



MAY 2026



Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her.



Many women do noble things,
but you surpass them all. ~ Proverbs 31:28-29

LOVE GOD ✦ LOVE NEIGHBOR ✦ MAKE DISCIPLES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

cherish every moment



The Wesley Woods annual Mother's Day Offering, *Cherish Every Moment*, not only provides vital financial assistance for housing and meals to residents who have exhausted their resources, but it also provides chaplains who give compassionate pastoral care, wellness nurses and programming to support resident wellbeing and independence.

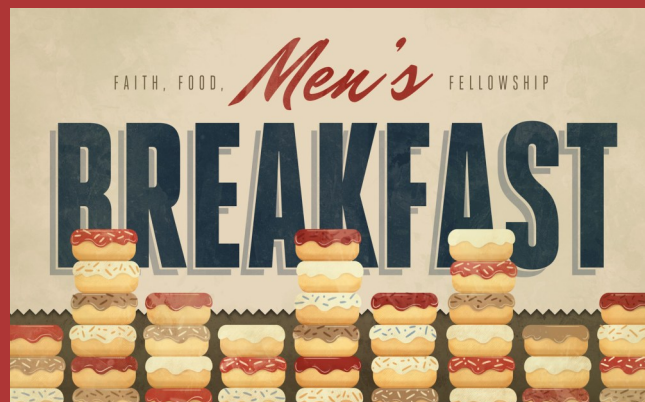
On May 10th, as we honor and remember mothers and other women who have positively impacted our lives, we will have the privilege of donating to the *Foundation of Wesley Woods* to help provide hope, home, shelter, necessities, chaplains, wellbeing and promise for grateful seniors — men and women.

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!



NO MAY MEETING!
NEXT MEETING:
JUNE 14TH - 8:00-9:00 AM



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

Please come and bring a few friends to enjoy this rewarding time of food and fellowship!

Guest Speaker:
 MUMC Member, Trey Nelson

NURSERY MINISTRY



SPECIAL SUMMER PTA DATES



SUMMER 2026
 PARENTS' TIME AWAY
 MCEACHERN UMC

JUNE 1ST THROUGH JULY 31ST
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/
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 WeeJoyce Children's Choir. Then we 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. **Our four small groups are Preschool, K-1st, 2nd-3rd, and 4th-5th** During May, we will be learning a lot about Peter!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



We are so excited for our 2026 VBS!
Make plans to join us Monday - Thursday 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, and more! If you are willing to serve at VBS, please contact Lora! Register on the Children's Page of the website!

MAY CALENDAR MCEACHERN KIDS

May 6 - Final Wednesday Kids Club | 6-7:30pm

May 20 - 5th Grade Step Up Night
with Student Ministries | 6-8pm

SUMMER PLANS

Dates to be determined:
Tie Dye Day, Wheels Day,
Family Field Trip, Play Dates

Mark these dates:
Water Day - June 28
Vacation Bible School - July 20-23

**Check our website or contact Lora Parker-Gayler,
Director of Children's Ministry for any questions
at Lora@mceachernumc.org**



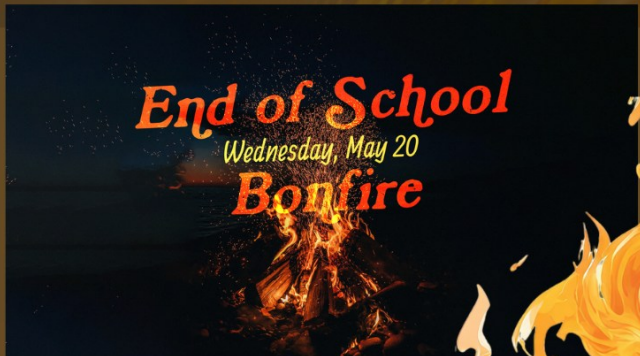
FIND US ONLINE

Check out our page on the church website
and our facebook page



STUDENT MINISTRY

MAY 2026



3 RENEW
6 WNY: SENIOR NIGHT
11 RENEW
13 NO WNY
17 SR. BREAKFAST / YOUTH SUN

20 END OF SCHOOL BONFIRE
24 RENEW: SUMMER
27 NO WNY
29-1 BEACH CAMP
31 RENEW

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Women's *Game Night* Meeting

SUNDAY, MAY 3, AT 5PM IN ROOM 326

Fun, fellowship, and a little friendly competition are on the agenda for the month of May, and we'd love to see you there. Won't you join us?!

