



**APRIL 2025**

**I am the**  
*Resurrection*  
**and the life.**

**Whoever**  
*Believes*  
**in me,**  
**though he die, yet shall he**  
*Live...*

**John 11:25**

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

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



## Holy Week Special Services & Events

Palm Sunday Service	April 13	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
Children's Easter Egg Hunt	April 13	12:15 PM	Outside
Maundy Thursday Service	April 17	6:30 PM	Sanctuary
Good Friday Service	April 18	12:00 PM	Higher Ground
Children's Easter Crafts	April 19	9:00 AM	Oaks Hall
Easter Sunrise Service	April 20	6:45 AM	Higher Ground
Traditional Easter Service	April 20	11:00 AM	Sanctuary

## MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 8:00-9:00 AM



Our United Methodist Men invite men of all ages to join us 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.

We welcome our guest speaker:  
MMUMC Member, Marcus Harwood

## 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.skoopman@mceachernumc.org](mailto:www.skoopman@mceachernumc.org)

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### SPECIAL PTA DATES!

**SPRING BREAK:**  
**APRIL 8, 9 & 10**  
**REGISTER NOW!**



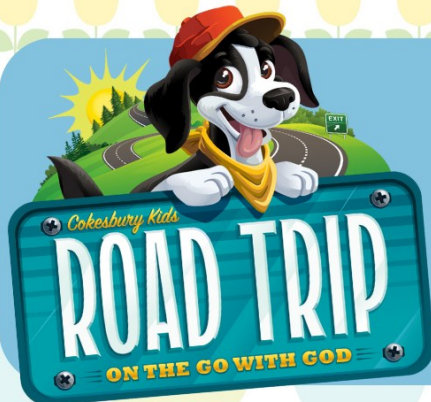
# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## 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 WeeJoyce Choir worship time, where we learn new songs and discover why it's so important to worship Jesus. 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 the events leading up to Easter Sunday!

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!



## SPRING RETREAT May 2-4 at Camp Glisson

Now boarding 3rd through 5th graders!

Join us at Camp Glisson to learn how to navigate this life with Christ through scripture, experience, tradition, and reason.

This McEachern-heavy NGUMC event features Children's Director Lora, Allison Sligh, Sara Davies, and Devin Gordon is our session speaker!

Cost is \$175. Sign up today on the church website:

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



MCEACHERN UMC  
EASTER EGG HUNT  
SUNDAY, APRIL 13 12:15PM

Bring your basket and register online to help us prepare a place for everyone at the hamburger luncheon.

<p>Sunday Morning <b>CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS</b></p> <p>Weejoyce Kids Choir 9:30-9:45</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45-10:45</p> <p>Children's Moment 11am Sanctuary Service</p>	<p>Wednesday Night <b>TREEHOUSE CLUBS</b></p> <p>Weejoyce Kids Choir 6:00-6:25</p> <p>Kid's Club 6:30-7:15</p> <p>Treehouse Tales 7:15-7:30</p>
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*Treehouse Clubs will meet each week except Wed, April 9th.*

# STUDENT MINISTRY

## APRIL 2025

**2 - Wed Night Youth, 6-8 PM**

**6 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM  
Confirmation Class, Noon**

**9 - No WNY, Spring Break**

**13 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM  
Egg Hunt, 12:15 PM  
Confirmation Class, After  
Egg Hunt**

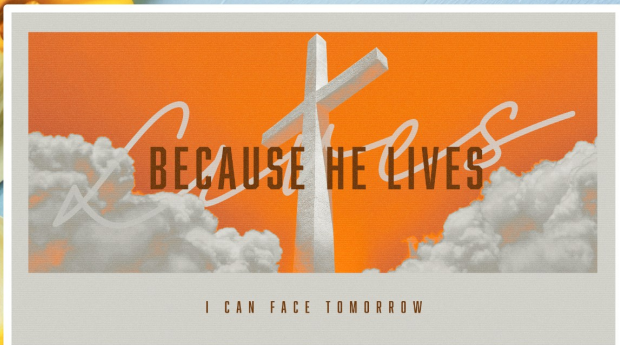
**16 - Wed Night Youth, 6-8 PM**

**20 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM  
Easter Sunday**

**23 - Wed Night Youth, 6-8 PM**

**27 - RENEW, 9:30-10:45 AM  
Confirmation Sunday**

**30 - Wed Night Youth: Game  
Night, 6-8 PM**



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

# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

April 6 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, April 6 at 5:00 PM**  
in F326!

Childcare is available 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 on  
Friday, April 4 - 11:30 AM in Lula Dobbs Hall

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

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

Each month an informational program or entertainment is provided. At this month's April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will help our Director of Children's Ministries fill Easter eggs for the Palm Sunday Egg-Citing Hunt that takes place on Sunday, April 13.

*Each Easter and Christmas, the McEachern J.O.Y. group donates gift bag items for our shut-ins. You may bring the items to the church office or to the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Items Needed: ChapStick, lotion, word puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, adult coloring books, pens, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, small packs of tissues, small snack packs, small Easter table decorations.*

*(We need many hands to pack gift bags on Friday, April 11, 9:30-11:30 AM in Lula Dobbs Hall.)*

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

**Please note:** We will meet each month in Oaks Hall beginning at our May 2 meeting. Oaks Hall can accommodate more people, has audio visual equipment and a full commercial kitchen.

**May 2:** Our program will be presented by our own McEachern MUMC Preschool. You don't want to miss this annual program presented by these adorable children!

# CARE & COUNSELING MINISTRY



Individuals    Couples    Families  
Children    Adolescents    Groups

Contact Us: 678.567.5020  
counselingcenter@mceachernumc.org

Let our licensed therapists help you achieve a healthy balance in life!

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

- \* Grief
- \* Depression
- \* Anxiety
- \* 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 and 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.



### A BIG THANK YOU. . .

. . . to all those who donated their time and supplies towards our UMCOR flood bucket project! What a fun day of pizza and packing 44 buckets for UMCOR disaster relief!

. . . for supporting our Missions programs that were highlighted during the “Micah Mandate” sermon series. (Food pantry, Local Financial Assistance Ministry, School Partnerships Cheerios for Compton, and FCA).

. . . to the volunteers who read books to the children at Compton Elementary School during “Read Across America”. The kids had a blast and the Compton teachers appreciate you!!



### LET'S SPRING INTO ACTION:

Let's help fill Easter baskets for the 70 children on campus at Murphy-Harpst Children's Center. Order on Amazon and it will be shipped directly to M-H. Here is the link to Amazon: <https://a.co/hSQjbVm>

**April 17<sup>th</sup>:** Compton Elementary School play, “Finding Nemo”. Opportunities to serve our partner school prepare for and present the play!

**April 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>:** (exact date TBD) Rev. Charles Mulemena, our partner Missionary in Belize, will be visiting the North GA Conference April 18-25<sup>th</sup> and will spend a day and night with us. We look forward to hearing about his ministry in Belize and how we can help share the gospel in Belize.

### COMING SOON!

**May 6<sup>th</sup>:** Teacher Appreciation Lunch at Compton Elementary. We will be preparing sandwiches and serving lunch at Compton.

**Also in May:** The 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation party. For details regarding our partner schools, contact Cindy Teate at [Cindyteate@gmail.com](mailto:Cindyteate@gmail.com)

# CONTACT US

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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
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Susan Koopman, Nursery Ministry Director.....	X 5006
Shaun Nguyen, Recreation Ministry Director.....	X 5014
Financial Director.....	X 5003
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**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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