

*“Jesus  
Christ  
is the  
Same...”*



*Yesterday  
and  
Today  
and  
Forever.”*

Hebrews 13:8

JANUARY 2025

2025  
HAPPY  
New Year

LOVE GOD ✦ LOVE NEIGHBOR ✦ MAKE DISCIPLES

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

"AND HE WHO WAS SEATED ON THE THRONE SAID, "BEHOLD, I AM MAKING **ALL THINGS NEW**"  
REVELATION 21:5



A SERMON SERIES FOR THE NEW YEAR

## MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST JOIN US SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 8:00-9:00 AM



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

Join us and bring your friends too!  
Enjoy this rewarding time with our McEachern men.

Welcome our guest speaker:  
MUMC Member & UMM Leadership, Roger Peters

## NURSERY MINISTRY

### PARENTS' TIME AWAY

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS  
9am - 1pm

Sign up once, as needed or by the Day/Week/Month/School Year  
\$30 1st Child, \$25 1st Sibling, \$20 Each Additional Child  
One-time Annual Family \$20 Fee

Register & Pay On-Line

[www.mceachernumc.org/Next Generation](http://www.mceachernumc.org/Next Generation)  
[www.skopman@mceachernumc.org](mailto:www.skopman@mceachernumc.org)

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**SPECIAL DECEMBER PTA DATES!**

**NEW YEAR HOLIDAY:  
THURSDAY  
JANUARY 2**

**WINTER BREAK:  
TUESDAY -THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 18-20**





# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



Join us on Sundays from 9:30-10:40 in the children's area on the first floor of the Christian Life Center as we journey through the Bible together!

We start each morning with 15 minutes of children's worship learning songs and learning why it's important to worship Jesus! We then head to our small groups to explore the Bible each week with our age group. The lesson is age appropriate and includes games, crafts, and discussion.



## WONDERFULLY MADE RETREAT AT CAMP LEE FOR 5TH-7TH GRADERS - FEBRUARY 7-9

This retreat will follow the Wonderfully Made curriculum, a United Methodist resource that offers preteens an opportunity to begin the important conversations about bodies, human growth, sexuality, reproduction, and relationships from a Christian perspective. The program helps individuals understand their bodies, the changes they are going through, and how God loves them now and always. The course explains sexual anatomy as well as the different aspects of puberty, and participants will discuss the influence of social media. There will be sessions taught by experts as well as time for play and rest.

Sign up on the children's page of the church website.

The cost is \$175 and the deadline to register is January 23.

[www.meachernumc.org/children/](http://www.meachernumc.org/children/)



SCAN ME



## REGISTER HERE!

Register your child for all our Children's Ministry opportunities by scanning here or by visiting the children's page of the church website.



SAVE THE DATE

We have a lot of exciting stuff planned for the new year but here are the biggies!

**Easter Egg Hunt - April 13**

**Flight 345 Children's Retreat - May 2-4**

**Vacation Bible School - June 8-11**

and more!



# STUDENT MINISTRY

## JANUARY 2025

1 - No Wed Night Youth

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

8 - Wed Night Youth, 6-8 PM

12 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM /  
Ice Skating, 1-4:30 PM

15 - Wed Night Youth, 6-8 PM

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

22 - Wed Night Youth, 6-8 PM

26 - Grace and Eggs, 9-10 AM

29 - Wed Night Youth, 6-8 PM

### ICE SKATING

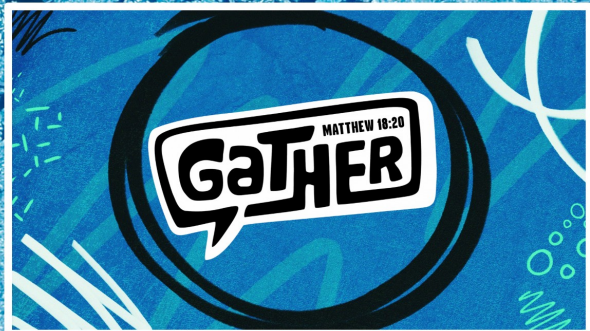
JAN 12

1-4:30 PM



### Grace & Eggs

Jan 26  
9-10am



#### **RENEW: Come & See**

A 4-week series that explores some of the ways different people brought others to Jesus. While we can tell people about who Jesus is and how he has changed our lives, ultimately people have to "come and see" Jesus for themselves.



