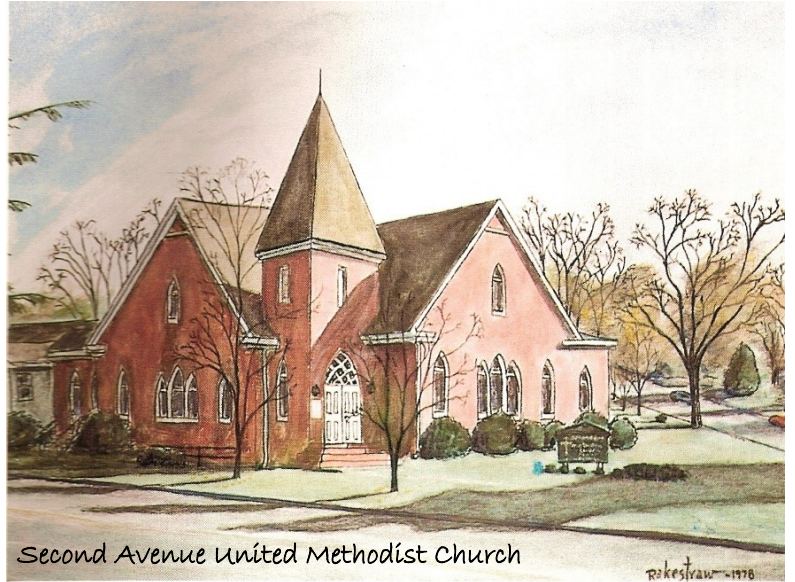


Second Helpings

Second Avenue United Methodist Church ~ February 2020

Special Events in February

- February 02—Souper Bowl of Caring
- February 04—Meals & More
- February 06—5th Annual HUG Assembly
- February 14—Valentine's Party/Game Night
- February 19—Keenagers
- February 23—Housing & Homeless Offering
- February 26—Wednesday Night Supper
- February 26—Ash Wednesday Service



Second Avenue United Methodist Church

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

Our Vision: 'Knowing Christ & Making Christ Known'



ONE
COMMUNITY
UNITED

5th Annual HUG Assembly

Thursday, February 6 ~ 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Celebration music begins @ 5:45 with Reception to Follow Program

First United Methodist Church ~ 202 3rd Avenue—Wilder Center—Use 2nd Street Entrance

Continuing the Conversation Relationships in Action

Moving to Community Problem Solving. Join them in the next phase of the Journey Together.

OCU began their work five years ago in an attempt to combat racial tensions seen in other communities around the country. Their slogan was "let's talk." Small groups have been at the heart of their work for the last five years, where trust is built in the mystical action of breaking bread together and talking over a meal.

This year Rev. Millie is one of the speakers at the annual HUG event.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Speakers this year will talk about concerns that they want to address together to make Rome and Floyd County an even better place to live.

The next phase of their work will not be anchored in individuals but in local institutions and their common mission.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



When some are buying Ferraris and having plastic surgeries for their midlife crises, I am attending Leadership and Innovation Academy sponsored by our Annual Conference. The year 2020 marks my 22nd year of full time ministry, and I am just curious what other churches are doing to “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world” more effectively. I travel all over the conference for this. This past Monday, I was at Quest Church in Grovetown near Augusta. I was greeted by some of the most friendly and caring people I have ever met. When I was about to leave, they even remembered that I was from Rome and asked if I needed anything for the road. It was not overly sweet and it was not aggressive. It was genuine and really made me feel that I was deeply cared for. One of the things that I took away from this trip is that the church culture is one of the most important things in the church. The vision and mission of the church are important but the church culture is *very important*. *As we embark on a new decade, I want us to be curious about our church culture here at Second Avenue and see if we need to shift or change for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ and the mission of the church.*

Church culture is like the air we breathe. If we were a tree, it is the sap, the life-blood of the tree. It is our personality or character as a church, a corporate body. The researchers say that visitors can feel the culture of the church in the first 3 minutes after they walk into a church. Long ago, while I was heating up soup in the kitchen, I received a phone call. I stepped outside to answer the call and needless to say it turned out to be a long conversation. When I came back in, the house was full of smoke and a strong burnt smell. I aired the house but the smell lingered for a long time. But the funny part was that after 2-3 days, I could not smell anything. It was when friends and family came to visit and asked, “What’s that smell?” that I was reminded that there was a burnt smell. The church culture is just like that. We who are inside are often unaware or assume that we have fragrant, sweet air in the church. I hope and pray that we put on the characteristics of Jesus and constantly work on improving our church culture. I want us to be loving, kind, caring, open, healing, teaching, just, affirming, etc.. These are what come to my mind; what character traits come to your mind when you think of Jesus? Can we cultivate Jesus culture at Second Avenue?

I hope that I am modeling the culture of Jesus, at least I am trying very hard. I would like our staff to model the culture of Jesus as well. And yes, healthy church culture always starts with the leaders; therefore, our lay leaders must also reflect the culture of Jesus. Carey Nieuwhof, a leading pastor in North America and a former lawyer, reminds us that a bad church culture will constantly undermine an amazing vision, mission, and strategy. It sure discourages a good pastor. Creating a healthy church culture does not just happen; we *all must be intentional about it*. *I want all of us to start asking this month, “What do you want people to feel at Second Avenue?” and “What do people need to feel?”*

Love you,
Millie
Your Pastor

FEBRUARY SERMON SCRIPTURE

- February 02 "Wesleyan Holiness" | Isaiah 9:1-7 | Matthew 4:12-23 | Communion Sunday
 - February 09 "Holy Fools" | 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 | Matthew 5:1-12
 - February 16 "Coming Out of Exile and Into God's Presence" | John 15:5 | Psalm 34:4 | 1 John 4:16-21
 - February 23 "God's Temple" | 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23 | Matthew 5:38-48
 - February 26 "A Spring of Water" | Isaiah 58:1-12 | Ash Wednesday
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Ice Skating at the Forum



Wednesday Night Family Fellowship Birthday Bash



Warm Up Sunday Results

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

We received:

11 coats/jackets

1 pairs of pants

5 blankets/afghans

14 pairs of socks

6 sweatshirts/sweaters

11 dishtowels/hand towels

1 scarf

1 pair of shoes

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.

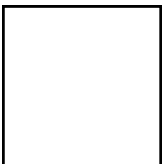
February Birthdays

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

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!



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Second Helpings

Blessings and Gratitude

Valerie Moore East Asia Update

Current Prayer Requests

- that Mary would continue to study the book of John and that the Lord would give her a desire to fully believe in Him.
- that Mary Ella and I would be able to share the Gospel with Yoyo and Wanda and that they would believe.
- for Martina, Vivi, Xiao Xiao, and Harriet as we study the Bible with them.
- for our classmates from all over the world.

Love,
Valerie Moore

(Valerie's entire letter may be seen on
bulletin board outside the office)

Dearest Church Family,

Herb and I want you all to know how much your concern and your caring has meant to us through this journey. We still have a long way to go. During all of our hospital stays, we have felt your prayers with us. We will be forever grateful for your calls, your cards, visits, flowers, and food. With God's help and your love and prayers, we have come this far. We have had some "setbacks," but Herb is taking treatments again, and we ask for your prayers that he will be able to continue.

We miss you all so much, and we look forward to the day that we are back with our church family again and we can tell you personally how much you all mean to us. Reverend Millie, you have been with us through every surgery and you will always have a special place in our hearts. God bless you all, and we send you heartfelt thanks and love.

Herb and Paula Brown

Hi Millie-

I wanted to personally thank you and Second Avenue UMC for allowing Girl Scouts the use of your fellowship hall for our cookie rally. It was most productive and a very fun time for the girls and us older girls, too.

Thank you as well for all you & Kevin do for our troop! You are both so generous & I appreciate you very much. Love having Leigh & Sophia in our troop!

See you soon, Doreen Meeks
Girl Scout Troup 727

Hi. Thank you so much for the basket of fruit. It was so good. Thank you again.

Love always,
Helen Fay Broom

Dear Second Avenue Family,

We would like to thank all of you for the cards, calls and prayers for us during the holidays.

We miss getting to see you and hope to soon be back to church. May God bless each of you.

