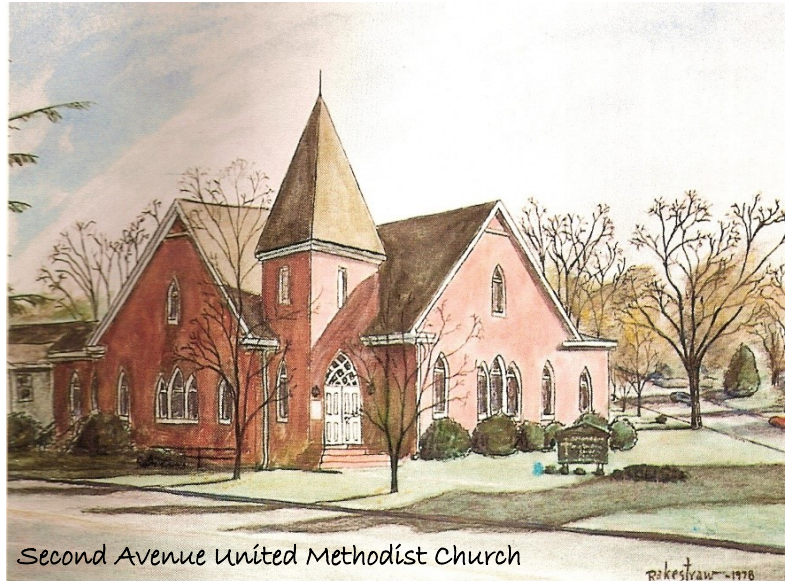


Second Helpings

Second Avenue United Methodist Church ~ April 2019

Special Events in April

- April 13—Churchwide Work Day
- April 14—Palm Sunday Easter Cantata
- April 15-18—Community Holy Week Services at Second Avenue Baptist
- April 18—Soup & Salad Supper & Maundy Thursday Program
- April 19—Good Friday Service
- April 20—Easter Egg Hunt at Upshaws
- April 21—Easter Sunday
- April 25—Keenagers
- April 28—Astin (Lester) Shower
- April 30—Meals & More



Our Mission: 'Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World'
Our Vision: 'Knowing Christ & Making Christ'

Easter Season

The Easter Season, also known as the Great Fifty Days, begins at sunset Easter Eve and continues through the Day of Pentecost. It is the most joyous and celebrative season of the Christian year. It focuses on Christ's resurrection and ascension and on the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Easter and the Day of Pentecost.

The Sunday lessons for preaching during the season offer us an opportunity to explore the mystery of Easter through appearances of Jesus after the resurrection. Over these six Sundays, we seek to understand the meaning of resurrection in our lives as those who have died and been raised with Christ through baptism.

The ancient Christian name for this festival is Pasch, derived from the Hebrew *pesah* ("deliverance" or "Passover"), thus connecting the Resurrection to the Exodus. The origin of the English word Easter is disputed but may come from the Anglo-Saxon spring goddess Eastre and her festival.

White and gold are the colors for the season, displayed in materials of the finest texture, along with flowers of all colors. A focus on the baptismal font is appropriate throughout the season. A large freestanding white candle called a paschal candle is used at every service during this season and at baptisms and funerals during the rest of the year.

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published by the United Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tennessee, 1992.*

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



There are many significant victories in history—those of you who are history buffs, you can tell us all the significant battles won in the world history. I love history. I can name a few victories that were significant—that changed the course of history. The Battle of Vienna during Austria-Ottoman War. This is the battle in which the Ottoman Turks were defeated, otherwise, Europe would become Muslim. The Battle of Waterloo, where Napoleon was finally defeated and the French dominion of Europe ended. If Napoleon continued, there would've been no Europe, just France. The Battle of Yorktown where we gained independence from the British. The Battle of Antietam and the Battle of Gettysburg, which forever changed the trajectory of our nation's history. The Battle of Stalingrad, where the Nazis were defeated. I can go on and on and on, and I bet you can name a few others.

But the most significant battle that has been won in human history is what we celebrate on Easter and every Sunday. There is no other victory more influential than this victory. It is the battle that our Lord Jesus fought and won. It is the battle against sin and death. In 2006, when I was in Russia, I heard a story while I was visiting a Russian Orthodox church near Moscow: During the Soviet Era, not only did the Communist discourage faith, Christians were persecuted and put to death. One Sunday, the communists had gathered men in the city square for a communist rally of some sort, and it happened to be the day after Resurrection Feast. One in the crowd shouted, "Christ is risen!" and the crowd shouted back "He is risen indeed." No one had forgotten the ultimate victory; they all had tears in their eyes.

