

Second Helpings

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Pastor's Page– Rev. Dr. Millie L. Kim



The biggest transformation we have witnessed in the disciples after the resurrection happened in Peter. I believe that what really changed him intrinsically comes from John 21:15-19. Jesus asks Peter a last favor, or a command, if you like that wording better. In my mind, this is the moment when Jesus forgives Peter for denying him when he needed him most. This is the moment that Peter understands Jesus as not only the Messiah but God himself and his advocate. But did you notice that Jesus never utters the words, “I forgive you”? It’s because Jesus had already forgiven him on the cross. But the person who really needed to forgive Peter was Peter himself. This is the moment in which he forgives himself and

recommits himself to Jesus fully. Peter also realizes at this moment that he accepts who Jesus wanted him to be. Not a quick-tempered, quick-witted, and smart-mouthed impulsive man, but a good shepherd who would feed the lambs and tend the sheep for the sake of the Good Shepherd.

Jesus does not ask three times “Peter, do you love me?” to remind Peter of his three-fold denial in a passive aggressive way to test him or to trap him. Instead, Jesus shapes and molds who Peter needs to be in the questions; he gives him what he can be! A vision! If we are not careful, we often mistake this passage as the primacy of Peter. After all, Peter has a private audience with Jesus here. Peter is named first among the disciples in the list of disciples. He is the first one to say, “You are the Christ, son of the living God” (Matthew 16). To that Jesus responded, “on this rock (Cephas, Peter) I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” What a tremendous blessing that is!

But this passage is not about the primacy of Peter; it is about the primacy of love. During the conversation between Jesus and Peter (vv. 15-19), Peter's ritual re-confirmation as a chief shepherd all revolves around his love for the Lord and his love for God’s people. I want you to know the primary requirement that Jesus asks of Peter is love. Every time Peter says, “Lord, I love you!” Jesus commissions Peter to “Feed my lambs - tend my sheep - feed my sheep.” With the threefold repetition of his question “Do you love me?” and his commission, Jesus is commissioning Peter as a good shepherd.

Love and authority must go together in the church. That’s Jesus’ way of leading his flock and his followers. Love gives authority in the church. We have to excel in love in order to lead the church. Love nurtures our souls. Love transforms all of us. Love remains at the end.

Your Good Shepherd,
Millie

Highlights from April in Pictures



Church Work Day



Meredith-Bledsoe Family
at the recent Spring Fest
Easter Egg Hunt



Rev. Millie & Erna Dobbs



Betty Crymes at BINGO



Rev. Millie with Jesse,
Theo, & Kevin



Children's Moment during Easter Worship Service



Friday Fun and Fellowship

Persons of the Week

May 07: Betty Hardy

42 Chateau Drive SE, Apt. 314
Rome, GA 30161-6665

May 21: Erna Dobbs

90 2nd Ave, Apt 312
Rome, GA 30161

May 14: Susan Pierce

105 Pine Forest Road
Cartersville, GA 30120-2434

May 28: Our Confirmands (see page 6)

Macy Davis
Maddie Gibson
Reese Gibson

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

April Schedule

Acolytes:	Flowers:	Liturgists:
5/07 Leigh Kim-Soh	5/07 Kim	5/07 Amy Astin
5/14 Kevin Baley	5/14 Mother's Day/UWF	5/14 Mike Colombo
5/21 Theo Kislal	5/21 Dodson	5/21 Thomas Kislal
5/28 Sophia Kim-Soh	5/28 Smith	5/28 Susan Stroup

Prayer List

<u>Congregation</u>			
Genny Alexander	Carolyn Prater	John & Beth Kennedy	Dana Rieske & Family
Donna Bledsoe	Kathy Urquhart	Chad Lester	Daphne Rogers
Lee Brock	Vivian VanLandingham	Ann Little's Family	Nicholas Rogers
Helen Broom	Bill & Jerry Waters	Bobby Magnicheri	Cassie Sanford
Paula Brown	Anne Westfield	Martha Martin	Danny Slaughter
Terry & Nancy Clift		Taylor Martin	Kim Rabus Snow
Lynda & Tom Climer	<u>Friends & Family</u>	Haley & Will McDonald	David Stevens
Barbara & Terry Cothran	Barry Barfield	Tom McElroy	Sage Teeter
Betty Crymes	Jennie Blunt	Terri Minor	Tonya
Nancy Davis	Jimmy Brown	Posey Mitchell	Bill Underwood
Erma Dobbs	Chris Butler	Jeff Mohn	Esperanza Vail
Shirley Dodson	Barbara Conklin	Kelly Mountain	Mitzi Wilburn
Terry Duck	Daniel Craig	Lynette Murphy	Jim Williams
Saxton Garrison	Ruth Day	Jim Myrick	Kennedy Williams
Carolyn Garwood	Bishop Robin Dease	Camil Nedela	Charles Wilson, Sr.
Betty Hardy	Patrick Demirjian	Skip Nordenberg	Martha Wilson
Tommy Jones	Stephanie Dunn	Jack & Shelvie Ozment	Jalen Wofford
Kim-Soh Family	Carol Gunter	Peggy Pharr	John P. Woodward
Mardelle Lynch	Diana Hamer	Wayne Pierce	Virginia Yarbrough
Bill Pharr	Nita Henderson	Beth Pitt	
	Dan Hulhearn	Nicole Potvin	

Second Avenue United Women in Faith Meet on May 20

We will have our annual Mother/Daughter Brunch on Saturday, May 20, 2023, starting at 10:00 a.m. and finishing by 11:30 a.m. so you can get on with your day. You do not have to be a mother or a daughter to attend! ALL ladies in the church (and men too!) are invited to come and enjoy food, fun, and fellowship. Bring a friend if you don't have a mother or daughter.



This will be our last official meeting before summer, so I hope you will be able to attend. Program to be announced, but it will be something for all ages to enjoy! Text me (706-346-0786) or let me know if you are planning to attend and bring a guest! I hope to see everyone at our May meeting!

Cindy Smith
President UWF

Mother's Day is coming Sunday, May 14, 2023!



Just a Reminder! Each year United Methodist Women in Faith sponsors a special bulletin insert on Mother's Day for you to list names in memory or in honor of special women 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, May 7. Please make checks payable to Second Avenue UMW.

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

Wednesday Night Supper on May 31

Plan to join us at 6:00 p.m. on May 31 for Wednesday Night Supper. The theme will be "Honoring the Veterans of our Second Avenue UMC Family." We plan to honor/memorialize family members of our congregation who have served their country. We encourage everyone to drop a photo by the church office of their loved one (or themselves) and include their service area. We will create a slideshow of these to present that evening.

The menu will be: **Barbecue pork sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw, chips, and desserts.** Everyone is encouraged to dress in patriotic attire. For more info, please contact Beth Gibbons (706-346-2701) or Jill Borchert (706-676-1743).

It's Graduation Time!

If you have someone in your family graduating this year, please contact the church office (706.234.6406 or 2ndAve@bellsouth.net) to have them included in our list.



Blessings and Gratitude

Dear Friends.

On behalf of the Rome/Floyd Yards and Gardens Committee, I would like to thank you for allowing us to meet at the church and perform some pruning around your yards and gardens! We had a delightful time with your members Jill Borchert & Beth Gibbons! Thanks again.

Much love,
Mary Hardin Thornton

Here is what we collected for Restoration Rome in March for babies:

4 pkgs. and 2 large boxes of diapers
3 containers formula
6 boxes rice cereal
2 boxes teething biscuits
10 pkgs of baby wipes
Bibs, washcloths, blankets, burp pads
Soft toy, sippy cups



Rome/Floyd County Fire Department

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Congratulations to newly promoted Training Officer Captain Cliff Gibson. We appreciate your hard work and dedication to the department. Job well done!



Mission Focus for May

The Salvation Army has requested our help with these items for their pantry. Whatever items you can contribute will be greatly appreciated as always. Collection containers will be set up in the fellowship hall.

- Gallon Ziploc bags
- Powerade or Gatorade
- Individual fruit cups
- Vienna sausages
- Individual packages of cookies
- Individual packages of chips
- Slim Jim or meat sticks
- Peanut butter crackers snack packs

Home School Orchestra Recital on May 25

Please come on Thursday, May 25, at 7:00 p.m. and enjoy a night of music by the Home School Orchestra who meets at our church on Thursdays. This will be a great opportunity for us to get to know and encourage young musicians in the community. The Recital will be in the sanctuary followed by refreshments in the fellowship hall after the program.

Confirmation Sunday on May 7

We will confirm Macy Davis, Reece Gibson, and Maddie Gibson on, Sunday, May 7. Their friends-in-faith are Rhonda Upshaw, Emily Embree, and Paula Jones. Please plan to be in worship to show your support as these young women are confirmed and received into the membership at Second Avenue UMC.

Macy Davis
9 Winterberry Lane Se
Rome, GA 30161

Maddie Gibson
3 Etowah Drive SE
Rome, GA 30161

Reese Gibson
3 Etowah Drive SE
Rome, GA 30161

Keenager Potluck on May 25

The Keenagers will meet on Thursday, May 25 for a Potluck lunch at the church. It will be the last meeting before summer break. Bring your favorite dish and enjoy the fellowship!

Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering



Honor Mothers everywhere with a gift to the Conference-wide Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering. For more than 47 years, churches of The North Georgia Conference of The UMC have received the Mother's Day Offering for Wesley Woods. This generous 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 also supports on-site chaplains and an innovative wellness program.

This is our opportunity to provide love and care for grateful seniors. We will be collecting this offering through Sunday, May 14.

Vital Signs



Budgeted amount needed as of April: \$75,055
Budgeted amount given as of April: \$66,861
Financial giving in month of April: \$17,041

Sermon Scriptures

May 07 "Blessed Are You" | 2 Peter 1:3-9, Matthew 5:1-12 | Confirmation | Communion

May 14 "Glue That Binds" | 3 John 1:2-4, Luke 9:10-17 | Mother's Day

May 21 "Relationships to Cherish" | 1 Peter 1:22-25, John 2:1-11

May 28 "The Walls Came Tumbling Down" | Joshua 6:12-21, Matthew 17:14-20

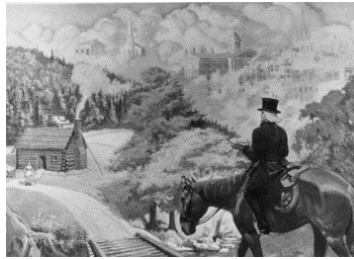
News from Staff/Pastor/Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

As most of you already know, Second Avenue will be getting a new minister this year as Rev. Millie and her family will be moving to Mountain Park UMC in Stone Mountain, GA. Be assured that plans are being made to properly honor Rev. Millie and her family for their seven wonderful years of service here as well as to welcome our new pastor, Rick Maeser, and his family. Rev. Maeser is coming to us from St. Paul UMC in Gainesville, GA. He is married and has two grown children. If you would like to reach out and send him a welcome to Second Avenue, his email address is: rick.maeser@ngumc.net.



Rev. Millie's last Sunday to preach will be June 25. Moving Day will be Tuesday, June 27, for all ministers throughout the conference. Amy Astin, Lay Leader, will preach on Sunday, July 2, and Rev. Maeser's first day in the office will be on Wednesday, July 5, and his first official Sunday will be July 9. Please watch for announcements in the Sunday bulletins and in the June Newsletter 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 Millie and Rick and their families.

For any of you who are unfamiliar with the itinerant system that the UMC uses, here is some information to help you understand the process:



The United Methodist system of itinerant ministry is rooted in John Wesley's vision of spreading scriptural holiness across the land and utilizing both clergy and laity in the fulfillment of this mission. Itinerant ministry in the earliest days required pastors to travel continually on horseback around defined circuits, and then after a year or two be assigned to a different circuit. The itinerant system has undergone many changes in the last 200 years, but several things remain the same:

The resident Bishop decides when and where preachers are appointed.

The "circuit rider's" task is to spread the Word of God, administer the Sacraments, and give oversight to the life and mission of the faith community.

Strong resident (lay) leadership plays a vital role in maintaining continuity and the health of the church.

Pastors are members of the connectional body (conference), not a local church.

Pastors, while paid by the local church, are accountable to the Discipline of The United Methodist Church and to those who have been elected or appointed to oversee their ministry.

Some denominations acquire their pastors through a "call system." In this system, the congregation conducts a search for a pastor, calls the pastor, and decides when the pastor's tenure ends. No system of placing pastors is perfect. We eagerly await God's perfect reign on earth, but in the meantime, United Methodists choose itinerant ministry.

(Information taken from "Understanding Pastoral Change" Doc. You can copy and paste this link to read more about the Itinerant System: ibit.ly/MUgH.)

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Our Vision:
"Knowing Christ & Making Christ Known"



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May Birthdays

5/01 Mike Colombo
5/01 Olivia Gibson
5/02 Faye Kesler
5/03 Jody Rogers
5/05 Jesse Meredith
5/06 Vicki Thomason
5/09 Kevin Soh
5/10 Shirley Dodson
5/14 Shannon Kislal
5/15 Ernie Myers
5/16 Dawn Ables
5/17 Beth Colombo
5/17 Dennis Urquhart
5/21 Lynn Duck
5/26 Michael Gibson

May Anniversaries

5/15 Chad & Emily Embree

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!

May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Mike Colombo Olivia Gibson	2 Faye Kesler 10:00am Helping Hands	3 Jody Rogers 1:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	4 National Day of Prayer 2:30pm Homeschool Orchestra Practice 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir Practice	5 Jesse Meredith	6 Vicki Thomason
7 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Confirmation Sunday	8	9 Kevin Soh 10:00am Helping Hands	10 Shirley Dodson 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	11 2:30pm Homeschool Orchestra Practice 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir Practice	12	13
14 Mother's Day Shannon Kislat 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering	15 Chad & Emily Embree Ernie Myers	16 Dawn Ables 10:00am Helping Hands	17 Beth Colombo Dennis Urquhart 1:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	18 John Franclemont 2:30pm Homeschool Orchestra Practice 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir Practice	19	20 10:00am United Women in Faith Mother Daughter Brunch
21 Lynn Duck 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	22	23 10:00am Helping Hands	24 1:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	25 12:00pm Keenagers Covered Dish Lunch 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir Practice 7:00pm Home School Orchestra Recital	26 Michael Gibson	27
28 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	29 Memorial Day	30 10:00am Helping Hands	31 1:00pm Bible Study 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice			