

Second Helpings

APRIL 2021

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Good Friday, April 2

Join us on Friday, April 2, at 6:00 p.m. for a service of prayer, singing, special music, and Scripture for the night of Jesus' death and burial. It is a traditional Tenebrae service. Social distancing will be observed and masks are required.

Easter Worship, April 4

If you haven't signed up for "Second Avenue UMC Sunday Worship" yet, please register here: <https://signup.com/go/wNqSSUT>. You may also call the church office by Thursday, April 1, to be added to the list for Easter Sunday Worship.

Easter Cross

Please bring fresh cut flowers and greenery from your garden or yard (or the store) on Easter Sunday, April 4. Beginning at 9:45 a.m., we will adorn the cross on the church's lawn to celebrate and witness to the resurrection.

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.

*Adapted from the United Methodist book of Worship,
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Highlights from March in Pictures

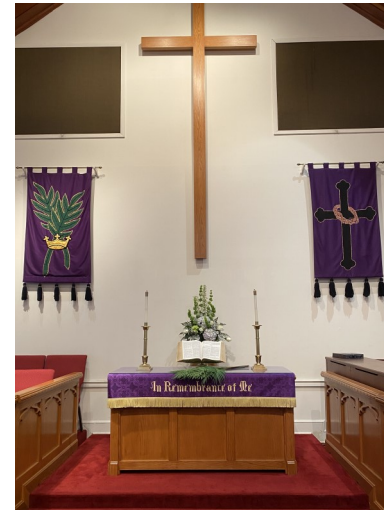


Beautiful Altar Arrangement by Lynda Climer



St. Patrick's Day Craft by Leigh from Amy Astin

Preparing for Palm Sunday Inside Worship



Palm Sunday Worship



Persons of the Week

April 04: Julie Mathis

1101 Old Dalton Road, NE
Rome, GA 30165-9023

April 18: Carl & Genny Alexander

P. O. Box 172
Armuchee, GA 30105-0172

April 11: Chad Embree Family

49 View Drive SE
Rome, GA 30161

April 25: Kathy & Dennis Urquhart

40 Amberwood Trail
Rome, GA 30165

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

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever. To him who alone does great wonders, His love endures forever. Who by his understanding made the heavens, His love endures forever, who spread out the earth upon the waters, His love endures forever."

—Psalm 136:1-5

Prayer List

Congregation

Carl Alexander
Susan Autry
Donna Bledsoe
Erma Braden
Herb Brown
Jim & Gerrie Burton
Danny Carver
Iva Chapman
Nancy Davis
Erna Dobbs
Emerick Family
Carolyn Garwood
Gibbons Family
Charles Griffin
Mardelle Lynch
Bill Mathis
Bill Pharr
Edith Swint
Vivian VanLandingham
Carol Vogt
Anne Westfield
LuAnn Williams

Friends & Family

Katherine Ammons
Travis Atkinson
Ann Barber
President Biden
Terri Black
Linda Brown
Paulette Burkhalter
Tony & Laurie Clark
Taylor Freeman
Patty Harvey
Destiny Erica Head
Ronald Hicks
Khloe Hill
Sue Hurley
JoAnn Jacks
Larry Jacks
Janie Jolley
Garrett Jones
Pat Jones
Milton Kahn
Bill & Peggy Lanier
Jayme & Kristy Laney
Lisa McDaniel
Mason McKenzie
Military Personnel

John Morris & Family
Sherry Nolan
Diane Norrod
Andy Peabody
Trace Pitts
Michael Powell
Carolyn Prater
Deborah Reynolds
Ruiz-Baleon Family
Nancy, Edwin, & Allison Sims
Dan Smith
David Stevens
Jonathan & Charlotte Sturtz
Paul Sturtz
John Sullivan
Robertta Sullivan
Cade Tanner
Bonnie Thomas
Julie & Addie Turner
Antonio Valles
Tyson Wait
Mary Whilllock
Sunny Wilkerson
Jim Williams and Family
Kennedy Williams

Pastor's Page



For me, Good Friday represents those days in our lives that we suffer, cry out in anguish, grieve, and dwell in utter darkness because of our sin, because of our fallen nature and because of the consequences of sin. For the days of our loneliness, pain, torture, suffering, agony, and death, we are reminded that Jesus has paid the ultimate price for us on the cross. Our Lord also modeled for us what we could do, what we should do, during those times: pray, fast, delve into the Word of God, hang on to the promises of God!

It is important for us to remember that at Gethsemane, our Lord reached out to his disciples to stay awake with him to pray. Jesus, on the cross, recited the Word of God! He obeyed God to the point of death, even death on a cross.

The Bible reminds us over and over again that in the Good Fridays of our lives, we are to remember the promises of God and hang on to them. There are over 7000 promises of God in the Bible! "Do not fear for I am with you!" comes up over and over again.

As we all have experienced during this pandemic, life is very difficult. Living in loneliness, uncertainty, fear and darkness is terrible. But living without faith is even worse than that. The Gospels tell us that after the crucifixion the disciples were scattered and scared, numb, confused, lost, and filled with doubt. They were walking in darkness. They did not know what to do. But someone did know. It was Mary Magdalene and other women (a lot of Marys!) It is not written in the Gospels but I am sure there were many faithful men, too. These women modeled for us what we should do during this time. Not much is written about what they have done because they were often dismissed as women. But we can see glimpses here and there, especially in John 20.

With their limited understanding, they knew that they could not change the fact of death. But they knew what to do; they knew that they could love through it. I am sure these women went home after the crucifixion, took care of everything in the house, cooked, cleaned, went out and bought spices for Jesus and woke up early that Sunday morning to do what love does. Then they went to give Jesus a proper burial, to anoint his body with fragrant oils and spices, and be sure he was in a clean linen burial cloth. They did what love does. And they kept their faith by loving and doing what they always did because they were Jesus' disciples.

Now with the lifting of many restrictions with Covid and being able to gather in the sanctuary, I feel like we are gradually coming out of the longest, darkest time! Let's refocus, let's keep our eyes on Jesus, let's love more, let's serve more, and let's shine a brighter Light at the corner of East 8th and Second Avenue! We know more than ever how precious life is! Let's not take it for granted. Let us live every single moment for the Lord!

Happy Easter! I love you all!
Rev. Millie

April Sermon Scriptures

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| April 04 | John 20:1-18 "Terror and Amazement" Easter |
| April 11 | Matthew 27:57-61 "Hope in Reverse" Patti Hunter, Guest Preacher |
| April 18 | Luke 24:36-48 "Touch and See" |
| April 25 | John 10:11-18 "Listen to My Voice" |

Highlights from March in Pictures, Continued

Baptism of Mills Michael Embree



Church Daffodils praising God!



Well Done, Second Avenue

Thanks to all who contributed to this year's Lenten Offering. All five Rome area UM Churches combined our efforts to mitigate hunger in the Rome area by collecting money for the food pantry at Metropolitan United Methodist Church. Our church very generously met our goal of \$1,000!

Rome Area Prayer Breakfast

The 2021 Rome Area Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Coosa Valley Fairgrounds Community Building, adjacent to the Palladium, on the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 6, from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. (doors open at 6:30). The speaker will be Sujo John, a 911 survivor, speaker and founder of YouCanFreeUS, a humanitarian organization that fights human trafficking around the world. Hand sanitization stations as well as masks will be readily available. This event is for the whole community. Complimentary tickets are available April 1-25 either by calling 706.676.8050, emailing April@romeprayerbreakfast.org, or at various local businesses.

United Methodist Women News

The 2021 theme for United Methodist Women is ***"Knitted Together for God's Good Work"*** based on 1 Corinthians 12:27: *"You are the body of Christ and parts of each other."* We are linked together through the body of Christ as children of God despite these times of social distancing. The work of UMW at the national, district, and local levels has continued despite the pandemic.



Locally, we have sent monthly contributions to the Ruth and Naomi House for their breakfast program. They have had a "full house" this past year and really appreciate our support. **Please continue to make checks payable to the church and designate it for "UMW Ruth and Naomi House."**

March 23 was the **Annual Day of Giving** for UMW with contributions going to the Legacy Endowment Fund. The day commemorates the establishment of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in 1869, a predecessor of United Methodist Women. A small group of women gathered at Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, MA and organized for mission work. They collected money from women around the country to send a doctor, Clara Swain, and a teacher, Isabella Thoburn, to India as missionaries to serve the women of that nation. Today, contributions go into The Legacy Fund, a permanent endowment that supports the mission outreach of future generations of UMW as they address the needs of women, children, and youth. Since we are not meeting to collect your contributions, you may donate in the following ways:

ONLINE: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150 :

BY CHECK TO: United Methodist Women
Attn: Development, Legacy Endowment Fund,
475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor
New York, NY 10115

(Write **"DAY OF GIVING"** in the memo section of your check. All **Day of Giving** gifts are 100% tax deductible.)

