

Second Helpings

MAY 2024

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Pastor's Page– Rev. Rick Maeser

Think About These Things



The things we choose to think about may contribute to the kind of person we are now, and the kind of person we will become. Being sad or cheerful, despairing or hopeful, confident or fearful, may be influenced to some extent by the thoughts we choose to entertain. The apostle Paul wrote to the church in Philippi saying, “Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise,

think about these things (Philippians 4:8).

We know there is evil in the world, and we have contributed our share at times. But it is important that we don't let the bad things we experience in life overwhelm and consume us. There is light as well as darkness, and it is Paul's advice that we keep our thoughts focused on the light. If you have the choice of dwelling in the darkness, or living in the light, choose the light. God loves you. Christ saves you. Think about these things.

Blessings,
Pastor Rick



May Sermon Scriptures

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| May 05 | Psalm 98, John 15:9-17 “You’ve Got a Friend in Jesus” Communion |
| May 12 | Psalm 1, John 17:6-19 “Firmly Planted” |
| May 19 | Ezekiel 37:1-14, Acts 2:1-21 “Praise the Holy Spirit” Pentecost Sunday |
| May 26 | Isaiah 6:1-8, John 3:1-17 “More Than We Can Know” Trinity Sunday |

Highlights from April in Pictures



A group from the church honored Faye Kesler with a party to celebrate her 80th birthday!



Chloe Duck enjoyed having her family come to Young Harris to hear her present her senior research project.

happy birthday



During the month of April, we collected these items for the Rebecca Blaylock Child Development Center supply closet:

- 88 large rolls of paper towels
- 100 rolls of toilet paper
- 4 extra large & 3 regular bottles of dish detergent
- 498 kitchen trash bags
- 38 packages of baby wipes
- 4 packages of toilet bowl cleaner
- 1 extra large bottle of Clorox cleaner
- 4 containers of disinfectant wipes
- 1 box of tissues and 2 tubes of hand lotion

Persons of the Week

May 05: Irene Martz

42 Chateau Drive, Apt. 308
Rome, GA 30161-6665

May 12: Betty Hardy

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

May 19: Lib Rogers

3126 Cedartown Hwy. SW, Suite 1105
Rome, GA 30161-4313

May 26: Bob Baker

12 Belle Meade Drive SW
Rome, GA 30165-8485

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

May Schedule

Acolytes:	Flowers:	Liturgists:
05/05 Theo Kislak	05/05 Dodson	05/05 Mike Colombo
05/12 Kevin Baleon-Ruiz	05/12 UWF	05/12 Susan Stroup
05/19 Theo Kislak	05/19 McKenzie	05/19 Dennis Urquhart
05/26 Jesse Meredith	05/26 Smith	05/26 Doug Meredith

Prayer List

Congregation

Genny Alexander
Luis Baleon-Ruiz
Bob Baker
Donna Bledsoe
Lee Brock
Terry & Nancy Clift
Lynda Climer
Barbara & Terry
Cothran
Nancy Davis
Erna Dobbs
Sue & Terry Duck
Sally Farmer
Vesper Frazier
Betty Hardy
Tommy & Paula Jones
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
Vikki Barfield
Anne Barker
Patti Barron
Jimmy Brown
Chris Butler
Kay Chumbler
Wendell Crowder
Ruth Day
Patrick Demirjian
Stephanie Dunn
Danny Fricks
Jim Gonzalez
Jimmy & Denise
Carol Gunter
Hytowitz family

Jessie (foster child)

John & Beth Kennedy
Sandra Kerr
Matthew King
Chad Lester
Kevin Lobello
Bobby Magnicheri
Susan Maines
Martha Martin
Taylor Martin
Haley & Will McDonald
Tom McElroy
Terri Minor
Posey Mitchell
Tonya Mohn
Ali Morales
Kelly Mountain
Paul Mullins
Lynette Murphy
Jim Myrick
Camil Nedela
Jack & Shelvie Ozment
Jeremy Peace

Peggy Pharr

Wayne Pierce
Beth Pitt
Nicole Potvin
Alisha Reese
Stephanie Reyes
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
Kennedy Williams
Jalen Wofford
Laura Beth Wright
Tommy Yarborough
Virginia Yarbrough

United Women in Faith Meeting on May 18

We will have our annual Mother/Daughter Brunch on Saturday, May 18, 2024, 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, granddaughter, or niece to bring.



This will be our final meeting before summer, so I hope you will be able to attend. Details about the program to be announced, but it will be a musical one that all ages will enjoy! Text (706-346-0786) or email (Butlerjrt@gmail.com) Cindy Smith if you are planning to attend and bring a guest!

I hope to see everyone at our May meeting!
Cindy Smith
President UWF

UWF Mother's Day Bulletin

Mother's Day is coming Sunday, May 12, 2024!

Just a Reminder!

