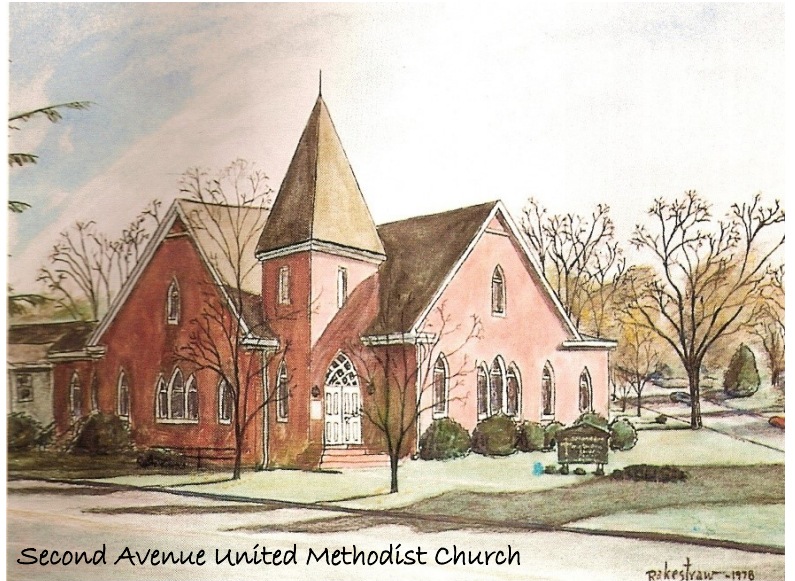


Second Helpings

Second Avenue United Methodist Church ~ February 2019

Special Events in February

- February 02—UMW Retreat at Farmville UMC
- February 03—Souper Bowl of Caring
- February 05—Meals & More
- February 13—Valentine's Day Celebration
- February 21—Keenagers
- February 26—Housing & Homeless Offering



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

Upcoming General Conference Special Session

The Council of Bishops has called a Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose will be to receive and act on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops. The 32-member Commission was authorized by General Conference 2016 and appointed by the Council of Bishops to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church.

Please start praying now for God's will for the future of the United Methodist Church. For more information, please go to <http://www.umc.org/topics/general-conference-2019-special-session>.

Lent: Preparing for New Life

"Ash Wednesday marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent, which begins 40 days prior to Easter (Sundays are not included in the count). This year Ash Wednesday falls on **March 6**.

Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. During some Ash Wednesday services, the Pastor will lightly rub the sign of the cross with ashes onto the foreheads of worshipers. The practice of repentance and mourning in ashes is found in 2 Samuel 13:19; Esther 4:1; Job 2:8; Daniel 9:3; and Matthew 11:21.
(From www.umcdiscipleship.org)

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



The 2019 Special Session of the General Conference will be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri, and I ask that we all be in prayer for our denomination. Here are some questions and answers put out by the church. As always, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me or our Lay Leader, Amy Astin.

What is General Conference?

Every four years, United Methodists from around the world assemble as the General Conference and connect in worship, prayer, Communion, fellowship – and the legislative work that shapes our shared life. General Conference delegates confer and vote on proposals for resourcing and regulating the life and work of The United Methodist Church. General Conference sets the rules and establishes procedures for virtually every aspect of the church's life. It also communicates the denomination's official position on a variety of issues and cultural challenges. General Conference makes binding decisions related to the connectional and missional life of The United Methodist Church. It is the only body authorized to speak for or as The United Methodist Church.

Why was this special session called?

The special session in February 2019 is to focus on the issue of human sexuality and church unity with the goals of ending distracting and mission-compromising disagreement about how to be in ministry with LGBTQI (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, and Intersex) people. The hope is that decisions made will allow the 2020 General Conference to focus on mission and the next steps for the church's unified global witness.

How might this General Conference change the structure of the global church?

The structure of the church could change in several ways. Those possibilities listed here are as outlined in the Commission on a Way Forward report to General Conference and are subject to change by the General Conference.

- The One Church Plan (OCP) makes no significant change to church structure; however, this plan would amend the Book of Discipline's language about incompatibility with Christian teaching and marriage defined as a union between a man and a woman. They would allow annual conferences to determine whether to ordain LGBTQI clergy and allow individual churches to vote whether to perform same-sex marriages in their buildings. They also would clarify that no clergy would be required to perform a same-sex marriage and would allow them to transfer or be reassigned if their beliefs conflict with those of their churches.
- The Connectional Conference Plan (CCP) would create three values-based connectional conferences. Jurisdictional conferences and annual conferences in the United States would vote to join one of the new conferences. Central conferences could join one of the new conferences or form another connectional conference. Bishops and clergy would associate with at least one connectional conference. Several constitutional amendments would be required to implement this plan.
- The Traditional Plan leaves the language of the current Book of Discipline and increases accountability to the Discipline. A church or annual conference that differs in its beliefs about sexuality would be allowed to leave the denomination to form its own "self-governing Methodist church," and clergy would be allowed to transfer to those churches.

FEBRUARY SERMON SCRIPTURE

February 03 "By Your Spirit" | 1 Corinthians 12:1-13 | Luke 4:21-30 | Communion Sunday

February 10 "Make Us One" | 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 | Luke 5:1-11

February 17 "One Ministry to All the World" | Psalm 1 | Luke 6:17-26

February 24 "Until..." | Psalm 37:1-11 | Luke 6:27-38



Congratulations to Ashley Wilkey who graduated 12/11/18 and has already started college classes. Well done!



Rev. Millie welcomes new nursery worker, Jamie Griffin



Betty Albers and Nina Wheeler sort donations for the toiletries project for Meals & More that coordinated with Warm Up Sunday



Warm Up Sunday

Thank you for your generous contributions on this year's Warm Up Sunday in January.

We received:

19 coats/jackets
3 pairs of pants
8 scarves

7 pairs of socks
12 sweatshirts/sweaters
1 pair of gloves

1 earmuff
1 pair of shoes
5 blankets/afghans

1 robe

These will be taken to Meals & More and distributed to those in need of warmth on the cold winter days and nights ahead. We pray these will be a sign of Christ's love to warm their recipients' hearts with hope.

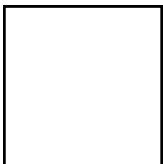
February Birthdays

2/02 Donna Bledsoe &
Lily Embree
2/08 Railey Davis
2/09 Phil Baker
2/12 Reese Gibson &
Charles Griffin
2/25 Ralph Davis &
Greg Gaston
2/26 Vikki Barfield

February Anniversary

2/14 Kevin Soh & Millie Kim
2/24 Bob & Shirley Dodson

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!



We're on the Web:
Zaveumc.org



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Vital Signs

Average Worship Attendance in January: 85
Financial giving in January: \$14,967
Budgeted amount needed as of January: \$18,973
Budgeted amount given as of January: \$14,194

Blessings and Gratitude

Dear (Helping Hands) Ladies,

We would like to thank you for knitting and crocheting the beautiful blankets of love. Our palliative care patients and their families really appreciate them.

Thank you,
Judy Schmidt
Art Therapist

To our church family,

Herb and I will be forever grateful to you for your prayers, visits, calls, cards, and food. You were so kind and caring to think of us. It helped to lift our spirits and get us through the several hospital stays and convalescence that Herb has been through in the last few months. Thank you so much. May God bless you always.

We love you dearly,
Herb and Paula Brown

Dear church family,

Words can not express how much I appreciate you all! Thank you for everything. The calls, cards, donations, hugs and especially the prayers for our family during my brothers passing. It was very hard on us and we couldn't have made it through without them.

Your thoughtfulness is a gift we will always treasure.
Michelle, Cliff, Michael & Olivia Jo Gibson

Thank you for supporting Murphy-Harpst this Christmas!

Your gifts made a Merry Christmas for our kids. You were one of over 50 churches, UMW groups, organizations, and corporations who banded together to provide the kids in our care a Christmas they will never forget! Thanks to generous individuals and volunteers like you, we were also able to get gifts for children entering our residential and foster care programs just days before Christmas.

We are so grateful for your spirits of giving and generosity. We could not do what we do without you!

Here are some quotes from our kids on Christmas:

- You guys gave me all of the books I really wanted and you don't even know me!
- Did you see my gold chain and new watch... I look so fly.
- I got more presents than I ever got before in my whole life.
- Thank you for making my Christmas loving.
- My bedroom looks like the coziest, softest, warmest place ever.
- THANK YOU FOR MY NEW BIKE!!!

Your kindness and generosity were truly felt this Christmas. Thank you for all of the love and support.

Pamela Kramer,
Director of Corporate and Community Relations
Murphy-Harpst Children's Center

Men's and Women's Fellowship

The **Men's Club** will meet on Monday, February 4, at 6:00 p.m. at Provino's Restaurant. All men of the church are invited to join us for supper, fellowship, study, and prayer. Contact Terry Clift at 706-506-4205 or terryclift@me.com for details.

The **United Methodist Women's** will meet on Tuesday, February 19, at 6:00 p.m. We invite ALL ladies of the church to join us for an evening of dinner, fellowship, and a program. Mark your calendars—we really hope you will come join us. For more info, please contact Inez Fears @ 404-550-3227 or i_l_fears@yahoo.com.

SECOND HELPINGS

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

Worship...

2019 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 **\$41.50**, 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.

Invoke...

Choir:

Now is a great time to join the choir. Rehearsals will begin soon for the Easter cantata. For more information, please contact Susan Pierce at suspie@comcast.net or 706-506-4880.

One Community United:

Thursday, February 7 ~ 6:00 p.m.
One Community United in alliance with Rome Symphony Orchestra presents 4th Annual H.U.G. "A Living Testimony to the Power of Change & Reconciliation." Guest speaker is Peggy Wallace Kennedy. Rome First UMC, Wilder Center. Free Event—Open to the Community. Doors open at 5:00p.m.

Nurture...

Wednesday Night Family Fellowship:

Wednesday, February 13 ~ 6:00 p.m.
Come celebrate Valentine's Day with a special celebration and a delicious menu prepared by Thomas Kislak.

Valentines for Shut-Ins:

We deliver a sign of our love and care for those of our congregation who are shut-in and unable to be a regular part of our fellowship. You can help by contributing bud vases and volunteering to help deliver these gifts. To volunteer or for details, please contact Beth Gibbons at 706-346-2701 | bgibbons1961@gmail.com.

Keenagers:

Thursday, February 21 ~ noon
Watch upcoming bulletins for details of the February meeting.

Grow...

United Methodist Women Retreat:

Saturday, February 2
Farmville United Methodist Church's 15th Annual UMW Retreat will feature our own Pastor, Rev. Millie, as their guest speaker. We encourage our Second Avenue women to attend and support our pastor. It will be held from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, February 2, at Farmville UMC (6906 Fairmount Highway, Calhoun, GA 30701). Lunch consisting of soup, sandwiches, desserts and drinks will be served. This is a free event (Love Offering will be taken).

Confirmation:

This important rite of passage in the church begins on Sunday, February 10, at 9:45 a.m.. Please start praying for our confirmands—Maddie Gibson, Isaac Tucker, and Railey Davis—as they begin the process of learning the important tenants of our faith in preparation for becoming full members of the church.

Serve...

Souper Bowl of Caring:

Sunday, February 3
On Super Bowl Sunday each year, our youth hold buckets at the doors as we exit worship, joining young people in churches across the country raising money to support local charities through SouperBowl of Caring. 100% of our contributions help feed the hungry through Meals & More. For more info, contact the church office.

Meals & More:

Tuesday, February 5 ~ 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. We also give away travel size soaps, lotions, shampoo, and other toiletry items. Please bring them to the box in the Fellowship Hall.

Helping Hands:

Tuesdays at 10:00 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! For more details, contact Judy Myers at judybug3@bellsouth.net or 706-346-8993.

SECOND HELPINGS

Acolytes:

02/03 Macy Davis
 02/10 Leigh Kim-Soh
 02/17 Theo Kislak
 02/24 Isaac Tucker

Liturgists:

02/03 Doug Meredith
 02/10 Thomas Kislak
 02/17 Patty Baker
 02/24 Mike Colombo

Ushers:

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

Nursery:

02/03 Emily Embree
 02/10 Betty Crymes
 02/17 Buffy Davis
 02/24 Beth Gibbons

Congregational Care & Concern:

02/03 Sally Farmer
 02/10 Inez Fears
 02/17 Vicki Thomason
 02/24 Darlene Wallace

Counters:

02/03 Mike Colombo & Cindy Smith
 02/10 Mary Beth B. & Greg Gaston
 02/17 Barbara Cothran & Dan Emerick
 02/24 Amy Astin & Dottie Taylor

Flowers:

02/03 Davis
 02/10 Baker
 02/17 Kim-Soh
 02/24

Wednesday Night Family Fellowship

- Dinner Served 6:00 p.m.; Program 6:30
- Reservation Required on Pew Pad or Call Office
- \$8 per person/\$16 family maximum

- \$1 per person for dessert only
- Pizza for children available weekly
- First-time visitors & children 10 and under eat free

Programs

02/13 Valentine's Day Celebration

Menu

02/13 Baked Ziti with Italian Sausage, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, and Dessert

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4TH ANNUAL H.U.G.

"A Living Testament to the Power of Change & Reconciliation"
FEBRUARY 7, DOORS OPEN 5 PM, EVENT BEGINS 6 PM,
ROME FIRST UMC, WILDER CENTER
FREE EVENT · OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Guest Speaker:
PEGGY WALLACE KENNEDY
 Kennedy, daughter of two Alabama governors, George and Lurleen Wallace, "stands apart from her past and is recognized as one of the most important voices for peace and reconciliation," says the Alabama Humanities Foundation.

Music by:

Kris Carlisle: Piano
Tiffany Uzofe: Soprano
Dina Caucrym: Soprano
Fran Daniel: Lauterica: Tenor

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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
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Prayer List

Congregation

Allen Ables
Susan Autry
Paul Barfield
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 & Norma Gresham
Charles Griffin
Betty Hardy
Faye Kesler
Mardelle Lynch
Susan Pierce
Lib Rogers
Edith Swint
Vivian VanLandingham
Carol Vogt
Beverly Woodward

Friends & Family

Oneida Adams
Travis Atkinson
Sarah Bailie
Jerry & Lynn Barry
Betty Jo Barton
Family of Ray Billy Bishop
Terri Black
Dr. Mary Boggs
Ginger Bokma
Kat Boston
Dr. David Bowen
Kendall Boyd
Lee Brock
Linda Brown
MaeDell Clark
Bella Cox
Terry Duck
Payton Dunn
Chris Franssen
Daria Giebler
Ruth Bader Ginsburg
Laura Harrison
Patty Harvey
Billy Holmes
John Hunsucker
Garrett Jones

Milton Kahn
Family & Friends of Bo Langford
Bill & Peggy Lanier
Dean Mallow
Cade Maynor
Lisa McDaniel
James McGinnis
Jean & Raymond Millwood
Military Personnel
John Morris & Family
Julie Ousley
Peggy Pharr
Carolyn Prater
Connie Ray
Peggy Reynolds
Harvey Samuel
Trish Sherman
Kathy Smith
Karen Stokes
Elise Sullens
Steve Thomason
President Trump
Lida Weeks
Beth Wessel
Jim Williams
Kennedy Williams
Edmund & Sandy Yeargan

Persons of the Week

February 03: Ashley Wilkey
313B Chateau Drive
Rome, GA 30161

February 17: Jane Franssen
5 Rambling Oaks Drive NE
Rome, GA 30165-9358

February 10: Flanery Family
6 Eden Drive
Rome, GA 30165

February 24: Beverly Woodward
2 Richland Court SE
Rome, GA 30161-6251

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

February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Donna Bledsoe Lily Embree 10:00am UMW Retreat at Farmville UMC
3 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	4	5 10:00am Helping Hands 3:30pm Meals & More	6	7 10:00am Joyful Noise 5:00pm Line Dancing 6:00pm One Community United Event at Rome First UMC	8 Railey Davis	9 Phil Baker
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