

Second Helpings

JUNE 2021

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Susan Stroup Commissioned as Deaconess

Deaconesses and Home Missioners are laity called by God to a lifetime relationship in The United Methodist Church with a full-time vocation in ministries of love, justice, and service. Since 2016, deaconesses and home missioners have been considered an official order of the UMC. They must complete a rigorous application and a course of study that includes the New Testament, Old Testament, theology of mission, history of the UMC and polity and doctrine of the UMC. Our own Susan Stroup will be commissioned as a Deaconess at the Annual Conference on Thursday, June 3. You can watch the service online or in-person. Please contact Rev. Millie for more information.

Annual Conference Observation

You will have the opportunity to watch our Annual Conference in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 4. Just drop in and see what's going on at the Annual Conference. You can also watch it at home and the link will be emailed to you next week!

Annual Conference Special Offering

Bishop Sue Hupert-Johnson has named the North Georgia Conference Ministerial Education Fund as the 2021 Annual Conference Special Offering. The Ministerial Education Fund provides scholarships to seminary and undergraduate students, course-of-study for local pastors, and License to Preach School. Aligning with the theme, "Love is Making Room," this fund helps pave the way for those called to serve as clergy. Together we can help minimize debt of North Georgia United Methodists beginning in ministry. Grants from the Ministerial Education Fund help pay tuition and other costs for future clergy who will serve our churches or go on to be chaplains, teachers and missionaries.

MEF is a general church apportioned fund of which 25 percent is retained by our conference. But 100 percent of the giving to the Annual Conference Special Offering will go to United Methodist seminary and course of study students in the North Georgia Conference. Learn more about Annual Conference 2021 at www.ngumc.org/AC2021. We will collect the offering any time before or after the 2021 Annual Conference.

Board of Pension and Health Announcement

Beginning June 1, 2021, for a period of three months, (June, July, and August) the North Georgia Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits will fund the **church portion** of HealthFlex **health insurance premiums** from the CBOPHB "Current Benefits Reserve" fund. "We recognize that many of our churches are continuing to adapt to new patterns of giving," said Charles Darden, chair of the Conference Board of Pension. "The Board of Pension is blessed to have adequate reserves that we can use to cover the health insurance premiums that would otherwise be paid by the churches for a period of three months."

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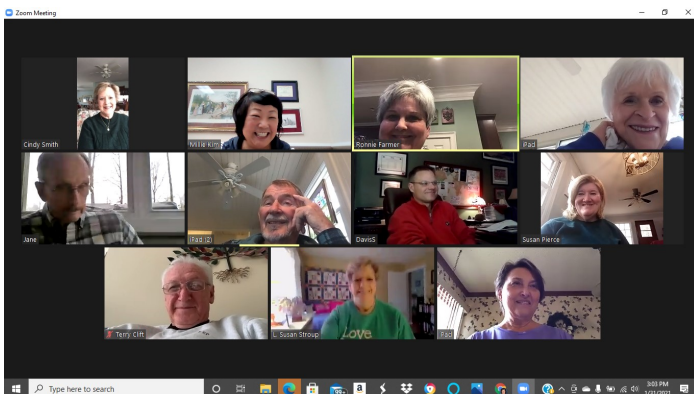
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Highlights from May in Pictures



Wednesday Night Family Supper on May 5 ~ Cinco de Mayo

Lily Embree singing & dancing on Mother's Day



Second Avenue One Board Zoom Meeting



Mission Moment with our Missionary, Nancy Carew, who serves in Liberia

Persons of the Week

June 06: Barbara & Terry Cothran

P. O. Box 73
Silver Creek, GA 30173-0073

June 20: Lib Rogers

3126 Cedartown Hwy., SW, Suite 1339
Rome, GA 30161-4313

June 13: Lynn Duck

13 Shady Oaks Court
Rome, GA 30161

June 27: Erma Braden

155 Erwin Hill Church Road
Adairsville, GA 30103

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

Prayer List

Congregation

Carl Alexander
Susan Autry
Donna Bledsoe
Erma Braden
Herb Brown
Jim & Gerrie Burton
Danny Carver
Iva Chapman
Nancy Davis
Erna Dobbs
Emerick Family
Carolyn Garwood
Gibbons Family
Charles Griffin
Mardelle Lynch
Bill Mathis
Bill Pharr
Edith Swint
Vivian VanLandingham
Carol Vogt
Anne Westfield
LuAnn Williams

