



## APRIL 2026

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**  
MCEACHERN MEMORIAL UMC

*Palm Sunday*  
March 29 11am  
Sanctuary

*Maundy Thursday*  
April 2 7pm  
Sanctuary

*Easter Sunrise*  
April 5 7am  
Higher Ground

*Easter Egg Hunt*  
March 29 12:15

*Good Friday*  
April 3 7pm  
Sanctuary

*Easter*  
April 5 11am  
Sanctuary

### PROPHECY FULFILLED

Isaiah 53:2b-5

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him.

He was despised and rejected by mankind, a Man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

Like one from whom people hide their faces, He was despised, and we held Him in low esteem.

Surely He took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered Him punished by GOD, stricken by HIM, and afflicted.

But He was pierced for OUR transgressions, He was crushed for OUR iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed!!!

# HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**REQUIRED DINNER RSVP! SCAN ↓**



Sanctuary  
*Maundy Thursday*  
April 2 7pm  
Sanctuary

Dinner at  
5:30pm  
RSVP

## Join The Fitness Center!



It's not too late to get in shape!  
McEachern MUMC Members enjoy a membership discount.  
Contact Lisa Kirk at [lisa@mceahernumc.org](mailto:lisa@mceahernumc.org)!

**Tuesday, April 14, 21 & 28, 2026**  
Inviting all ESL students....  
**6:30-8:30 PM - Room F-326**  
**RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP**  
**Bring A Friend!**  
Learn how to create the best resume to improve your chances for a great career.

FAITH, FOOD, *Men's* FELLOWSHIP

# BREAKFAST




**NEXT MEETING:  
SUNDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>  
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 food and fellowship!  
Guest Speaker:  
MUMC Member, Danny Pancratz

## NURSERY MINISTRY



**SPECIAL APRIL PTA DATES  
MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, APRIL 6-9**




**SUMMER 2026  
PARENTS' TIME AWAY  
MCEACHERN UMC**

**JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> THROUGH JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>  
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY  
9AM - 1PM**

6 weeks to 5 years old/completed Kindergarten  
\$30 1st Child, \$25 1st Sibling, \$20 Each Additional Child  
Annual Family \$20 Registration Fee

**Register & Pay Online**  
[mceachernumc.org/parents-time-away/](http://mceachernumc.org/parents-time-away/)  
[skoopman@mceachernumc.org](mailto:skoopman@mceachernumc.org)  
678-567-5006

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



Join us on Sundays from 9:30-10:45 as we journey through the Bible together! We start each morning with 15 minutes of WeeJoice Children's Choir. We then head to our small groups to explore the Bible each week with our age group. The lessons are age appropriate and include games, crafts, and discussion. **We now have four small groups: Preschool, K-1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>!**



## SAVE THE DATE

### 2026 VBS

July 20-23, 5:00-8:30pm

Registration opens  
Palm Sunday!



Scan here to apply  
to join our  
exceptional  
volunteer team



Scan here to register  
your child for the  
McEachern UMC  
Children's Ministry

## APRIL CALENDAR MCEACHERN KIDS

- Apr 5 - Happy Easter! Sunday School & worship
- Apr 8 - Spring Break: No WeeJoice or Kids Club
- Apr 12 - Sunday School & worship
- Apr 15 - WeeJoice 6pm, Kids Club 6:30-7:30
- Apr 19 - Sunday School & worship
- Apr 22 - WeeJoice 6pm, Kids Club 6:30-7:30
- Apr 26 - Sunday School & worship
- Apr 29 - WeeJoice 6pm, Kids Club 6:30-7:30

Contact Lora Parker-Gayler, Director of Children's Ministry for any questions at [Lora@mceachernumc.org](mailto:Lora@mceachernumc.org)



FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ALL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATES

Search: **McEachern Kids at MMUMC**  
or scan the QR code



# STUDENT MINISTRY

## APRIL 2026



- 1- WED NIGHT YOUTH
- 5- RENEW / EASTER SUNDAY
- 8- NO WNY / SPRING BREAK
- 12- RENEW: COFFEE SHOP / CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
- 15- WED NIGHT YOUTH
- 19- RENEW
- 22- WED NIGHT YOUTH
- 26- RENEW
- 29- WNY: GAME NIGHT

RENEW  
**JONAH**  
In April

Confirmation Sunday · April 12

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH

**HABITS** ⚡ ✕

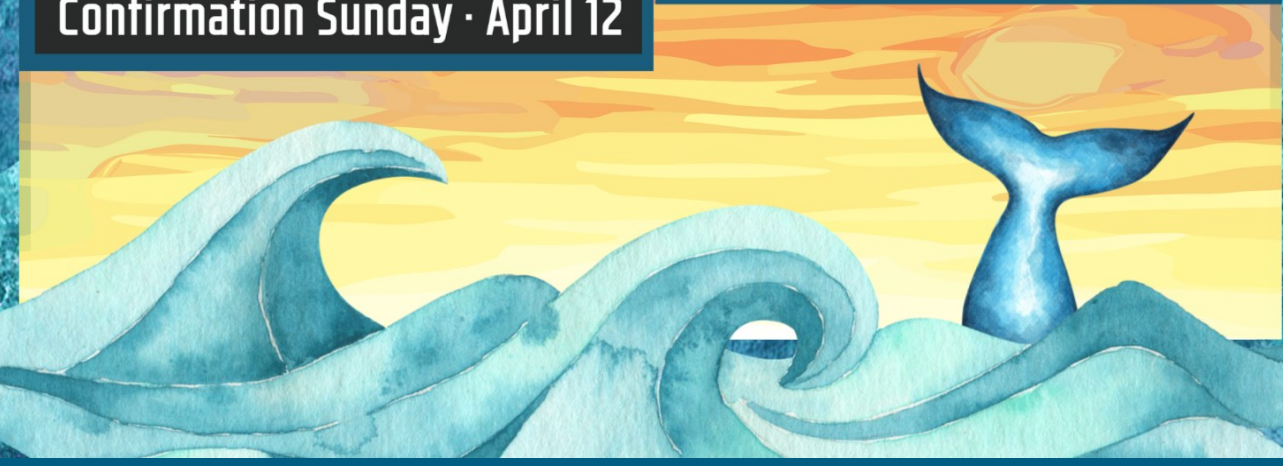
SPIRITUAL PRACTICES  
TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH

NEW SERIES IN APRIL

**2026** BEACH CAMP

May 29-June 1  
Laguna Beach, FL  
\$299

North Georgia Conference



# WOMEN'S MINISTRY



**WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEETING**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> beginning at 10 am

Women and girls of ALL ages are cordially invited to join us for a Ladies Tea in Oaks Hall!

Cost is \$15 person  
RSVP form will be available beginning April 6th

Tea Party

For questions, contact Mandy Plunkett Ramsey at 678.231.5848 or Cindy Teate at 770.355.5862

The invitation features a central illustration of a tea set including a teapot, cups, and saucers, surrounded by floral decorations and a decorative border of flowers at the bottom.

# SENIOR ADULTS MINISTRY



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



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

McEachern J.O.Y. is a group for those ages 55+ who enjoy a great lunch, Christian fellowship, and have a desire to participate in community missions. For Christmas and Easter, we donate items to prepare gift bags for those in assisted living, nursing homes, or homebound. We also enjoy social events with a different program each month.

*Join us on Friday, April 10 at 11:30 a.m. In Lula Dobbs Hall*

*~ Bring a covered dish to share and your beverage. Invite a friend or several! ~*

Our April program will be presented by Macy Strimple, a certified massage therapist, professional dancer/teacher/judge and very involved member of our church.

She will speak on the importance of movement for seniors.

*Attendees are encouraged to wear comfortable clothes and shoes.*

## *Save the date ~ Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>*

On Friday, June 5, the McEachern J.O.Y. group will travel by church van to beautiful Lake Burton where we will enjoy a delicious lunch and fellowship at the lovely home of Randy & Susan Hardy.

The vans will leave the church promptly at 8:00 AM and return at approximately 8:00 PM. RSVP by emailing Nancy Burkhardt, [nburkhardt@meachernumc.org](mailto:nburkhardt@meachernumc.org) or by calling 770.943.3008 extension 5002.



# CARE & COUNSELING MINISTRY



Bear one another's burdens,  
and in this way  
you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2, NRSV

Did you know that McEachern Memorial UMC has a very active Stephen Ministry program with 11 active, trained Stephen Ministers?

Our Stephen Ministers are equipped to offer confidential, one-on-one Christian care to those in our congregation and community who are hurting. They walk alongside individuals as they navigate life's challenges, providing support, encouragement, and a compassionate presence.

To learn more about Stephen Ministry, or if you or someone you know would benefit from one-on-one Christian caregiving, please contact one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders:  
Rev. Cindy Blocksidge - [cblocksidge@mceachernumc.org](mailto:cblocksidge@mceachernumc.org) - 770.943.5012  
Bill Hanse - [billhanse0905@gmail.com](mailto:billhanse0905@gmail.com) - 678.849.8383  
OR Nancy Burkhardt - [nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org](mailto:nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org) - 770.337.2050



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 a grieving family and friends.

Many volunteers are needed!!!

You will only 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.



**Alcoholics Anonymous:**  
Meets in Room G-103 at the  
Care & Counseling Center  
Mondays & Thursdays at 7 AM  
or Tuesdays & Fridays at 8 PM  
Women's Group meets Mondays  
7:30-9:30 PM in Room G-101



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

# MISSIONS MINISTRY



## Spring Into Action!

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!

### Upcoming Events And Mission Opportunities:

## School Partnerships: Help Support Our Local Schools & Teachers!

Coming in May, there will be many opportunities to help our school partner, Compton Elementary.

- \*Teacher Appreciation Activities - early May - date TBA
- \*5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation party -TBA

For more info regarding these events or School Partnerships, contact Cindy Teate, [cindyteate@gmail.com](mailto:cindyteate@gmail.com).



## Bundles Of Grace Helps Young Mothers In Need

*Bundles of Grace* provides diapers, infant items and grace-filled support for young mothers in need.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

We are seeking team members/volunteers to help with inventory tracking, intake, program development, etc. For more information, email Rene Dae at [Rene\\_Dae@yahoo.com](mailto:Rene_Dae@yahoo.com).



## MUST Summer Lunches:

We are partnering with MUST ministries again this summer to pack and distribute summer lunches!

\*Tentatively scheduled for

**Wednesday evenings throughout the summer.**

\*Volunteers needed for weekly set-up, traffic control, greeting our neighbors, distribution of the bags at MMUMC, and cleanup.

**\*\* Stay tuned for exact dates, sign up lists and items that will be needed. \*\***

**Thank you** for sharing the Love and Joy of Easter with the teen residents at Murphy-Harpst Children's Center in Cedartown, GA. With your support, 90 youth received Easter baskets overflowing with goodies! As Murphy-Harpst staff member Gary MacDonald shared, "Easter celebrations are key milestone events that make a difference in the teen residents' lives and healing."



# CONTACT US

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**Church Office is Closed on Fridays and for Certain Holidays**

**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. Jessica Terrell, Senior Pastor.....X 5000  
Rev. Cindy Blocksidge, Senior Associate Pastor.....X 5012  
Rev. Orlando Evans, Associate Pastor.....X 5005  
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  
Frank Neal, Financial Manager.....X 5003  
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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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