Love,
Jim & Gerrie Burton
and Cindy, too

To My Church Family,

I have been blessed to have such wonderful friends. I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and phone calls to Jim and Norma during his illness. Jim is improving daily but still needs our love and prayers. The cards have meant a lot also. If you would like to send a card, his address is 1 College View Drive, 30161. Jim loves the many friends he has in our church.

God Bless each of you for your kindnesses,
Betty Crymes and family

Greetings and Happy New Year!

Staff members and the board of directors with Murphy-Harpst Children's Center would like to express our most heartfelt thank you. What an amazing Christmas we all experienced this season! We were truly blessed.

Thanks to your generosity, we provided gifts to a record-breaking 146 children! Every single child in our Residential, Foster Care, and Community Services program received special gifts thanks to supporters like you. It would not have been possible without the many volunteers who donated their time, resources, and talent to grant every wish! The level of support was truly phenomenal. Thank you to every donor, shopper, wrapper, volunteer and coordinator who played a part in our most memorable Christmas yet!

All my best,
Pamela Kramer

(This year we had a young lady arrive on Christmas Eve with just the clothes on her back. She was anxious and sad about waking up in a new place on Christmas. Everyone else's gifts were wrapped and hidden and waiting for Santa to deliver them—little did she know, hers were too.)

Thanks to the abundance of generosity of our supporters, we were able to give her the Christmas she deserved. Several of our staff members came to the Christmas House to pick out and wrap clothes, books, games, hygiene products, and even a purple hair straightener for her to open on Christmas. She is settling in to her new home, and your support showed her what a loving place Murphy-Harpst is.)

SECOND HELPINGS

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

Worship...

Ash Wednesday:

February 26 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Worship and imposition of ashes in the Sanctuary after supper. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us to begin the season of Lent with prayer and renewal.

2020 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 \$40, 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.

Invite...

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 6 ~ 6:00 p.m.

One Community United presents 5th Annual H.U.G. "Continuing the Conversation Relationships in Action." Guest speakers will be various One Community United leaders, including Rev. Millie. Rome First UMC, Wilder Center. Free Event—Open to the Community—Reception to follow. Celebration music begins at 5:45 p.m.

Grow...

Lenten Bible Study:

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Millie invites everyone to join in an upcoming study of the book *The Walk, Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life* by Adam Hamilton. "Discover five essential spiritual practices for our Christian walk, each rooted in Jesus' own walk with God. Each chapter explores one practice, including its New Testament foundation and its potential effect on our personal lives and our lives together as the church."

Nurture...

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 20 ~ noon

Please join us for a covered dish lunch and a program of Presidents Trivia. Good food, friends, and fun. Bring a dish and a friend.

Wednesday Night Family Fellowship:

Wednesday, February 26 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a Taco Bar followed by the Ash Wednesday Service.

Valentine's Party/Game Night:

Friday, February 14 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Everyone welcome! Pizza and beverages provided; please bring sides to share. Come enjoy games for kids & youth and dominoes or card games for adults.

Serve...

Souper Bowl of Caring:

Sunday, February 2

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 4 ~ 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.

Winthrop Senior Living Community:

Tuesday, February 11 ~ 1:00 p.m.

We need volunteers to sing, share stories, and just be present every **second Tuesday** of the month to show the love of Jesus to the senior residents.

SECOND HELPINGS

Acolytes:

2/02 Noah Tucker
2/09 Macy Davis
2/16 Railey Davis
2/23 Chloe Duck

Liturgists:

2/02 Greg Gaston
2/09 Patty Baker
2/16 Doug Meredith
2/23 Ben McFry

Nursery:

2/02 Laura Bledsoe
2/09 Betty Crymes
2/16 Mary Beth Broxterman
2/23 Kevin Soh

Flowers:

2/02 Smith
2/09 Davis
2/16 Baker
2/23

Congregational Care & Concern:

2/02 Nina Wheeler
2/09 Nancy Clift
2/16 Shirley Dodson
2/23 Shannon Kislak

Counters:

2/02 Mike Colombo & Cindy Smith
2/09 Mary Beth B. & Greg Gaston
2/16 Barbara Cothran & Dan Emerick
2/23 Amy Astin & Dottie Taylor

Ushers:

Phil Taylor (head usher), Jill Borchert, Mike Colombo, Dan Emerick, Beth Gibbons, Tommy Jones

To Those Who Bring Small Children to Church:

There you are at church. Your baby or toddler is restless. Perhaps even a little boisterous. You try to silence them, and nothing. You try to pacify them with food or toys, and nothing. Eventually, you resort to the last thing you wanted to do: you pick them up, and before a watching audience, you make the march out of the church. All the while you're a little embarrassed, maybe a little frustrated too. You might even think to yourself, "There's no point in coming to church. I get nothing out of it because I have to constantly care for my kid."

I want you - mothers and/or fathers - to know just how encouraging you are to so many. The elderly woman who often feels alone beams with a smile at the sight of you wrestling with your little one. She's been there before. She knows how hard it can be, but she smiles because to hear that brings back precious memories. Seeing young parents and their small children brighten her day; she may have just received bad news about her health but seeing the vitality of young ones removes - if but for a moment - her fears. The older man who always seems to be grouchy notices you too. He's always talking about how children in this day have no respect or sense of goodness. But he sees you - a young family - in church every week. Like clockwork, he can depend on the sight of you and your young family. You give him hope that maybe the Church isn't doomed after all, because there are still young parents who love God enough to bring their restless children to church.

Bring your children to church! If we don't hear crying, the church is dying. As hard as it might be for you as a parent who's half-asleep, keep on doing what you're doing. You are an encouragement, and you're starting off your children's lives as you should. - Author unknown

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
- First-time visitors & children 10 and under eat free

Menu

02/26 Taco Bar

Program

02/26 Ash Wednesday Service



Vital Signs

Average Worship Attendance in January: 79

Financial giving in January: \$14,966

Budgeted amount needed as of January: \$17,626

Budgeted amount given as of January: \$13,553

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

Betty Albers
Carl Alexander
Susan Autry
Donna Bledsoe
Herb Brown
Gerrie Burton
Jim Burton
Bill Carver
Danny Carver
Giles Chapman
Erin Ables Clark
Nancy Davis
Phil & Jane Franssen
Carolyn Garwood
Jim Gibbons
David Gresham
Charles Griffin
Betty Hardy
Faye Kesler
Mardelle Lynch
Julie Mathis
Bill Pharr
Lib Rogers
Edith Swint

Vicki Thomason
Vivian VanLandingham
Carol Vogt

Friends & Family

Katherine Ammons
Linda Baker
Terri Black
Bowman Family
Linda Brown
Alfred Brumbelow
Christian Camp
Family of Carlton Cargle
Daria Giebler
Branton Green
Jamie Griffin
Patty Harvey
Destiny Erica Head
Greg Helms
Jada Helms
Khloe Hill
Audrey House
"Buck" Huckaby
Sue Hurley
JoAnn Jacks

Larry Jacks
Janie Jolley
Garrett Jones
Hannah Jones
Megan Jones
Milton Kahn
Bill & Peggy Lanier
Danny Lee
Paula Lowder
Lisa McDaniel
Mason McKenzie
Alex Mendez
Jacob Mendez
Tandalea Mendez
Military Personnel
John Morris & Family
Sherry Nolan
Diane Norrod
Julie Ousley
Andy Peabody
Connie Ray
Deborah Reynolds
Amanda Smith
Hannah Thacker
Bonnie Thomas

Charlotte & Thomson
Family
Alex Trebek
President Trump
Tyson Waid
Mary Whilllock
John Wiggin
Sunny Wilkerson
Jim Williams and Family
Kennedy Williams
Debbie Willis
John Woodward
Regina Wright

Persons of the Week

February 02: Tom & Rose Collum

503 11th Street, SE
Rome, GA 30161

February 09: Sally Farmer

109 Brittany Lane SE
Rome, GA 30161-9480

February 16: Carol Vogt

Magnolia Hills, Room 51
504 Historic 441 N.
Demorest, GA 30535

February 23: Mary Sue Gilleland

205 North Elm Street NW
Rome, GA 30165-2231

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

February 2020

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