The social action priorities for UMW for 2021-2025 are "Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration" and "Climate Justice." I have ordered the new program book and some other resources that we can explore when we, hopefully, resume meetings this fall. Also, if any of you are interested in participating in the Reading Program for UMW, please let me know and we can work out sharing books. You can access the reading list here: <https://tinyurl.com/yjq32yan>.

Or scan this QR code:



I miss seeing all of you and am hoping that we can schedule an outside meeting around my pool sometime in May, weather cooperating. More details on that in May Newsletter. Anyone can access the North GA UMW Newsletter from this link: <https://tinyurl.com/3uxwybh>.

Cindy Smith
UMW President

Address Change

Kurt and Rhonda Eichenberger's new address is:
160 Johnson Lane
Menlo, GA 30731



Worship Services

We are meeting inside for Worship Service now on Sunday at 11:00 am.! Our first Sunday inside was March 28, Palm Sunday, and we hope to stay inside unless there is another spike in Covid cases. We follow the guidance based on the data from the website www.globalepidemics.org.

Everyone is requested to register here <https://signup.com/go/wNqSSUT> or call the church office by Thursday each week and register for worship so we can plan for social distancing. Masks are requested. Families with children are strongly encouraged to worship in the Fellowship Hall where there will be crafts, snacks, and childcare. We will continue to have the Audio Worship Line (706.786.6406) and sermons will uploaded on the church website and on YouTube on Sunday afternoons.

Many thanks to all who work so hard to make this happen!

Helping Hands

Helping Hands has resumed on Tuesdays at 10:00-11:30 a.m.

This group meets every Tuesday morning to crochet and knit afghans, baby caps, and lap blankets to donate to local area ministries. All are invited to participate. If you don't know how to crochet or knit, come and we'll teach you! Contact Judy Myers at judybug3@bellsouth.net or 706-346-8993 for more details.

2021 Flowers for Worship

Please stop by the bulletin board outside the church office to sign up for Sunday(s) in the coming year to provide flowers for the chancel area of the Sanctuary. Each week's flowers are **\$50**, and you may give them in recognition of a significant event in your life or in honor or memory of a loved one. For more info or sign up for a week, please contact JoAnn @ 706.234.6406 or 2ndAve@bellsouth.net. You may also give to the Flower Fund at any time by designating on your check.

Wednesday Night Family Celebration

Come join us in the playground area on May 5 for a picnic meal and family fun activities. Meal includes Chick fil-A sandwich and sides/dessert. We will have music, cornhole boards, and a pinata for the kids, among other fun activities. Mark your calendar and watch for more details.

Vital Signs



Budgeted amount needed as of March 28: \$58,521

Budgeted amount given as of March 28: \$60,913

Financial giving in March: \$25,352





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Making Christ Known"

**Audio Worship Available 24/7!
Call 706-786-6406 any time.**

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

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

April Anniversaries

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

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Maundy Thursday 6:00pm Handbell Choir	2 Bill Carver 6:00pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service	3
4 Easter Sunday 11:00am Worship	5 Rev. Millie on Vacation	6 Lee & Rhonda Upshaw Rev. Millie on Vacation	7 Kami Shetter-Flanery Rev. Millie on Vacation Steve Davis 6:00pm Zoom Bible Study on Psalms 6:30pm Choir Practice	8 Amy Astin Rev. Millie on Vacation	9 Anthony Colombo Rev. Millie on Vacation Scottie Edwards	10 Nancy & Terry Clift Rev. Millie on Vacation
11 11:00am Worship	12	13	14 6:30pm Choir Practice	15 6:00pm Handbell Choir	16 Carl Alexander	17 Herb Brown
18 11:00am Worship	19	20	21 Adam Rogers Lauren Rogers 6:30pm Choir Practice	22 6:00pm Handbell Choir	23 Bill Mathis	24
25 Rhonda Upshaw 11:00am Worship	26 Carol Edwards	27	28 6:30pm Choir Practice	29 6:00pm Handbell Choir	30 Dawn Brown	