

Second Helpings

MARCH 2024

Second Avenue United Methodist Church
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Pastor's Page– Rev. Rick Maeser



Consecration Sunday Is Coming March 17

A financial stewardship program is not merely a way for the church to pay its bills, but a way of encouraging followers of Jesus Christ to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship.

Our stewardship emphasis this year encourages us toward proportionate giving in response to the question, “What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?” It’s based on

the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, and is designed to help us grow spiritually in our relationship with God.

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, attendees will be asked to make their financial commitments to our church’s mission and ministry. I hope that you will do so, but no one will be forced to turn in a card. It is a totally voluntary process.

Everyone who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so as an act of worship on Consecration Sunday. I encourage your attendance, and I thank you for your enthusiastic participation.

Pastor Rick



March Sermon Scriptures

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| March 03 | Titus 2:11-14, Mark 6:30-44 “Give What You Have” Communion |
| March 10 | Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Mark 12:13-17 “Give the First and the Best” |
| March 17 | “Consecration Sunday” Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Robin Lindsey |
| March 24 | Palm Sunday Cantata |
| March 31 | Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18 “Victory in Jesus” Easter Sunday |

Highlights from February in Pictures



Donna Bledsoe loved her birthday celebration in the fellowship hall!



The UWF had a fun time making Valentine cards and assembling budvases to send love to our shut-in friends. They also assembled goody bags to share God's love to those served by Hope's House, a local ministry.



Photographer Kim Hansard did a program for Keenagers and took a nice group photo.

Persons of the Week

March 03: Jim & Norma Williams

2 Archway Ct. SE
Rome, GA 30161

Cindy & Stan Collins

2060 Patrick Mill Place
Buford, GA 30518

Cathy Kyle

363 Hydesmere Drive
Sugar Hill, GA 30518

March 10: Mardelle Lynch

A27 The Gardens of Rome
1168 Chulio Road
Rome, GA 30161

March 17: Terry & Sue Duck

7 Mt. Creek Drive SE
Rome, GA 30161-7917

March 24: Nancy Clift

Riverwood Senior Living, Rm 13
511 W. 10th Street, NE
Rome, GA 30161

March 31: Judy Emerick

3 Drexel Drive
Rome, GA 30165-1814

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

March Schedule

Acolytes:	Flowers:	Liturgists:
03/03 Kevin Baleon-Ruiz	03/03 Available	03/03 Amy Astin
03/10 Theo Kislat	03/10 Albers	03/10 Dennis Urquhart
03/17 Jesse Meredith	03/17 Davis	03/17 Doug Meredith
03/24 Kevin Baleon-Ruiz	03/24 Available	03/24 Cantata
03/31 TBD	03/31 Easter	03/31 Susan Stroup

Prayer List

Congregation

Genny Alexander
Luis Baleon-Ruiz
Bob Baker
Donna Bledsoe
Lee Brock
Iva Brown & Family of
Matthew Chapman
Terry & Nancy Clift
Lynda Climer
Barbara & Terry Cothran
Family of Betty Crymes
Nancy Davis
Erna Dobbs
Sue & Terry Duck
Sally Farmer
Vesper Frazier
Betty Hardy
Mardelle Lynch
Pastor Rick & Nell Maeser
Irene Martz

Bill & Cindy Pharr
Carolyn Prater
Kathy Urquhart
Vivian VanLandingham
Jerry Waters
Anne Westfield
Friends & Family
Stetson Baird
Barry Barfield
Patti Barron
Jimmy Brown
Chris Butler
Kay Chumbler
Wendell Crowder
Ruth Day
Patrick Demirjian
Stephanie Dunn
Danny Fricks
Michelle Gibson-travel
Jim Gonzalez
Carol Gunter

