



Practicing the Heart of Giving...It's a faith thing!

Our annual stewardship message and the opportunity to share personal experiences simply come as a reminder in the fall of each year. We all know that financial support is required to keep our church operating, pay the mortgage and salaries and provide for programs. Last year's theme of "I Am McKendree" reinforced the reality that we are a church family and have all committed to do our share in praying, giving, participating and serving, for our family, and for those in need, at home and around the world.

This year's message has evolved as another reminder that when we put God first, everything else falls into place. God shared his love for us through his son Jesus Christ. His sacrifice on the Cross demonstrates the love and passion that God has for each of us. When you live according to this message, and your heart and faith are full of the spirit and confidence that only comes from the Lord, then giving is just another time to celebrate the blessings that God has provided. We see God's grace each day as members of our faith community face the challenges of personal health struggles and a demanding economy. Yet, they meet these challenges head on because they know they are not alone.

Where is your heart? Your faith? Have you been able to transform your personal love and compassion into action? With a firm foundation, we can accomplish God's work beyond our expectations. There are many testimonies within our church family that represent the joy of giving through heart and faith. Many have reached the level of tithing with a sense of comfort and confidence that they are fulfilling God's expectation for us. Please pray, with your family, as you consider your stewardship pledge for 2012. Pray for McKendree as we continue to Win, Disciple and Serve, and represent the love of Jesus to others. Your personal commitments are a blessing to us all. Thank you!

Your Stewardship Team

Commitment Sunday is October 23rd

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Welcome to Our New Members

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Fall is in the air. Weekends are spent cleaning up for the Winter, and cheering on your favorite NCAA and NFL teams. The crisp cool weather and changing colors brings with it exciting changes for our church as well.

This year we are rebooting our Fall Festival concept with the Fall Family Fun Fest. This is an event for EVERYONE in the church

and in our community to come and enjoy the change of the season with an amazing day of fellowship with one another. The event begins at Noon and runs until 6pm and will include live music throughout the day, game booths, inflatables, vendors, activities, carnival food, and our annual church BBQ, this year featuring both chicken and pork. We hope to see you at this event and that it becomes a new tradition for our family here at McKendree, and for our entire community as well.

The next Great Day of Service will be on Saturday October 29th. We will be doing a number of projects in the community to support local missions and ministries as well as a number of projects here at the church. Watch the bulletin for more details. To volunteer, please contact Mike Edgett at edgettm@gmail.com.





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.

Wednesday Night Supper Menu	
Mexican Fiesta	10/05/11
Baked Spaghetti	10/12/11
BBQ Pork	10/19/11
Chicken Divan	10/26/11
All are invited to Wednesday Night Supper \$6/Adults, \$3/Kids	



One Great Night of Service

For the eighth year, MUMC will host the annual One Great Night of Service (OGNS) in December serving hospital patients, their families and staff.

Now that summer is over and fall is on the way, it is not too early to think about how you can help. The greatest need is for ready-made fleece blankets. If you see a blanket, while you are pre-holiday shopping, that would be just right for providing warmth to someone in the hospital over the holidays, please consider donating it to the OGNS. The donation basket is located in the Fellowship Hall in the "Giving Center" area. Look for the basket labeled 'One Great Night Service.' We will also need hospital staff snack baskets donated. If your ministry is looking for a way to serve this season, compiling items for a basket makes a great group mission project. Look for additional information about OGNS in upcoming bulletins and in the November newsletter.

Elizabeth Reifert, 770-476-3469, ereifert@bellsouth.net.

McKendree Women's Retreat

October 21 - 23

Come be "de-frazzled" as we explore...
"The Frazzled Female" Bible study.



Lots of fun events planned and also some much needed quiet time to spend with God. Contact Darlene Eades at demw378@yahoo.com or 678-714-0826 for more information.



