



APRIL, 2022

# APRIL

Dear Friends,

**Holy Week is April 10<sup>th</sup> - April 17<sup>th</sup>.** I believe Holy Week is a very, very special week and so I want you to know how McEachern will be celebrating this year.

**Palm/Passion Sunday - April 10<sup>th</sup>:** In the Sanctuary there will be a procession of the Palms by McEachern Kids followed by a Message and Music with the message that day being given both in word given by me and in music performed by our Sanctuary Choir. This will be for both the 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM Worship Services.

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(Rain plan is to move inside Higher Ground)  
Easter Sunday Worship - **9:30 AM** in the Sanctuary  
**11:00 AM** in the Sanctuary  
**11:00 AM** at Higher Ground

I believe that if you want to experience the depth and richness of Easter, that you need to experience worship throughout Holy Week. I hope that you will discover this yourself this year.

I look forward to celebrating with you!

I love you all,  
*Dr. Doug*

**HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!!!**

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# UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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for parents & grandparents & educators

# Exploring Homeschool

Come for an informal informational panel discussion

Thursday, April 28  
6:30-8pm  
McEachern Memorial UMC  
4075 Macland Rd.  
Christian Life Center  
Youth Suite 3rd floor

RSVP

Sponsored by McEachern Kids



## Men's Breakfast

Sunday, April 10, 8:00-9:00 AM

Our United Methodist Men invite men of all ages to join them for breakfast on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of most months. Please come and bring a few friends to enjoy this rewarding time of fellowship with other men of McEachern UMC!

Speaker: McEachern UMC Member, David McCoy

# UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Jesus Loves You Box:

Let McEachern Kids send some love to your young adult age 18-23 this spring. Register your young adult online or email [sbarrow@mceachernumc.org](mailto:sbarrow@mceachernumc.org) or [dreilly@mceachernumc.org](mailto:dreilly@mceachernumc.org).

## Easter Lilies

Order now through April 7 in honor or in memory of loved ones.

Order form locations: the Main Church Office; Connection Point, Building F, 2nd floor; and online at [www.mceachernumc.org](http://www.mceachernumc.org).

Lilies will decorate the Sanctuary throughout the Easter morning services.

(Pick-up Lilies after 11:00 service or the following week.)



## Music & Message

Sunday, April 10th, 9:30 and 11:00

A special message presented in word by Rev. Dr. Doug Thrasher and through music by the Sanctuary Choir to portray the Crucifixion of Jesus.



## Donations Given To...

**The Car Care Ministry in loving memory of Gary Dischinger by**  
Sharon Brand, Randy & Mary June Brown, Sherry Davis, Roy & Connie Parker, Kay Robinson, Jim & Mary Ann Shrader, Gary & Cindy Teate, Barry & Janet Walsh, Pat Wheeler

**The Children's Ministry in loving memory of Joy Hardy Scott by**  
Jane DeFoor

**The General Fund in loving memory of Susan Fortner by**  
Gary & Cindy Teate

**The General Fund in loving memory of Bryant Lindsay by**  
Joseph Golden

**The General Fund in loving memory of Marvin "Tag" Stevenson by**  
Don & Dot Langley, Gary & Cindy Teate

**The Tanya Ghoreishi Scholarship Fund in loving memory of Susan Fortner by**  
Robert & Carol McLeod

**The Tanya Ghoreishi Scholarship Fund in loving memory of Billie Lee Issiac by**  
Robert & Carol McLeod

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# NURSERY & PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES



Nursery Ministry Director: Susan Koopman  
skoopman@mceachernumc.org ✦ 678.567.5006

Our nursery staff and teachers are trained in CPR, First Aid and **Safe Sanctuary** to provide a safe, fun place for your children to grow!

## School Year 2021-2022 Parents' Time Away

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Sign up once, as needed or by the day/week/month/school

\$30 child, \$25 1st sibling, \$20 each additional siblings

One-time registration fee of \$20 per family

Register & Pay On-Line



We cannot "hold" spaces without payment. Registration and payment is required at least 24 hours in advance. We must have Vaccination records and Medical Release forms on file for each child.



2022-2023

**REGISTRATION**

**NOW OPEN  
TO THE PUBLIC!**

Register soon!  
Only a few vacancies still remain!