Friends & Family

Travis Atkinson
Ann Barber
Terri Black
Linda Brown
Paulette Burkhalter
Tony & Laurie Clark
Harold Cowart
Taylor Freeman
Dianna Hamer
Patty Harvey
Destiny Erica Head
Ronald Hicks
Khloe Hill
Sue Hurley
JoAnn Jacks
Larry Jacks
Janie Jolley
Garrett Jones
Pat Jones
Milton Kahn
Marcia Lamore
Bill & Peggy Lanier
Jayme & Kristy Laney
Lisa McDaniel
Mason McKenzie
Military Personnel

Sherry Nolan
Diane Norrod
Andy Peabody
Wayne Pierce
Trace Pitts
Michael Powell
Carolyn Prater
Deborah Reynolds
Ruiz-Baleon Family
Nancy, Edwin, & Allison Sims
Dan Smith
David Stevens
Jonathan & Charlotte Sturtz
Paul Sturtz
John Sullivan
Robertta Sullivan
Cade Tanner
Bonnie Thomas
Michael Thomason
Julie & Addie Turner
Antonio Valles
Tyson Wait
Mary Whillock
Sunny Wilkerson
Jim Williams and Family
Kennedy Williams

Pastor's Page



Three things I want to share in this newsletter! First, read Matthew 6:34 over and over and make it your key verse for this summer! “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” There are concerns about the future of our denomination, but we have not voted on it as a local church and at this moment there is nothing we can do about it. In 2019, the church passed a way forward allowing disaffiliation of local churches from the denomination, if we so choose, by paying 2 years of apportionments and unfunded pension liability. In the future, our church will vote on staying in the denomination or disaffiliating. Not now. This summer, I plan to have a few get-togethers at the church so that I can explain what is going on and answer questions you may have. I do not want you to get caught up in the gossip and worst case scenarios. Not constructive.

Second, the five neighboring United Methodist Churches are coming together in collaboration so that we can minister to people more impactfully. First, we plan to collaborate in children and youth ministry! There will be a collaborative VBS at the end of July and a youth event in August. Especially those of you who have children and youth, let me know your questions and thoughts. In the fall, we also plan to resume the pulpit exchange we had before the pandemic.

Third, I have recently become an Earthkeeper, a trained person to launch and grow environmental projects in her community. This is my effort to live more environmentally conscious and eco-friendly. I have lived outside of the US a few times and traveled all over the world, but America still remains to be the most wasteful country. When I was studying abroad in Germany, I was so surprised how much time Germans spent sorting their waste and recycling. When I was living in Mongolia as a missionary in the outskirts of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolians gathered at the dumpster where I threw away my trash. There, they would find so much treasure for themselves. I cannot make the whole city of Rome green but I can make my household green and together we can make our church green. I would like all of us to *reduce single-use plastics and Styrofoam as much as we can at the church. I want all of you to become earthkeepers with me!*

Today, our church, Second Avenue United Methodist Church, is enjoying the peace and joy we have in Jesus Christ and I am grateful to God and YOU! We have lived thus far by the grace of God and I continue to trust His providence and direction for all of us.

Blessings,
Rev. Millie

June Sermon Scriptures

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| June 06 | Acts 2:37-47 “Now What?” Communion Sunday |
| June 13 | Acts 3:1-10 “Get Up!” |
| June 20 | Acts 4:1-13 “Holy Boldness” Father’s Day |
| June 27 | Acts 4:23-31 “In Need of Prayer” |

Blessings and Gratitude



Our own Axel was recently featured in the 2020 Annual Report for the Georgia United Methodist Foundation in an article titled, "Investing in the Lives of United Methodist Students."

Axel Baleon-Ruiz, Sophomore; Sports Medicine
Young Harris College; Second Avenue UMC, Rome

"I became interested in sports medicine after I tore my meniscus when I was 12 years old. My faith in God has motivated me to help as many people in my life as I can. This scholarship has allowed me to learn at an amazing school and connect more with myself and my friends as I pursue my desired career. Thank you so much! I'm truly blessed to have received this scholarship. After graduation, I hope to give back to my community to show my appreciation."

