

Second Helpings

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Pastor's Page– Rev. Rick Maeser



Happy Endings, and New Beginnings

As you know, I will be retiring as of July 1 which will complete 48 years of ministry. It has been an honor to serve the North Georgia Conference during this time, and to be the pastor of Second Avenue UMC for the last two years. Nell and I have been blessed with the opportunity to worship and serve with you. Our time together has been very significant and personally meaningful, and we will always be indebted to you for your love, and for your faithful service to Christ's church.

I'm happy to join you in welcoming Stephanie Hannah as your new pastor. Stephanie is an excellent minister and will serve you well! I encourage you to welcome Stephanie & David and their son Jake to the Second Avenue UMC family. You will find Stephanie's contact information in this newsletter and I hope you will take the time to reach out to her in welcome.

During this time of transition, please take time to pray. Pray for the Maesers and for the Hannahs, that our moves will go smoothly and we will adjust well in our new settings. Pray for Second Avenue that you will be blessed under the guidance of your new pastor, and that together you will be a blessing to each other and to your community. And pray for the North Georgia Conference that our churches may experience a holy connection for each other leading into the future. Prayer unleashes the hidden resources of God for whatever is before us. God stands ready to do what we could never do on our own. When we trust God and work in faith, hope and love, all things are possible. So, let us hold one another in prayer, remembering that the creator of the universe loves and blesses us.

Pastor Rick



June Sermon Scriptures

June 01 Psalm 47, Ephesians 1:15-23 | "I Have Heard of Your Faith" | Communion
June 08 Romans 8:14-17, Acts 2:1-21 | "The Work of the Holy Spirit" | Pentecost
June 15 Psalm 8, John 14:8-17, 25-27 | "The Majesty of God" | Father's Day
June 22 Psalm 103:1-13, Galatians 5:13-25 | "Live By the Spirit"
June 29 2 Kings 2:1-14, 2 Corinthians 13:1-14 | "Blessings"

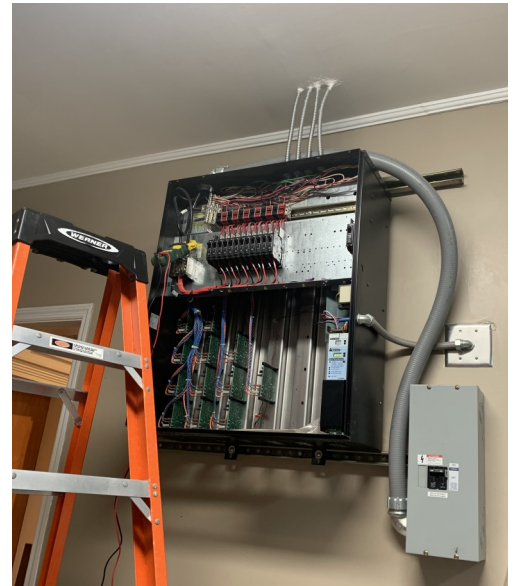
Highlights of May in Pictures



Generous donations were received for Brothers Place Ministry



The church sustained a lightning strike recently that caused major damage to the security system, the church organ, the office computer, and the lights in the sanctuary among other things. We are working with the insurance to repair/replace these items.



April Schedule

Liturgists:

06/01 Amy Astin
 06/08 Dennis Urquhart
 06/15 Susan Stroup
 06/22 Greg Gaston
 06/29 Amy Astin



Flowers:

06/01 Kennedy
 06/08 Dodson
 06/15 Father's Day—UWF
 06/22 Franssen
 06/29 Church for Barton

June Mission Project for Hospitality House Thrift Store

Nothing to BUY. This is a great opportunity to get rid of stuff by cleaning out drawers, closets, etc.

During the month of June we will collect items for the Hospitality House Thrift Store located at 610 Shorter near Ace Hardware. All items sold there are donated by people in the community. Proceeds directly support Hospitality House.



Hospitality House for Women is a nonprofit organization that provides shelter, support, and assistance to women who are seeking safety from and/or actively fleeing domestic abuse and violence. This includes emergency shelter (27 beds for women and their children), food, clothing, legal consultation, counseling services, etc.

Items must be usable, in good condition, and sellable. Posted in Fellowship Hall are items not acceptable—such as oxygen tanks, car seats, and used mattresses.

United Women in Faith Father's Day Bulletin

Father's Day is coming Sunday, June 15, 2025!