Each year United Methodist Women in Faith sponsors a bulletin insert for you to list names in memory or in honor of special women in your life on Mother's Day. This is our annual fundraiser for missions throughout the year. Please complete the Sunday bulletin insert with names along with a contribution or email or call the office with names to be included.



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

Keenagers

Due to scheduling conflicts, the May Keenagers meeting will be postponed until Thursday, June 6. The group will travel to Mentone, Alabama for lunch at Wildflower Café. Average meal cost is \$12 to \$20. Please sign up on the list on the bulletin board outside the church office and invite a friend to join you. More details will be available later in May. Contact Terry Clift (terryclift@me.com or 706.506.4205) for more details.

Blessings and Gratitude

Dear Rev. Maeser:

One hundred years ago, Ethel Harpst brought the young, and otherwise homeless, children in her care to their new home on the hill where our beautiful campus now sits. Near Cedartown, Sarah Murphy was running a school for African American children. Soon, she and her husband, Shug, were taking parentless children into their home. Neither woman could measure the enormous impact that their gifts would have on thousands of children across Georgia.

Your generous contributions are a vital part of this continuing history and vision...

With Gratitude, J. Scott Fuller, M. Div.
Vice Pres. Of Advancement, Murphy-Harpst

Second Avenue,

Thank you all for loving my mom, "Ms. Betty" Crymes. She loved you all so much. ♥

Cindy and Stan Collins

Dear Betty & Nina,

Thank you and 2nd Ave Methodist Church for the delightful gift bags you gave to the teachers at Anna K. Davie! We love them; y'all are awesome!

Love,
AKD (Anna K. Davie Elem. School)

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.

**Class of
2024**



You're Invited to Join the Handbell Choir



If you can read music and would like to join the handbell choir, director Pam Mullins would love to have you. Practices are on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Pam's number is (404) 375-7594.

New Upper Room Devotionals are here

May-June Upper Room daily devotionals are now available at the church. Plan to pick yours up on Sunday or stop by the church during office hours. If you need JoAnn to mail you a copy, please contact her (706-234-6406 or 2ndave@bellsouth.net) in the office.



Budgeted amount needed as of April: \$80,253

Budgeted amount given as of April: \$73,258

Financial giving in month of April—includes budget & designated: \$20,254

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 26.

May Mission Project for Haven Health

Haven Health is a Pro-Life pregnancy center in Rome that ministers to a woman's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs, which includes prenatal and parenting classes. Our donations of these items will help them help women in need to CHOOSE LIFE:

Diapers - sizes newborn to size 4	Pacifiers - gender neutral
Baby Wipes - fragrance free	Baby Bath Towels and Cloths
Baby Wash and Shampoo - fragrance free	
Lightweight Sleepers (for summer) - newborn to 12 mos.	

Rome Area Prayer Breakfast

The Rome Area Prayer Breakfast will celebrate 31 years in ministry in the Floyd community in 2024. This year's featured speakers will be Lee Strobel, noted national speaker, author and apologist and Rome native, Billy Neal Moore. The event will be held on Thursday, May 2, from 7:00 - 8:30 at Forum River Center (doors open at 6:30 a.m.). The mission of the annual Rome Area Prayer Breakfast is to unite area Christians to pray for our nation, our community, and our families.



The Prayer Breakfast is free but you will need a ticket to be admitted. Complimentary tickets are available at Bert Brooks Tire | Chicken Salad Chick | Duffy's Deli | Haven Health Care | Lumina Coffee Co. | River City Antiques | River City Bank | Seven Hills Salon | sweetFrog Premium frozen yogurt | Truett's Chick-fil-A | Winslette Pharmacy

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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
5/10 Shirley Dodson
5/14 Shannon Kislak
5/15 Ernie Myers
5/16 Dawn Ables
5/17 Beth Colombo
5/17 Dennis Urquhart
5/21 Lynn Duck
5/26 Michael Gibson

April 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 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Mike Colombo Olivia Gibson 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	2 Faye Kesler National Day of Prayer 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir	3 Jody Rogers	4
5 Jesse Meredith 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Communion	6 Vicki Thomason	7 10:00am Helping Hands	8 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	9 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir	10 Shirley Dodson	11
12 Mother's Day 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	13 Clergy Rest & Renewal Reatreat in Covington	14 Clergy Rest & Renewal Reatreat in Covington Shannon Kislak 10:00am Helping Hands	15 Chad & Emily Embree Ernie Myers 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	16 Dawn Ables 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir	17 Beth Colombo Dennis Urquhart	18 10:00am UWF Mother/Daughter Banquet
19 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Pentecost	20	21 Lynn Duck 10:00am Helping Hands	22 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	23 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir	24	25
26 Michael Gibson 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Trinity Sunday	27 Memorial Day	28 10:00am Helping Hands	29 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	30 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir	31	