A big "thank you" to all those folks sending us cards, notes of inspiration and encouragement, as well as the phone calls. We appreciate you more than you know.

Sincerely,
Genny & Carl Alexander

Rev. Millie and Greg (Gaston),

Thank you both for taking care of the roses at the playground. They are beautiful! God Bless Both of You.

Love,
Betty Crymes

"I am truly glad to be a part of Second Avenue Methodist Church. I am extremely appreciative of all the help I have received in order to be able to accomplish all of my dreams.

There are many goals I wish to complete in my life and because of my involvement in this amazing community, I know I will be able to do so. It is my greatest wish to make all of you proud and I know and hope I will be able to." (Axel)

Updated Guidance from the CDC for Those Fully Vaccinated

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The CDC has issued new guidance regarding recommended protocols around COVID-19 mitigation for those who are fully vaccinated. We rejoice at the progress toward overcoming the pandemic!

Last week the CDC issued new guidance regarding recommended protocols around COVID-19 mitigation for those who are fully vaccinated (two weeks after the last dose of vaccine). This includes relaxing mask and distancing requirements for fully-vaccinated youth and adults.

We rejoice at the progress toward overcoming the pandemic! We encourage church leaders to review your plans for in-person gathering considering the most current CDC guidance, local guidance in your area, consultation with your Health and Welfare team, and considering your context and membership.

Read the current CDC guidance for fully vaccinated people at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>. (Shared from The North Georgia Conference website)

United Methodist Women News

Summer is here and UMW is ready to get started again! The officers for this year are:

President--Cindy Smith Vice President--Beth Colombo
 Secretary—Beth Gibbons Treasurer--L. Susan Stroup Reservationist--Betty Crymes

We will have a **pool-side sack supper on Tuesday, June 15, at 6:00 p.m. at Cindy Smith's house (301 Raymond Avenue, Rome, 30165). No charge for the meal**, just come and get “re-acquainted” and enjoy some time together. If you would like to come earlier or stay later to swim, you are welcome to do so. Please let Betty Crymes (706-936-1218) know if you are coming, so we know how many meals to prepare. Our second gathering is tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, July 10, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for brunch and meeting.**

Since we missed doing the special bulletin and recognition for Mother's Day (last year and this), we are planning a **“Parents Appreciation Day” on Father's Day, June 20.** On that day we will publish names of those you want to honor or remember with a special bulletin (the list will also be sent out via email from the church in case you can't be present). We will recognize the oldest and youngest mother and father during the worship service, as well. All donations will be greatly appreciated as this is our one money-making project of the year. You can complete the form and drop it with cash or check in the basket on the table in the narthex as you enter or exit the sanctuary or leave it with JoAnn in the church office during the week. **Please make checks payable to 2nd Ave. UMW.** Thanks in advance for your support!

I look forward to a wonderful year celebrating United Methodist Women “Knitted Together for God's Good Work.”

Cindy Smith, UMW President

Memorial Plaque Dedication

We will be dedicating a memorial plaque for Bob Frazier on Wednesday, June 16, at 11:00 a.m. in the parking lot. Please come join us for a short and sweet service of remembering Bob's constant service and loving care for our church. A simple lunch will be provided. RSVP required for lunch. Please call the church office for your reservation.

Summer Bible Study

Join us on Thursdays at 11:00 June 10-July 1 for our summer Bible Study: Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living Into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship. (Written by Darryl W. Stephens) \$5 for Study Guide (No purchase necessary, PDF is available online for free.)

In Jesus' own words, he came to bring Good News to the poor, release the captives, restore sight to the blind, and to let the oppressed go free. What is the responsibility of the church to follow Christ's example in word and deed? While these times might feel particularly turbulent, society has always confronted the church with challenging issues where she has had to discern how God was calling her. The purpose of this study is to help the church and its members discern our call and bear witness to the will of God for a more just world.