Just a Reminder! Each year United Methodist Women in Faith sponsors a special bulletin insert on Father's Day for you to list names in memory or in honor of special men in your life. This is our annual fundraiser for missions throughout the year. Please complete the Sunday bulletin insert with names along with a contribution. If unable to attend church, you may email your list to the church office at 2ndave@bellsouth.net. Deadline for name submissions is Sunday, June 8. Please make checks payable to Second Avenue UMW.

Thank you for supporting the work of United Methodist Women in Faith in our church.

Persons of the Week

June 01: Virginia Sanders

208 Maplewood Drive SE
Rome, GA 30161

June 08: Donna Bledsoe

667 Compton Road SE
Silver Creek, GA 30173-2958

June 15: Laura Bledsoe

667 Compton Road SE
Silver Creek, GA 30173-2958

June 22: Greg Gaston

29 Coventry Drive
Rome, GA 30161-8412

June 29: Dan Emerick

3 Drexel Drive
Rome, GA 30165-1814

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

“Prayer should not be regarded as a duty which must be preformed, but rather as a privilege to be enjoyed, a rare delight that is always revealing some new beauty.”

E.M. Bounds

Prayer List

Betty Albers
Genny Alexander
Family of Bob Baker
Donna Bledsoe
Laura Bledsoe
Lee Brock & Family
Mary Beth Broxterman
Terry & Nancy Clift
Lynda Climer
Barbara & Terry
Cothran
Nancy Davis
Erna Dobbs
Sue & Terry Duck
Randy & Vicki Embree
Dan Emerick
Greg Gaston
Betty Hardy
Patty Jones
John & Beth Kennedy
Man & Sung Lee
Pastor Rick & Nell
Maeser
Ralph & Merinda
Magnicheri
Irene Martz
Jackie Payne

Bill & Cindy Pharr
Lib Rogers
Virginia Sanders
Orlando Shaw
Jerry Waters



Friends & Family

Dusty Alexander
Marilyn Allison
Dana Andrews
Barry Barfield
Anne Barker
Jerry Branton
Brooke Brown
Jimmy Brown
Gwen Bullock
Chris Butler
Wayne Casey
Lisa Crowder
Wendell Crowder

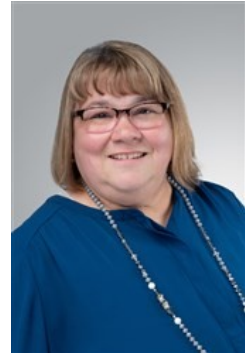
Ruth Day
Patrick Demirjian
Stephanie Dunn
Kay Gardner
Jim Gonzalez
Jimmy & Denise
Carol Gunter
Molly Horton
Hytowitz family
Jessie (foster child)
Kathy Jarvinan
Gloria Johnson
Sandra Kerr
Matthew King
Faye Laney
Ivy Law
Chad Lester
Angela Mackler
Susan Maines
Martha Martin
Taylor Martin
Haley & Will McDonald
Tom & Cheri McElroy
Leisa McEntyre
Aimee McGinnis
Pam Mills
Terri Minor

Posey Mitchell
Ali Morales
Lynette Murphy
Mary Nance
Camil Nedela
Jeremy Peace
Harry Petersmarck
Beth Pitt
Mallory Saville
Greg & Lori Shore
Karen Stanley
Shirley Stanton
David Stevens
Susan Tate
Nadia Vagnerova
Esperanza Vail
Pavel Wagner
Lori Watters
Ray Waters
Family of Jerry Watford
Alice Wiener
Mitzi Wilburn
Kennedy Williams
Morgan Wilson
Jalen Wofford
Laura Beth Wright
Tommy Yarborough

News from Staff/Pastor/Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

As most of you already know, Second Avenue will be getting a new minister this year as Pastor Rick will be retiring. Be assured that plans are being made to properly honor Pastor Rick and his wife Nell for their wonderful years of service here as well as to welcome our new pastor, Rev. Stephanie Hannah, and her family.

Rev. Hannah is coming to us from Mt. Zion UMC. She is married and has one son. If you would like to reach out and send her a welcome to Second Avenue, her email address is: stephanie.hannah@georgiaumc.net and her mailing address is: 60 N. Prospect Avenue, Waco, GA 30182.



Please Mark Your Calendars for Important Dates!



June 29 – This is Rick’s last Sunday to preach. Don’t forget that we are taking a love offering to be presented to Rick and Nell this Sunday. Make your check payable to the church and designate it “Love Offering for Rick.” We will have lunch immediately following church to honor Rick and Nell. Please bring your favorite salad, sandwich, or dessert and enjoy this special fellowship time together. There is a sign-up sheet posted outside the church office for you to note what you will bring

(this is NOT a requirement but will help with the planning). Contact Jane Franssen (706-346-0786) or Amy Astin (706-506-2572) if you would like to help.

July 01 – Rev. Stephanie Hannah and her family arrive at the parsonage. We will be stocking the refrigerator/pantry with staples as well as a meal for them to eat when they arrive. If you would like to help with this welcome for our new minister, contact Jane Franssen.

July 06 – Amy Astin, lay leader, will be preaching on Sunday, July 6.

July 13 – Rev. Stephanie’s first Sunday to preach will be July 13. We will welcome the Hannah family to our church with a BBQ lunch. Donations welcome.

Please watch for announcements in the Sunday bulletins as our plans begin to take shape. We will need lots of volunteers for a smooth transition for our church. Thank you in advance for your prayers for Rick and Stephanie and their families.

Annual Conference Special Offering

Bishop Robin Dease has named Glisson Camp and Retreat Center as the recipient of the 2025 North Georgia Annual Conference Special Offering. For 100 years, Glisson has been a place of belonging, discovery, transformation, and calling for hundreds of thousands of children, youth, and adults across a century of camp ministry.

Generations of Glisson supporters and staff have provided life-changing experiences of Christian community in support of our shared mission: *To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.* 100% of this year's Special Offering will go toward Glisson's Campership Fund, which makes camp ministry accessible for those who would otherwise be unable to attend. Glisson believes camp ministry is not a luxury but an essential part of the faith formation of children and youth. In 2024, Glisson awarded over \$60,000 in campership support. Your gift to this year's Special Offering will help even more children and youth experience belonging and transformation in 2025 and beyond.

Please mark your check Annual Conference Special Offering to give to this offering.

Annual Conference is June 12-14

Lay delegate, Amy Astin, Deaconess Susan Stroup, and Pastor Rick will be in Athens, Georgia, attending the North Georgia Annual Conference from June 12-14. Our episcopal leader, Bishop Robin Dease, will preside over the conference and will preach during the opening worship service on Thursday. Please pray for us and for our bishop.

If you are interested in viewing any of the conference, please check the North Georgia Conference website (ngumc.org) for access to live streaming, or go to www.ngumc.org/live-stream-annual-conference-2025.

Handbell Workshop on June 21 in Fellowship Hall

Playing in our church Handbell Choir 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 21, from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please contact Pam Mullins, our Handbell Director, at pam.mullins@icloud.com or (404) 375-7594 for more details.

Ringling handbells is for music lovers of all age groups, including seniors and children. If you can read music and would like to join the handbell choir, Pam would love to have you. You do not need to be a church member to participate.

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Our Vision:
"Knowing Christ & Making Christ Known"

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June Birthdays

01 Mark Hicks
01 Virginia Sanders
06 Jamie Jackson
07 Dan Emerick
14 Alex Ables
17 Eli Ables
18 Dalton McKnight
24 Kevin Baleon-Ruiz
24 Cindy Smith
28 Susan Autry
29 Sarah Colombo

June Anniversaries

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

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

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Mark Hicks Virginia Sanders 11:00am Worship	2	3 10:00am Helping Hands	4 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	5	6 Dottie Taylor Jamie Jackson Tyler McElroy	7 Dan Emerick
8 11:00am Worship	9	10 10:00am Helping Hands	11 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	12 North Georgia Annual Conference	13 North Georgia Annual Conference	14 Alex Ables North Georgia Annual Conference
15 Father's Day 11:00am Worship	16	17 Eli Ables 10:00am Helping Hands	18 Dalton McKnight David & Norma Gresham 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	19	20	21 8:00am Handbell Workshop
22 11:00am Worship	23 Carol & Scottie Edwards	24 Cindy Smith Kevin Baleon-Ruiz Tim & Katie Flanery 10:00am Helping Hands	25 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	26	27	28 Susan Autry
29 Sarah Colombo 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Farewell Lunch for the Maesers	30					