

# Second Helpings

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## Pastor's Page– Rev. Dr. Millie L. Kim



“Pay close attention, friend, to what your father tells you; Never forget what you learned at your mother’s knee.” (Proverbs 1:8, The Message)

What are some things your father told you and you learned at your mother’s knee? Some of you know that I am struggling greatly with parenting! I am a yeller and can’t really control my emotions (mostly anger) when I am parenting. Strangely and ironically, there is a conflict between being a good mother and raising our children the way I desire. My desire is for them to be academically, musically, and physically confident and competent. So when they neglect to do homework,

practice, and exercise, it bothers me deeply and I become a Hulk! And then there forms a blurry line between instruction and abuse. I know you have never struggled with this but I find parenting to be the most difficult thing in my life at this time.

I constantly remind myself and remember when Leigh and Sophia were born. They were beautiful and perfect, and I really thought they were the best and biggest thing I had accomplished in my life! I knew at the same time that they were not my accomplishments but a gracious gift from God. One of the things I do when I get so frustrated with them is to look at their baby albums. They could not play music, they could not sing, they could not talk, they could not do their homework, they could not bring home all straight As, they could not swim, etc., yet they were beautiful and perfect! I would just hold them, and hours passed without me realizing. They were just precious! But I cannot continue to treat them as helpless babies and look after them as if they were.

In parenting, I see God’s dilemma with human beings, with us, with ME, and even with the church! I am fearfully and wonderfully made, yet I do things that are displeasing to God! I am not talking about immorality, abuse, crime, etc., but I am talking about something more stealthy and insidious: not doing our best. I am talking about the internal narrative that we tell ourselves, “That’s good enough. Why do more? Why be better?” I am talking about the mentality of a lot of Christians, “What I do for God and for the church is good enough!” In 1 Corinthians 13, Apostle Paul says, “When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.” In Matthew 22:37 Jesus tells all the rule followers (Pharisees who check the boxes of requirements of the Law), “Love the Lord your God with *all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.*” (NRSV)

I am constantly working on my parenting skills (a lot of reading, repenting, and crying) and I am constantly working on my faith as a child of God (a lot of praying, repenting, and working on my priorities). Good Lord, help me! Good Lord, help you! Good Lord, help Second Avenue!

Your Pastor,  
Millie

## Highlights from January in Pictures



Betty Crymes & Rev. Millie



Our faithful Choir is increasing in number!



Welcoming New Member Man Lee



Rev. Millie visiting Shut-ins



L. Susan Stroup with new Bishop, Rev. Robin Dease

Rome Community MLK Jr. Celebration at Rome First UMC



Maddie Gibson & Isaac Tucker on Emory University College Tour



Hand Bell Polishing Party

## Persons of the Week

### February 05: Man Lee

194 Old Cedartown Hwy  
Lindale, GA 30147

### February 19: Tommy Jones

310 Old Calhoun Road NE  
Rome, GA 30161-9691

### February 12: Anne Westfield

Pruitt Health Rm 211  
2 3-Mile Road NE  
Rome, GA 30161-6151

### February 26: Betty Crymes

Harborview Rome  
1345 Redmond Circle  
Rome, GA 30165

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

## February Schedule

Acolytes:	Flowers:	Liturgists:
2/05 Theo Kislal	2/05 Davis	2/05 Thomas Kislal
2/12 Leigh Kim-Soh	2/12 Baker	2/12 Amy Astin
2/19 Macy Davis	2/19	2/19 Mike Colombo
2/26 Railey Davis	2/26	2/26 Dennis Urquhart

## Prayer List

### Congregation

Genny Alexander  
Helen Broom  
Gerrie Burton &  
Family  
Terry & Nancy Clift  
Lynda & Tom Climer  
Barbara & Terry  
Cothran  
Betty Crymes  
Nancy Davis  
Lynn & Chloe Duck  
Terry Duck  
Carolyn Garwood  
Tommy Jones  
Mardelle Lynch  
Bill Pharr  
Lee Upshaw  
Vivian  
VanLandingham

Bill & Jerry Waters  
Anne Westfield

### Friends & Family

Ginny Atkinson  
Barry Barfield  
Jennie Blunt  
Jimmy Brown  
Ronnie & Shirley  
Brown  
Chris Butler  
Norma Cannon  
Barbara Conklin  
Daniel Craig  
Ruth Day  
Bishop Robin Dease  
T. J. Ferguson  
Diana Hamer  
Nita Henderson  
Dan Hulhearn

Family of Barna  
Jones  
John & Beth Kennedy  
Ann Little's Family  
Chad Lester  
Bobby Magnicheri  
Taylor Martin  
The Mathis Family  
Haley & Will  
McDonald  
Tom McElroy  
Posey Mitchell  
Kelly Mountain  
Lynette Murphy  
Jim Myrick  
Camil Nedela  
Skip Nordenberg  
Jack & Shelve  
Ozment  
Peggy Pharr