Book of Acts Reading Plan

In the months of June and July, we will continue reading the book of Acts together as a church body. We are having Sunday morning messages on the book, and from Monday to Friday we are studying the book from start to finish together, as individuals and as families, to grow deeper in our understanding of this important book and to grow together along the way.



We started on May 16, but it's never too late to join in. Copies of the reading plan are available at the church or can be emailed to you via pdf format. Our material on Sundays will typically be addressing what we've read the week prior, so this is even more incentive to stay caught up on the reading plan. We are slated to finish the plan together on Friday, July 23. **On Sunday, July 25, we will have a potluck to celebrate our accomplishment!**

We encourage you to use this study as a means of disciple-making, certainly in the home, but also out of it as well, such as in a small group, with a co-worker or neighbor you are discipling, or even creatively in a hobby you enjoy. Again, we believe this study will not only help us grow ourselves, but also help us connect in our homes, and hopefully out of them as well. Thank you for your commitment to reading with us!

Handbell Workshop on June 12 in Fellowship Hall

Playing in our church Handbell Choirs is fun and sounds beautiful. During the summer we will have workshops once a month instead of our regular practices on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. The first workshop is scheduled for Saturday, June 12, from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Lunch provided. Please contact Pam Mullins, our Handbell Director, at pam.mullins@icloud.com.

Ringling handbells is for music lovers of all age groups, including seniors and children. We will teach you how to ring handbells and a musical background or **ability to read music is not a requirement**. You do not need to be a church member to participate.

Renewal of Wedding Vows on July 4, after Worship

Luis Baleon and Maria "Connie" Ruiz have been married for 25 years but never had a wedding ceremony or celebration. For their 25th anniversary, we are throwing a party for them! There will be a brief ceremony of "Renewal of Wedding Vows" and we will have a potluck lunch together as a church family! Plan to eat, drink (water), and be merry! There is a rumor that we will have good music and maybe dancing! If you would like to help out, please contact Beth Gibbons at 706-346-2701.

Vital Signs



Budgeted amount needed as of May 23: \$97,159

Budgeted amount given as of May 23: \$94,256

Financial giving thus far in May: \$18,345

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June Birthdays

01 Virginia Sanders
06 Dottie Taylor
06 Jamie Jackson
07 Dan Emerick
07 Sally Farmer
09 Mary Sue Gilleland
14 Alex Ables
16 Bob Dodson
17 Eli Ables
17 Phil Franssen
18 Dalton McKnight
24 Cindy Smith
28 Susan Autry
29 Sarah Colombo

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

If we haven't included your anniversary
or birthday, please contact JoAnn
in the church office (706.234.6406).
We want to celebrate with you!

June Anniversaries

08 Wayne & Carol Fears
18 David & Norma Gresham
23 Scottie & Carol Edwards
24 Tim & Katie Flanery

June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Virginia Sanders 10:00am Helping Hands	2 6:30pm Choir Practice	3 Annual Conference Online Susan Stroup Commissioned as Deaconess	4 Annual Conference Online	5 Annual Conference Online
6 Dottie Taylor Jamie Jackson 11:00am Worship	7 Dan Emerick JoAnn on Vacation Sally Farmer	8 Carol & Wayne Fears JoAnn on Vacation 10:00am Helping Hands	9 JoAnn on Vacation Mary Sue Gilleland 6:30pm Choir Practice	10 JoAnn on Vacation 11:00am Summer Bible Study	11	12 9:00am Handbell Workshop
13 11:00am Worship	14 Alex Ables	15 10:00am Helping Hands 6:00pm UMW Pool-side Sack Supper	16 Bob Dodson 11:00am Frazier Memorial Plaque Dedication 6:30pm Choir Practice	17 Eli Ables Phil Franssen 11:00am Summer Bible Study	18 Dalton McKnight David & Norma Gresham	19
20 Father's Day 11:00am Worship--Parent Appreciation Day	21	22 10:00am Helping Hands	23 Carol & Scottie Edwards 6:30pm Choir Practice	24 Cindy Smith Tim & Katie Flanery 11:00am Summer Bible Study	25	26
27 11:00am Worship	28 Susan Autry	29 Sarah Colombo 10:00am Helping Hands	30 6:30pm Choir Practice			

Parent Appreciation Day

June 20, 2021



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