In the city of Durban, South Africa, a city riddled with poverty, violence and disease, there are just huts and shacks filled with people, over a million of them. Nobody would go there voluntarily. And in the city's poorest area, there is an orphanage. And every single child and toddler and baby has AIDS. Some look like normal kids, others have open legions and severe deformity. The only people who would go in there are Christians. The children there know the Lord's Prayer by heart. The children there sing "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so!" with gestures and they sing it so enthusiastically. This is only possible because Jesus conquered sin and death and his followers were transformed by this ultimate victory.

Jesus won this victory for you! Let your life shine so that people know what you know and live that victory! A Happy Easter!

Your Pastor,
Millie

APRIL SERMON SCRIPTURE

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|-----------------|--|
| April 07 | Isaiah 53:1-5 John 12:1-8 "Risking Rejection" |
| April 14 | "It Is Finished" Easter Cantata |
| April 21 | 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 John 20:1-18 "Victory in Jesus" |
| April 28 | Proverbs 17:17-20 John 20:19-31 "Lasting Friendship" |
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Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper



Joyful Noise Music Class



United Methodist Women 150th Year Anniversary Celebration



Confirmation Retreat



April Birthdays

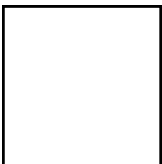
4/02 Bill Carver
4/07 Steve Davis
4/07 Kami Shetter-Flanery
4/08 Amy Astin
4/09 Anthony Colombo
4/09 Scottie Edwards
4/16 Carl Alexander
4/17 Herb Brown
4/21 Adam Rogers
4/21 Lauren Rogers
4/23 Bill Mathis
4/25 Rhonda Upshaw
4/26 Carol Edwards

April Anniversaries

4/06 Lee & Rhonda Upshaw
4/10 Nancy & Terry Clift

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

If we haven't included your anniversary or birthday, please contact JoAnn Baker in the church office (706.234.6406). We want to celebrate with you!



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Average Worship Attendance in March: 77
Financial giving in March: \$21,906
Budgeted amount needed as of March: \$56,919
Budgeted amount given as of March: \$50,910

Church Grounds Workday

Saturday, April 13 ~ 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Join us at the church to help tend the bushes and tidy up inside and out to prepare our church home to welcome guests this Easter season. Bring your pruning and gardening tools and indoor cleaning supplies.

Mission Project for Lent—Venezuela NOW

During the season of Lent, we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter resurrection with acts of love and charity for our neighbors in need. We invite you to participate with our congregation as we stand in the gap for God's people in Venezuela! We will be collecting funds with a goal of \$3,000 which will be used to purchase a shipping crate, buy prescription medicines, and ship the crate to Venezuela. The crate will also contain over the counter medicines as well as foods like dried rice and beans and powdered infant formula.

Please pray and give as you feel led to help. As of Sunday, March 24, we have collected \$1,420! Praise the Lord!

Blessings and Gratitude

Thanks for the prayer gram about me recently.
It must have helped as I am better.

Former member Bill Ware

Dear Friends,

Thank you, again, for giving to support the ministries of Red Bird Mission and Red Bird Clinic. Your giving makes a difference for now and eternity.

Grace and Peace,
Tim Crawford, Development Director

Men's and Women's Fellowship

The **Men's Club** will meet on Monday, April 8, at 6:00 p.m. at Provino's. Contact Terry Clift at 706-506-4205 or terryclift@me.com for details.

The **United Methodist Women** will not meet this month due to Holy Week. We really hope you will come join us next month for our annual Mother-Daughter Banquet. For more info, please contact Nancy Davis @ 706-936-8152.

SECOND HELPINGS

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall
mount up with WINGS like eagles... Isaiah 40:31

Worship...

Easter Flowers:

Please make a donation toward the purchase of one large white flower arrangement to adorn the altar on Easter Sunday. Please submit donations by April 14 along with the name(s) of those honored or remembered by your gift.

Holy Week:

Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us in remembering these most holy days of the Christian year.
April 14 ~ 11 a.m. ~ Palm Sunday
The choir will perform their Easter cantata musical, "It Is Finished."

April 15-April 17 ~ Noon ~ Second Avenue Baptist Church (823 E. Second Avenue)

We are hosting this year's Community Holy Week Service with Second Avenue Baptist Church. On Monday, we will provide lunch and our Choir Director, Susan Pierce will conduct the combined choir on Wednesday. We need volunteers to bring soup and serve food on Monday, April 15. Those who would like to sing with the combined choir, please be at Second Avenue Baptist Church Sanctuary by 11:30am each day (April 15-17). You do not need to be a choir member to join the combined choir.

- Monday, April 15—Rev. Shari Rates preaching
- Tuesday, April 16—Rev. John Herring preaching
- Wed., April 17—Rev. Nancy Hicks preaching

Maundy Thursday, April 18 ~ 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner followed by Maundy Thursday Program in the Fellowship Hall.

