

Second Helpings

DECEMBER 2023

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Pastor's Page– Rev. Rick Maeser



GOD'S TIMING

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.”
Galatians 4:4

Jesus was born at a time in history that was hardly perfect or convenient for the occasion. The land of Israel was ruled by Rome, and Emperor Augustus, rather than a Jewish king, was giving orders (Luke 2:1). Yet, Paul, in his letter to the Galatians, proclaimed that it was in “the fullness of time,” “at the right time,” that God sent his Son.

God has God's own ways and times for accomplishing his will and purpose in the world. In the worst of times, when it doesn't seem possible, God's presence may be experienced, and life is changed. The active presence of God in Jesus Christ can even change the world, as it did two thousand years ago.

God chose an unlikely time, and unlikely circumstances in which to demonstrate his power and grace. I pray that, like the shepherds of old, we too may be startled this Christmas by the angel's announcement of what God has done; that our darkness may be dispelled by the infant's holy light, and that we will make known to others what we have heard and seen. I pray that the unlikely times and circumstances of our lives today, will be the right time for God to reveal himself anew to us in Jesus.

Pastor Rick

Sermon Scriptures

December 03 “In Power and Glory” | 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Matthew 13:24-37 | Communion

First Sunday of Advent

December 10 “What Does Mary Know?” | Luke 1:26-38, Luke 1:46-55 |

Second Sunday of Advent

December 17 Cantata Sunday | Third Sunday of Advent

December 24 “A Gift to the World” | Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-7 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 31 Amy Astin, Guest Speaker

Highlights from November in Pictures



Darlene Wallace & Virginia Sanders delivered a blanket from Helping Hands to Helen Broom just days before she went to see Jesus.



Handbell Choir performed on November 5



Congratulations, Michelle!



Thanksgiving Altar Table decorated by Vicki Embree



November donations for Salvation Army

Persons of the Week

December 03: Melba Coffia

LuAnn Pinkard
3 Overhill Road, SE
Rome, GA 30161

December 12: Nell Maeser

1 Benvenue Drive
Rome, GA 30161

December 19: Bob Baker

12 Belle Meade Drive SW
Rome, GA 30165-8485

December 24: Jean Christian

103 Wells Drive
Rome, GA 30161-5973

December 31: Mary Sue Gilleland

205 North Elm Street NW
Rome, GA 30165-2231

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

December Schedule

Acolytes:

12/03 Theo Kislat
12/10 Jesse Meredith
12/17 Theo Kislat
12/24 Kevin Baleon-Ruiz
12/31 Jesse Meredith



Liturgists:

12/03 Mike Colombo
12/10 Greg Gaston
12/17 Dennis Urquhart
12/24 Amy Astin
12/31 Doug Meredith

Prayer List

Congregation

Genny Alexander
Bob Baker
Donna Bledsoe
Lee Brock
Family of Helen Broom
Terry & Nancy Clift
Lynda & Tom Climer
Barbara & Terry
Cothran
Betty Crymes
Nancy Davis
Erna Dobbs
Terry Duck
Vesper Frazier
Betty Hardy
Mardelle Lynch
Nell Maeser
Bill Pharr
Carolyn Prater
Kathy Urquhart
Vivian VanLandingham

Bill & Jerry Waters
Anne Westfield
Len & Bev Woodward

Friends & Family

Bowen Baker
Barry Barfield
Patti Barron
Jimmy Brown
Chris Butler
Ruth Day
Patrick Demirjian
Stephanie Dunn
Danny Fricks
Jim Gonzalez
Wanda Guidry
Carol Gunter
Hytowitz family
John & Beth Kennedy
Laura & Tony Kizzire
Chad Lester
Bobby Magnicheri

Martha Martin
Taylor Martin
Haley & Will McDonald
Tom McElroy
Terri Minor
Posey Mitchell
Tonya Mohn
Kelly Mountain
Lynette Murphy
Jim Myrick
Camil Nedela
Jack & Shelve Ozment
Jeremy Peace
Peggy Pharr
Wayne Pierce
Beth Pitt
Nicole Potvin
Alisha Reese
Mallory Saville
Seletsky Family
Danny Slaughter
Kim Rabus Snow

Deborah T. Sosebee
Shirley Stanton
David Stevens
Jason & April Tanner
and Family
Sage Teeter
Bill Underwood
Esperanza Vail
Mitzi Wilburn
Jim Williams
Kennedy Williams
Charles Wilson, Sr.
Jalen Wofford
Family of Doug Woods
Tommy Yarborough
Virginia Yarbrough



Thank You for Your Generosity

This is what was donated and delivered to the Salvation Army in November:

Peanut Butter: 7 (40 oz.) jars and 2 (16 oz.) jars – total of 19 ½ lbs.
 Mac/Cheese: 43 boxes
 Potatoes: 24 boxes
 Hamburger Helper: 4 boxes
 Oatmeal: 28 instant pkgs., 4 boxes
 Grits: 3 (5 lb.) bags, 2 (24 oz.) boxes, 1 (16 oz.) box, 32 instant packets – 19+ lbs.
 Ramen Noodles (incl. soups): 54 packages
 Miscellaneous food items: 7

Annual Coat Drive

Please bring in any of these items to help our neighbors in need:

Coats Jackets Sweaters Scarves Gloves

We will distribute donated items to local ministries.



Bell Ringers Needed this Season



The Salvation Army needs Bell Ringers during the holiday season. If you are interested, please call The Salvation Army office in Rome at 706-291-4745. Capt. Hank Harwell has said that he will be grateful for whatever time you can spare.

In the words of John Wesley, “Do all the good you can...As long as ever you can.”

Part-Time Personal Aide Needed

Erna Dobbs needs a part-time personal care aide to help her in the mornings. If you know someone who might be interested, please contact Erna at 706-847-7225.



Budgeted amount needed as of November: \$187,640
 Budgeted amount given as of November: \$152,080
 Financial giving in month of November: \$15,552

Blessings and Gratitude

Dear Rick, JoAnn, and 2nd Avenue Methodist,

I hope this letter (posted outside the church office) will give you a better idea of the work Angel Express is doing in the community. On behalf of all the folks who are impacted by Angel Express, both volunteers and recipients, we want you to know how much we appreciate your generosity in sharing your church space at the time we needed it the most. Your support makes a huge difference. I look forward to working with you and your church members in the months to come. I will officially introduce myself and Angel Express to them as soon as I have a chance. Warmest wishes with much gratitude to you all for a Happy Holiday Season!

Sincerely,
Janet Batlzer, Angel Express

Cindy Smith and Kitchen Krew at Second Avenue Methodist Church,

Thank you for welcoming Jim and I so warmly to your church and to your wonderfully prepared and shared table. The food was so good and the service so Christ-like. We felt “at home.”

Donna & Jim Tidwell

End of Year Giving Thank You

Dear Second Avenue Friends,

Thank you for your financial generosity this year. In these final weeks of 2023, as you consider your giving to the church, please note that contributions must be received in the church office or postmarked on or before December 31 in order to be included on your giving statement for 2023. Contributions received after that date will appear on your giving statement for 2024.

Blessings,
Greg Gaston, Finance Chair

With Deepest Sympathy



Helen Faye Broom

November 3, 1938 – November 11, 2023 (Age 85)

It is with deepest sympathy that we share with you that our friend and sister in Christ, Helen Broom, passed away on Saturday, November 11. Please be in prayer for Helen's friends and family.

To 'be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord' but we will miss her here in our midst.

Christmas Lunch on Saturday, December 9

United Women in Faith will be hosting a **Christmas Luncheon** for **EVERYONE** (bring guests too!) on **Saturday, December 9, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.** Provino's will provide a choice of 2 entrees (Lasagna Napolentana and Tortellini Florentine), salad, and rolls. There will be homemade desserts (let Cindy know if you want to bring a dessert), coffee, and tea. The **cost will be \$10 per person. Reservations are necessary to determine how much food to order, so please let Cindy Smith know by Tuesday, December 5th.** You can call, text, or email (706-346-0786 or butlerjrt@gmail.com).



We will have a fun musical program presented by Jeff and Linda MacLeod who will be singing Christmas songs and leading us in a sing-along of favorite Christmas carols. Make your plans to come and kick off the Christmas season with us!

Bible Study on Wednesdays

Join Pastor Rick on Wednesdays at 1:00 in the fellowship hall for Bible Study.

December 6—Finish Study of Mark

December 13—Advent Study

Keenagers Lunch on Thursday, December 14

Join the Keenagers for a Christmas celebration potluck lunch on Thursday, December 14, at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to bring a dish and bring a friend! Terry Clift is planning a slide show with pictures of Keenager trips and adventures over the last dozen years!! You don't want to miss it. For more information, contact Terry at 706-506-4205.

Choir and Handbell Choir Cantata on Sunday, December 17

Our choir and handbell choir will perform this year's cantata on Sunday, December 17, during the morning worship service. Plan to attend and invite someone to receive a blessing with you. Many thanks for all those who practice so faithfully to bring us beautiful music each week in addition to this special event annually.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



We hope you'll be at church on Sunday, December 24, for our regular worship service that morning and a special candlelight communion service at 5:00 p.m. Make plans to come and bring friends and family members with you.

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Our Vision:
"Knowing Christ & Making Christ Known"

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December Birthdays

12/03 Lib Rogers
12/07 Theo Kislal
12/08 Maria Ruiz
12/09 LuAnn Williams
12/11 Darlene Wallace
12/15 Iva Chapman
12/17 Randy Embree
12/17 Mike Jackson
12/19 Jesse Barton
12/22 Anne Whitefield
12/25 Jean Christian
12/26 Bill Underwood
12/26 Dylan Baleon
12/29 Brennan Baker
12/31 Maddie Gibson

December Anniversaries

12/08 Jody & Martha Rogers
12/10 Dennis & Kathy Urquhart
12/11 Beth & Mike Colombo
12/26 Jamie & Mike Jackson

celebrate!

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

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

December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Lib Rogers	2
3 Lib Rogers 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Communion	4	5 10:00am Helping Hands	6 1:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	7 Theo Kislat 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir Practice	8 Jody & Martha Rogers Maria Ruiz	9 LuAnn Williams 11:30am Christmas Lunch
10 Dennis & Kathy Urquhart 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	11 Darlene Wallace Mike & Beth Colombo	12 10:00am Helping Hands	13 1:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	14 12:00pm Keenagers 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir Practice	15 Iva Chapman	16
17 Mike Jackson Randy Embree 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Choir Cantata	18	19 Jesse Barton 10:00am Helping Hands	20	21	22 Anne Whitefield	23
24 Christmas Eve 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 5:00pm Candlelight Communion Service	25 Christmas Day Church Office Closed Jean Christian	26 Bill Underwood Dylan Baleon-Ruiz Jamie & Mike Jackson 10:00am Helping Hands	27	28	29 Brennan Baker	30
31 Maddie Gibson 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship						