

Second Helpings

MAY 2025

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Show Your Love

In the twenty-second chapter of John's gospel, Jesus asks Simon Peter, "Do you love me?" When Peter answers "yes," Jesus responds, "Feed my sheep." Peter's love for Jesus was to be demonstrated in his love for his brothers and sisters in Christ.

This is the way it is for every disciple who loves Jesus. Jesus continues to direct his disciples to those around them. One of the greatest things one can do for the Lord is to be a servant to others, feeding and caring for Jesus' sheep.

If you are looking for a way to show your love for Jesus, look to serve someone whom Jesus loves. Serving others amounts to the same thing as serving Jesus, as he himself said, "...as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)

In Christ,
Pastor Rick



May Sermon Scriptures

- May 04** Revelation 5:11-14, Luke 24:13-35 | "Now We Know" | Communion
- May 11** Psalm 30:1-5, Revelation 7:9-17 | "A Lamb Will Be Their Shepherd"
- May 18** Revelation 21:1-6, Acts 11:1-18 | "A Church of Distinction"
- May 25** Psalm 67, Acts 16:9-15 | "The Fruitfulness of Being Faithful"

Highlights from March in Pictures



Good job, Second Avenue! We donated \$355 to Rise Against Hunger this year. These packaged meals can be sent to feed the hungry anywhere in the world. The packing took place at Rome First UMC on April 6.



Lots of donations assembled into beautiful Easter gifts for the foster children associated with Restoration Rome.



Patty Jones on Easter Sunday



Persons of the Week

May 04: Phil & Patty Baker

12 Belle Meade Drive SW
Rome, GA 30165-8485

May 18: John & Beth Kennedy

10 Vineland Drive
Rome, GA 30165

May 11: Erna Dobbs & Orlando Shaw

90 E 2nd Ave, Apt 312
Rome, GA 30161

May 25: Our Graduates (page 5)

Dylan Baleon-Ruiz
Isaac Tucker

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

April Schedule

Liturgists:

05/04 Amy Astin
05/11 Mike Colombo
05/18 Dennis Urquhart
05/25 Susan Stroup

Acolytes:

05/04 Theo Kislak
05/11
05/18 Theo Kislak
05/25 Kevin Baleon-Ruiz

Flowers:

05/04 Dodson
05/11 Mother's Day-UWF
05/18 McKenzie
05/25 Smith

Prayer List

Congregation

Betty Albers
Genny Alexander
Family of Bob Baker
Donna Bledsoe
Lee Brock & Family
Mary Beth Broxterman
Terry & Nancy Clift
Lynda Climer
Barbara & Terry
Cothran
Nancy Davis
Erna Dobbs
Sue & Terry Duck
Randy & Vicki Embree
Betty Hardy
Patty Jones
Paula Jones & Family
John & Beth Kennedy
Man & Sung Lee
Pastor Rick & Nell
Maeser
Ralph & Merinda
Magnicheri
Irene Martz
Jackie Payne
Bill & Cindy Pharr

Lib Rogers
Virginia Sanders
Orlando Shaw
Lee Upshaw
Jerry Waters



Friends & Family

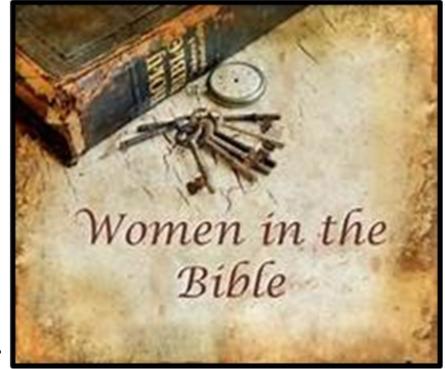
Dusty Alexander
Marilyn Allison
Dana Andrews
Barry Barfield
Anne Barker
Jerry Branton
Brooke Brown
Jimmy Brown
Gwen Bullock
Chris Butler
Wayne Casey
Lisa Crowder
Wendell Crowder

Ruth Day
Patrick Demirjian
Stephanie Dunn
Danny Fricks
Kay Gardner
Jim Gonzalez
Jimmy & Denise
Carol Gunter
Molly Horton
Hytowitz family
Jessie (foster child)
Kathy Jarvinan
Gloria Johnson
Garrette Jones
Sandra Kerr
Matthew King
Faye Laney
Ivy Law
Chad Lester
Angela Mackler
Susan Maines
Martha Martin
Taylor Martin
Haley & Will McDonald
Tom & Cheri McElroy
Leisa McEntyre
Aimee McGinnis

Pam Mills
Terri Minor
Posey Mitchell
Ali Morales
Lynette Murphy
Mary Nance
Camil Nedela
Jeremy Peace
Harry Petersmarck
Beth Pitt
Greg & Lori Shore
Karen Stanley
Shirley Stanton
David Stevens
Susan Tate
Nadia Vagnerova
Esperanza Vail
Pavel Wagner
Lori Waters
Ray Waters
Alice Wiener
Mitzi Wilburn
Kennedy Williams
Morgan Wilson
Jalen Wofford
Laura Beth Wright
Tommy Yarborough

United Women in Faith Meeting on May 3 at 10:00

We will have our annual Mother/Daughter Brunch on Saturday, May 3, 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. We will have a program celebrating women by looking at scriptures about women and finishing with a "WOMEN" Bingo game featuring famous women in the Bible. The menu is lemon blueberry pancakes, bacon, juice, and coffee. 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. 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 Sunday, May 11, 2025!

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.

Thank you for supporting the work of United Methodist Women in

Keenagers Lunch on Thursday, May 22

Join the Keenagers for lunch at noon on Thursday, May 22. The meal will be catered by Provino's. The program, "Aging Well," will be presented by Lindsey Bellcase of Shift Therapy and Wellness so invite a friend for food, fellowship, and fun. For more info, contact Judy Myers at 706-346-8993.

Vital Signs



Budgeted amount needed as of April: \$82,256

Budgeted amount given as of April: \$69,315

Financial giving in month of April (Budget and Designated): \$14,484

Blessings and Gratitude

Well done, Second Avenue! Our congregation provided a tableful of candy and other goodies used to fill 20 baskets we donated to Restoration Rome. Each Easter basket contained the story of the Good Shepherd with small Jesus and lamb figurines. (Figurines provided by Rhonda and Lee Upshaw.) "Special thanks" to JoAnn and her former church Chapel Hill for the donation of Easter grass and several of the items included, Betty Albers for decorating the Easter pails with bunny decals, Cindy Smith for making the hand-crafted fabric bows that topped off the large bags that were needed for the overflow of items that wouldn't fit in the pails, and Sue Duck who had patience to help Nina assemble and transport the baskets to their destination.

May Mission Project for Brother's Place

Envisioned by T.K. and Claudia Hamilton, Brother's Place (brothersplace.org) is a Christ-centered initiative, providing safe, stable housing, guidance, and resources in order to help men rebuild their lives with dignity and transition into independent living. Referrals are accepted for men who are looking to grow spiritually, financially, and emotionally stable.

Located at 1709 Maple, the 12-unit building has been renovated, and interviews have begun of prospective tenants, most of whom have been previously incarcerated.

Everything except beds and mattresses is needed to help furnish the apartments. Larger furniture and appliance items are needed also. Anything and everything will be appreciated. Please see expanded list on fellowship hall bulletin board. Some items include:

Paper goods
Trash cans
Twin-size bedding
Dish detergent
Pots and pans
Dish towels and pot holders

Mops and brooms
Cleaning products
Towels and washcloths
Bath mats
Cookie sheets
Toaster

Laundry detergent
Laundry baskets
Dishes and utensils
Cutting boards
Measuring spoon
Can opener

Congratulations to Our Graduates!

- ♥ Dylan Baleon-Ruiz graduated from Georgia Northwestern Technical College (GNTC).
- ♥ Isaac Tucker will graduate from Armuchee High School on May 20.

Dylan Baleon-Ruiz
115 Linden Street
Rome, GA 30151

Class of
2025!

Isaac Tucker
10 Oakwood Street NW
Rome, GA 30165-1628

Rome Area Prayer Breakfast

The Rome Area Prayer Breakfast will celebrate 32 years in ministry in the Floyd community in 2025. This year's featured speaker will be Eric Metaxas, bestselling author and host of a nationally syndicated radio show. The event will be held on Thursday, May 1, 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 Clinic | Lumina Coffee Co. | River City Antiques | River City Bank | Seven Hills Salon | sweetFrog Premium frozen yogurt | Truett's Chick-fil-A | Winslette Pharmacy

Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering



For nearly 50 years, churches across North Georgia have received the Mother's Day Offering for Wesley Woods. This generous support funds a chaplain at each community who provides spiritual support, wellness nurses and programming to support resident well-being and independence, and financial support for those who have outlived their resources, so they never have to leave their Wesley Woods home. Sunday, May 11, is the Conference-wide Mother's Day Offering for Wesley Woods. Please give generously.

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.

With Deepest Sympathy



Robert William (Bob) Baker

November 22, 1932—April 14, 2025 (Age 92)

It is with great sympathy that we share with you that our brother in Christ, Bob Baker, passed away on Monday, April 14. Please be in prayer for his son and daughter-in-law, Phil and Patty, and their sons as they mourn his loss.

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

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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 Kislat
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
5/16 Ron & Tonya McKenzie

celebrate!

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

If we haven't included your birthday
or anniversary, please contact
JoAnn in the church office
(706.234.6406).

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Mike Colombo National Day of Prayer Olivia Gibson 6:00pm Handbell Choir	2 Faye Kesler	3 Jody Rogers 10:00am United Women In Faith Brunch
4 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	5 Jesse Meredith	6 Vicki Thomason 10:00am Helping Hands	7 5:30pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	8	9	10 Shirley Dodson
11 Mother's Day 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	12	13 10:00am Helping Hands	14 Shannon Kislak 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	15 Chad & Emily Embree Ernie Myers 6:00pm Handbell Choir	16 Dawn Ables Ron & Tonya McKenzie	17 Beth Colombo Dennis Urquhart
18 John Franclemont Phil Taylor 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	19	20 10:00am Helping Hands	21 Lynn Duck 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	22 12:00pm Keenagers Lunch 6:00pm Handbell Choir	23	24
25 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Leadership Board Meeting	26 Memorial Day Michael Gibson	27 10:00am Helping Hands	28 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	29 6:00pm Handbell Choir	30	31