Good Friday, March 30 ~ 6:00 p.m.
Service of prayer, singing, special music, and scripture for the night of Jesus' death and burial. It is a traditional Tenebrae Service.

Easter Cross:

Please bring fresh cut flowers and greenery from your garden or yard (or the store) on Easter Sunday, April 21. Beginning at 9:45 a.m., we will adorn the cross on the church's lawn to celebrate and witness to the resurrection.

Invite...

Easter Cantata:

Mark your calendar and invite a friend to join us on Palm Sunday, April 14, for our upcoming Easter cantata, "It Is Finished" by Mary McDonald.

Nurture...

Easter Egg Hunt & Family Picnic:

Saturday, April 20 ~ 11:00 ~ Home of Upshaws
Adults and children of all ages are invited for a family picnic. Children will have an egg hunt, crafts, jumpy house & games. Lunch provided. Bring your own chair and a side dish or dessert and come join the fun! Financial contributions and donations of candy for the eggs are appreciated.

Keenagers:

Thursday, April 25

Sign up on the sheet outside the church office to join us for visit to the Atlanta History Center and the Cyclorama followed by lunch at Swan House. Watch upcoming bulletins for details.

Baby Shower:

Sunday, April 28 ~ 2:00 p.m.

All are invited to join us for a baby shower in the Fellowship Hall as we celebrate with Amy Astin's son and daughter-in-law, Chad and Kritin Lester. They are expecting an boy and are registered at Target.

Grow...

Rome Area Prayer Breakfast:

Thursday, May 2 ~ 7:00 a.m.

The 2019 Rome Area Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Forum River Center on the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 2, 7:00-8:30 a.m. (doors open at 6:30).

Serve...

Meals & More:

Tuesday, April 30 ~ 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to help pack and distribute meals for Meals & More at Rome First UMC (202 E 3rd Ave). You can help by volunteering your time or by contributing individually wrapped cookies or snack cakes or single serve sized potato chips for the meals.

Easter Baskets:

We welcome your financial contributions (marked "Easter Baskets") for the purchase of goodies for children at nearby elementary schools to fill Easter baskets as well as donations of small, individually wrapped candies to fill plastic eggs for the baskets for children in need.

Please let Judy Myers (judybug3@bellsouth.net) know if you would like to help distribute them to the children on Friday, April 19.

SECOND HELPINGS

Acolytes:

04/07 Reese Gibson
04/14 Theo Kislat
04/21 Isaac Tucker
04/28 Macy Davis

Liturgists:

04/07 Amy Astin
04/14 Doug Meredith
04/21 Mike Colombo
04/28 Lee Upshaw

Ushers:

Steve Davis (head usher)
Bob Baker, Jill Borchert,
Ralph Davis, Ronnie Farmer,
Beth Gibbons

Nursery:

04/07 Beth Gibbons
04/14 Emily Embree
04/21 Buffy Davis
04/28 Betty Crymes

Congregational Care & Concern:

04/07 Vicki Thomason
04/14 Darlene Wallace
04/21 Nina Wheeler
04/28 Nancy Clift

Counters:

04/07 Mike Colombo & Cindy Smith
04/14 Mary Beth B. & Greg Gaston
04/21 Barbara Cothran & Dan Emerick
04/28 Amy Astin & Dottie Taylor

Flowers:

04/07 Baker
04/14 Fears/Palm Sunday
04/21 Easter Sunday
04/28

Wednesday Night Family Fellowship

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dinner Served 6:00 p.m.; Service 7:00 p.m.• Reservation Requested on Pew Pad or Call Office | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Donations Accepted• Plan to come and invite a friend |
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Programs

04/18 Maundy Thursday Service

Menu

04/18 Soup, Salad, Sandwiches, Dessert

Maundy Thursday Program

This year's Maundy Thursday Program is different and artsy! After a simple supper of soup and salad, we will gather around in the Fellowship Hall and hear one another's interpretation of the 14 Stations of the Cross. We will have the artwork (14 stations) projected on the screen and around the Fellowship Hall. We will hear the interpretation followed by a short silent meditation. You are welcome to volunteer to do the artwork or interpretation. Please see Rev. Millie.

Here is how you can prepare ahead. Meditate on the 14 stations (Via Dolorosa):

1. Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane;
 2. Jesus is betrayed by Judas and arrested;
 3. Jesus is condemned by the Sanhedrin;
 4. Jesus is denied by Peter;
 5. Jesus is judged by Pilate;
 6. Jesus is scourged and crowned with thorns;
 7. Jesus takes up his cross;
 8. Jesus is helped by Simon of Cyrene to carry his cross;
 9. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem;
 10. Jesus is crucified;
 11. Jesus promises his kingdom to the repentant thief;
 12. Jesus entrusts Mary and John to each other;
 13. Jesus dies on the cross; and
 14. Jesus is laid in the tomb.
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Need A Prayer?

