

*But do not
use your
Freedom to
indulge the
Flesh;*



*Rather,
serve one
Another
humbly in
Love.*
Galatians 5:13

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ JULY 2026 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Independence Day
**HAPPY
4TH**
**GOD
BLESS
AMERICA**

**AS WE CELEBRATE
250
YEARS OF FREEDOM**

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom!
2 Corinthians 3:17b

LOVE GOD ★ LOVE NEIGHBOR ★ MAKE DISCIPLES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

RECREATION MINISTRY

Interested in coaching youth athletes?

No experience required! Grab your whistle and join the Recreation Ministry.

We are looking for coaches for soccer, basketball, cheerleading and flag football. You just need a loving heart and willing attitude to invest in the next generation of rising athletes. We will train you and give you all the resources you need.



Please contact Lisa Kirk,
Lisa@mceachernumc.org.



NEXT MEETING:

JULY 12TH

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.

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



Guest Speaker:
MUMC Member, Roger Peters

Join **McEachern Memorial United Methodist Church**
for a course hosted in collaboration with



UMC 101

5 SESSIONS | TUESDAYS, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM | AUGUST 4, 11, 18, 25, AND SEPTEMBER 1

Discover Methodism as a way of life, exploring its origins with John and Charles Wesley, its core beliefs and practices, and how the movement continues in a changing world.

This course is made possible by The Bill Mallard Lay Theology Institute Endowment, honoring the memory of distinguished and beloved long-time Candler professor of church history, Bill Mallard.



FACILITATED BY:
DR. BRETT OPALINSKI

*Assistant Dean of
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Church Leadership*

NURSERY MINISTRY

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



NOW 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 this Summer from 9:30-10:45 as we journey through the Bible together through Bible games! We start each morning with 15 minutes of WeeJoice Children's Choir. We then head to our small groups to explore the Bible lesson and game with our age group.



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!

If you are willing to serve at VBS, contact Lora! Register on the Children's Page of the website!



Summer Sunday School
Bible Games, 9:30-10:40

Family Hosted Playdates
Sign up online to host or join!



Vacation Bible School
July 20-23, 5-8:30pm

We Love
Pastor Cindy



Too Cool at
Sunday School



FIND US ONLINE

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



STUDENT MINISTRY

Weekly Events

McEachern UMC YOUTH SUMMER '26

Wed

SERVICE PROJECT & MI MEXICO

Each Wednesday during the summer from June 3 to July 15 we will be serving school bag lunches with MUST Ministries and McEachern UMC Missions Team. Meet at the church at 5 PM at Lula Dobbs. Service Project time is from 5-6:30 PM. Afterwards, we will cross the street to grab dinner together at Mi Mexico until 8:30 PM. Drop-off at the church and pick-up at Mi Mexico. Bring money to cover your meal.

Sun

SUMMER RENEW

Summer RENEW is what we call our Sunday morning youth class that meets each Sunday from 9:30-10:45 AM in the Youth Suite (F329). Join us for pop-tarts, games, and discussion groups.

July

6-10

YOUTH WEEK

Youth Week is back for 2026, we have an event for each day of the week. Register and pay online for each event.

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ESCAPE ROOM

We are going to The Battery to experience The Escape Game as a fun way to start off Youth Week. Time is 9 AM to 3 PM. Drop-off and pick-up at the church back parking lot (Oaks Hall). Cost is \$40 per person. Registration required. Cost covers entry to event, transportation, and lunch.

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GWINNETT BRAVES GAME

Tuesday of Youth Week has us going out to the ballpark for baseball and hot dogs. Time is 4:00-11:30 PM. Drop-off and pick-up at the church back parking lot (Oaks Hall). Cost is \$20 per person. Registration required. Cost covers entry to event and transportation.

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TRIBES

Tribes is back for 2026! We will be inside and outside playing games to win points to see if your tribe will take home the trophy this year. We will start and end in the Youth Suite (F329). Time is 6-9 PM. Eat before you arrive.

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HELEN TUBING TRIP

We are heading to Helen, Ga to tube down the Chattahoochee River. Time is 8 AM to 8 PM. Cost is \$50 per person. Cost covers event, transportation and lunch. Wear water appropriate clothing and water shoes. Drop-off and pick-up at the church back parking lot (Oaks Hall).

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ADVENTURE AIR

To close out Youth Week, we are headed to Adventure Air in Kennesaw for a hopping good time! We will meet at 10 AM and be back to the church by 1:30 PM. Drop-off and pick-up at the church back parking lot (Oaks Hall). Cost is \$30 per person. Cost covers event entry, transportation, and pizza lunch. Registration required.

20-23

VBS

The youth each year help as volunteers at VBS (Vacation Bible School) with our Children's Ministry. VBS will be in the evenings starting at 4:30 PM until 8:45 PM. Please register to help at this event.



FOLLOW US ON SOCIALS!

 @mceachernumc_students

More info at

[MCEACHERNUMC.ORG/STUDENT](https://mceachernumc.org/student)



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MMUMC Women's Ministry

NO MEETING IN JULY

Next Meeting:
August 2 @ 5 PM
Room F326

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
mplunkett@bellsouth.net

SENIOR ADULTS MINISTRY

JULY

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 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 enjoy social events with a different program each month. If you are 55+ and would like to join this exciting group and receive informational emails, contact Nancy Burkhardt, nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org or call 770.943.3008 X 5002. You will be warmly welcomed.

Due to the July 4th holiday, the July luncheon will be held on Friday, July 10 at 11:30am in Lula Dobbs Hall. Join this fun group for a presentation by our own Nick Kammerdiener on the important subject of Cyber Security. We will enjoy grilled hamburgers and hot dogs . . . just bring your favorite side.



PREVIEW: Don't miss the August pot luck luncheon!
Our own dear Pastor Cindy will share her ministry memories and journey at MMUMC.

CARE & COUNSELING MINISTRY



Are you hurting, grieving, stressed
or just need someone to talk with?
You do not have to go through it alone.

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.

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

Join our Prayer Shawl Ministry! Whether you are an experienced knitter or just want to learn how to knit or crochet, we invite you to join one of our two groups that meet weekly to knit and crochet prayer shawls for those in hospitals, home-bound, in assisting living or in nursing homes. These prayer shawls bring warmth and love to those who need it most. Become a part of this wonderful ministry to bless others! Groups meet on Thursdays ~ 10:00 AM-noon ~ Room F320
AND Thursdays ~ 1:00-3:00 PM ~ Room F322.



For more information, please contact Nancy at nburkhardt@mceachernumc.org.

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!!! And only serve when 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



A Murphy-Harpst "Thank You!"

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who served at the Fun Friday Event on June 12th. Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and love with the youth at Murphy-Harpst!



Mourning The Passing of Rev. Dr. Gary MacDonald of The Murphy-Harpst Center Family



We do have sad news to share about the unexpected passing of beloved Rev. Dr. Gary MacDonald, Director of Church Stewardship at Murphy-Harpst. Many of us at MMUMC knew Gary through his work and our long-standing relationship with Murphy-Harpst. He will be missed by his family, everyone at M-H and all who knew him and shared his passion for helping Georgia's foster children. The MacDonald family has requested in lieu of flowers, that memorial gifts be directed to Murphy-Harpst Children's Center.

MUST Summer Lunch Distribution Continues Through July 29

The MUST Summer Lunch distribution continues every **Wednesday** through **Sunday, July 29, from 5:30-6:30 PM**. Come greet your neighbors and share in the fun! If you'd like to participate, contact either Julie Beem at juliebeamatn@gmail.com or Beth Green at beth.green4@gmail.com.



Food Pantry Special Donation Drive

Thank you for your ongoing, faithful support of our Food Pantry!



We received a **special request** to collect specific hygiene items for young men in need at McEachern High School. From now **through July 26th**, we will collect the following items in the Food Pantry Bins and Front Office:

**BAR SOAP - BODY WASH - SHAMPOO - CONDITIONER
ANTIPERSPIRANT/DEODORANT - TOOTHPASTE - TOOTHBRUSHES**



Back-to-School Coming Soon!

Before you know it, it will be Back to School. Mark your calendars for these back to school events:



- **July 30** - Back to School Teacher Brunch/Lunch
- **August 1st** - 9 AM Prayer Walk at Compton Elementary followed by Prayer Walk at MMUMC Pre-school
- **August 3rd** - First Day of School Greeters, 7AM Compton Elementary

To volunteer or for more information, contact Cindy Teate at cindyteate@gmail.com.

CONTACT US

Church Office: 770.943.3008

Fax: 770.943.9664

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. Dr. 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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