

Today's Worship
November 29, 2020
First Sunday in Advent

GATHERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce

OPENING PRAYER

Garry Glenn

HYMN: Joy To The World

PASTORAL PRAYER

Garry Glenn

THE LORDS PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:1-7 (NRSV)

9 But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

HYMN O Come Emmanuel

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON: #More Light

Rev. Bruce

HYMN: The First Noel

BENEDICTION Garry Glenn

Don't Know What a Hashtag Is?

Think of hashtags as a way to connect social media content to a specific topic, event, theme or conversation. They also make it easier to discover posts around those specific topics, because hashtags aggregate all social media content with that same hashtag. Hashtags are always preceded by the use of #. For example, #mcever would enable a user of social media to follow all posts dealing with #mcever. The social media app Twitter popularized the use of hashtags. You might have heard about "tweets" and wondered what they were. They are posts on Twitter.

Sunday Worship Location and Time

The Traditional service meets at Flowery Branch UMC at 9AM. We are still live streaming this service as well. The Current service continues to be recorded and made available by Saturday evening.

For in person worship, please reserve with Angela at 770-532-3160 (leave a message any time) or angelaivey968@gmail.com. Please reserve by the Thursday before the Sunday you plan to attend. We follow all CDC guidelines, including wearing a mask.

Adult Sunday School Invites You

Our Adult Sunday School program reminds you that "open enrollment" season for small groups continues year 'round. We invite you to check out all of the small group opportunities.

"Joyful Noise" gathers at the Annex at 10:15 on Sunday, and we start our discussion at 10:30. You are welcome to come by after church and check us out. For more info, contact John Wright (770-967-1950) grampajohngrumps@gmail.com

Also, the Garry Glenn class will be starting Sunday School back up in person this Sunday (11/22) at the Bagley Annex. The class will start at 10:15-ish. There should be enough room for folks to keep apart and all will wear masks. If you feel comfortable, please join us!

For an online (Zoom) option, check out the Current Hearts group on Sunday mornings at 10:00. For more information, contact Debbie Durrence at 678-833-1214 or debbie.durrence@gmail.com.

Agape Ministry: Cups of Kindness

The scripture verses from the Gospel of Luke, in which Jesus tells his disciples, "Be compassionate, just as your father is compassionate." ([Luke 6:36](#)) is a call to action to model God's loving kindness and compassion to all people.

During the past 7 months of this pandemic, many of our hospital staff have been suffering from compassion fatigue. Staff have had to put their own families' needs aside to focus on the increasing demands of those who are sick and hospitalized. Often, there is little acknowledgment for their hard work or time for staff (nurses, doctors and patient techs) to grieve the sadness of a patient, who has passed away. One of the ways I would like to invite you to show compassion and love for our community is by joining me in a new project called "Cups of Kindness." Cups of Kindness are organized by Agape ministry, a new ministry carried out both virtually and in person at McEver Rd.

The vision of Agape Ministry is to gather a community of people to lead devotion together and pray together for our hospital community as we assemble Cups of Kindness. Each cup of kindness consists of a paper cup packed with chocolate, candy, mints, tea bag, a chap stick and an encouraging note inside to provide a soothing balm for the soul.

How you can help? I am looking for a group of volunteers—approximately 5-10 (no age preference!) to help make these cups, by assembling these awesome items into the cups and praying for the recipient. After a patient dies, one of our chaplains will deliver a few of these cups of kindness to the staff who were involved in the patient's care as a way to show them they were valued and loved by our community.

I am so excited about connecting the hearts of our McEver Rd community to the hospital staff at Northeast Georgia Medical Center. If you are interested in donating items or joining Agape Ministry Group, please text or call me, Karen, at 678-938-2887.

Please join me in prayer for our new ministry opportunity.

In Christ's love,

Reverend Karen



McEver Road UMC is Praying For:

Jack Anderson, Family of Brenda Crow, Becky Smith, Donna Smith

Continued Prayers For:

Pat Adams, Bill and Liz Anderson, Noel and Betsy Bassett, Jim Burton, Kimiko Carlson, Bill Carman, Brandon Cartledge, Judy Chosewood, Jan Christian, Gary Clark, Tom Cooper, Terry Dale, Wayne Davidson, Natalie

Donatelli, Martha Farr, Dick Fleming, Shari Gwaltney, Paul and Nan Hagerty, Linda Hewell, Jill Johnson, Michele Lecorchic, Carolyn Lindsley, Thomas Lindsley, Mark Mobarry, Paul Mobarry, Celeste Mullins, Jeff Palulis, Fern Patterson, Jean Pool, Martha Shay, Shelly Simpson, Lloyd and Florence Smee, Andrea Steptowe, Kya Strickland, Connie Towe, Hannah Turcotte, Sharon Walton, Teresa Wheeler, Linda Yocum, John Young, those fighting cancer

Our Service Men and Women:

Chris Anderson, Ryan Cantrell, Breanna Cantrell, Christian Edens, Maribel Edens, Robby Harrison, Travis Hutchinson, Kiernan Kane, Keenen McDaniel, Mason McDaniel, Jacob Miller, Zachary Peterson, Darrell Scales

Missionaries:

Ashley Johnson, Christie and 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.

This Week At a Glance

Today

Children’s Sunday School 9:15AM online
(Chris Hester 678-936-5127, chrishester23@gmail.com)

Joyful Noise Sunday School class 10:15AM, Bagley Annex
(John Wright 770-967-1950, grampajohngrumps@gmail.com)

Garry Glenn’s Sunday School class 10:15, Bagley Annex
(Garry Glenn 678-617-8073, rgglenn@aim.com)

Current Hearts Adult Sunday School class 10AM online
(Debbie Durrence 678-833-1214, debbie.durrence@gmail.com)

Tuesday, Dec. 1

Bible Study 7PM Bagley Annex and virtual
(Chris Hester: chrishester23@gmail.com or 678-936-5127)

Thursday, Dec. 3

Bible Study 10:30AM virtual
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, rob.bruce@ngumc.net)

Young Wesley Small Group 7PM virtual
(Jennifer Sepulveda 678-780-6421, jsep41914@gmail.com)

Wesley Small Group 7PM virtual
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, rob.bruce@ngumc.net)

Sunday, Dec. 6

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Next Week’s Sermon:
#More Hope
Luke 1:5-25, Luke 1:57-80



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A United Methodist Community

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

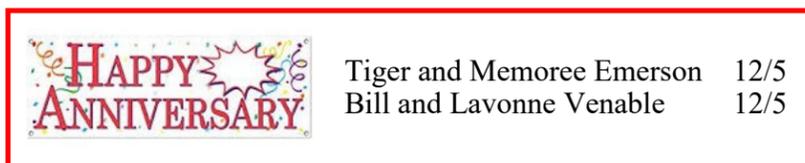
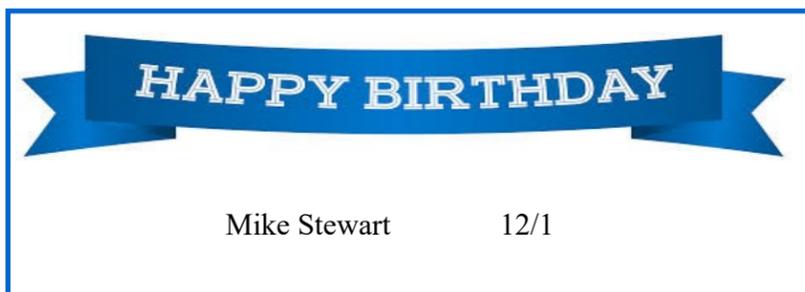
in a bucket. You’re welcome here if you’re “just browsing,” just woke up or just got out of jail. We don’t care if you’re more Methodist than Asbury, or haven’t been in church since little Joey’s Baptism.

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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