

MAY 2025

*Mom's are loved at McEachern United Methodist Church!*



*Her children rise up and call her blessed.*

Proverbs 31:28



LOVE GOD ✦ LOVE NEIGHBOR ✦ MAKE DISCIPLES

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

## SPECIAL FAMILY BREAKFAST SUNDAY, MAY 11, 8:00-9:00 AM



Our United Methodist Men invite our entire church family to join them for a great FAMILY breakfast in our Christian Life Center!

Enjoy this special breakfast hosted by our McEachern men and bring a friend too!



### Do you like to plan events? Do you have a servant's heart? Our Bereavement Committee needs you!

The Bereavement Committee provides and serves a meal or reception for family and friends after the funeral of a loved one. This is a very important ministry that offers Christian hospitality for grieving family and friends.

Many volunteers are needed to participate. You are only asked to serve as you are able and available.

If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Nancy Burkhardt, [nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org](mailto:nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org), 678.567.5002.

## NURSERY MINISTRY

### SUMMER PARENTS' TIME AWAY

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY  
9AM - 1PM

Sign up once, as needed, or by the Day/Week/Month  
\$30 1st Child. \$25 1st Sibling, \$20 Each Addition Child  
One-Time Annual Family \$20 Registration Fee

#### Register & Pay On-Line

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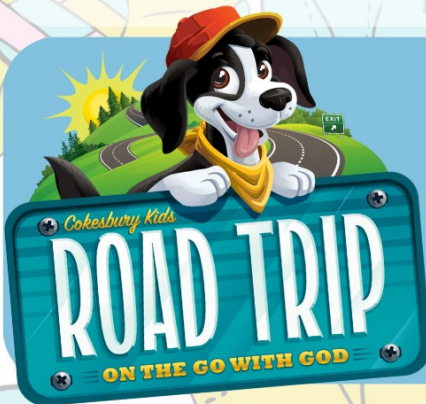


# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Come join us on Sundays from 9:30-10:40 AM in the children's area on the first floor of the Christian Life Center as we dive into the Bible together!

We start each Sunday with 15 minutes of fun worship with WeeJoice Choir where we learn new songs of praise. After, we head to small groups, where we explore God's Word in ways that are just right for each age group. Each lesson is filled with exciting games, creative crafts, and meaningful discussions. This month, we are learning about Paul and the events after Jesus' Ascension! **Our small groups are divided into Kindergarten-1st grade, 2nd-3rd grade, and 4th-5th grade.**



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 8-11

We are so excited for our 2025 VBS!

**Make plans to join us Sunday-Wednesday evenings from 5-8:30pm!**

This is an event for the whole family to attend and participate!

We have volunteer positions available as crew leaders, decorating committee, and station helpers in crafts, science, dinner, recreation, story time, music, missions, and more! If you are willing to serve at VBS, please contact Lora! Register on the Children's Page of the website!

## THANKFUL FOR ALL OF OUR GREAT VOLUNTEERS



## TREEHOUSE CLUBS

WeeJoice Kids Choir

6:00-6:25

Kid's Club

6:30-7:30



**Treehouse Clubs will meet May 7th and 14th then break for the summer!**



Chapel Bells on Easter!



Kids Club Fun!



Easter Craft Day Stations!



# STUDENT MINISTRY

## MAY 2025

**2-4 - Helping at Children's  
Retreat**

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

**7 - Wed Night Youth, 6-8 PM  
Senior Night**

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

**14 - No WNY, Finals Week**

**18 - Graduation Breakfast,  
9:30 AM  
Graduation Sunday, 11 AM**

**21 - Wed Night Youth: End of  
School Bon Fire, 6-8 PM**

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

**30-2 - Beach Camp**



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

# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

May 4 At 5:00 PM In Room F326 ~ Come Join The New And Exciting  
**McEachern UMC Women's Group!**

Women of all ages are invited to this wonderful time of fellowship with new friends.

Plans are being made for some exciting events and mission projects.  
So, come and find out how this vibrant group is moving in our church!

Come join us for our next meeting on **Sunday, May 4 at 5:00 PM in F326!**

Childcare is reserved by contacting [skoopman@mceachernumc.org](mailto:skoopman@mceachernumc.org).

For more information, contact Rev. Cindy Blocksidge at [cblocksidge@mceachernumc.org](mailto:cblocksidge@mceachernumc.org).



# SENIOR ADULTS MINISTRY



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

**You're Invited to our next luncheon!**

**Friday, May 2 - 11:30 AM - Oaks Hall**

**(NOTE ROOM CHANGE TO OAKS HALL)**

**~ Bring a covered dish to share and your beverage! ~**

Our wonderful McEachern MUMC Preschool students will present a musical program.  
You don't want to miss this annual program presented by these adorable children!