Hytowitz family
John & Beth Kennedy
Sandra Kerr
Chad Lester
Kevin Lobello
Bobby Magnicheri
Martha Martin
Taylor Martin
Haley & Will McDonald
Tom McElroy
Terri Minor
Posey Mitchell
Tonya Mohn
Kelly Mountain
Paul Mullins
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
Susan Tate
Bill Underwood
Esperanza Vail
Midge & Jerry Watford
Mitzi Wilburn
Jim Williams
Kennedy Williams
Jalen Wofford
Laura Beth Wright
Tommy Yarborough

United Women in Faith Meeting on March 9

United Women in Faith will be meeting the on Saturday, March 9, at 10:00 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. 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. (It is fine to text or email Cindy (706-346-0786 or butlerjrt@gmail.com with your reservation!) The menu will be blueberry lemon pancakes, bacon, fresh fruit, orange juice, and coffee.



We made Valentine bags for Hope's House last month and our program this month will be given by Michelle Gerald, founder and executive director for Hope's House. Hope's House was founded in 2019 and opened in 2020 to serve as a day shelter for the homeless. It is the first such day center and resource facility in Rome that specifically

caters to those needing help navigating the various social services available in the area. It serves an estimated 350 to 400 vulnerable residents living in shelters, tents, vehicles, and motels. Michelle will talk to us about her mission and work with the homeless. You won't want to miss it, so make your plans to attend!



Hope's House is located at 1110 N. 5th Ave.

Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend! I look forward to seeing each of you on Saturday, March 9, at 10:00 a.m.!

Cindy Smith
UWF President

Rise Against Hunger on Saturday, March 10

We will join with other churches in the area to participate in Rise Against Hunger this Lenten season. This mission project involves packing about 11,000 meals that will go to food-insecure parts of the world. The event will take place on Sunday, March 10, at 4:00 p.m. in the Wilder Center at Rome First UMC. There will be signs posted to make the entrance easy to find. People may park in the Wilder Center lot and the two lots behind it.



The biggest thing right now is for people to register to serve. The number of packing stations they set up will be based on the number of volunteers who have registered. When people register, they can select what parts of the event they'd like to help with: set-up, food packing, and/or clean up. They will need people for all parts, so people are welcome to sign up for any and all sections.

Click here to register: <https://rah.my.salesforce-sites.com/events/registrationpage?id=7018c000001Dkh7AAC>.

Blessings and Gratitude

To The United Methodist Women—

Thank you for the beautiful red carnation for Valentines Day. I am sorry that I did not get to visit with the ladies that delivered it! I think I was napping.

God Bless,
Bob Baker

"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

To the folks at Second Ave. UMC,

Thank you for remembering me with the Valentine vase of flowers. Also for the volunteer, Jane Franssen, taking time to visit with me. I also appreciate the cards and notes I continue to receive regularly. You continually touch my heart with your kindness.

In Christ's Love,
Genny Alexander

Thank you Second Avenue UMC! You all are a wonderful group. Betty enjoyed her time with you. She didn't want anyone to have to prepare food for her service. She left a fund to cover her reception. Thank you all for including us in your many special occasions.

Love,
Norma, Jim, Cathy and Cindy

Keenagers Lunch on Thursday, March 21

Join the Keenagers for a potluck lunch at noon on Thursday, March 21. 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.

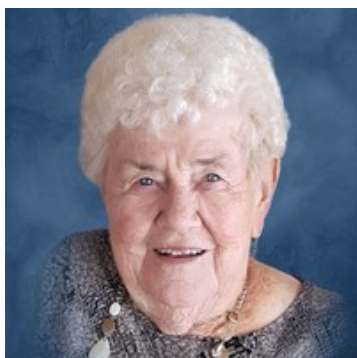


Budgeted amount needed as of February: \$40,016

Budgeted amount given as of February: \$34,813

Financial giving in month of February—includes budget & designated: \$21,799

With Deepest Sympathy



Betty Partridge Crymes

August 5, 1929 – February 20, 2024 (Age 94)

It is with deepest sympathy that we share with you that our friend and sister in Christ, Betty Crymes, passed away on Tuesday, February 20. Please be in prayer for her family and many friends who will mourn her loss.

