



Second Helpings



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Pastor's Page– Rev. Dr. Millie L. Kim



Happy New Year! Although I am at a loss and am trying to grapple with the fact that it is 2022, I do not have the power to stop time or get on a time machine. I only have the power to make a good choice in the present time. (As I am writing this, I am eating leftover Christmas cake for breakfast- a bad choice! But it is still 2021~!) So this year and every year, my intention is that I will do my very best and pray and hope for good and godly choices every day.

The year 2021 was a challenging year with the pandemic and with so many people sick in our congregation, especially JoAnn and John! I pray that you have a healthy year and ask God's blessings of health and happiness for you and your family! I am grateful for Kat, our temporary fill-in for JoAnn and Greg Gaston. They have really worked hard so that we do not experience further hardship in the office. Please express your gratitude to them as you see them. I thank all of you who stepped up and helped out with the UMW Christmas Party, Christmas Cantata, Christmas Eve, and various events in this busy season. I thank all of you who have supported the church through your presence, prayer, gifts, service, and witness. As I conclude the year 2021, I have nothing but gratitude and appreciation for the good people of Second Avenue! Thank you!

As some of you know, I have been learning a lot through a gerontology class called, "Foundation of Aging" as part of my continuing education. Let me brag a little! I have scored the highest score in the class, and all other students were graduate students at UGA! (It was a piece of cake!). This month, I will be preaching on how we can age gracefully and godly through the lens of the Bible and faith, incorporating what I learned in the class! I hope it is interesting and helpful to you. Most importantly I hope the sermons would inspire you to get closer to God and His Word.

Lastly, I would like to share a poem by Dietrich Bonhoeffer with you. This is what I sing every New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, one of my favorites!

By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered,
and confidently waiting, come what may,
We know that God is with us night and morning,
and never fails to greet us each new day.
Yet is this heart by its old foe tormented,
still evil days bring burdens hard to bear;
O give our frightened souls the sure salvation
for which, O Lord, you taught us to prepare.
And when this cup you give is filled
to brimming with bitter sorrow, hard to understand,
We take it thankfully and without trembling,
out of so good and so beloved a hand.
Yet when again in this same world
you give us the joy we had, the brightness of your sun,
We shall remember all the days we lived through,
and our whole life shall then be yours alone!

Happy, Healthy, Good Year, I wish all of you! *Millie*

Photo highlights from November & December



We enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving Service.

Vicki Embree decorated the altar beautifully!



The Ruiz Baleon Family lit the first candle of Advent.



Children received their Advent Calendar.



From our Shut-ins: Lib Rodgers (L) and Jim Burton wish you a Happy New Year!



Christmas Cantata Service ! Our Handbell Choir, Children's Choir & Chancel Choir brought joy to the season of Advent!



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Christmas Pageant.

It was a beautiful service & the children did an amazing job!! Thanks to Emily Embree & Kathy Urquhart, our children told the Christmas story with their talents & cuteness.



Our UMW sponsored a Christmas party & the Northwestern Singers provided the music.



Children's outing on December 4th.



Mills (R) is growing up!
He just turned 2.
Happy Birthday!



Cancellation of January events

Unfortunately all events in January have all been cancelled due to the recent rapid spread of the Covid 19 Omicron virus and the flu.

United Methodist Women will be meeting on **Saturday, February 12, 2022, at 10:00**, to celebrate Valentine's Day and "God's Love for Us".

Mark your calendars now!

We meet at 10:00 a.m. the second Saturday of the month.

We will continue to support the Ruth and Naomi House breakfast program this year if you would like to contribute toward this project at our meetings.

All ladies of the church are invited to come and enjoy the fun, fellowship, and food as we grow together in our faith as United Methodist Women.

Cindy Smith

UMW President



We collected 300 pairs of socks!!! All socks were distributed to women's and men's shelter and also to the nursing home on Moran Lake Road and the remaining children's socks to Restoration Rome.

During January & February, we will start collecting underwear—particularly men's boxers and briefs because the man at the homeless shelter said that they have need for them year-round.

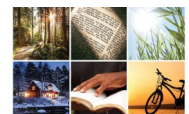


Bible Study,

New Bible Study: Epic of Eden Series on Ruth, on Wednesdays at 11am starting, January 12

Set in the midst of one of the most corrupt eras of Israelite history, Ruth is a story about three compelling characters. Naomi is an elderly widow who has lost everything and returns to her homeland empty and bitter hoping simply to survive. Ruth is Naomi's young daughter-in-law, also a widow, and a foreigner, who at great personal cost refuses to let Naomi face the future alone. Boaz is the local patriarch—a man of wealth and influence who in this epic tale is given the opportunity to do the right thing, even though the right thing might not be the obvious thing. \$10 per participant for the printed material.

The Bible. 365 days. You. Yes, you in 2022! Yes, the goal is to read the whole Bible in a year, but think about it in terms of smaller, daily goals. Think about a commitment to read a short selection from the Bible plus a concise devotional every day. You can do that – especially since The Bible Year has it all mapped out for you day by day. Plus, you'll also get summaries of key themes and ideas to help you better digest and understand your readings. As a church, we will be doing this together in the year 2022. The Guide Book is available at the office for \$10.