Childcare is available by reservation
AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE!
Contact Susan Koopman at
skoopman@mceachernumc.org

For more info, please contact Mandy
Plunkett-Ramsey at 678.231.5848
or Rev. Cindy Blocksidge at
cblocksidge@mceachernumc.org



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 men and women ages 55+ who enjoy a great lunch, Christian fellowship, and have a desire to participate in some community mission projects. 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, May 1st at 11:30 a.m. In Lula Dobbs Hall

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

You don't want to miss our May program presented by the McEachern MUMC Preschool!
These precious little ones love to sing and never disappoint!

If you are 55+ and would like to be a part of this exciting group and receive informational emails, please contact Nancy Burkhardt, nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org. You will be warmly welcomed.

Save the date ~ Friday, June 5th

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@mceachernumc.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

Are you hurting, grieving, stressed or just need someone to talk with?

Is life overwhelming? Are you experiencing the loss of a loved one, a broken relationship or other life issues? Stephen ministers are here to help! A Stephen Minister walks alongside you during difficult times, offering care, support and a listening ear.

You do not have to go through it alone.

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 - 770.943.5012
Bill Hanse - billhanse0905@gmail.com - 678.849.8383
OR Nancy Burkhardt - 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, 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

Compton Elementary School Partnership ~ Teacher Appreciation Day

Compton will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Day on May 5th. We have agreed to provide a Taco Bar to celebrate these wonderful teachers. We will need crock pots of taco meat, both chicken and beef. We need folks to help chop up lettuce, tomatoes, etc. We also need servers! Come join in on the fun at Compton! To volunteer or for more information, please contact Cindy Teate, cindyteate@gmail.com.



MUST Summer Lunches ~ COMING SOON!

The MUST Summer Lunch program runs **June 3rd - July 29th**. Distribution happens every Wednesday, 5:30 - 6:30 PM (tentatively). MMUMC and MPC will make a generous donation to MUST to help cover the costs of the summer lunch program. We will pack approximately 50 bags (just in case we run short) and MUST will provide the rest of the bags.

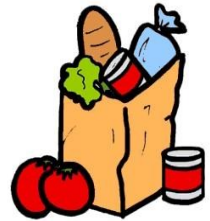
How can you help?

- Donate individually wrapped breakfast, lunch, or snack items (i.e. cereal cups, mini muffin packs, ravioli cups, mac 'n cheese cups, ramen noodle cups, fruit cups, cheese crackers, etc.)
- Donate juice pouches, 8 oz. water bottles, quart-sized only packs of powdered drink mix.
- Monetary donations are welcomed, indicate "summer lunch" on your check/donation and place in the offering plate or give to the front desk.

**** Watch for the upcoming packing date and sign-ups for volunteers! ****

Food Pantry News

Our Food Pantry has started a heart-warming project of providing "Birthday Cake Kits" each month. Children who have birthdays that month, receive a foil pan with the cake mix, frosting, candles, balloons, birthday napkins, etc. What a special way to share the love with our food pantry visitors! Thanks, Pastor Jessica, for the great suggestion!



Dear Rev. Terrell,
7 April 2026
Thanks to you and the people of McEncham for helping to make a memorable and meaningful Easter morning for our youth in Cedartown, who found outside their doors the full baskets you provided. This and your continuing generosity make a difference in these young lives. We so appreciate the deep partnership with the church.

Grace + Peace,
Shang Mac Donald

Murphy-Harst Children's Center Event

On **June 12th**, a group of volunteers will head to Cedartown, GA to celebrate June birthdays with the youth there! We would love for you to join us. Monetary donations to purchase gifts and food are welcomed!

For more information, contact
Cindy Teate, cindyteate@gmail.com.

CONTACT US

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM
Church Office is Closed on Fridays and for Certain Holidays

Please visit our website for the most current information.

Email: info@mceachernumc.org

Website: 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
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 10th of the month prior to your desired edition.



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