



A Letter From Jim

McEachern Memorial United Methodist Church • 4075 Macland Road • Powder Springs, GA 30127 • (770) 943-3008

January 9, 2008

Dear McEachern Members and Friends,

There are so many things going on at the beginning of 2008 that I feel it would be best to present many of these items in a “bullet” format. It is great to be a part of a congregation that is so active, but at times it makes our head swim! As Dr. John Ed Mathison, pastor of Frazier United Methodist Church in Montgomery Alabama says, “If you know everything your church is doing, you’re not doing enough.”

- Want to know who are leaders are and read our annual reports? Pick up a copy of the Church Conference handbook in the narthex under the portrait of John McEachern.
- Our Hispanic worship service will kick off on January 20th at 11 a.m. in the chapel. Pray for Rev.’s Lucy and Hur Morales and that congregation.
- Our Church Council will meet Sunday, January 27th at 7:30 p.m. in F-147. All church members are invited to attend. A portion of the meeting will be a called Church Conference to recommend Andrew Covington as a candidate for ordained ministry.
- Does your small group want a speaker to come and tell you about what is going on in our congregation? Contact our Lay Leader, Randy Hardy to make arrangements.
- Begin the New Year with a fresh start in one of our Bible studies. Explore the many options at www.mceachernumc.org/bible_studies.shtml
- Due to the ongoing political unrest and violence in Kenya we are postponing our April mission trip to October 7th.
- Our Council on Bishops and Connectional Table are focusing on four areas that will have an impact on the local church – leadership development, starting new congregations, ministry with the poor, and global health. Thank God for spiritual leadership that focuses on the right things!
- Looking for a good book for your group to study? Here are two vital books for United Methodist Christians – Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living by Rueben Job and Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations by Robert Schnase.

I am proud to be your pastor! I am convinced that the best years of mission and ministry are in our future. I can see God standing in the future, beckoning us forward, saying, “You won’t believe what I have in store for McEachern!”

God Bless,