### For more Information:

Please call our office at  
770-439-7110 or email Ms. Denise  
at [dribeiro@mceachernumc.org](mailto:dribeiro@mceachernumc.org)



Please note that  
classes fill-up  
quickly!

We will conduct  
scheduled tours  
on Mondays,  
Thursdays, and  
Fridays. If you  
would like to  
schedule a tour,  
please call the  
preschool office,  
770.439.7110, or  
email Ms. Denise.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Children's Ministry #mceachernkids  
Director: DeDe Reilly  
dreilly@mceachernumc.org † 404.493.1683  
Associate Director: Stacie Barrow  
sbarrow@mceachernumc.org † 770.943.3008

Check in often at our digital small groups for daily encouragement and the latest info of how children are served and serving at McEachern Memorial United Methodist Church!

[McEachern Kids Facebook group](#)

[Faith Parenting](#)

[Faith Grandparenting](#)

**Sunday Mornings:** K5-5<sup>th</sup> grade 9:30-10:30 AM small groups in The Treehouse - Arrive early since there's always something special going on in the Welcome Center which opens at 9:00 AM.



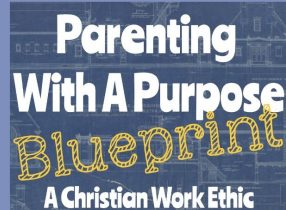
## Calling All Children - Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday

The children will participate in the 9:30 AM and 11 :00 AM worship services on both Palm Sunday, April 10 for the Palm Parade AND on Easter Sunday, April 17 for the first song with the Sanctuary choir. See Stacie Barrow or DeDe Reilly for more information. Arrive early!



## Easter Egg Scramble - Easter Sunday, April 17 - 9:30 AM

Kids K5-5<sup>th</sup> grade, bring your own basket - a really big one! Help prepare for the scramble! Pick up bags of eggs from the baskets throughout the church campus. Fill the eggs and return them to the red wagon in The Treehouse.



## Parenting With A Purpose - Tuesday, April 19, 6-7:30 PM in F147

Work: How to teach children to have a Christian work ethic in a world that just wants to play. Register [here](#) or online through the Children's page at [www.mceachernumc.org](http://www.mceachernumc.org).

## Blessing of the Gaga Ball Pit

Meet us at 12:15 PM, Sunday, April 24 at the McEachern Kids entrance!

RSVP [here](#) for the Exploring Homeschool Panel Thursday, April 28, 6:30-8 PM (See page 2)

McEachern Kids Online is emailed each week or found on the children's page of the church website. To get the email list contact Mrs. DeDe Reilly at [dreilly@mceachernumc.org](mailto:dreilly@mceachernumc.org).

For Children's information or to volunteer, call x 6039 or email [dreilly@mceachernumc.org](mailto:dreilly@mceachernumc.org).

# STUDENT MINISTRY



Check website for Student Ministry activities!

## JOIN US WEEKLY!

### SUNDAYS

Renew: 9:30 - 10:30 AM  
In the Student Ministry Suite

### WEDNESDAYS

Mid-Week: 6:30 to 8:00 PM

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STUDENTS



**Renew**  
Sunday Morning  
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

**Midweek**  
Wednesday evening  
6:30 PM- 8 PM  
doors open at 6 for food and fellowship.

Meets in the Student Ministry Suite  
(CLC 3rd floor room 329)

# ADULT MINISTRY

## Adult Small Groups And Bible Studies

Do you want an abundant life that can weather any storm and give you peace in any circumstance? Small groups and studies are instrumental in helping individuals to develop and maintain vibrant Christian lives by offering godly support and spiritual growth opportunities. For more information about existing or upcoming small group and Bible study opportunities, please contact Pastor Tony Phillips at [tphillips@mceachernumc.org](mailto:tphillips@mceachernumc.org) or 770.943.3008 ext. 5020.

### Adult Sunday School Classes

Get connected through one of the 15 Adult Sunday School classes listed below! For descriptions and more details, contact Pastor Bomi Kim at [bkim@mceachernumc.org](mailto:bkim@mceachernumc.org) or 770.943.3008 X 5001.



