

Second Helpings

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Pastor's Page– Rev. Rick Maeser



What We Bring to 2024

Dear family and friends at Second Avenue UMC,

I want to affirm each of you in your life and work during 2024. You bring all of the understanding and skills you have acquired along life's way. You bring new growth, maturity, and insight to the opportunities ahead.

Remember during this year to claim your strengths, and to appreciate your unique contribution to your church and community. No one else has the same combination of talents and abilities that you possess. Use them well. These are God's gifts to you and those you serve.

Remember, also, that any good you may hope to accomplish is finally not your work, but God's. Recognize your dependence upon God and submit to the direction and influence of the Holy Spirit. Serving God is the highest calling in life. To be faithful and effective in that calling will require not only your best gifts and efforts, but a wisdom and strength that only comes from above. With God's help, you will accomplish all that God intends.

Have an exciting and fruitful New Year!
Pastor Rick

January Sermon Scriptures

January 07	Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:1-11 "Remember Your Baptism" Communion Epiphany Sunday
January 14	1 Samuel 3:1-10, John 1:43-51 "The People God Calls"
January 21	Jonah 3:1-10, Mark 1:14-20 "Disciples at Work"
January 28	Psalms 111, Mark 1:21-28 "As One Having Authority"

Highlights from December in Pictures



Betty Crymes with her Gratitude Journal and "Give Thanks" dish/hand towel, gifts from United Women in Faith from their November meeting.



Linda & Jeff McCloud lead group in Christmas carols at UWF Lunch while Donna Bledsoe enjoys the music



Terry Clift presented a slide show at Keenagers with pictures from several years of trips and events



The coats we collected were donated to Loving Others Ministry, which ministers to homeless and underprivileged members of the local community.

Persons of the Week

January 07: Jerry Waters

3015 Village Blvd.
Rome, GA 30161-1058

January 14: Lynda Climer

535 Old Wax Road SE
Aragon, GA 30104-1431

January 21: Vesper Frazier

311 E 2nd Ave, TH 1
Rome, GA 30161-3269

January 28: Donna Bedsoe

667 Compton Road SE
Silver Creek, GA 30173-2958

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

December Schedule

Acolytes:

01/07 Kevin Baleon-Ruiz
01/14 Jesse Meredith
01/21 Theo Kislat
01/28 Kevin Baleon-Ruiz



Liturgists:

01/07 Mike Colombo
01/14 Greg Gaston
01/21 Doug Meredith
01/28 Dennis Urquhart

Prayer List

Congregation

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

Vivian VanLandingham

Jerry Waters
Anne Westfield
Len & Bev Woodward

Friends & Family

Ansley Albers
Stetson Baird
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
Sandra Kerr
Laura & Tony Kizzire
Jerry & Don Laurine

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
Bill Underwood
Esperanza Vail
Mitzi Wilburn
Jim Williams
Kennedy Williams
Jalen Wofford
Family of Doug Woods
Laura Beth Wright
Tommy Yarborough
Virginia Yarbrough



Thank You for Your Generosity

Thirteen students from Armuchee High School attended Youth Assembly in Atlanta on November 26th - 28th. This year marked the 79th Youth Assembly held in Georgia and Armuchee High School's second year to participate. Youth Assembly is a simulation of the Georgia General Assembly. This event allows students to gain a deeper understanding of our state's legislative process. Prior to this event, students studied parliamentary procedures in order to be prepared to take on the role of a Georgia Representative or Senator. All of the participants also conducted research in order to submit a bill for consideration. Of the nearly 500 bills submitted for consideration, only 48 were selected to be debated at the event. Armuchee students Elijah Cranford, Emma Reed, and Rylan Weaver were among those students whose bills were selected for debate. Both Weaver and Cranford successfully argued their bills through both their committee and respective chambers of the Mock General Assembly. Although not all of the students had a bill to defend, everyone participated in debate.

Thank you to Second Avenue folks for providing funding to help pay for the transportation and snacks for these students to make the trip.



Back row from left to right:
Elijah Cranford, Alex Brown, **Noah Tucker**,
Emma Reed, Manrajpreet Singh, Rylan
Weaver, Logan Hunton, **Isaac Tucker**
Front row from left to right:
Mary Beth Broxterman, Abby Reed,
Avery Seiter, Lauren Early,
Emalee Collins, and Riley Sutton.



Isaac Tucker being
recognized to ask a
question in the House
of Representatives

Sanctuary Flowers

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 **\$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 Thomas at 706.234.6406 or 2ndAve@bellsouth.net. You may also give to the Flower Fund at any time by designating Flower Fund on your check.

Blessings and Gratitude

Thank you so much for your generous donation of coats to Loving Others Ministry. This will be a blessing to the underprivileged and displaced people of Rome. You truly are the hands and feet of Jesus!

Love,
Loving Others Ministry

Dear Helping Hands Group,

We are so thankful for your donation of the beautiful hand-made hats, toys, and sleep sack! We know it was made with love! Some sweet little babies will be very snuggly. Thank you for the blessing of your time!

Love,
Haven Health

To Darlene Wallace, Virginia Sanders & Congregation,

Thank you so much for your donation of crochet blankets. May God bless you always for thinking of our residents. We know that they were made with plenty of time and love. Keep our residents and staff in your prayers.

Fifth Avenue Health Care Activity Department

Blessings

"Give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good. His love
endures forever. Give thanks
to the God of gods. His love
endures forever."
—Psalm 136:1-2

With Deepest Sympathy



James Billy "Bill" Waters

March 28, 1934 – November 4, 2023 (Age 89)

It is with great sympathy that we share with you that our longtime friend, Bill Waters, passed away on Saturday, November 4. Please be in prayer for his wife, Jerry, and their family.

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

With Deepest Sympathy



Thomas "Tom" Cornelius Climer

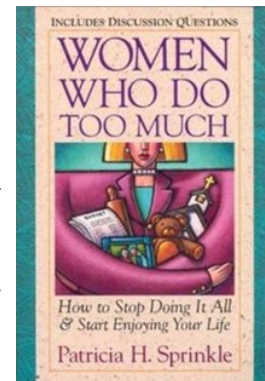
July 8, 1942 – December 17, 2023 (Age 81)

It is with deepest sympathy that we share with you that our friend and brother in Christ, Tom Climer, passed away on Sunday, December 17. Please be in prayer for his wife, Lynda, and their families.

Tom fought the good fight, finished the course, and kept the faith. We will see him again in glory!

United Women in Faith Meeting

Come and join with the ladies of the church at our next United Women in Faith meeting on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Our program will be lessons on living a balanced life from *Women Who Do Too Much* by Patricia H. Sprinkle. We will explore how to stop being all things to all people and learn about the “master’s model for non-stressed living.” Come and learn how to start the New Year off right! 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** by texting or calling **Cindy (706-346-0786)** or email **butlerjrt@gmail.com**.



Everyone is invited!!!! I look forward to seeing each of you on Saturday, January 13!

Cindy Smith
UWF President

Keenagers Lunch on Thursday, January 25

Join the Keenagers for a potluck lunch at noon on Thursday, January 25. Bring a dish to share, and invite a friend for food, fellowship, and fun. For more info, contact Shirley Dodson at 706-233-1649 or shibob@charter.net.

Helping Hands Group on 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.

New Upper Room Devotionals Now Available

January –February Upper Room daily devotionals are now available at the church. Plan to pick yours up on Sunday or stop by the church during office hours. If you need JoAnn to mail you a copy (either Large Print or Regular size), please call her at the church office (706-234-6406) or email her (2ndave@bellsouth.net).



Budgeted amount needed as of December: \$225,164
Budgeted amount given as of December 24: \$183,010
Financial giving in month of December so far: \$19,002

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Our Vision:
"Knowing Christ & Making Christ Known"

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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!

January Birthdays

1/01 Martha Rogers
1/01 Wayne Wilkey
1/02 Brynn Flanery
1/03 Mills Embree
1/05 Pat Jones
1/07 Philip Gaston
1/08 Rick Maeser
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
1/22 Emily Embree
1/22 Beverly Gauthreaux
1/24 Judy Myers
1/25 Tonya McKenzie

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Church Office Closed Martha Rogers Wayne Wilkey	2 Brynn Flanery 10:00am Helping Hands	3 Mills Embree 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	4 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir	5 Pat Jones	6 Epiphany of the Lord
7 Phillip Gaston 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Communion Epiphany Sunday	8	9 Terry Clift 10:00am Helping Hands	10 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	11 Tim Flannery 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir	12 JoAnn Thomas	13 10:00am United Women in Faith
14 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	15	16 MLK Day Sue Duck 10:00am Helping Hands	17 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	18 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir	19	20 Paula Brown Tom Collum
21 Nancy Davis 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	22 Beverly Gauthreaux Emily Embree	23 10:00am Helping Hands	24 Judy Myers 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	25 12:00pm Keenagers 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir	26	27
28 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	29	30 10:00am Helping Hands	31 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice			