:30pm

\*\*\*possible rehearsal, 5 - 6pm,

Wed, Dec. 21 (if needed)\*\*\*

### Youth Music

We have some exciting things coming up on Wednesday evenings in Nov. You've asked for it, they are here!!! (5:30 - 6pm)

Nov. 2 - STOMP

Nov. 9 - DRAMA

Nov. 16 - DIGITAL/VISUAL ARTS

Those interested but unable to attend should contact the Music Ministry office.

### Participating in Worship This Month

November 13

9:30am - High School Choir

11am - McKendree Bells & Orchestra

## SAVE THE DATES!!!

**Christmas at McKendree**

**6pm, December 4th**

Merry Christmas from the McKendree Music Ministry.

**TSO's Christmas Attic**

**7pm, December 7th**

Please come out and start the Advent season with us as we celebrate and praise God for the birth of His son, our Savior, Jesus!

## Marriage Enrichment Course

Registration has begun.

Save the dates Feb 4, 11, 17, 24, and March 3, 9, 24.

For more information and to register,  
find a brochure in the Narthex, or online,

or contact [tamarpiehler@yahoo.com](mailto:tamarpiehler@yahoo.com). Space is limited.

Sign-up and provide a \$50 deposit to save your seats  
now. This is the last year we plan to offer the course  
at McKendree, so don't miss it.

Planning on getting married?

Do it right.

The Marriage Preparation Course will help you create  
a strong foundation for a marriage to last a lifetime.

Save the dates Feb 11, 17, 24, and March 3, 9.

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# MIC 2012

## How do you do your faith?

Mission Impact Celebration returns in January! Join us as we celebrate all the DOING that goes on at McKendree.

We put our faith into action every day, and doing our faith takes on many forms. How do you do yours? That's a question you'll see popping up a lot. You might answer, "volunteer, donate, help others, serve, teach, encourage, or give". Or you could simply be Jesus with skin on to everyone you encounter. There is no wrong answer.

Our congregation doesn't sit still for long. So MIC is embracing a "doing celebration". Do a little. Do a lot. Do it with a friend, your spouse & kids, your church family—or someone you just met.

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| NOW              | Save your quarters! Between now and January, donate quarters for the Stop Hunger Now packing event. Each serving costs only \$0.25 and we want to feed as many people as we can!  |
| Dec & early Jan  | Sign up for a doing-your-faith opportunity on Saturday, January 28 and Max Lucado's Outlive Your Life 4-week DVD small group study offered in January.  |
| Sunday, 1/22     | Hear Pastor Dana Everhart preach about faith in action.<br>Speak with local missionaries visiting Sunday School classes.  |
| Wed, 1/25 @ 6:30 | Become inspired with testimonies & music by McKendree ensembles as we celebrate Doing Your Faith.   |
| Friday, 1/27     | At noon join in a church-wide 30-Hour Fast that concludes 6pm, Saturday with a Beans & Rice Dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Join our youth at 7pm as they prepare for a fast-related Lock-In and hear speakers such as Linda Freund of the Lawrenceville Co-Op share about hunger and need in our midst.             |
| Saturday, 1/28   | It's a Great Day of Doing! Participate in a service project such as the Stop Hunger Now Packing Event, the Adopt a Road Project, and other planned opportunities (advanced sign-up required). At 6pm we break the fast and enjoy fellowship and fullness with a Beans & Rice Dinner.                                |
| Sunday, 1/29     | Dr. Peter Pereira leads our Faith Promise Worship & Commitment Services in the morning where we'll submit our service and pledge cards for 2012 mission outreach. Meet with local missionaries between services and in Sunday School. In the afternoon, join our youth for their 2012 Kick Off of Doing Your Faith. |

# Youth Group

**Joe Palmer**, Director of Youth Ministries  
**Susan Rowe**, Director of Family Ministries  
**Bill Anderson**, Assist. Director of Youth 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  
& high school programs.

This month we will be talking about...

11/6 - HS & MS: Fall Retreat Wrap-up

11/13 - Mitchell Attaway's Youth Talk

11/20 - No WTL Have a great Thanksgiving  
Break!

11/27- WTL & Flight 56 combo - Intern night

## Wednesday Nights

Flight 56 small groups  
meet from 6-7pm.

Middle School & High School small groups  
meet from 7:15-8:15pm.

## Fall Retreat

November 4 - 6

Friday, we will meet at 5:30 for a 6pm departure. Please eat dinner beforehand. We should arrive back to the church on Sunday around 12:30pm. We will have the youth call about 20 minutes out.

## Confirmation

Confirmation will not meet Sunday, November 20th and will meet Sunday November 27th.

## Upcoming Intern Meeting

November 27

## Christmas Parties

Friday, December 9

High School: We will bake cookies to take to nursing homes & hospitals, go bowling, eat at IHOP and have a lock-in.

Middle School: We will complete a service project, have a progressive dinner, and lock-in.

## 2011 Important Dates

Nov 4 - 6 Fall Retreat

Nov 20 No Confirmation nor WTL

Nov 23 Small Groups will not meet

Dec 4 Christmas at McKendree

WTL will meet from 3:30 - 5pm

Dec 9 & 10 MS & HS Christmas Parties



# The Children's CORNER

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

## Angel of the Month - November

Patty McCollum

Ms. Patty has worked with the children at McKendree UMC and Preschool for almost 5 years. She has been an instrumental part of our Preschool Auction every year, putting in countless hours of time. This year she is our Co Chair. She has taught Sunday School and works with VBS every year. Patty jumps into help whenever we need her! Patty, thanks you are an angel.



## Preschool

Join us for A Magical Night, our annual Preschool auction, on November 12 from 6-8:30pm. Cost is \$25 and includes food and drink for everyone, childcare for under 12, and entertainment for the kids. Hundreds of items to bid on including trips, local destinations, restaurants, merchandise and services along with the very popular class baskets. Call the Preschool office or see Lisa to sign-up.

## Learning to Use My Bible

Our 3rd graders are almost finished with their Learning to Use My Bible class. The final session will be held on November 13th. Upon completion of this class the 3rd graders will return to Children's Worship in Room 317 at 11am. The kids did a great job reciting the 10 Commandments during the 11am service last month!

## Kidz Klub

Kidz klub continues in November, except for November 23 when we will not meet due to Thanksgiving. Our final meeting of the school year will be November 30. We will return for the spring semester on January 4.

## Flight 56

Friday Night Live will be held on November 18th with our Babysitting Night to benefit Toys for Tots. All children ages birth through 4th grade may come for a night of fun with our Flight 56 kids (and chaperones) while mom and dad go out to dinner, shopping, etc. The cost is an unwrapped, new toy which will be donated to the Toys for Tots campaign.

## Fun Fourth

Our fourth graders will meet on the 3rd Sunday this month (November 13) due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We will be in Room 317 at 5:30pm as usual, just a week earlier.

## Important Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, Nov 2 6:30-7pm, Kidz Klub

Sunday, Nov 6 5pm, Family Dinner; 5:30-7pm, Flight 56

Wednesday, Nov 9 6:30-7pm, Kidz Klub

Sunday, Nov 13 11am, Final Learning to Use My Bible class;  
5pm, Family Dinner; 5:30-7pm, Flight 56 &  
Fun Fourth

Wednesday, Nov 16 6:30-7pm, Kidz Klub

Friday, Nov 18 6:30-9:30pm – Flight 56 Babysitting Night

Sunday, Nov 20 No Family Dinner or Flight 56 due  
to Thanksgiving

Wednesday, Nov 23 No Kidz Klub due to Thanksgiving

Sunday, Nov 27 Flight 56 joins WTI, 5:30-7pm

Wednesday, Nov 30 6:30-7pm, Kidz Klub



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## **Pray for Your NEIGHBOR**

*Scripture: When asked what is the greatest commandment, Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind... and your neighbor as yourself."  
Matt. 22:36-38*

*Message: In response to God's awesome love for us, He tells us to show His love to our neighbor. How do we love our neighbor? First, we can tell him/her about God's amazing love for all of mankind in sending His one and only Son to provide salvation for everyone. Next, we can pray for our neighbor. When you walk or run in your neighborhood, pray for each house you pass. If your neighbor is having a rough time, you can bring a meal, offer to watch the children, sit with them in the hospital, tell them about McKendree's Stephen Ministries, put their name on our Prayer Request list, or just listen.*

*Prayer: Lord, help us to be sensitive to the needs of our neighbors. Help us to show them Your love. Thank you for loving us and sending Your Son. In Jesus' name, we pray.*