Beth Pitt  
Nicole Potvin  
Daphne Rogers  
Dean Rogers  
Nicholas Rogers  
Jessica Sanders &  
Irelyn Fotopulos  
David Stevens  
Sage Teeter  
Soldiers & peoples of  
Russia and Ukraine  
Bill Underwood  
Mitzi Wilburn  
Jim Williams  
Jalen Wofford  
John P. Woodward  
Virginia Yarbrough



## Second Avenue United Women in Faith

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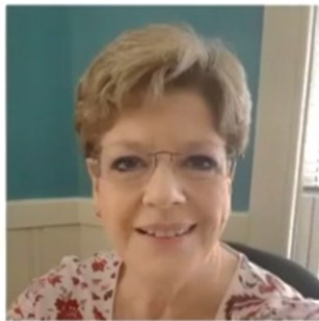
Come and join with the ladies of the church at our next United Women in Faith meeting on Saturday, February 11, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. We will be finished by 11:30 a.m. so you can get on with your day. **The cost for brunch is \$5 per person. Please make a reservation. (It is fine to text Cindy [706-346-0786] with your reservation!)**

This month our program will be a video presentation, "Voices from the Field: Answering the Call to Serve," that features three speakers telling of their mission service through United Women in Faith. Dr. Katelin Hansen and our own L. Susan Stroup will talk of their special missions in their own communities, and Dr. Yvette Richards will take us on a tour of different UWF missions across the country. Come learn about the many ways that UWF is making a huge difference in the lives of people across our nation.

### Today's Guests



Deaconess  
Katelin Hansen, PhD



Deaconess  
L. Susan Stroup, EdS



Dr. Yvette Richards

Everyone is invited!!!! I look forward to seeing each of you on Saturday, February 11!

Cindy Smith  
UWF President

## Installation of New Church Officers

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On Sunday, January 1, we installed the following new church officers:

Amy Astin	Terry Clift	Mike Colombo	Steve Davis
Jane Franssen	Greg Gaston	Susan Pierce	Cindy Smith
Susan Stroup	Isaac Tucker	Dennis Urquhart	Wayne Wilkey

Our first One Board Meeting for the year was held on January 29. Please pray for these individuals throughout the coming year as they seek to lead the congregation of Second Avenue UMC.

## Blessings and Gratitude

Dear Church Family,

Words can not tell you how much I appreciate all you have done for us during Jim's illness. The cards, letters, phone calls, and prayers are appreciated so very much. Thanks, also, for the food that I did not have to cook.

From the bottom of my heart I thank you.

Love and blessings,  
Gerrie Burton & Family

Dear Second Avenue Church Family,

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all so much for the lovely shower and gifts you provided for Harper. Matt and I are so very grateful for all the love and support we have enjoyed through the years. We are excited to welcome Harper Grace, and are proud that she will be a part of the Second Avenue UMC family.

Much love,  
Kathryn, Matt, and (soon) Harper

Thank you for your generous contributions on this year's Warm Up Sunday. We received a whole carload full of blankets & quilts, afghans, coats & jackets, hats, gloves & mittens, socks, sweaters, and scarves. We pray these will be a sign of Christ's love to warm their recipients' hearts with hope.

Dear Second Avenue Church Family,

Thank you all so much for your kind words and sweet cards when my mother passed away in December. Knowing people are praying for you means so very much when you're grieving.

Blessing to you all,  
JoAnn Thomas

Dear Congregation of 2nd Avenue,

Thank you so much for the investment you made in the lives of my students. I was able to take all of the students who were interested in attending the Georgia United Nations Assembly regardless of their family's finances.

Sincerely,  
Mary Beth Broxterman

## February Giving Opportunity

February 20, 2023 is National Love Your Pet Day. During the month of February we will be collecting items to donate to the Rome Floyd Animal Shelter. We will collect pet food, leashes, cat litter, and other necessities, but all pet-related items are welcomed, anything useful for the shelter or for prospective families who will adopt.

You are welcome to give items or monetary donations in honor or memory of your fur companions. Contact Nina Wheeler for more details (706-234-0179).



## Armuchee Students to Georgia United Nations Assembly

Eighteen Armuchee High School seventh and eighth grade students attended the Georgia United Nations Assembly December 8-10. At this three-day conference, students took on the role of delegates in the United Nations. Representing the nations of Yemen, Iraq, Armenia, Thailand, Vietnam, and Russia, students wrote resolutions for consideration by the assembly. All of the participants prepared a tri-board about their nation, a brief greeting in their nation's native language, and a speech to defend their resolution. Over the course of the three days, the students engaged in discussions and debates on topics ranging from water scarcity to human trafficking. Armuchee High School won the distinction of best delegation for the outstanding performance of the students in all areas of the conference. Seventh grader Bella Howell was awarded a best delegate award for her exceptional questions, pertinent points of information, and defense of her resolution.



