

# Second Helpings

Second Avenue United Methodist Church ~ March 2020

## Special Events in March

March 03—Meals & More

March 04—Lenten Bible Study Begins

March 08—Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 15—Pot Luck o' the Irish Covered Dish Meal

March 29—Boggs/Climmer Wedding

March 29—Combined Meal & Concert with  
Second Avenue Baptist



Second Avenue United Methodist Church

*Our Mission: 'Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World'*

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

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## Lent: Preparing for New Life

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means “spring.” The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians. Because Sundays are always little Easters, the penitential spirit of Lent is tempered on that day with joyful expectation of the Resurrection.

Lent is a time for spiritual preparation. As we remember Jesus' journey to the cross, we are called to walk with Him and to examine ourselves and our practices of living the way of Christ. Prayer, fasting, and acts of mercy have long been understood as essential to this season of study, introspection, and repentance. Prayer and fasting help us to open our hearts and minds to more fully comprehend the way of Jesus' self-surrender. Embodying that understanding in acts of compassion toward others mirrors God's will for the world as our very lives take on the cruciform shape of Christ. The color purple used in this season for paraments, stoles, and banners in the sanctuary symbolizes both our penitence and Christ's passion.

Before we can rise with Christ, we seek to die to self, and by faithful imitation of the way of Christ, we hope to bear fruit for His eternal kingdom of life.

*Adapted from the United Methodist book of Worship,  
published by the United Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tennessee, 1992.*

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



One of the reasons I love Rome so much is that it is a Christian city. I enjoy a free pulpit, meaning that I can preach the Gospel freely and don't have to think twice. In lots of other places in America, I can't do that freely. I have to think about "pray in Jesus' name or pray in some generic god." In other parts of the world, some places are hostile. When I was in Mongolia as a missionary, I was in an hostile environment. When I went door to door to invite people to church, some would let their dogs loose. I was bitten numerous times and had to get Rabies shots. (You have to get 4 shots, and yes, they are costly and very painful.) There was a time that they threw a bucket of urine over my head. I sure thought I would get some kind of deadly infection but I survived it. Needless to say, I do not take Rome, this Christian environment, or the freedom for granted.

When I came to Rome, I was told that Rome had the highest number of churches and pastors per capita in America. I want you to know that it is a lie! Indianapolis, IN ranks #1 in America. In Georgia, it is Macon but we do rank #2 though. If you call Las Vegas the Sin City, Rome should be called the Righteous City. But what does that mean? As we look over Rome, as we see so many steeples and hear so many church bells ring on Sunday mornings, I cannot help throwing out a question, "What are these churches doing?"

We try to hide the homeless or shift them from one place to another. Prejudice and racism make every day more difficult for minorities. Illegal immigrants live in fear every day. The working poor have it hard, for the lack of public transportation makes keeping a job complicated. Now with the Northwest Regional Hospital gone, the mentally ill fell through the cracks and community support is just not there. The distance between the haves and the have-nots keeps growing. We know which parts of town to avoid. An outsider looking in may just find it hard to make connections between the numbers of the churches and the condition of the city. I like to believe that the church is the light of the city that shines its light in darkness to transform the lives of people. Rome, a righteous city, needs to reflect the goodness of God and the Good News of the Gospel. It should reflect the goodness, righteousness, and quality of life from Monday through Saturday. What does this all mean to you? Have you thought about it? Further, instead of just criticizing the church, have you done something lately in the name of Jesus?

We are in the season of Lent, when we practice Christian disciplines. Christian disciplines are not about techniques: how to pray, how often to pray, how to repent, how often to repent, how to fast, how often we fast, etc.. They are not techniques we use to draw God's attention to us. They are not supposed to be hypocritical or self-serving. They are the means for us to be transformed in the power of God, they are the means to transform others, and they are the means to transform our city. Oh, how I wish to hear, "Look at all the steeples in Rome, look how they transform the city! Rome is the best place to live." Oh, how I wish to hear, "Second Avenue played a part, a significant part, to make Rome a better place! A Christian place!" I covet your feedback and how we can make a difference in Rome!

Millie

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## MARCH SERMON SCRIPTURE

- March 01 "Sacred Pilgrimage" | Romans 5:12-19 | Matthew 4:18-22 | Communion Sunday
- March 08 "Pilgrims Along the Way" | Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 | John 4:5-42 | Second Sunday of Lent
- March 15 "Grace on the Journey" | Romans 5:1-11 | John 3:1-17 | Third Sunday of Lent
- March 22 "Aha & Wow Moments" | Psalm 23 | John 9:1-41 | Fourth Sunday of Lent
- March 29 "Finisterre: The End of the Earth" | Romans 8:6-11 | John 11:1-10 | Fifth Sunday of Lent
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*Lynda Boggs &  
Tom Climer*

Invite their church  
family to celebrate  
their wedding and  
enjoy a spring lunch  
in the fellowship hall  
after the ceremony

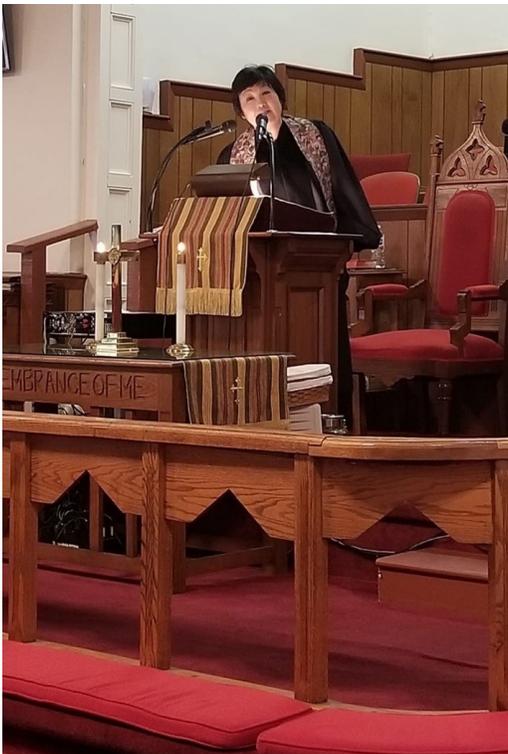
*Sunday, March 29, 2020*  
Twelve Thirty in the Afternoon

*Second Avenue UMC Sanctuary*

**United Methodist Women  
'Life is like a box of chocolates.'  
UMW supports fair trade chocolate.**



**Rev. Millie at  
Metropolitan UMC  
for pulpit exchange**



**Judy Myers with some  
Game Night Treats**



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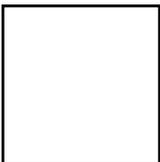
## March Birthdays

3/01 Betty Hardy  
3/06 Carol Vogt  
3/09 Kamdyn Chapman  
3/11 Chad Embree  
3/18 Macy Davis  
3/20 Chloe Duck  
3/20 Norma Gresham  
3/22 Josh Embree  
3/23 Andy Gaston  
3/25 Ralph Magnicheri  
3/27 Jill Borchert  
3/27 Teresa Cordle  
3/27 Vesper Frazier  
3/28 Bill Waters  
3/31 Cliff Gibson

## March Anniversaries

3/05 Nancy & Ralph Davis  
3/10 Dottie & Phil Taylor  
3/19 Beth & Jim Gibbons  
3/30 Buffy & Steve Davis

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



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## Lenten Offering —Dollars for Scholars

During the season of Lent, we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter resurrection with acts of love and charity for our neighbors in need.

We invite you to participate with our congregation as we collect funds for the Dollars for Scholars Program through the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation.

The Dollars for Scholars Program awards college students scholarships up to \$4,000 per year to attend United Methodist-related schools.

Please pray and give as you feel led to help, designating your check to Dollars for Scholars!

## District UMW Spring Banquet

Thursday, April 2 ~ 6:00-8:00 p.m.

The District United Methodist Women's Spring Banquet will take place on Thursday, April 2, at Douglasville First United Methodist Church.

Rev. Millie will be the main speaker for the night and will address climate justice issues.

If you are interested in going, please let Rev. Millie know. She can take a vanload with her.

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## Blessings and Gratitude

Dear Sweet Millie,

Thank you for your prayers and your presence. Thank you for all the ways you helped us. We love and appreciate you.

