

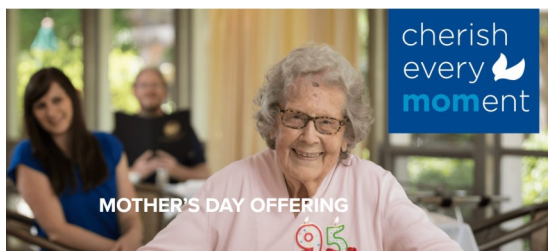
Second Helpings



MAY 2021

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Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering



Plan to give generously to our Conference-wide Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering. Through your generosity, Wesley Woods serves 1,800 older adults each year in their 10 communities. Your support funds financial assistance for meals and housing to residents who have the gift of a long life but may have outlived their resources. In addition, the Mother's Day Offering supports on-site chaplains and innovative wellness programs.

This is our opportunity to provide love and care for grateful seniors. We will be collecting this offering on Sunday, May 9.

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Advanced Lay Servant Class

An Advanced Lay Servant Class is scheduled to start on July 11, 2021 from 5-7 p.m. at Ringgold UMC. This is a face-to-face class that will meet each Sunday for five weeks.

This course is offered to all current Local Lay Servants that would like to become an Advanced Lay Servant in the Northwest District and to current Advanced Lay Servants that need to take an advanced training course in accordance with the United Methodist Discipline. The Discipline requires all Lay Servants to take a lay servant training course at least once every three years. The book for this class is titled "Biblical Interpretation: A Roadmap" by Sharon Ringe and Frederick Tiffany. This course and the book will focus on Biblical interpretation. Through our Bible study, we come to know who God is and what it means to be the People of God. The instructor for this class is Marty McGhee. Marty is a certified instructor and the lay leader at Ringgold UMC.

The cost of the class is \$42 plus the cost of your book, which is available on Amazon and Cokesbury. You may register for this class at the Conference website ngumc.org/courseschedule. Registration deadline is June 24, 2021. Please note the class size will be limited to 10 persons so early registration could be important.

Highlights from April in Pictures

Decorating the Cross on
Easter Sunday



The Baleon Family joined the church on April 11

Easter Egg Hunt in the Nursery



Metropolitan UMC Food Pantry



Persons of the Week

May 02: Baleon Family

Luis, Maria, Axel, Dylan, Kevin
115 Linden Street
Rome, GA 30161

May 09: Mardelle Lynch

3013 Village Blvd SE
Rome, GA 30161-1058

May 16: Vivian VanLandingham

108 Baby Doe Drive NW, Apt. B
Rome, GA 30165-7724

May 23: Lauren Rogers

210 Lumpkin Road
Lindale, GA 30147-1647

May 30: Carol Vogt

Magnolia Hills, Room 51
504 Historic 441 N.
Demorest, GA 30535

*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



I am very proud of the fact that Mother's Day started in a small Methodist church in West Virginia. Celebrating Mother's Day all started with one insistent and persistent daughter, Anna Jarvis, who grew up watching her mother, socially active, compassionate, diligent, and generous. She started campaigning for a day on the calendar to honor mothers. I am so glad she did that.

Mother's day is the day that we make a public expression of our love and appreciation for mothers everywhere. As a mother myself, I love the fact my kiddos bring gifts and sweet notes for Mother's Day but often I struggle with a feeling that I am not a good enough mother.

Our society has defined the image of motherhood, and has inundated women with expectations about maternity, motherhood, and parenting which can be very distressing to live up to. It causes a lot of stress and anxiety. Instead of enjoying and cherishing motherhood, we often wonder if we fit the mold that the society has created. And it is not just the society, mind you. We have expectations we put on ourselves, even though we know they are completely unrealistic. I constantly have a voice saying in my head saying, "I gotta be the nurturer; I gotta give our children the perfect childhood; I gotta protect them from the world; I gotta educate them perfectly and make them sing well, play sports, play music, make them look perfect in their perfectly monogrammed clothes; I gotta feed them perfectly nutritiously balanced food free of pesticides, hormones and antibiotics that are perfectly cooked that children just love to eat. They can't be too skinny, too fat, too small, too big, too short, too tall..." Did I mention having a full time job on top of all this? My generation of women was raised to believe that we should and could do it all.

STOP! I am telling you and myself this Mother's Day that we need God's help. We can't do it all; it is impossible! We need God's help, strength, guidance, patience and forgiveness every single step of the way. All mothers out there- I am sending you my deep gratitude, appreciation, and respect. All mothers who are struggling, I am praying that God will encourage you and strengthen you! Lean on Him and trust Him because God loves your children even more than you do. Make your husband an active partner in parenting and make God your priority! And pray! Show your children how hard you pray for them and how much you trust God in life.

Blessings,
Millie

May Sermon Scriptures

May 02	1 Samuel 3:1-10 "It's For You!" Rev. Dr. Warren Lathem
May 09	John 15:9-17 "Abide in Love" Mother's Day
May 16	Acts 1:1-11 "The Prelude of the Holy Spirit"
May 23	Acts 2:1-13 "The Holy Spirit Here and Now" Pentecost
May 30	Acts 2:14-26 "You Are On"

Blessings and Gratitude

Dear Friends,

Thanks for your donation of \$100! So grateful for your support! May God bless you for your generosity.

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’” (Matthew 25:40)

Blessings,
Pastor George Nix
Community Church Ministry
(www.communitychurchministry.com)

Millie & 2nd Avenue Church Family,

Thank you for the way you rushed in to help with the ham and turkey and all the extra fixings. The altar flowers even made it for the day of mom’s service. Your help and generosity touched our hearts and we are grateful for you.

Love,
Kathy & Dennis Urquhart
and The family of Ann Barber

Dear Millie and Church,

Thank you all so much for the quilt you sent for our sweet little Jemma. It is so beautiful. All of the thoughts, prayers, and support has been so wonderful.

We are so lucky to have each and every one of you.

Thank you!
Tori, Chad, & Jemma Clift ♥



Jemma Clift



Dear Second Avenue United Methodist,

The students you support through the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation are changing the world! When you donate to UMHEF, you help fund not only the education of students like Hannah, who founded a food insecurity charity known as “Boxing It Up to Give Thanks,” but also their ideas and dreams that impact communities in enormous ways. Thank you for your support.

Blessings,
Robert R. Fletcher, President/CEO UMHEF

United Methodist Women News



It is hard to believe it is already **MAY**! I have some good news – we now have a full slate of officers for this coming year. I will continue as president, Beth Colombo will serve as our vice-president, Beth Gibbons will be our secretary, and Susan Stroup has agreed to take Nancy Davis' spot as treasurer. I know you will join me in thanking Nancy for her years of service as treasurer of the organization. She has done an **OUTSTANDING** job, but everyone deserves a break. We are in the process of getting our account changed over and updated, so if you would **please continue for one more month to make checks payable to the church and designated for the Ruth and Naomi House**. Hopefully, we can have everything changed by June.

I will be meeting with the other officers soon to start making plans for this year. I am still hoping to host a "Get Reacquainted" informal meeting at my house, poolside, sometime in May or early June. Conditions permitting, I would also like to have our traditional summer picnic sometime late June or July as well. Since our Saturday brunch meetings seemed to work out well, I think we will continue this fall with monthly meetings on the second Saturday of the month, 10:00-12:00 noon, with a cost of \$5.00 per person. If you have an idea for a program for the coming year, please share it with one of the officers or with me. My goal is still to grow our fellowship to 30 – we were up to 25 before the Pandemic hit, so I am confident we can attain this goal!

Please stay safe and well. Look for updates on plans to come soon via email from the church and the Sunday bulletin.

Cindy Smith
United Methodist Women President

Upper Room Available

If you would like JoAnn to mail you a copy of the May-June Upper Room devotional, please call the church office.

Rome Area Prayer Breakfast

The 2021 Rome Area Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Coosa Valley Fairgrounds Community Building, adjacent to the Palladium, on the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 6, from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. (doors open at 6:30). The speaker will be Sujo John, a 911 survivor, speaker and founder of YouCanFreeUS, a humanitarian organization that fights human trafficking around the world. Hand sanitization stations as well as masks will be readily available. This event is for the whole community. Complimentary tickets are available either by emailing April@romeprayerbreakfast.org, calling 706.676.8050, or at various local businesses.

Worship Services

We are still meeting inside for Worship Service on Sundays at 11:00 am.! Everyone is requested to register here <https://signup.com/go/wNqSSUT> or call the church office by Thursday each week and register for worship so we can plan for social distancing. Masks are requested. Families with children are strongly encouraged to worship in the Fellowship Hall where there will be crafts, snacks, and childcare. We will continue to have the Audio Worship Line (706.786.6406) and sermons will be uploaded on the church website and on YouTube on Sunday afternoons.

Many thanks to all who work so hard to make this happen!

Wednesday Night Family Celebration

Everyone is invited to come to the Wednesday Night Family Supper on May 5 at 6:00 p.m. We will be outside the church--tables and chairs provided and socially distanced. All meal items will be individually wrapped for service. Activities include cornhole, badminton, and a piñata for the kids. There is no charge but please let us know if you are coming so we can plan accordingly and purchase an appropriate amount of food.

Helping Hands

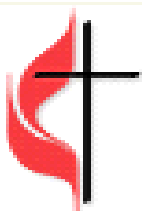
Helping Hands has resumed on Tuesdays at 10:00-11:30 a.m.

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! Contact Judy Myers at judybug3@bellsouth.net or 706-346-8993 for more details.

2021 Flowers for Worship

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

Vital Signs



Budgeted amount needed as of April: \$78,652

Budgeted amount given as of April: \$77,418

Financial giving in April: \$17,165





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Our Vision: "Knowing Christ &
Making Christ Known"

May Birthdays

01 Mike Colombo
01 Olivia Gibson
02 Faye Kesler
03 Jody Rogers
05 Jesse Meredith
06 Vicki Thomason
09 Kevin Soh
10 Shirley Dodson
14 Shannon Kislal
15 Ernie Myers
16 Dawn Ables
17 Beth Colombo
18 Phil Taylor
21 Lynn Duck
26 Michael Gibson

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!

May Anniversaries

15 Chad & Emily Embree

May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Mike Colombo Olivia Gibson
2 Faye Kesler 11:00am Worship	3 Jody Rogers	4	5 Jesse Meredith 6:00pm Wednesday Night Family Supper 6:30pm Choir Practice	6 National Day of Prayer Vicki Thomason 7:00am Rome Area Prayer Breakfast 6:00pm Handbell Choir	7	8
9 Kevin Soh Mother's Day 11:00am Worship	10 Shirley Dodson 10:00am Helping Hands	11	12 6:30pm Choir Practice	13 6:00pm Handbell Choir	14 Shannon Kislat	15 Chad & Emily Embree Ernie Myers
16 Dawn Ables 11:00am Worship	17 Beth Colombo 10:00am Helping Hands	18 Phil Taylor	19 6:30pm Choir Practice	20 6:00pm Handbell Choir	21 Lynn Duck	22
23 11:00am Worship	24 10:00am Helping Hands	25	26 Michael Gibson 6:30pm Choir Practice	27 6:00pm Handbell Choir	28	29
30 11:00am Worship	31 10:00am Helping Hands					