This group of students was able to attend this event in part because of generous donations by 2nd Avenue United Methodist Church. The contributions from church members provided partial scholarships for 6 students, 2 grab-and-go breakfasts for the group, and covered the transportation costs.

## Homeless Offering on February 29



We can become one in our witness and ministry to people across North Georgia by supporting the North GA UMC Housing and Homeless Council Offering. One hundred percent of your gift will go to church and community ministries serving people experiencing poverty and homelessness. A gift of any amount will help transform the lives of our neighbors in need. Please note Homeless Offering on your offering envelope or the memo line.

## Vital Signs

Budgeted amount needed as of January: \$18,764

Budgeted amount given as of January: \$16,769

Financial giving in month of January: \$19,352



## Sermon Scriptures

**February 05** 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 5:13-20 | "United in the Same Mind and Purpose" | Holy Communion

**February 12** 1 Corinthians 13, Matthew 5:21-37 | "Finding Love"

**February 19** 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, Matthew 17:1-9 | "True Wisdom" | Transfiguration Sunday

**February 22** Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, Psalm 51 | "Rend Your Hearts" | Ash Wednesday

**February 26** 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 | "Talented or Gifted?"

## Valentines for Shut-Ins

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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 volunteering to help deliver these gifts. We now have enough vases this year.

Contact Beth Gibbons (706-346-2701) or Jill Borchert (706-676-1743).



## Laura Bledsoe Meal Train Has Been Extended

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Judy Myers has added 5 new dates to the Laura Bledsoe Meal Train calendar. Laura is still not allowed to put any weight on her hip. Doug will be on a required business trip on February 12 - February 18 so it is very important that we get 2/13 & 2/16 filled up. Donna will have sole responsibility for Laura and Jesse, so if we could make sure she does not have to cook that week, it would be immensely helpful.

Donna comes to Rome each weekday to pick Jesse up from school and is happy to meet you at the church to pick up food. Thank you for being participating in the Meal Train. .

## Lenten Bible Study begins on Ash Wednesday

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There will be a Lenten Study starting on Wednesday, February 22, at 1:00 p.m. (Please note time change from previous Wednesday study.) Watch upcoming bulletins for more details. Plan to come and bring a friend.

## Ash Wednesday Meal & Service on February 22

On Ash Wednesday, February 22, make plans to come eat Wednesday Night Supper at 6:00 p.m. The food will be homecooked (meatloaf, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn, rolls, and dessert). Donations to the cost will be accepted.

We will have worship and imposition of ashes in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us to begin the season of Lent with prayer and renewal.

## Bible Studies Available at Home for Free

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We can do the finest video Bible studies at home for free. Our church has a monthly subscription and you can also watch Rev. Millie's sermon on this website. Below is the link and access code. Please let Rev. Millie know if you have any questions.

<https://my.amplifymedia.com/secondavenueumcromega>  
Access code: BCHFRN

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**Our Vision:**  
**"Knowing Christ & Making Christ Known"**

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### February Birthdays

2/2 Donna Bledsoe  
2/2 Lily Embree  
2/8 Railey Davis  
2/9 Phil Baker  
2/12 Reece Gibson  
2/12 Charles Griffin  
2/23 Luis Baleon  
2/26 Ralph Davis  
2/26 Greg Gaston  
2/26 Man Lee

### February Anniversaries

2/14 Millie & Kevin Kim

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!



## February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 2:00pm "Walking the Lands" Bible Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	<b>2</b> Donna Bledsoe Lily Embree 2:30pm Homeschool Orchestra Practice 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir Practice	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Hand Bell Workshop at NorthBrook UMC
<b>5</b> 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Communion	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:00am Helping Hands	<b>8</b> Railey Davis 2:00pm "Walking the Bible Lands" Bible Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	<b>9</b> Phil Baker 2:30pm Homeschool Orchestra Practice 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir Practice	<b>10</b> Confirmation Retreat	<b>11</b> Confirmation Retreat 10:00am United Women in Faith
<b>12</b> Charles Griffin Confirmation Retreat Reese Gibson 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Kevin Soh & Millie Kim Rev. Millie to Board of Ordained Ministry Valentine's Day 10:00am Helping Hands	<b>15</b> Rev. Millie to Board of Ordained Ministry 2:00pm "Walking the Bible Lands" Bible Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	<b>16</b> Rev. Millie to Board of Ordained Ministry 2:30pm Homeschool Orchestra Practice 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir Practice	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10:00am Helping Hands	<b>22</b> 1:00pm Lenten Bible Study begins 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service	<b>23</b> Luis Baleon 2:30pm Homeschool Orchestra Practice 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir Practice	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Greg Gaston Ralph Davis
<b>26</b> Man Lee 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Homeless Offering 12:00pm One Board Monthly Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10:00am Helping Hands				