Please let us know your prayer concerns. You may submit prayer requests:

- In writing: fill out a prayer request form in the sanctuary pew racks
- By phone: call the prayer line at 706.234.6406 (press 3 when prompted)
- By email: millie@2aveumc.org

If you have a confidential request, please contact Rev. Millie (404.759.4778) .

"Pray, and let God worry." Martin Luther

Pastoral Care Need?

Please contact the church ASAP when you are in need of Pastoral Care!

To contact the Pastor:

- During office hours, please call 706.234.6406
- After hours, please call or text 404.759.4778

Prayer List

Congregation

Allen Ables
Susan Autry
Jesse & Douglas Barton
Donna Bledsoe
Lynda Boggs
Herb Brown
Bill Carver
Danny Carver
Giles Chapman
Erin Ables Clark
Ronnie Farmer
Flanery Family
Phil & Jane Franssen
Joyce Gann
Carolyn Garwood
David Gresham
Charles Griffin
Betty Hardy
Faye Kesler
Mardelle Lynch
Lib Rogers
Edith Swint
Vicki Thomason
Vivian VanLandingham
Carol Vogt
Beverly Woodward

Friends & Family

Oneida Adams
Okanee Atkinson
Paul Barfield
Family of Betty Jo Barton
Family of Tamara Bates
Angie Bishop
Terri Black
Ginger Bokma
Linda Brown
MaeDell Clark
Jeff Cotton
Chris Franssen
Daria Giebler
Family of Jill Farr Gordon
Family of Robin Gresham
Family of Betty Jean Griffin
Patty Harvey
Billy Holmes
John Hunsucker
Janie Jolley
Garrett Jones
Milton Kahn
Bill & Peggy Lanier
Cara & Tyler Lafever
Dean Mallow
Cade Maynor

Lisa McDaniel
Military Personnel
John Morris & Family
Sherry Nolan
Diane Norrod
Julie Ousley
Family of Mary Eloise Peek
Peggy Pharr
Carolyn Prater
Connie Ray
Shae Ray
Deborah Reynolds
Peggy Reynolds
Neil Sanders
Zinari Smith
Karen Stokes
Fielding & Steve Stutts
Elise Sullens
Thomas Family
Stanley Thompson
President Trump
Family of B Turner
Beth Wessel
Kennedy Williams
Sandy Yeargan
Marilyn Yount

Persons of the Week

April 07: David Gresham
10 Kenwood Drive
Rome, GA 30165-3433

April 21: Jesse & Douglas Barton
3 Drexel Drive
Rome, GA 30165-1814

April 14: Vicki Thomason
165 Woodrow Wilson Way, Apt. 205
Rome, GA 30165

April 28: Jamie Jackson
209 Saddle Mtn Rd, SE
Rome, GA 30161-6831

Please remember these friends with cards, calls, visits, and prayers.

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Bill Carver 10:00am Helping Hands	3 6:00pm Bible Study	4 10:00am Joyful Noise 5:00pm Line Dancing	5	6 Lee & Rhonda Upshaw
7 Kami Shetter-Flanery Steve Davis 9:45am Confirmation Class 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	8 Amy Astin 6:00pm Men's Club at Provino's	9 Anthony Colombo Scottie Edwards 10:00am Helping Hands	10 Nancy & Terry Clift 6:00pm Bible Study	11 5:00pm Line Dancing	12	13 8:00am Church Grounds Work Day
14 9:45am Confirmation Class 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship--Palm Sunday Easter Cantata	15 12:00pm Community Holy Week Service (Second Ave. Baptist)	16 Carl Alexander 10:00am Helping Hands 12:00pm Community Holy Week Service (Second Ave. Baptist)	17 Herb Brown 12:00pm Community Holy Week Service (Second Ave. Baptist) 6:00pm Bible Study	18 10:00am Joyful Noise 6:00pm Dinner and Maundy Thursday Program	19 6:00pm Good Friday Worship	20 11:00am Easter Egg Hunt at the home of Lee & Rhonda Upshaw
21 Adam Rogers Lauren Rogers 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship--Easter Service	22	23 Bill Mathis 10:00am Helping Hands	24 6:00pm Children's Choir Practice 6:00pm Bible Study	25 Rhonda Upshaw 8:00am Keenagers trip to Atlanta History Center 5:00pm Line Dancing	26 Carol Edwards	27
28 9:45am Confirmation Class 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 2:00pm Baby Shower for Chad & Kristin Lester	29	30 Dawn Brown 10:00am Helping Hands 3:30pm Meals & More				