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

Lenten Bible Study Continues

Each Wednesday during Lent we are discussing a chapter of the book, The Third Day. The author, Tom Berlin, will help us explore the meaning of Jesus' resurrection through the eyes of Peter, Mary Magdalene, Thomas, Paul, and the disciples at Emmaus. The study is held in the fellowship hall at 1:00 P.M. each Wednesday. A copy of The Third Day is not required for participation in the study, but the book is available through Cokesbury and other book sellers.

Consecration Sunday is Coming!

On March 17 our "Consecration Sunday" stewardship emphasis will conclude with a sermon by The Rev. Dr. Robin Lindsey, a retired UMC pastor living here in Rome. We will have the opportunity to submit an "Estimate of Giving" card during worship that Sunday in support of the church's mission and ministry for the year 2024.

Easter Cantata on Palm Sunday

Mark your calendar and invite a friend to join us on Palm Sunday, March 24, for our upcoming Easter cantata, "*The Way of the Cross Leads Home*" by Mary McDonald. Our choir works hard preparing to bless us each year with this special time of music.

Community Holy Week Services on March 25-27

This year's Community Holy Week services will be held at Rome First United Methodist Church, located at 202 E. 3rd Avenue, at noon from March 25-27. A light lunch will follow after each service.

Holy Thursday Service on March 28

On March 28 at 7:00 PM, there will be a worship service with communion as we celebrate the final supper Jesus shared with his disciples. Often referred to as "Maundy Thursday," it is the Thursday in Holy Week, just before Easter Sunday.

Easter Cross

Please bring fresh cut flowers and greenery from your garden or yard (or the store) on Easter Sunday, March 31. Beginning at 9:45 a.m., we will adorn the cross on the church's lawn to celebrate and witness to the resurrection.

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Our Vision:
"Knowing Christ & Making Christ Known"

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March Birthdays

3/01 Betty Hardy
3/07 Ron McKenzie
3/09 Kamdyn Chapman
3/11 Chad Embree
3/18 Macy Davis
3/20 Chloe Duck
3/20 Norma Gresham
3/22 Josh Embree
3/22 Patricia Garrison
3/23 Andy Gaston
3/25 Ralph Magnicheri
3/27 Jill Borchert
3/27 Teresa Cordle
3/27 Vesper Frazier
3/30 Carolyn Prater
3/31 Cliff Gibson

March Anniversaries

3/05 Ralph & Nancy Davis
3/10 Phil & Dottie Taylor
3/30 Steve & Buffy Davis

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!

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Betty Hardy World Day of Prayer	2
3 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	4	5 Ralph & Nancy Davis 10:00am Helping Hands	6 1:00pm Lenten Bible Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	7 Ron McKenzie 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir	8	9 Kamdyn Chapman 10:00am United Women in Faith
10 Phil & Dottie Taylor 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 4:00pm Rise Against Hunger @ Rome First UMC	11 Chad Embree	12 10:00am Helping Hands	13 1:00pm Lenten Bible Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	14 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir	15	16
17 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Consecration Sunday	18 Macy Davis	19 10:00am Helping Hands	20 Chloe Duck Norma Gresham 1:00pm Lenten Bible Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	21 12:00pm Keenagers 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir	22 Josh Embree Priscilla Garrison	23 Andy Gaston
24 Palm Sunday 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Choir Cantata	25 Ralph Magnicheri 12:00pm Community Holy Week Service at Rome First UMC	26 10:00am Helping Hands 12:00pm Community Holy Week Service at Rome First UMC	27 Jill Borchert Teresa Cordle Vesper Frazier 12:00pm Community Holy Week Service at Rome First UMC 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	28 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir 7:00pm Holy Thursday Service	29 Good Friday	30 Carolyn Prater Steve & Buffy Davis
31 Cliff Gibson Easter Sunday 9:45am Decorate Cross with Flowers 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship						