### **Opportunities to Connect and Serve Today**

Youth Fellowship, 10AM in the Youth Room (Chris Hester 678-936-5127, chrishester 23@gmail.com)

Love on Tap Planning 12:30PM, Dogwood Room below the Sanctuary (Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, rob.bruce@ngumc.net)

Bonnie Circle 3PM in Stewart Hall (Cathy Cudd 678-467-3070, cccduluth@ymail.com)

### **Opportunities To Connect and Serve This Week**

Monday, Dec. 2

Wesley Group 7PM at the home of Anita and David Sweet (770-539-4411, sweet062602@gmail.com)

#### • Tuesday, Dec. 3

Women's AA 9AM, Dogwood Room below the Sanctuary (church office 770-532-3160, angelaivey986@gmail.com)

Crafting Squad 11AM, Dogwood Room beneath the Sanctuary (Nancy Maddox, 770-536-9049, nancycmad@yahoo.com)

Good News at Noon, 7PM at Good News (Jean Prezel 678-720-6945, jeanprezel@gmail.com)

Bible Study, 7PM in the Dogwood Room below the Sanctuary (Chris Hester 678-936-5127, chrishester 23@gmail.com)

Narcotics Anonymous 7:30PM, Dogwood Room (Brandon 770-534-7282)

#### • Wednesday, Dec. 4

Women's AA 9AM, Dogwood Room below the Sanctuary (church office 770-532-3160, angelaivey986@gmail.com)

Fellowship Devotion Group 9:30AM Curt's Restaurant (Lamar Jordan 770-536-9043, ljordan4751@charter.net)

Psalm Prayer Partners 11:30AM, Church Library off the Sanctuary (Lamar Jordan 770-536-9043, ljordan4751@charter.net)

Choir Practice 7PM in the Sanctuary (Lisa Crow 678-983-1620, lisaandmerm@yahoo.com)

#### • Thursday, Dec. 5

Women's AA 9AM, Dogwood Room below the Sanctuary (church office 770-532-3160, angelaivey986@gmail.com)

Young Wesley Small Group 7PM at the home of Jennifer and Johnny Sepulveda (678-989-8779, jsep41914@gmail.com)

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### **Opportunities To Connect and Serve This Week**

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#### • Thursday, Dec. 5

Wesley Small Group 7PM at the home of Sherry and Rob Bruce (404-906-8276, rob.bruce@ngumc.net)

#### • Sunday, Dec. 8

Love on Tap 4PM at Left Nut Brewing (Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, rob.bruce@ngumc.net)

## **Invite Others During Advent**

According to recent research about worship, families want to bring greater meaning to Christmas preparations. There is no better time to invite friends or family than the season of Advent (Sundays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 and Christmas Eve.)

This year our Advent service will feature more Christmas music and sermons influenced by the Christmas Song "Do You Hear What I Hear?" This well known Christmas song was written as a plea for peace (and also a protest of the commercialization of Christmas) during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

In this time of political turmoil and a world that seems to be in chaos, we all need the "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" that "God with us" Emmanuel promises to bring. Make sure you offer invitations to this important series.

# Realm is coming!

Our church is moving to a new kind of church record keeping solution called Realm ®. It primarily serves the administrative needs of our staff, but it also offers some exciting opportunities to support the way you are involved in our church. Not only



will this improve work life for our ministry staff, it will make it easier for our church family to connect with each other, keep up with what's going on, and grow as a connected community of believers.

There are three things you should know before we highlight what you can do:

- 1. We're updating the administrative tools our staff uses to run the daily operations of our church.
- 2. We're adding more ways to communicate and connect as a church, all while leaving current methods in place.
- 3. You can determine how much you want to make this part of your experience with our church, but we encourage you to participate.



# **Help Plan Love on Tap**

Today at 12:30 PM, Rob will be leading a planning meeting for Love on Tap for 2020 events.

Anyone is invited that would like to help. We will meet in the Dogwood Room.

# **Bonnie Circle Today**

Bonnie Circle will meet today @ 3 pm in Stewart Hall, to prepare Christmas gifts for Country Heritage Assisted Living. You are welcome to come for a very short meeting & share in the joy of giving to our Assisted Living friends.

# **Church-wide Christmas Party is Dec. 8**

Again this year, the Small Groups and Sunday School classes will sponsor a Church-wide Christmas celebration between 10 am and 11 am on Dec 8.

These groups will provide light holiday snacks and give a quick update on their group's purpose and activities.

Also, the Wright Family Brass Choir, along with other members of the Church, will play Christmas Carols and songs for all to enjoy and sing.

If you play an instrument, please plan to join us on Sunday morning for fun and fellowship. For more info, or if you would like a copy of the music before Dec. 8, contact John Wright at *johnwright1950@bellsouth.net* or 404-281-9820.

### **Christmas Gathering Planned**

Plan to join us at the annual Christmas Fellowship sponsored by the McEver Road UMC Men's Club. It will be on Saturday, Dec. 14th at 9AM at Curt's Restaurant. Everyone in the church is invited and encouraged to come and enjoy some time together during this busy season.

Contact Lloyd Smee (770-654-6558, l.smee@charter.net) for details and to sign up.

#### **Thank You**

Many thanks to our church family for all the cards, calls, prayers, and other expressions of love after the passing of our Dad, Leonard Stewart. This has been a season of grieving for us and you have made it much easier on us through your acts of compassion.

Mike and Suanne Stewart



#### **McEver Road UMC is Praying For:**

Dixie Barnes, Jenny Ocon and Family, Jessica Owen, Fern Patterson, John Shay, Chuck Smith, Family of Leonard Stewart, Crystal Stipek, Susan Ward

#### **Continued Prayers For:**

Bill and Liz Anderson, Jim and Claudia Barr, Noel and Betsy Bassett, Beth Beecher, Jim Burton, Kimiko Carlson, Bill Carman, Bran-

don Cartledge, Wayne Colston, Tom Cooper, Wayne Davidson, Natalie Donatelli, Martha Farr, Shari Gwaltney, Paul and Nan Hagerty, Linda Hewell, Jill Johnson, Michele Lecorchic, Carolyn Lindsley, Thomas Lindsley, Mark Mobarry, Paul Mobarry, Miguel Molina, Celeste Mullins, Jeff Palulis, Jean Pool, Martha Shay, Shelly Simpson, Lloyd and Florence Smee, Andrea Steptowe, Kya Strickland, Connie Towe, Hannah Turcotte, Sharon Walton, Ronnie and Kathy Wheeler, Teresa Wheeler, Linda Yocum, John Young

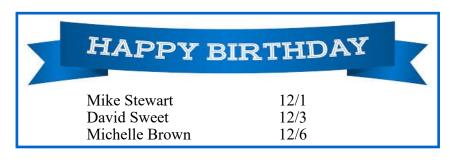
#### **Our Service Men and Women:**

Chris Anderson, Ryan Cantrell, Breanna Cantrell, Christian Edens, Maribel Edens, Robby Harrison, Travis Hutchinson, Kiernan Kane, Tim & Heather Megee, Jacob Miller, Zachary Peterson

#### **Missionaries:**

Ashley Johnson, Christie & Rick Krueger, Ann Milligan

Please contact the church office (770-532-3160) or the Jordans (770-536-9043, ljordan4751@charter.net) for updates to the prayer list.





Bill and Lavonne Venable 12/5 Tiger and Memoree Emerson 12/5

#### **Church Wi-Fi**

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# Today's Worship 1st Sunday in Advent December 1, 2019



**Today's Message: Do You Here What I Here?** Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce **Today's Scripture:** Matthew 24:36-44 (NRSV)

**9AM Hymns:** UMC Hymnal #211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMC Hymnal #218 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" UMC Hymnal #254 "We Three Kings" v. 1

### **Today's Servants**

**9AM Counters:** Nan Hagerty and Dee Pearson **11:15 Counters:** Susan Dover and Renee Brown

**9AM Greeters:** Jill and Garry Glenn, Ed Barnes

9AM Tech Booth: Heather Taylor (12/8 Nancie Daugherty) 11:15AM Tech Booth: Lynda Price (12/8 Ben Buchan) 9AM Prayer for Illumination: Susan Ward (12/8 Anita Sweet)

Next Week's Spirit Café: Pat Adams, Heather Barrera, Cathy Cudd, Rose Owen

Next Week's Sermon: Are We Near What John's Near? Matthew 3:1-12



Loving Christ Loving People Helping People Love Christ

#### Welcome! We're Glad You're Here!



We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, filthy rich, dirt poor. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds.

We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like our pastor who can't carry a note

in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Methodist than Asbury, or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters.

We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion;" we've been there too.

If you blew all your offering money at the dog track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts and you!

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