#### MEETS AT 9:30 AM:

Came to Believe (60s+)  
Choices (30s+)  
Dig Deeper (All Ages)  
FOCUS (50s+)  
F.I.S.H. (30s+)  
Horizons (40s+)  
Journey (30s+)  
L.I.F.T. (All Women)  
Nat Long Bible Class (60s+)  
New Friendship (50s+)

Sunshine Special Needs  
(All Ages)  
Unity (40s+)

#### MEETS AT 9:45 AM:

Joyful Noise (All Ages)

#### MEETS AT 10:00 AM:

Hispanic Small Group  
(All Ages)

#### MEETS AT 11:00 AM:

Searchlights (50s+)



## Women's Ministry Opportunities

### Women's Bi-Monthly Book Club

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM In The Christian Life Center, Room F147  
Read the following selections and join us! *Once Upon a Wardrobe* by Patti Callahan and *The Hope Chest* by Carolyn Brown.  
Direct any inquiries to facilitator, Mala Karr at [karr.mala@gmail.com](mailto:karr.mala@gmail.com).

### Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

This group meets on Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:30 AM with occasional breaks between studies which may last one or multiple weeks. Each in-depth study is typically DVD-led, runs 6-10 weeks and includes five daily lessons for optional weekly home study. The discussion time is lively, spirit-filled and encouraging. Women are welcome to sit in on one of our classes to get acquainted with the group. For more information, contact Teresa McDaniel at [tmcdaniel@mceachernumc.org](mailto:tmcdaniel@mceachernumc.org).

DIRECT INQUIRES REGARDING ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL & WOMEN'S MINISTRY  
TO PASTOR BOMI KIM AT [BKIM@MCEACHERNUMC.ORG](mailto:BKIM@MCEACHERNUMC.ORG) OR 770.946.3008 X 5001

# ADULT MINISTRY

## Men's Thursday Morning Bible Study



Men, don't forget that we have an early morning Thursday Bible study designed specifically for you! This study is for all men who want to begin their workday with a short Bible study followed by a time of fellowship. We enjoy a great time in the Word and finish feeling uplifted and refreshed by 6:30 AM. **We will meet online until further notice. No registration required!** Contact: [info@mceachernumc.org](mailto:info@mceachernumc.org).

## SENIOR ADULTS

### Macland Seniors Luncheon April 1 At 11:30 AM

We meet in Lula Dobbs Hall for a great time of fellowship. No reservation required!



**BRING A DISH TO SHARE AND YOUR BEVERAGE!**

The Cobb County Fire Department will present an interesting program on important safety topics.

**Easter Mission Project** - Please consider purchasing some of the following items for our shut-ins: pocket packs of tissues, wipes, snacks, jigsaw puzzles, socks for men and women, devotional books, word search books, adult coloring books with colored pencils, pens etc. Bring items to our upcoming luncheon on Friday, April 1 or bring them to the church office Monday-Friday 9 AM-4 PM

**THANK YOU FOR**  
*the Food before us, the Friends beside us, the Love between us,*  
**and Your Presence among us.**

Please volunteer and meet in Lula Dobbs on Monday, April 4, 10:00 AM to fill these Easter baskets.

### J.O.Y. Trip To The Little White House April 21

Join us Thursday, April 21, 2022 for a J.O.Y. trip to the Little White House, Warm Springs, GA!  
Included in the tour is the Roosevelt Institute for Rehabilitation



Tickets: \$25.00 per person,  
includes buffet lunch at the Bulloch House

Depart: 9:00 AM from ball field parking lot

Return: approximately 5:00 PM

**RSVP Deadline:** Reserve your spot for this exciting trip  
no later than **Thursday, April 14, 2022!**

**DIRECT INQUIRES REGARDING ALL SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES TO  
NANCY BURKHARDT AT [NFOLDS@MCEACHERNUMC.ORG](mailto:NFOLDS@MCEACHERNUMC.ORG) OR 770.943.3008 X 5002**



# CARE MINISTRY

## Spotlight on Volunteer Group - Prayer Shawl Ministry



You are invited to join and/or pray with a very devoted group of people who spread God's love in a unique way. Our Prayer Shawl Ministry not only welcomes those who like to knit or crochet, but also those who want to learn. Shawls and lap pads are knit with loving hands and covered with prayer and blessings for the joy and comfort of those who receive them. After completion, a special handwritten tag is placed on every shawl and lap pad which connects the hands that made them to the individuals who receive them.

You are welcome to join each Thursday morning at 9:30 AM in the Welcome Center, room F322 in Christian Life Center (CLC). For more information, email Nancy Burkhardt at [nfolds@yahoo.com](mailto:nfolds@yahoo.com).

## Volunteer And Fellowship Opportunities

There Is A Place For You!!! We Need You!!!



**Monday Morning Ministers:** Now meeting on Tuesday mornings! 10-11:30 AM in B-108: We pray for those who are ill, in crisis or celebrating exciting events such as weddings and births. Join us to sign and send cards of congratulations, concern and sympathy. To share a prayer concern or for more information, please contact Pastor Cindy Blocksidge at 770.943.3008 X 5012.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Meets on Thursdays at 9:30 AM in room F322 to knit and crochet prayer shawls for those in hospitals, assisted living communities and other care facilities. For more information, contact Nancy Burkhardt at [nfolds@mceachernumc.org](mailto:nfolds@mceachernumc.org) or 770.943.3008 X 5002.

**McEachern Friends:** Sign-up to visit the homebound, those in assisted living and nursing homes, when it is safe to do so. For inquiries or to participate, contact Diane Huie at [diane.huie@comcast.net](mailto:diane.huie@comcast.net) or Sally Sutton at [ecstift@gmail.com](mailto:ecstift@gmail.com).

**Front Office Volunteers:** Smiling faces needed occasionally to answer the main telephone lines and greet guests. For more information, contact Nancy Burkhardt at [nfolds@mceahernumc.org](mailto:nfolds@mceahernumc.org) or 770.943.3008 X 5002.

## Fellowship Support Groups



*Celebrate Recovery* is a Christ centered group that meets every Thursday at 7:00 PM via Zoom. This group helps individuals to overcome not only addictive behaviors but also life issues and hang-ups that rob them of joyful living. Let Christ guide and empower you through the recovery process. If you'd like to connect to this group, contact Nancy Burkhardt by email, [nfolds@mceachernumc.org](mailto:nfolds@mceachernumc.org) or call 770.943.3008.

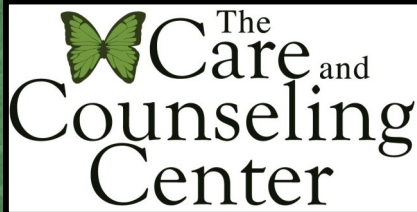


**Alcoholics Anonymous:**  
Meets Tuesdays and Fridays at 8:00 PM in Room G-103 in the Care and Counseling Center.



**Narcotics Anonymous:**  
Meets at 6:30 PM on Sundays and Mondays In Oaks Hall.

# CARE MINISTRY



Individuals	Couples	Families
Children	Adolescents	Groups

Services are offered to our church family and the community by licensed therapists.

- \* Life Coaching
- \* Relationships
- \* Pre-marital
- \* Parenting
- \* ADHD

- \* Grief
- \* Depression
- \* Anxiety
- \* Phobias
- \* PTSD

- \* Bipolar Disorder
- \* Eating Disorders
- \* Anger Management
- \* Stress Management
- \* Work and Career Issues

Let us help you achieve a healthy balance in life!

Fees are based on a sliding scale according to household income - Visa/MC accepted  
Flexible appointment times available weekdays, evenings and weekends to fit your schedule!

Contact: 678.567.5020 - [counselingcenter@mceachernumc.org](mailto:counselingcenter@mceachernumc.org)

FOR INQUIRIES REGARDING THE CARE & COUNSELING MINISTRY CONTACT  
[REVERENDCINDY@MCEACHERNUMC.ORG](mailto:REVERENDCINDY@MCEACHERNUMC.ORG) OR 770.943.3008

## MISSIONS

### Be Blessed Through Involvement In Missions!

Our Missions Ministry offers many opportunities for you to not only see God at work but to also join Him and experience the blessings received from the gifts of your time and effort toward a purpose greater than yourself. Discover the thrill of becoming part of something amazing that the Lord accomplishes in you and through you! Contact our Missions Director, Tamlyn Collins today by phone at 770.871.1081 or through email at [tcollins@mceachenrumc.org](mailto:tcollins@mceachenrumc.org)!

### WAIT! Donate That Car!

When vehicles are donated via the church, the Car Care Ministry (CCM) inspects and evaluates them to determine what level of work is required to restore them to safe, reliable transportation for a person in desperate need. Once this process is complete, the required work is done and the vehicles are then ready for distribution. Recipients of donated vehicles are vetted to assess their need by CCM leadership and with additional assistance from the church staff when necessary.



If you wish only to *donate* a vehicle, call Bob Flood at 404.754.5056.  
For all other Car Care Ministry inquiries, call 770.943.3008 X 1254.

# MISSIONS



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## A Great Day of Service - A Great Day of Success



Nothing could hold us back! Praise God for the 103 individuals who came out to serve in rain, snow, wind and 27 degree weather to bless our church and the community. From children who baked cookies for the police and fireman, to seniors who assembled hygiene kits for UMCOR Sager Brown, we had joyful participation in 11 projects. We painted at Tapp Middle School and did yard work for a neighbor in need. Two went under the bridges in Atlanta to touch lives for Christ. And who can forget those men who cleaned windows. Wow! Thanks so much for your service. You made a difference.

## Giving For Ukraine

Along with your prayers for the people of Ukraine, you have given the following gifts:



\$2,015 to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) through a worship offering.

\$5,000 to Samaritan's Purse to support emergency medical care for Ukrainians through Faith Promise giving.

\$5,000 to World Methodist Evangelism for Ukrainian refugees in Romania through Faith Promise giving.

\$5,000 to International Leadership Institute providing immediate relief through ILI missionaries on the ground through Faith Promise giving.



## Volunteer For Food Share April 15

Join us for the blessing of sharing food with our neighbors in need on **Friday, April 15**. Volunteers help with **set-up** beginning at **3:30 PM** and with **traffic direction and/or prayer** at **5:00 PM**. Meet for set-up at the McEachern Kids area in the back parking lot.

FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING MISSIONS MINISTRY  
AND HOW TO GET INVOLVED, TEXT OR EMAIL TAMLYN COLLINS AT  
770.871.1081 OR [TCOLLINS@MCEACHERNUMC.ORG](mailto:TCOLLINS@MCEACHERNUMC.ORG).

# CONTACT US

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**Church Office:** 770.943.3008

**Fax:** 770.943.9664

**Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM  
Office Closed on Fridays

**Please visit our website for the most current information.**

**Email:** [info@mceachernumc.org](mailto:info@mceachernumc.org)

**Website:** [www.mceachernumc.org](http://www.mceachernumc.org)

## **Lead Staff and Extension Numbers:**

Rev. Dr. Doug Thrasher, Senior Pastor.....	X 5000
Rev. Cindy Blocksidge, Senior Associate Pastor.....	X 5012
Rev. Tony Phillips, Lead Pastor of Higher Ground.....	X 5020
Rev. Bomi Kim, Connections & Communications Pastor.....	X 5001
Tanya Ghoreishi, Music & Worship Minister.....	X 5005
Tamlyn Collins, Missions Director.....	X 6049
DeDe Reilly, Children's Director.....	X 6039
Susan Koopman, Nursery Director.....	X 5006
Shaun Nguyen, Recreation Director.....	X 5014
Carolyn Black, Financial Director.....	X 5003
John Spain, Facilities Director.....	X 6038
Denise Ribeiro, Weekday Preschool Director.....	770.439.7110

**Contact staff members via email using their first initial and last name followed by @mceachernumc.org.**

**Come Worship With Us!**

**Worship Times:**

**Traditional Worship - 9:30 & 11:00 AM - Sanctuary**

**Modern Worship - 11:00 AM - Higher Ground**

**Spanish Worship - 11:00 AM - Chapel**

**Sunday School: Children - 9:30 AM and Adults - 9:30 & 11:00 AM**

**Note:** Articles for *The Vine* are subject to approval by the appropriate ministry staff leader. Please send requests directly to the staff leader for approval **a few days before** the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to desired edition.



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