#### **WNY: The Happy Days**

Each Beatitude in Matthew 5:3-12 begins with the word blessed meaning happiness. This series will challenge students to consider what Jesus means when He says pursuing more for less, drawing near when you lose what's most dear, and working up an appetite for God is the way to happiness.

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

# SENIOR ADULTS MINISTRY

**Happy  
New Year!**



...from the McEachern J.O.Y.  
(Just Older Youth)

We normally meet on the first Friday of the month,  
EXCEPT during holiday weeks when we meet the following Friday.  
Due to the New Year holiday, the meeting date has changed:

**Next Luncheon: Friday, January 10  
11:30 AM in Lula Dobbs Hall**

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

Each month an informational program or entertainment is provided. This month's program will be Nutrition for Seniors presented by Zoe Soltanmammedova from the Cobb County Extension Service.

# CARE & COUNSELING MINISTRY

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



**We Need You!!!**

We have an immediate volunteer opportunity for you to answer the main church phone lines 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 is provided.) Smiling faces and cheerful voices are needed to welcome those who call or visit our church. Other shifts are often available: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM and 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM.

Mass Mailings Help: Occasionally many hands are needed to put together a mass mailing project. 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.



# CARE & COUNSELING MINISTRY



## Coming in January. . .

a Stephen Ministry informational meeting regarding training to become a Stephen Minister. More details will soon be provided church-wide.

Are you searching for a way to walk beside another person through life's difficult situations? Do you have a listening heart? If so, please prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister.

Stephen Ministry offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip and supervise a team of congregation members -- called Stephen Ministers -- to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in our congregation and in the community experiencing life difficulties.

Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by their Stephen Leaders to offer care to people who are hurting.

If you are interested in attending the informational meeting to learn more about the Stephen Ministry, please contact one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders:

Cindy Blocksidge - 770.943.3008 X5012  
Bill Hanse - 678.849.8383 or Nancy Burkhardt - 770.337.2050



Are you grieving the loss of a spouse, family member, or other loved one? If so, we invite you to participate in GriefShare. At GriefShare you'll receive valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort, and peace of mind.

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability - and gain solid support each step of the way.

Join us beginning on Thursday, February 6 at 6:30 PM in room F-326.

For more details and/or to register visit [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org).

For more information, contact Carol McLeod - 770.313.8702, Robert McLeod - 770.313.8706 or Nancy Burkhardt - 770.337.2050.



**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



## Thank You!

Thank you for your generous support of our Angel Tree. Together with Macland Presbyterian, we provided gifts for 58 children in our community!



**Angel Tree**  
BLESS THOSE IN NEED

## Supporting the Korytskyi Family

**Volunteer Opportunities:** We need a team of folks who are willing to offer occasional transportation for our Ukrainian family residing on campus in the Mission Inn. For more information or to sign up, text Beth Green, at 678.772.4169.

## Murphy Harpst Children's Center

The Faithful Followers Sunday School Class had a cookout with the Murphy-Harpst residents and staff in June, 2024. We had a delightful time getting to know the teens and those who care for them, but we found that their very old grill was in very poor shape. We asked staff if they would be interested in a replacement grill and the answer was a definite "YES." Fundraising efforts began and through the generous donations of members from McEachern UMC and Macland Presbyterian, a brand new grill was delivered in November. Plans are underway to travel back out to Cedartown in the Spring for another cookout. If you or your small group would be interested in joining us, contact members of the Missions Committee.



# CONTACT US

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**Church Office is Closed on Fridays**

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

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**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
Conner Garmon, Music & Worship Director.....	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
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 desired edition.



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