**THE
BIBLE
YEAR**

*A Journey Through Scripture
in 365 Days*

MAGREY R. DEVEGA

Persons of the Week

January 2: Bob Baker

12 Belle Meade Drive, SW
Rome, GA 30165-8485
Bob's sister, Carolyn Carver passed away.

January 9: Anna Brooks

1700 Old Cedertown Hwy SE
Lindale, GA 30147-1765
Anna had a recent surgery.

January 16: Paula & Herb Brown

68 Fred Kelley Road
Rome, GA 30161-9131
Paula had a bad fall.

January 23: Betty Hardy

42 Chateau Drive SE, Apt 314
Rome, GA 30161-6665
Betty recently had cataract surgery.

January 30: Phil & Jane Franssen

5 Rambling Oaks Drive, NE
Rome, GA 30165-9358
Phil has a cancer surgery on Jan 17.

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

January Schedule

Acolytes:

01/02 Kevin Ruiz Baleon
01/09 Macy Davis
01/16 Railey Davis
01/23 Theo Kislat
01/30 Leigh Kim-Soh

Liturgists:

01/02 Greg Gaston
01/09 Steve Davis
01/16 Mike Columbo
01/23 Thomas Kislat
01/30 Amy Astin

Counters:

01/02 Mike Colombo & Cindy Smith
01/09 Mary Beth Boxterman & Greg Gaston
01/16 Dan Emerick & Amy Astin
01/23 Greg Gaston
01/30

Prayer List

Congregation

Genny Alexander
Laura Bledsoe
Lee Brock
Ann Brooks
Helen Broom
Herb & Paula Brown
Jim & Gerrie Burton
Lynda & Tom Climer
Barbara Cothran
Nancy Davis
Terry Duck
Carol & Scottie Edwards
Phil Franssen

Carolyn Garwood
Tommy Jones
Mardelle Lynch
Bill & Julie Mathis
Bill Pharr
Lee Upshaw
Vivian VanLandingham
Carol Vogt
Anne Westfield
Friends & Family
Jim & Norma Cannon
Barbara Conklin
Ruth Day
Brooks Hesser

Dan Hulhearn
Garrette Jones
Ann Little
Bobby Magnicheri
Helen & Will McDonald
Tom McElroy
Skip Nordenberg
Peggy Pharr
Wayne Pierce
Steven & Sherry Teeter
JoAnn & John Thomas
Bonnie Thomas' family
Jalen Wofford

Blessings and Gratitude

Hello to Everyone!

I miss seeing you all! Hopefully, I can join you again to Worship Our Lord. Mom has not been well for a couple of months, so I have been her caregiver. She is getting stronger & doing better. Take care and Gob bless!
Gwen Lewis

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Dearest Friends,

We are appreciative of the cards, notes, pictures and good wishes we have received from you. They truly lifted our spirits. We thank you all for taking the time to let us know you are thinking of us. It certainly made our hearts happy. Herb is doing well all things considered. We are thankful. We miss you all and keep you in our prayers.

Love and Blessings,
Herb & Paula Brown

Dear friends at Second Avenue United Methodist Church,

On behalf of the Jeffery Burkhalter family we would like to express our gratitude, our love, and our appreciation for your open hearts, open arms and the use of your facility to heat a meal for family members after the funeral. God Bless you,
Love Paulette Burkhalter (Jeff's sister).
On December 8, 2021 Jeff was buried in Arlington Cemetery (Washington D.C). He was retired Air Force.

Dear Pastor Millie,

Steve and I would like to thank you and the Second Avenue Family for your prayers for our family over the last several months. We have appreciated answers to prayers as we have been going through various surgeries and rehabilitation after an automobile accident. What a blessing it has been for us to know all of you have been praying for us. We have definitely experienced answers to prayer. Currently we are in Jacksonville, Florida at a rehabilitation hospital.

May god bless all of you,

Love in Christ,

Sherry & Steve Teeter

Dear good people at Second Avenue UMC.

Thank you for all your Christmas gifts & joy you brought to our family. You are a generous, loving bunch! We love you!

Millie, Kevin, Leigh & Sophia

January Sermon Scriptures

1/2/22 John 1:1-18 "Happy New You!"

1/9/22. Luke 3:15-17, 21-22. "Happy New Spirit!"

1/16/22. Isaiah 62:1-5, John 2:1-11 "Happy New Delight!"

1/23/22 Luke 4:14-21. "Happy New Mission!"

1/30/22. Luke 4:21-30. "Happy New Life!"



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January Birthdays

1/01 Martha Rogers
1/01 Wayne Wilkey
1/02 Brynn Flanery
1/07 Philip Gaston
1/09 Terry Clift
1/11 Tim Flanery
1/12 JoAnn Thomas
1/16 Sue Duck
1/20 Paula Brown
1/20 Tom Collum
1/21 Nancy Davis
1/21 Andi Wear
1/22 Beverly Gauthreaux
1/24 Judy Myers

January Anniversaries

1/03 Giles & Iva Chapman
1/23 Gerrie and Jim Burton

Birthdays & Anniversaries

If we haven't included your birthday or anniversary, please contact us in the church office (706.234.6406).

We want to celebrate with you!