McKendree is making a return visit to "The Christmas Attic," Trans-Siberian Orchestra's tale of a young girl who finds many meanings and the truth of Christmas in the unlikeliest of places: "There near an old looking glass, was a trunk from Christmas past..." We need your help to unlock that trunk and present this delightful favorite which hasn't been seen at McKendree since 2003. Taking tickets, ushering, back stage, building the stage. No matter your age, no matter your experience, there's a place for you. Lend a hand and have some fun.

Contact: Scott Piehler at spiehler@yahoo.com .

Performance is Wednesday, December 7.

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

Happenings for the Month of October

(if something changes, your director will let you know)

October 2

11:00 Prelude 5-8 Grade Choir

October 16

9:30 service Praisen'tations

11:00 Prelude K-4 choir/chimes

October 23 - Stewardship Sunday

9:30 service 9-12 Choir

11:00 Prelude Orchestra

October 30

9:30 Righteous Ringers

11:00 Prelude 9-12 Choir

Volunteers needed for Audio/Visual Ministries

Please contact Shannon, Elizabeth
or Kim in Music Ministries
if you are interested.
We need you!!!

Handbell Openings

There are still openings for...

Righteous Ringers (Youth & Adults)

Some music reading ability is a must,
coordination is a plus.

McKendree Bells (Adults)

Ability to read music is a must.

Contact Kathy Page at klpage@bellsouth.net

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, November 13 - Music Appreciation Sunday
6pm, Sunday, December - 4th Christmas at McKendree

McKendree Food Ministries

By now you may have heard that Angel Food has shut down. This is a major disappointment to McKendree because we have seen first-hand how many lives are touched by McKendree's ministry that has built up around the program. However, McKendree remains committed to fulfilling our call to minister to the hungry in our community.

We are actively exploring alternatives and will be sharing specifics about those alternatives as we learn more and make decisions, sometime around the new year. Until then, "McKendree Food Ministries" plans a series of food outreach events for the remainder of 2011.

On Saturday September 24, we held a breakfast for all Angel Food customers and volunteers, plus distributed non-perishable food to our clients.

On Sunday October 16, we will coordinate with the McKendree Fall Family Fun Fest to provide coupons for barbeque chicken, plus distribute non-perishable food to our clients.

In October, we will launch a Thanksgiving food box drive, and on Saturday November 19, we will deliver boxes of Thanksgiving food to families in our community.

On December 17, we will co-ordinate with Walk Thru Bethlehem, and invite our clients to visit with us, plus we will distribute non-perishable food.

We have a place for YOU in each of these events. Please watch the bulletin for details on how to plug in.

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

Friday, Oct. 7, Prime Timers Got Talent (our own Talent Show) – Be thinking about what talent you'd like to show off and sign-up with us: sing, dance, recite a poem, whatever – Everybody's Got Talent. Fellowship Hall, 6:30pm, potluck. Bring a friend and your favorite dish to share.

Oct. 22/23 – Overnight weekend trip by church bus to the Aviation Museum in Warner Robins and Boggs Music Barn (near Valdosta). Rugh & Karen Boggs play Christian, country & oldies-type music. We have seven signed up so far; church bus holds 15. Expenses will include one night lodging, food and gas for the bus. More details forthcoming. Let us know if you want to join us.

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

FaithBooking

Sat, Oct 8th &
Sat, Nov 5th

Come join in fellowship with other scrapbookers and crafters.

Meet new friends and share your talent with others

Beginners welcome, Instruction available.

Contact Kathryn Tyrrell,
n1inc1@yahoo.com
or call 770-725-2691.

Room 317,
1pm-9pm



Brick Walk Update

Our personalized bricks have been ordered and are scheduled to be shipped in February.



Joe Palmer, Director of High School Ministries
Susan Rowe, Director of Family Ministries
Bill Anderson, 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 & high school programs.

This month we will be talking about...

- 10/2 – HS & MS: Jesus says, "I am the Vine"
- 10/9 – No WTL due to Wesley Retreat
- 10/16 – No WTL: Come and enjoy the Fall Festival
- 10/23- Youth Talk with James Darden
- 10/30 – HS & MS: Crucified with Christ



Wednesday Nights,
Flight 56 small groups
meet from 6-7pm.
Middle School & High School small
groups meet from 7:15-8:15pm.



Wesley Retreat: Saturday, Oct. 8, we will meet at 7:15am for a 7:30am departure. Please bring around \$7.00 for lunch in Savannah. On Monday, we will leave Epworth after lunch and should arrive home around 6pm. The youth call about 30 minutes out.

Sunday, October 16 10:30am – 6pm

We will need a lot of youth volunteers to help make the event a success. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the youth office.

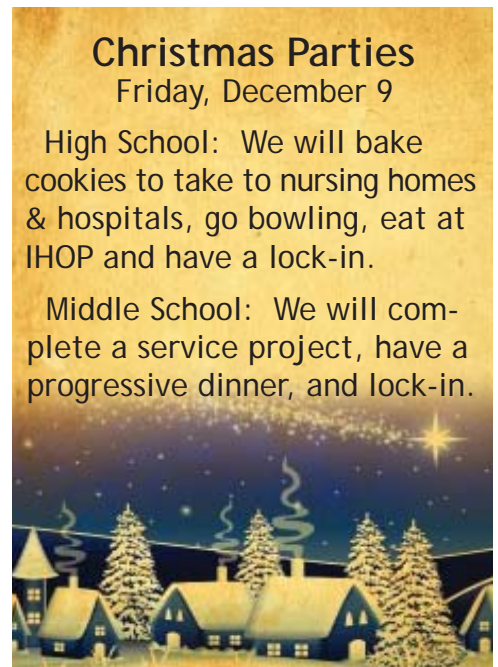


Save the Date: Friday, Oct. 21
The entire youth (5th – 12th grades) are going to Uncle Shuck's Corn Maze. More information & sign-ups will be out soon.

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.



Fall Retreat

November 4 - 6

Join us for our annual retreat to FFA Camp in Covington, GA. Open to all 6th - 12th graders.

Cost: \$120

Final Deadline: Oct. 19th.

Great Day of Service

Saturday, October 29

The youth will participate in a service project in Clarkston. More details will be out soon.

Upcoming Intern Meetings:

October 2 with Duluth UMC

October 23

October 30

2011 Important Dates

October 8 – 10: Wesley Retreat

October 16: Fall Festival

October 21: Uncle Shuck's Corn Maze

October 29: Great Day of Service

(Youth will participate in a project in Clarkston, GA)

November 4 – 6: Fall Retreat

The Children's CORNER

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

Kidz Klub - Irie, mon! We're on an "Island Adventure" this semester, learning about Paul's travels in the book of Acts. All K - 4th graders are invited to join us in Room 317 6:30-7pm, Wednesday nights. A nominal \$10 fee will be collected per child for supplies and curriculum (\$25 max per family).

Preschool - is under way and we are having a great time. Don't forget to help support the school and the church by attending our Book Fair 10/25-10/28 from 9am-1pm and also open at Wednesday night supper. Our annual auction will be 11/12. Make a reservation or donate an item by calling the office at 770-339-7040. Hope to see you there.

3rd Grade Learning to Use My Bible
 McKendree presented Bibles to 34 children on August 28th, and began our "Learning to Use My Bible" class on Sept. 11. We will continue meeting until Nov. 13th, with Oct. 9th off due to the GCPS 4-day weekend.

Nursery
 Our own Ms. Ginny Shetler will be retiring and moving to Ohio this fall. We are having a reception to honor her 11 plus years of service at noon on Sunday, Oct. 23. Ms. Ginny, we love you and wish you luck in your retirement.

Fun Fourth - this month will be held on the 23rd. We have a great group of 4th graders and Terry Lemm is an awesome leader! Please remember that the 4th graders are welcome to come to dinner at 5pm on 4th Sundays, but parents need to sign-up to help with a dinner as well!

Angel of the Month - October
 Joanna Davidson - Ms. Joanna has been an asset to the children at McKendree. She has been teaching Children's Worship for 3 years now. When she found out our 4th grade Kids needed a teacher at another time slot, she jumped in to teach there as well. Also, we can always count on her to assist with VBS. She is active in the children's music ministry as well. Thank you, Joanna, you are an angel.

Fall Retreat - Nov. 4-6,
 our 6th graders are invited to go on the Fall Retreat with WTL for their first taste of what a youth retreat is all about! We started this last year and it was very successful so we decided to do it again. Cost is \$120 (Oct. 19 is the deadline). Contact Susan Rowe or Paula Anderson with any questions. Sign-up forms are in the rack in the Narthex.

Safe Sanctuaries Training
 The next Safe Sanctuaries Training will be held on Sunday, October 23rd at 3pm in Room 315. This training is for anyone who volunteers with youth or children 10 or more time a year, and at this point, it is a one-time class. This is a mandatory training, but contact Susan Rowe if you are unsure about your need to be in the class.

Flight 56 - Last month our 5th & 6th graders performed a few service projects... At the Consignment Sale, a Bake Sale to raise money for the UM Children's Home and they helped customers carry purchases to their cars; They also Collected items for the Lawrenceville Co-op during a Scavenger Hunt. This month we are going to Uncle Shuck's Corn Maze on October 21st. Cost: \$9 for the Corn Maze only, \$12 for the Corn Maze and the Haunted Maze (optional).

Important Upcoming Dates

- Sun, 10/2: 11am Learning to Use My Bible; 5pm Dinner; 5:30-7pm Flight 56
- Wed, 10/5: 6-7pm Flight 56 small groups; 6:30-7pm Kidz Klub.
- Sun, 10/9 - No Learning to Use My Bible or Flight 56 due to the GCPS 4-day weekend.
- Wed, 10/12: 6-7pm Flight 56 small groups; 6:30-7pm Kidz Klub
- Sun, 10/16: 11am Learning to Use My Bible; Noon-6pm Fall Festival (Flight 56 is cancelled)
- Wed, 10/19: 6-7pm Flight 56 small groups; 6:30-7pm Kidz Klub
- Fri, 10/21: 6pm Flight 56 Friday Night Live, Uncle Shucks Corn Maze
- Sun, 10/23: 11am Learning to Use My Bible; 3pm Safe Sanctuaries Training; 5pm Dinner; 5:30-7pm Flight 56.
- Wed, 10/26: 6-7pm Flight 56 small groups; 6:30-7pm Kidz Klub
- Sun, 10/30: 11am Learning to Use My Bible; 5pm Dinner; 5:30-7pm - Flight 56.

Sunday Night Family Dinner
 A friendly reminder: the "Unplugged" portion of Sunday nights is only for Kids who have a "gap" of time after choir and before Flight 56 & WTL, or for Kids whose parents are in a study, during that time (4:15-5pm). It is a convenience offered for parents so they do not have to come back and forth to the church several times on a Sunday. All kids who do not have a specific reason to be at Unplugged from 4:15 until 5pm should not be getting here until dinner, which begins at 5pm. And speaking of dinner, what a great idea this was (Joe Palmer)! We still have a few food needs for a couple of the upcoming dinners. Contact Christi Babaz at cmbabaz@gmail.com if you need to sign-up.



October, 2011

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PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONS

McKendree UMC supports missions around the world. Wasn't it exciting to see all the people from African nations dressed up in their native attire on August 21st? We plan mission trips each year. Our youth have held Vacation Bible School in Clarkston, GA for refugees in that area. They have worked in Indian Reservations and at the Mercy Center in North Carolina. We have sent workers to help after tornadoes and hurricanes. Our missions offerings help train native pastors around the world to spread God's word.

Scripture: "Whatever you have done to one of the least of these, you have done it unto me." Matt. 25:40

Prayer: Lord, help us by our actions to show God's love. Help us to be Your hands and feet to the world. Be with us as we reach out to "Jerusalem, Samaria, and to the ends of the world." In Your powerful name we pray.