

Second Helpings

AUGUST 2021

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Sunday School Resumes on August 1!

Please join us this week as we resume regular Sunday School classes for children, youth, and adults at 10:00 a.m. We ask that everyone join us in praying for the teachers and those they are teaching. Let's ask God to send even more children and families into our midst who need to hear the Good News!

Choir Resumes on August 18

Weekly practices for sanctuary choir will resume on Wednesday, August 18, at 7:00. Please contact Susan Pierce (706-506-4880) for more information or just come to the church and join the fun.

Meals & More Resumes on August 31

We will help pack and serve meals to those in need on Tuesdays, August 31 and September 7, 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Rome First UMC, located at 202 E. 3rd Avenue. 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. We also collect sample sized personal care items to distribute. Please bring them to the Fellowship Hall.

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Helping Hands

This group meets every Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. 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! For more details, contact Judy Myers at judybug3@bellsouth.net or 706-346-8993.

Sanctuary Flowers

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.

Highlights from July in Pictures



Praying together as a congregation



25th Anniversary Vow Renewal Ceremony for Luis Baleon & Maria Ruiz



Scottie Edwards leading Camp Meeting Style Singing



Second Avenue sponsored Kevin to go to Camp Glisson this summer!



Poetry Reading featuring Beverly Woodward

Persons of the Week

August 01: Mary Beth Broxterman

19 Oakwood Street NW
Rome, GA 30165-1628

August 08: Betty Hardy

42 Chateau Drive, Apt 314
Rome, GA 30161-6665

August 15: Jean Christian

103 Wells Drive
Rome, GA 30161-5973

August 22: Carolyn Garwood

306 Castle Road
Dalton, GA 30720-8004

August 29: Jim & Gerrie Burton

1813 Calhoun Road NE
Rome, GA 30161-8972

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

August Schedule

Acolytes:

08/01 Theo Kislal
08/08 Macy Davis
08/15 Leigh Kim-Soh
08/22 Railey Davis
08/29 Theo Kislal

Liturgists:

08/01 Thomas Kislal
08/08 Amy Astin
08/15 Mike Colombo
08/22 Steve Davis
08/29 Doug Meredith

Flowers:

08/01
08/08
08/15
08/22 Gaston
08/29

Prayer List

Congregation

Betty Albers
Carl Alexander
Herb Brown
Mary Beth Broxterman
Jim & Gerrie Burton
Lynda Climer
Barbara Cothran
Nancy Davis
Erna Dobbs
Terry Duck
Carolyn Garwood
Bill & Julie Mathis
Bill Pharr

Susan Stroup
Edith Swint
Vivian VanLandingham
Carol Vogt
Anne Westfield

Friends & Family

Reed Albers
Brian Benham
Mary Katherine Boggs
Family of Bill Bohannon
Jim & Norma Cannon
Harold Cowart
Ruth Day

Family of Will Enloe
Brooks Hessner
Garrette Jones
Ann Little
Bobby Magnicheri
Wayne Pierce
Santiago Real
John Thomas
Jerry Watford
Max Webber

Pastor's Page



You cannot function these days without adapters of some sort. You might wonder, “Do I have and use adapters?” Answer is, “Yes, you do. Everyday!” Our computers alone have hardware adapters, audio adapters, mouse adapters, keyboard adapters, network adapters, AC power adapters, dongles, etc.! Adapters convert attributes of one device or system to those of an otherwise incompatible device or system.

Adapters are connectors; you cannot sync your Fitbit with your computer without an adapter. You cannot hook up to a power source without an adapter. Here is an easy example. When we travel to another country, although technology is helping to make the world seem a lot smaller, a lot closer, there are still major differences between countries, especially in electrical systems. We use electrical systems operating at 110-120 volts. Almost every other country uses 220-240 volts as a standard. The adapter is simply a connector that changes the plug shape to match the outlet. Some items come with the ability to use either 110v or 220v built right in, like our cellphones, computers, iPads, etc. Adapters do not change the power source itself; they are used to change the voltage or electrical output, outlet, etc..

Since the pandemic, I am constantly thinking about how we can connect to the world more and in better ways. There is a group of Christians who believe in the “Benedict Option,” which suggests we create a Christian community set apart physically, mentally, and spiritually and disconnect from the world. I am not one of them. I believe in being in the world as transforming adapters powered by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus did not start a village of his own and isolate all his disciples from the world. He was in the world, transforming it wherever he went.

We Christians are adapters to the world; and this Body of Christ, the church, is also an adapter. We are adapters which transmit the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. How can we do it in Rome, GA? How can we take the power of the Gospel to the world that is becoming more and more secular and ignorant of the Good News of Jesus Christ?

I have many ideas cooking but I want to hear from you. I don't ever want to do things by myself; I want to do it with you! Please share your crazy ideas with me.

Your Pastor,

Millie



August Sermon Scriptures

August 01 Acts 14:14-20 | Paul's First Journey—"We Are Mortals Just Like You" | Communion

August 08 Acts 16:11-15 | Paul's Second Journey—"Church's Gain: Women"

August 15 Acts 20:1-6 | Paul's Third Journey—"Church's Gain: Young Men"

August 22 Acts 19:21-27 | "Oppositions and Riots"

August 29 Acts 28:23-28 | "Paul Preaches On"

Blessings and Gratitude

Dear Millie and family,

There are not enough words to express our thanks to you and your precious family. Speaking God's word, and the wonderful music and entertainment you and your family shared with us. We were all so thrilled. We would love to have you and your family back in the near future.

We've had so many people tell us how wonderful you and your family were and how talented you all are. Thank you again and may God bless you, from our family at Heatherwood to yours.

Love and blessings,
Sheila Baxter

P.S. Please tell Kevin many, many thanks for the huge bounty of bread and pastries enjoyed by many.

Well Done, Second Avenue!

Thanks to all who contributed to the church-wide care package to Mary Boggs and her troop who were recently deployed to the Middle East. Everyone was invited to bring signed cards and items that they thought the troop would enjoy or could use! We will be able to fill a large box with many wonderful food treats as well as other items such as lip balm, playing cards, and reading materials.

If you'd like to send Mary a card individually, her address is:

Mary Boggs
934th FST, GV
APO, AE 09807-0101



Blessing of the Backpacks During Worship on August 1

Everyone starting back to school is invited to bring your backpack to worship on Sunday, August 1, for a special blessing on your studies (or teaching) during the coming school year.

Back to School Bash at Trinity UMC, August 1, 4-6 p.m.

On Sunday, August 1, at 4:00-6:00 p.m., Trinity UMC is going to have a huge party to celebrate our kids going back to school. There will be inflatables, food, and lots of great fun planned for everyone. Don't miss this church-wide event, and don't forget to invite your friends!

They are also collecting school supplies for Foster Kids in Rome/Floyd. If you know someone needing school supplies, the Trinity School Supply Closet request form can be found at trinityrome.com/care.

During the evening they will have the blessing of the backpacks--a devotion and prayer over all our students, teachers, guidance counselors, bus drivers, and administration from each school. This will be a time we can come together. We'll be praying and asking God to keep everyone safe and to make this the best year ever.

Trinity UMC will provide hot dogs, chips, and drinks. They ask that each family bring a favorite handheld dessert to share.

Heatherwood Bible Study on August 10 & 24

Everyone is invited to join Rev. Millie at Heatherwood Apartments (42 Chateau Drive SE) every other Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. for a time of Bible Study and fellowship. The dates for this month are August 10 and August 24. Contact Rev. Millie or Betty Crymes for additional information.

Wednesday Fellowship Family Game Night on August 11

Please join us for a Wednesday Fellowship, Special Game Night Edition. We will gather on Wednesday, August 11th, at 6:00PM. The church will provide pizzas; you bring your favorite snack or dessert and a beverage.

We will start after supper with a round of Team Trivia, followed by cards, dominoes, or whatever else you fancy. Please plan to join in for the fun. Contact Beth Gibbons or Jill Borchert for more details.

Vital Signs



Budgeted amount needed as of July: \$138,798

Budgeted amount given as of July: \$128,317

Financial giving in July: \$14,349



Psalms Bible Study on Zoom begins August 12

Psalms: an 8 Week Zoom Bible Study, Starting on Thursday, August 12 at 6:00pm.

Zoom ID: 889 765 8908 (no password required)

This Bible Study brings our ancestors in the faith to the table where we learn from them in a cross-cultural experience bridging historical and modern day life. This eight-session study of the Book of Psalms masterfully mixes scholarly and practical teaching through the most beloved book in the Old Testament.

The key messages of this study include: *what* the Book of Psalms is (the hymnbook of ancient Israel), *how* it was utilized in Israelite worship (the various "forms" of the Psalms), and *why* the Book of Psalms remains critical to our devotional lives today. It also dives into the concrete realities of Israelite worship (the tabernacle, temple, priesthood, and sacrifice) as well as Israel's theology of worship wrapped up in their theocratic world view.

Experience the Psalms with fresh connections to contemporary worship and devotional practices. Indulge in the Biblical study of the Psalms from a scholar and former pastor, Rev. Dr. Sandra Richter. You can purchase the study guide ([Book of Psalms Study Guide](#) by [Sandra Richter](#)) on Amazon or have JoAnn order for you. \$15 per book.

United Methodist Women Meet August 14

Our **next meeting** will be on **Saturday, August 14, 10:00 -11:30 a.m.** in the **church fellowship hall**. We will enjoy brunch, **cost is \$5 per person**, and a short program followed by a brief business meeting. We are still taking your donations to missions through UMW as well as any extra offerings to the Ruth and Naomi House breakfast program. **Checks need to be made out to 2nd Ave. UMW**, and our treasurer, **Susan Stroup**, will collect those for us.

ALL ladies of the church are invited to come and be a part of United Methodist Women! We meet the **2nd Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m.** and are always finished by 11:30 a.m. so you can get on your way with weekend chores and activities. All you need to do is let **Betty Crymes**, our reservationist, know that you are coming. Her number is **706-936-1218** or you can find her on the back pew closest to the door going to the Fellowship Hall every Sunday morning. Please come and enjoy good food, fun fellowship, and an inspiring program each month. I look forward to seeing you on August 14!

Cindy Smith, UMW President

Handbell Workshop on August 28 in Fellowship Hall

Our last workshop is scheduled for Saturday, August 28, from 9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Lunch provided. Regular weekly practice will resume after Labor Day. For more details, please contact our Handbell Director, Pam Mullins, at pam.mullins@icloud.com.

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August Birthdays

- 04 Patty Baker
- 05 Betty Crymes
- 10 Matthew Gibbons
- 18 Doug Meredith
- 22 Joshua Colombo
- 23 Vicki Embree
- 23 Jerry Waters
- 29 Buffy Davis
- 29 Michelle Gibson
- 30 Juanita Underwood

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!

August Anniversaries

- 09 Paula & Tommy Jones
- 10 Patty & Phil Baker
- 13 Dan & Judy Emerick
- 24 Carl & Genny Alexander

August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Blessing of the Backpacks 3:00pm One Board Meeting	2	3 10:00am Helping Hands	4 Patty Baker	5 Betty Crymes turns 92!	6 Rose Collum	7
8 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	9 Paula & Tommy Jones	10 Matthew Gibbons Phil & Patty Baker 10:00am Helping Hands 2:30pm Bible Study at Heatherwood	11 6:00pm Wednesday Fellowship Family Game Night	12 6:00pm Psalms Bible Study via Zoom	13 8:00am Dan & Judy Emerick	14 Irene Martz 10:00am United Methodist Women Meeting
15 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	16	17 10:00am Helping Hands	18 Doug Meredith 7:00pm Choir Practice Resumes	19 Nina Wheeler 6:00pm Psalms Bible Study via Zoom	20	21
22 Joshua Colombo 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	23 Jerry Waters Vicki Embree	24 Carl & Genny Alexander 10:00am Helping Hands 2:30pm Bible Study at Heatherwood	25 7:00pm Choir Practice	26 6:00pm Psalms Bible Study via Zoom	27	28 9:00am Handbell Workshop
29 Buffy Davis Michelle Gibson 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	30 Juanita Underwood	31 10:00am Helping Hands 3:30pm Meals & More at Rome First UMC				