

New Sunday Worship Location and Time

Good news! Starting Sunday Nov. 15, the Traditional service will be meeting inside at Flowery Branch UMC! The time will change from 11AM to 9AM. We will still live stream this service as well. The Current Service will continue to be recorded and made available by Saturday Evening. Now, we will have to follow Flowery Branch's protocols for meeting indoors during this pandemic. So, there will be more information to come about this.

Thankful Sunday

Thankful Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, Nov. 22. Once again, we will be asking our church family to share what they are particularly grateful for this year. If weather permits, you will be able to share in person. We will provide you with a wireless mic. Or if you prefer, you can give us a written statement of what you are thankful for and Rob or the liturgist for the day will read it. Also, you can record a video or audio spot and we will use it on our recorded Current service. If you would like yours read on the Current service, please email it to Rob by Nov. 21.

Choir, Anyone?

We are considering starting back the choir. This would of course be a modified version with socially distanced rehearsals. If you would like to participate, please contact Bethany Blanton (229-603-4315, bethblanton2010@hotmail.com) or the church office (770-532-3160, angelaivey968@gmail.com).

Agape Ministry

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