

## Opportunities to Connect and Serve Today

Youth Fellowship, 10AM in the Youth Room  
(Chris Hester 678-936-5127, chrishester23@gmail.com)

Churchwide Christmas Party 10AM in Stewart Hall

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

## Opportunities To Connect and Serve This Week

*(Continued from previous panel)*

- **Thursday, Dec. 12**  
Women's AA 9AM, Dogwood Room below the Sanctuary (church office 770-532-3160, angelaivey986@gmail.com)
- **Friday, Dec. 13**  
Highsteppers to Living Christmas Tree, leave church parking lot by bus at 6:30PM (Lynne Tryon 561-714-4950)
- **Saturday, Dec. 14**  
Christmas Fellowship 9AM at Curt's Restaurant (Lloyd Smee 770-654-6558, l.smee@charter.net)  
  
Serve at Food Pantry 10AM at South Hall Community Food Pantry (Jackie Buchan 678-313-8893, jackiebuchan@charter.net)
- **Sunday, Dec. 15**  
Leadership Team 2PM, Dogwood Room located the Sanctuary (Debbie Durrence 678-333-1214, debbie.durrence@gmail.com)  
  
Worship Team Meeting 5:30PM online via Zoom (Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, rob.bruce@ngumc.net)

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- **Monday, Dec. 9**  
Beta Sigma Phi, Alpha Delta Master Chapter, 10AM in the Dogwood Room beneath the Sanctuary (Nancy Updegrave, 770-534-7935, nupdegrave@bellsouth.net)  
  
Serve at Food Pantry 4PM at South Hall Community Food Pantry (Jackie Buchan 678-313-8893, jackiebuchan@charter.net)  
  
Emmaus Group 6:30PM in the Church Library off the Sanctuary (Wanda Dill 770-654-0347, wanda.dill@gmail.com)  
  
Psalm Prayer Partners 7PM at the home of Anita and David Sweet (770-539-4411, sweet062602@gmail.com)
- **Tuesday, Dec. 10**  
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, nancymad@yahoo.com)  
  
Alpha Delta Kappa Meeting, 3:30PM, Dogwood Room beneath the Sanctuary (Jean Prezel 678-720-6945, jeanprezel@gmail.com)  
  
Narcotics Anonymous 7:30PM, Dogwood Room (Brandon 770-534-7282)
- **Wednesday, Dec. 11**  
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)  
  
Church Conference and Dinner 6:30PM in Stewart Hall (Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, rob.bruce@ngumc.net)  
  
Choir Practice 7PM in the Sanctuary (Lisa Crow 678-983-1620, lisaandmerm@yahoo.com )

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## Dinner and Church Conference Wednesday

Be sure to join us for the church dinner this Wednesday. The menu will include roast beef, potatoes Dianne, and vegetable medley.

During dinner, we will have a church conference to make a decision on the purchase of property on McEver and J White Road. Our District Superintendent will join us to lead the meeting.

## Food Pantry News

Thank you McEverites so much for 'Voting' for Rice vs Beans. 88 lbs of rice beat 74 lbs of beans! Your generosity helps our neighbors in need!



Next opportunity to serve at the Pantry is Monday, Dec 9 from 4-6pm & Saturday, Dec 14 from 10-12pm.

## Our Service to Others

Last week we had 16 people active in service to 100 individuals, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, home visits (Jill and Garry Glenn), Country Heritage (Dee Pearson, Susan Ward, Charlotte Breese, Rose Lively, Jeannette Christman, Trisha Cooper, Sue Terwilliger), and South Hall Community Food Pantry (Jean and Jim Prezel; Jennifer, Layla and Sydney Sepulveda; Linda Breese; and Jackie Buchan).

Please note your service to others this past week on your communication card and place it in the offering plate.

## Highsteppers to See Living Christmas Tree

The Highsteppers will be going to the Living Christmas Tree at the First Baptist Church in Gainesville on Friday, December 13th at 7:30.

The bus will leave the church at 6:30. Please let me know (561-714-4950) if you want to attend. So far we have Marge Chapin, Beverly Englar, The Undegroves, Dick & Lynne, Ruby & John.

This is a wonderful program and I know you will enjoy the performance. There is no cost for attending; however, they usually ask for a food donation for the Food Pantry. Looking forward to a great trip.

*Lynne Tryon*

## Church-wide Christmas Party Today

Be sure to join us today for our Church-wide Christmas celebration between 10 am and 11 am.

Our Sunday School and small 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.

## 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.

## Christmas Card Project Update

Your generous donations enabled us to send this many Christmas cards this year:

My Sister's Place - 50  
Under the Bridge Ministry - 106  
Family Promise -268  
Heritage - 180  
Wakulla - 175  
Arrendale - 2100  
Arrendale (all occasion) - 161  
My Sister's Place (all occasion) - 200

*Total - 3240 cards distributed*

Thanks to all for bring the message of Christmas to so many people who are often forgotten.



**McEver Road UMC is Praying For:**

Dixie Barnes, Dorothy Carter, Jenny Ocon and Family, Fern Patterson, John Shay, Chuck Smith, 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, Brandon 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 Mobarra, Paul Mobarra, 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](mailto:ljordan4751@charter.net)) for updates to the prayer list.

**Today's Worship  
2nd Sunday in Advent  
December 8, 2019**



**McEver Road**  
United Methodist Church

*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!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Nancie Daugherty	12/08
Joshua Siderakis	12/10
Bob Wilder	12/14

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** Mike and Vickie Fieser 12/8

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**Today's Message:** Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce  
**Are We Near What John's Near?**

**Today's Scripture:** Matthew 3:1-12 (NRSV)

**9AM Hymns:** UMC Hymnal #246 "Joy to the World"  
UMC Hymnal #245 "The First Noel"  
UMC Hymnal #219 "What Child Is This?" v. 1

**Today's Servants**

**9AM Counters:** Mike Hollimon and Linda Breese  
**11:15 Counters:** Susan Dover and Renee Brown

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

**9AM Tech Booth:** Nancie Daugherty (12/15 Nancie Daugherty)  
**11:15AM Tech Booth:** Ben Buchan (12/15 Lynda Price)

**9AM Prayer for Illumination:** Anita Sweet (12/15 Hector Barrera)

**Next Week's Spirit Café:** Christine Cave, Nancie Daugherty, Rose Lively

**Next Week's Sermon:**  
**Do I Hear What You See?**  
Matthew 11:2-11

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