We normally meet on the first Friday of the month, EXCEPT during a holiday week. Then we will meet on the following Friday.

If you are 55+ and considering joining this exciting group, please contact Nancy Burkhardt at [nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org](mailto:nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org) for more information or to begin receiving informational emails.  
You will be warmly welcomed!!!



*Join the McEachern J.O.Y. Group for a Day Trip to:*

**Atlanta Botanical Gardens, Gainesville**

**Tuesday, June 17**

We will travel to the Atlanta Botanical Gardens in Gainesville on our church busses. Departure time, cost of the trip and lunch location will be announced at the May 2 meeting. Sign up at the May meeting for this trip to the beautiful gardens!



# CARE & COUNSELING MINISTRY



Individuals      Couples      Families  
Children      Adolescents      Groups

Contact Us: 678.567.5020  
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- \* Parenting
- \* ADHD

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

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

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

## 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.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Choose one or more groups ~ Tuesdays at 10:00 AM in room F227, Tuesdays at 1:00 PM in room F322 and Thursdays at 10:00 AM in room F322. Knit and / or crochet prayer shawls for those in hospitals, assisted living communities and other care facilities.

For more information regarding volunteer opportunities and other ways to serve the Lord through the Care Ministry, please contact Nancy Burkhardt at [nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org](mailto:nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org) or 678.567.5002.



## !!! Your Church Needs Your Help In The Front Office !!!

Smiling faces and cheerful voices are needed to welcome those who call or visit our church. We have an immediate volunteer opportunity for you to field calls at the front desk and greet members and guests in the church front office on the 1st, 2nd and / or 4th Thursday, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM. (Training provided.) Other shifts are often available: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM or 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM.

**Mass Mailings Help:** Occasionally many hands are needed for a mass mailing.

For more information or if you feel led to be added to the volunteer list for the front office and / or mass mailings, please contact Nancy Burkhardt at [nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org](mailto:nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org) or 678.567.5002.



**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  
In Oaks Hall

# MISSIONS MINISTRY

## Opportunities To Donate And Serve 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 will accomplish both in you and through you! Come join us in ministry!

Contact Beth Green or Julie Beem at [local-outreach@mceachernumc.org](mailto:local-outreach@mceachernumc.org).

## We Are Being The Hands, Feet & Heart Of Jesus!

Our Food Pantry and Financial Assistance Ministry continues to provide assistance to struggling families in our community. Thank you for your ongoing support of our Missions Ministry.

## Murphy-Harpst Children's Center

**THANK YOU!:** Thank you so much for helping fill Easter baskets for the children and youth at M-H! What a blessing! Please continue to remember these children and the M-H staff in your prayers.

## Compton Elementary School

**May 6<sup>th</sup> Teacher Appreciation Lunch:**

Please join us in serving lunch to teachers at Compton Elementary School.

**Mid May (Exact Date TBD): The 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation party.**

For details and / or to volunteer, contact Cindy Teate at [CindyTeate@gmail.com](mailto:CindyTeate@gmail.com)



## MUST Summer Lunch Food Drive Begins June 4<sup>th</sup>!

We will be a distribution site for the summer lunch program again this year. We will distribute food on Wednesday evenings from the front circle driveway. We are accepting donations of **individually packaged** breakfast items, lunch items, and snack items. Please mark your items "Summer Lunch" and drop them in food pantry bins around the church campus or in the church front office. For inquiries or to volunteer, email [local-outreach@mceachernumc.org](mailto:local-outreach@mceachernumc.org).

## International Mission Partners

**Justin and Elizabeth Leonard (serving in Turkey):** Please pray for God to open hearts where seeds are planted. Pray for financial provision due to a large, unexpected government tax bill. Keep this family in your prayers as they serve in an area with virtually no Christians.

**Rev. Charles Mulemena (serving in Belize):** What a blessing to have Rev. Mulemena visit with us in April and share about his ministry in Belize. Please continue in prayer for the health and spiritual growth of the children he serves at 2 church schools in Belize. Also, pray for God's provision of finances needed for renovations at the schools.

**Czech Republic (Jihlava):** Please pray for the Holy Spirit to move within these churches, opening hearts and minds to the Word.

# CONTACT US

**Church Office:** 770.943.3008

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

**Church Office is Closed on Fridays**

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

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

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

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Rev. Cindy Blocksidge, Senior Associate Pastor.....X 5012  
Conner Garmon, Music & Worship Director.....X 6041  
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  
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!**

**Traditional Worship - 11:00 AM - Sanctuary**

**Sunday School / Small Groups - Children Through Adults - 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 your desired edition.



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