Thank you so much,  
Dennis & Kathy Urquhart

Dear Second Avenue,

I very much appreciate the flowers brought to me on Valentine's Day. I certainly miss my Second Avenue church family and being in worship.

God Bless,  
Mardelle Lynch

Special Offerings in February:

Thank you to all who contributed to the *Souper Bowl of Caring*. We collected **\$278.78**, which is designated to support our commitment to Meals & More throughout the year.

We also received **\$290** for this year's Homeless Offering by which we directly support ministries and agencies serving those experiencing homelessness and poverty in communities across our state.

Dear Second Avenue Family,

Thank you for your gift to the William S. Davies Homeless Shelter. Your generosity is very appreciated by our residents. The blankets (which were donated by our Helping Hands ladies) were needed.

Devon G. Smyth, Executive Director

## Valerie Moore East Asia Update

I am sure you have all heard the news of the Coronavirus over the past month as it has infected many people in East Asia. I want you to know that we are all fine and in good health!

We left the country a month ago for a series of meetings and conferences with other believers from this part of the world. During this time, the crisis began to escalate and our national leaders and crisis team needed to make some difficult decisions.

Because of the ongoing realities surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak, our national leadership team has pushed back our reentry date to March 20th.

What this means is that I will have to extend my time spent out of the country and incur travel and living expenses that I did not anticipate. I am deeply grateful for your prayers over the past six months that I have been in Asia, and for the results we have seen in this area of the world. As you pray, would you consider supporting me financially to help defray the cost of my unforeseen expenses while I await the green light to return to EA? There has been a matching fund set up to help me and others who are in this situation. You can make a tax-deductible donation online at <https://give.cru.org/1044170>. Thank you so much for all your prayers and support!

Love,  
Valerie Moore  
(Valerie's entire letter may be seen on the bulletin board outside the church office.)

I got a job! Thank you so much for your prayers!

Bonnie (from Prayer Box outside)

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Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with WINGS like eagles... Isaiah 40:31

## Worship...

Combined Meal and Concert with

Second Avenue Baptist Church:

Sunday, March 29 ~ 5:00 p.m.

On Sunday, March 29, we will have a Potluck Dinner at Second Avenue Baptist followed by a Concert featuring a combined choir and a special guest singer. Please mark your calendars now for this exciting worship opportunity with our fellow Christian congregation.

Community Holy Week Services:

April 6- 8 ~ Noon ~ Metropolitan UMC (700 Broad St.)  
Mark your calendar and plan to join with other churches in downtown Rome for brief Holy Week services.

## Nurture...

Keenagers:

Thursday, March 26 ~ noon

Please join us for a covered dish lunch and a program. Good food, friends, and fun. Bring a dish and a guest.

United Methodist Women:

Saturday, March 14 ~ 10:00-11:30 a.m.

ALL LADIES of the church are invited to come to UMW on March 24 for a good time of learning and fellowship. \$5 for brunch. See Cindy Smith for more details.

Covered Dish Lunch:

March 15 ~ after worship

Due to our Combined Meal and Concert with Second Avenue Baptist on March 29, we will have our 'Fifth Sunday' meal early this month. We'll share a Pot Luck o' the Irish theme covered dish lunch and fellowship around the table.

Administrative Council Meeting:

March 15 ~ after covered dish lunch

All Administrative Council Members are requested to please attend.

Wednesday Night Family Fellowship:

Wednesday, March 25 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a special meal prepared by our own Thomas Kislak. Watch upcoming bulletins for menu and program.

Easter Egg Hunt:

Saturday, April 11

Save the date and watch upcoming bulletins for more details on this year's Easter Egg Hunt.

## Invite...

Upper Room Devotionals:

New Upper Room devotionals are now available. Please take one for yourself, family, and friends.

## Grow...

Lenten Bible Study:

Wednesdays ~ 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Rev. Millie invites everyone to join in an upcoming study of the book *The Walk, Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life* by Adam Hamilton. "Discover five essential spiritual practices for our Christian walk, each rooted in Jesus' own walk with God. Each chapter explores one practice, including its New Testament foundation and its potential effect on our personal lives and our lives together as the church."

There is a choice of meeting times to accommodate different schedules. Soup & Salad meal served (\$5).

## Serve...

Easter Baskets:

For the eighth year, we will prepare Easter baskets for children in need at nearby elementary schools. We welcome your financial contributions (marked "Easter Baskets") for the purchase of goodies for children to fill the baskets as well as donations of small, individually wrapped candies to fill plastic eggs for the baskets.

Please let Judy Myers (judybug243@comcast.net) know if you would like to help distribute them to the children on Friday, April 10.

Meals & More:

Tuesday, March 3 ~ 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to help pack and distribute meals for Meals & More at Rome First UMC (202 E 3rd Ave). You can help by volunteering your time or by contributing individually wrapped cookies or snack cakes or single serve sized potato chips for the meals.

Winthrop Senior Living Community:

Tuesday, March 10 ~ 1:00 p.m.

We need volunteers to sing, share stories, and just be present every **second Tuesday** of the month to show the love of Jesus to the senior residents.

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## Acolytes:

3/01 Reese Gibson  
 3/08 Leigh Kim-Soh  
 3/15 Theo Kislak  
 3/22 Macy Davis  
 3/29 Isaac Tucker

## Liturgists:

3/01 Steve Davis  
 3/08 Thomas Kislak  
 3/15 Mike Colombo  
 3/22 Patty Baker  
 3/29 Greg Gaston

## Nursery:

3/01 Patty Baker  
 3/08 Buffy Davis  
 3/15 Laura Bledsoe  
 3/22 Nancy Clift  
 3/29 Betty Albers

## Flowers:

3/01  
 3/08  
 3/15  
 3/22 Davis  
 3/29 Climer

## Congregational Care & Concern:

3/01 Vicki Thomason  
 3/08 Darlene Wallace  
 3/15 Nina Wheeler  
 3/22 Nancy Clift  
 3/29 Shirley Dodson

## Counters:

3/01 Mike Colombo & Cindy Smith  
 3/08 Mary Beth B. & Greg Gaston  
 3/15 Barbara Cothran & Dan Emerick  
 3/22 Amy Astin & Dottie Taylor  
 3/29 Mike Colombo & Cindy Smith

## Ushers:

Ronnie Farmer (head usher), Bob Baker, Mike Colombo, Ralph Davis, Greg Gaston, Thomas Kislak

## You're Invited: Town Hall Meetings with Bishop Sue

Clergy and laity are invited to attend a town hall meeting with Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson on the future of The United Methodist Church here in North Georgia and beyond.

### Schedule

March 1 | Atlanta-Roswell/Atlanta-Marietta | Hillside UMC | 3 pm  
 March 8 | Atlanta-College Park/Atlanta-Emory | Peachtree Road UMC | 2 pm  
 March 22 | Athens-Elberton/Atlanta-Decatur-Oxford/Augusta | Madison First UMC | 3 pm  
 March 29 | Griffin/Lagrange | Fayetteville First UMC | 3:30 pm  
 April 19 | Northwest/Rome-Carrollton | Trinity at the Well UMC | 3:30 pm  
 April 26 | Gainesville | Gainesville First UMC | 3 pm

### Have a Question?

Bishop Sue will take questions in advance and answer all that she can in the meeting. Ask your question at [www.ngumc.org/questions](http://www.ngumc.org/questions).

## Wednesday Night Family Fellowship

- Dinner Served 6:00 p.m.; Program 6:30
- Reservation Required on Pew Pad or Call Office
- \$8 per person/\$16 family maximum
- First-time visitors & children 10 and under eat free

### Menu

**03/25** Meal by Thomas Kislak

### Program

**03/25** To Be Announced



Vital Signs

Average Worship Attendance in February: 73

Financial giving in February: \$21,505

Budgeted amount needed as of February: \$35,252

Budgeted amount given as of February: \$33,317

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## Need A Prayer?

Please let us know your prayer concerns. You may submit prayer requests:  
- In writing: fill out a prayer request form in the sanctuary pew racks  
- By phone: call the prayer line at 706.234.6406 (press 3 when prompted)  
- By email: millie@2aveumc.org

If you have a confidential request, please contact Rev. Millie (404.759.4778).

*"Pray, and let God worry." Martin Luther*

## Pastoral Care Need?

Please contact the church ASAP when you are in need of Pastoral Care!

To contact the Pastor:

- During office hours, please call 706.234.6406
  - After hours, please call or text 404.759.4778
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## Prayer List

### Congregation

Ables Family  
Betty Albers  
Carl Alexander  
Susan Autry  
Donna Bledsoe  
Herb Brown  
Jim & Gerrie Burton  
Danny Carver  
Giles Chapman  
Nancy Davis  
Sally Farmer  
Carolyn Garwood  
Jim Gibbons  
David Gresham  
Charles Griffin  
Betty Hardy  
Faye Kesler  
Mardelle Lynch  
Bill Pharr  
Lib Rogers  
Edith Swint  
Dennis & Kathy Urquhart  
Vivian VanLandingham  
Carol Vogt

### Friends & Family

Katherine Ammons  
Linda Baker  
Terri Black  
Bowman Family  
Linda Brown  
Alfred Brumbelow  
Christian Camp  
Joanie Catron  
Emma Craig  
Daria Giebler  
Jamie Griffin  
Patty Harvey  
Destiny Erica Head  
Greg Helms  
Jada Helms  
Khloe Hill  
"Buck" Huckaby  
Sue Hurley  
JoAnn Jacks  
Larry Jacks  
Janie Jolley  
Garrett Jones  
Hannah Jones  
Megan Jones

Milton Kahn  
Bill & Peggy Lanier  
Danny Lee  
Paula Lowder  
Lisa McDaniel  
Mason McKenzie  
Alex Mendez  
Jacob Mendez  
Tandalea Mendez  
Military Personnel  
John Morris & Family  
Sherry Nolan  
Diane Norrod  
Julie Ousley  
Andy Peabody  
Peggy Pharr  
Connie Ray  
Deborah Reynolds  
Ruiz-Baleon Family  
Bonnie Thomas  
Alex Trebek  
President Trump  
Urquhart Family  
Tyson Waid  
Mary Whillock

John Wiggin  
Sunny Wilkerson  
Jim Williams and Family  
Kennedy Williams  
Debbie Willis  
John Woodward  
Regina Wright

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## Persons of the Week

### **March 01: Allen & Dawn Ables**

805 Collinwood Road SE  
Rome, GA 30161

### **March 08: Dennis & Kathy Urquhart**

40 Amberwood Trail  
Rome, GA 30165

### **March 15: Maria Baleon**

115 Linden Street  
Rome, GA 30161

### **March 22: Herb & Paula Brown**

68 Fred Kelly Road  
Rome, GA 30161-9131

### **March 29: Lynda Boggs/Tom Climer**

535 Old Wax Road SE  
Aragon, GA 30104-1431

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

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## March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Betty Hardy 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10:00am Helping Hands	<b>4</b> 11:00am Lenten Bible Study 6:00pm Lenten Bible Study	<b>5</b> Nancy & Ralph Davis 5:00pm Line Dancing	<b>6</b> Carol Vogt	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>9</b> Kamdyn Chapman Rev. Millie @ Board of Ordained Ministries	<b>10</b> Phil & Dottie Taylor Rev. Millie @ Board of Ordained Ministries 10:00am Helping Hands 1:00pm Winthrop Senior Living Community	<b>11</b> Chad Embree Rev. Millie @ Board of Ordained Ministries 11:00am Lenten Bible Study 6:00pm Lenten Bible Study	<b>12</b> Rev. Millie @ Board of Ordained Ministries 5:00pm Line Dancing	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:00am United Methodist Women
<b>15</b> 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Covered Dish Lunch 1:00pm Administrative Council Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:00am Helping Hands	<b>18</b> Macy Davis 11:00am Lenten Bible Study 6:00pm Lenten Bible Study	<b>19</b> Jim & Beth Gibbons 5:00pm Line Dancing	<b>20</b> Chloe Duck Norma Gresham	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Josh Embree 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>23</b> Andy Gaston	<b>24</b> 10:00am Helping Hands	<b>25</b> 11:00am Lenten Bible Study 6:00pm Wednesday Night Family Fellowship Meal	<b>26</b> 12:00pm Keenagers 5:00pm Line Dancing	<b>27</b> Jill Borchert Teresa Cordle Vesper Frazier	<b>28</b> Bill Waters
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