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Indeed!*

**MARCH 2024**



For the message of  
the cross is  
foolishness to those  
who are perishing,  
but to us who are  
being saved it is  
the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

**LOVE GOD ✦ LOVE NEIGHBOR ✦ MAKE DISCIPLES**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY



March 24<sup>th</sup>: Palm Sunday Worship @ 11:00 AM  
Procession of the Palms by Our Children  
Church-wide Hot Dog Lunch &  
Children's Easter Egg Hunt @ 12 Noon

March 28<sup>th</sup>: Maundy Thursday Communion @ 6:30 PM

March 31<sup>st</sup>: Easter Sunday Morning  
Sunrise Service @ 7:00 AM – Higher Ground  
Easter Service @ 11:00 AM – Sanctuary

*Easter Lily Orders*  
*In Honor or Memory*  
*of Loved Ones*

**\$13 each**  
Last day to order:  
**March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Order Forms  
will be located  
in the front office,  
the Narthex and  
online at  
[www.mceachernumc.org](http://www.mceachernumc.org)

**MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST:**  
**8-9:00 AM, MARCH 10**



Our United Methodist Men invite men of all ages to join them for breakfast in Oaks Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of most months.

Join us and bring some friends to enjoy this rewarding time with McEachern men on Sunday, March 10, 8-9:00 AM!

**COME FOR FOOD, FUN  
AND FELLOWSHIP!**



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## We need your help!

There is a new volunteer opportunity to answer the church phones and greet members and guests at the church office for a specific shift: the first, second and/or fourth Thursday of each month from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM. Training is provided. If you feel led to help, contact Nancy Burkhardt at [nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org](mailto:nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org) or call 678-567-5002.

Occasionally, a volunteer is needed to answer the main church phone line, greet members and guests at the church office and to help with mailings. Two shifts are available: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM. Smiling faces and voices are needed so that all will feel welcome when contacting or visiting our church. Training is provided.

Periodically, many hands are needed to put together a mass mailing project.

For more information or if you are willing to be added to the Front Office or mass mailing volunteer list, please contact Nancy Burkhardt at 678.567.5002 or [nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org](mailto:nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org).



## A Donation Given To ...

The General Fund in memory of The Reverend Jerry McCurdy

by Jean Stricklen

## NURSERY MINISTRY



Nursery & PTA Director:

**Susan Koopman**

[susan@mceachernumc.org](mailto:susan@mceachernumc.org)

678-567-5006 Nursery/PTA Office

## Parents' Time Away

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM

Ages Birth through Preschool

**Register & Pay On-Line:**

***Mceachernumc.org/Next Generation***

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



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# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



## FAMILY EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us for our Church Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday following the 11am Service! The whole church is invited to join as we watch the children find their eggs and then fellowship over lunch! Be on the lookout for a signup to let us know to expect you!

We also need help stuffing Easter Eggs for the hunt! Please check-out a basket of eggs from the children's area on Sunday mornings and bring them back filled with candy or small toys by March 10th!

## CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS

Sunday School is offered for K-5th grade in the children's area on Sunday mornings! If you would like to join our volunteer team, contact [Lora@McEachernUMC.org](mailto:Lora@McEachernUMC.org)



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 9-11

We are so excited to Save the Date for our 2024 VBS! Make plans to join us Sunday, June 9th, at 9:30am for our kick-off and Sunday-Tuesday evenings from 5-8pm! This is an event for the whole family to go to "Camp VBS!" Registration will open soon!

# STUDENT MINISTRY

## MARCH 2024

3 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM

6 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM

10 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM

13 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM

15-17 - Spring Retreat @  
Camp Glisson

20 - MidWeek, 6-8 PM

24 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM

27 - No MidWeek  
(Holy Week)

31 - Easter Sunday &  
RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM

Spring  
Retreat  
Camp  
Glisson



March  
15-17

Cost: \$175

Register on  
youth webpage

MidWeek

LIFE, THE UNIVERSE  
AND EVERYTHING

*Wednesdays In March*

RENEW

*Death to Life*

Sundays In March

Register for events and full details online at [www.meachernumc.org/student](http://www.meachernumc.org/student)



# SENIOR ADULTS MINISTRY



Exciting News!!!

## McEachern J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth)

Is now the group's new name!!!  
(Formerly Macland seniors)

Join us Friday, March 1, 2024 at 11:30 AM in Lula Dobbs Hall

Bring a covered dish to share and your beverage. Reservations NOT required!

Direct inquiries to Nancy Burkhardt at [nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org](mailto:nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org) or 678.567.5002

**PROGRAM:** Presented by our own Lora Parker-Gayler, Director of Children's Ministries. Lora will share her plans for an exciting year with our McEachern children. Come and welcome Lora to our church!

The April program will be presented by Frances DuCheneis from the Cobb Master Gardeners who will give us some great tips on spring planting. If you have specific questions, please send them to: Nancy Burkhardt, [nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org](mailto:nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org) by March 28 so we can forward the questions to our speaker.

Our May Program will be our own Preschool program. Each May we enjoy seeing the little ones in our Preschool program perform and it is such a joy to see those sweet faces and how they love performing!

It is time to begin collecting items for Easter baskets for our shut-ins. Suggested items: chips, crackers, small packs of tissues, lotion, word find books, adult coloring books (with colored pencils), puzzles, chapstick, small Easter decorations. Please bring items to the March 1 luncheon.



### SAVE THESE DATES:

Monday, March 11 - Deadline to drop off basket items in church office 9 AM-4 PM

Friday, March 15, 9:00 -11:00 AM - Pack/organize Easter baskets in Lula Dobbs Hall

Monday, March 18 - Pick up baskets at church office to distribute

## McEachern J.O.Y. Trip

*Where can you see the Notre Dame Cathedral, the Roman Coliseum, Bethlehem, the Himeji Castle of Japan, and the village of Nottingham all in one afternoon? The Rock Garden!* The Rock Garden is a collection of spectacular structures, winding paths, and unique plants located near Rome, Georgia, on Highway 53, behind the Calhoun Seventh day Adventist Church.



Join us for this exciting trip to The Rock Gardens on Thursday, April 18.

We will leave the church parking lot (by the ball fields) at 9:00am and travel to view the lovely Rock Gardens (free, donations appreciated) , then lunch (on your own) at a local restaurant. After lunch, we will take time to browse around the Calhoun Outlet Mall and leave at 2:30 to return to the church. Please contribute \$2.00 per person to help pay for gas for the bus.

Reserve your seat on the church bus no later than April 15 by contacting Nancy Burkhardt at [nburkhardt@mcechaernumc.org](mailto:nburkhardt@mcechaernumc.org) or 770.943.3008 X5002.

# CARE & COUNSELING MINISTRY

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



**Monday Morning Ministers - Now Meeting on Tuesdays, 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. For more information or to share a prayer concern, contact Nancy Burkhardt at [nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org](mailto:nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org) or 770.943.3008 X 5002.

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

**Office Volunteers:** Smiling faces needed occasionally to answer the main telephone lines, greet guests, and/or place inserts into the bulletin, assist with mass mailings, design bulletin boards etc. For more information, contact Nancy Burkhardt at [nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org](mailto:nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org) or 770.943.3008 X 5002



**Alcoholics Anonymous:**  
Meets in Room G-103 at the  
Care & Counseling Center  
Mondays & Thursdays at 7 AM  
and Tuesdays & Fridays at 8 PM



**Narcotics Anonymous:**  
Meets at 6:30 PM on  
Sundays and Mondays  
At Higher Ground



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

Let us help you  
achieve a healthy  
balance in life!

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

Individuals  
Children

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

Couples  
Adolescents

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

Families  
Groups

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)

# CONTACT US

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**Church Office is 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. Craig Hutto, Senior Pastor.....X 5000  
Rev. Cindy Blocksidge, Senior Associate Pastor.....X 5012  
Tanya Ghoreishi, Music & Worship Minister.....X 5005  
Moose Mosteller, Student Ministry Director.....X 5016  
Lora Parker-Gayler, Children's Ministry Director.....X 6039  
Susan Koopman, Nursery Ministry Director.....X 5006  
Shaun Nguyen, Recreation Ministry Director.....X 5014  
Sharon Ellis, 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 - 11:00 AM - Sanctuary**

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

**Sunday School:**

**Children - 9:30 AM    Adults - 9:30 AM**

**Spanish Bible Class - 9:30 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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