

Second Helpings

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Pastor's Page— Rev. Rick Maeser



Offer a Joyful Laugh Unto the Lord

I would like to add to Paul's list of spiritual gifts the art of merry-making. It seems that a few individuals in every group have the ability to make people feel at ease with each other, and to help them feel comfortable laughing at themselves and at life. Not everyone is equipped to spread such cheer, but those whom God

has blessed with the necessary ingredients are invaluable to any community.

Of course any gift, even a spiritual one, can be used to excess, and unbridled merry-making is no exception. But the greater danger, I think, is in denying fun and humor their rightful place in the serious business of life. Some biblical scholars believe even Jesus displayed a sense of humor, using it in the telling of some parables and sayings.

As we look for and encourage spiritual gifts within the church, let's pray that merry-making will always be among us. There's a lot to be gained from the not-so-serious side of our life together.

Pastor Rick

*This is the day the Lord
has made; let us rejoice
and be glad in it!*

Sermon Scriptures

November 05 "For All the Saints" | Revelation 7:9-17, Matthew 5:1-12 | All Saints | Communion

November 12 "Yours Always" | Joshua 24:14-25, Matthew 25:1-13

November 19 "Respecting God's Gifts" | Deuteronomy 8:17-18, Matthew 25:14-30

November 26 "Christ the King" | Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-40

Highlights from October in Pictures



Introducing the Gospel of Mark
Bible Study with Pastor Rick



Keenagers Leaf-Peep Trip



Helping Hands Blessing of Blankets

Model High School · Follow
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🎉 **Congrats to Senior Maddox Gibson,**
our October Rome Noon Optimist Club
Student of the Month.



Congratulations, Maddie!



Nina Wheeler and Pastor Rick
delivered our October mission giving
items to East Central Elementary

Persons of the Week

November 05: Kathy Urquhart

40 Amberwood Trail
Rome, GA 30165

November 19: Tom & Cheri McElroy

P. O. 3034
Rome, GA 30164

November 12: Gwen Lewis

3 Shadowood Drive SE
Rome, GA 30161

November 26: Wanda Guidry

6 Crestwood Drive SW
Rome, GA 30165

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

November Schedule

Acolytes:	Flowers:	Liturgists:
11/05 Theo Kislal	11/05 Smith	11/05 Amy Astin
11/12 Jesse Meredith	11/12 Available	11/12 Doug Meredith
11/19 Kevin Baleon-Ruiz	11/19 Available	11/19 Mike Colombo
11/26 Theo Kislal	11/26 Available	11/26 Greg Gaston

Prayer List

Congregation

Genny Alexander
Bob Baker
Donna Bledsoe
Lee Brock
Helen Broom
Terry & Nancy Clift
Lynda & Tom Climer
Barbara & Terry
Cothran
Betty Crymes
Nancy Davis
Erna Dobbs
Terry Duck
Vesper Frazier
Betty Hardy
Mardelle Lynch
Bill Pharr
Carolyn Prater
Kathy Urquhart
Vivian VanLandingham
Bill & Jerry Waters
Anne Westfield
Len & Bev Woodward

Friends & Family

Bowen Baker
Barry Barfield
Patti Barron
Jimmy Brown
Chris Butler
Ruth Day
Patrick Demirjian
Stephanie Dunn
Jim Gonzalez
Wanda Guidry
Carol Gunter
Hytowitz family
John & Beth Kennedy
Laura & Tony Kizzire
Chad Lester
Gwen Lewis
Bobby Magnicheri
Martha Martin
Taylor Martin
Haley & Will McDonald
Tom McElroy
Terri Minor
Posey Mitchell

Tonya Mohn
Kelly Mountain
Lynette Murphy
Jim Myrick
Camil Nedela
Jack & Shelve Ozment
Jeremy Peace
Peggy Pharr
Wayne Pierce
Beth Pitt
Nicole Potvin
Mallory Saville
Seletsky Family
Danny Slaughter
Kim Rabus Snow
Shirley Stanton
David Stevens
Jason & April Tanner
and Family
Sage Teeter
Bill Underwood
Esperanza Vail
Mitzi Wilburn
Jim Williams

Kennedy Williams
Charles Wilson, Sr.
Jalen Wofford
Family of Doug Woods
Tommy Yarbrough
Virginia Yarbrough



Thank You for Providing Comfort

Miriam Loveless, counselor at East Central Elementary School, was very appreciative of the snack items that Rick and Nina delivered. She shared that her supply of water and snacks had dwindled to nearly zero. The items that we collected will be shared with teachers at the school as they are needed for the children in their classes. This is what was donated and delivered:

99 bottles of water
72 Clif Bars

97 packs of snack crackers
40 Rice Krispies treats

187 granola & snack bars
71 fruit snacks

It's amazing what we can do when we all work together to touch the lives of others!

Mission Focus for November— Doing the Most Good®

During the month of **November**, we want to help The Salvation Army with these immediate needs. Please help as you are able. Collection Bins are up in Fellowship Hall.

Peanut Butter
Au Gratin Potatoes
Grits

Macaroni & Cheese
Hamburger Helper
Ramen Noodles

Boxed Mashed Potatoes
Oatmeal



Another need is Bell Ringers during the holiday season. If interested, please call The Salvation Army office in Rome at 706-291-4745.

Capt. Hank Harwell has said that he will be grateful for whatever time you can spare.

In the words of John Wesley, "Do all the good you can...As long as ever you can."

Helping Local Youth at Armuchee High School

The Civics Club at Armuchee High School will be attending a conference in Atlanta November 26th - 28th. At the conference, Youth Assembly, students will pretend to be a Senator or Representative in the Georgia General Assembly. They have written bills that they will debate over the course of the event. Please consider making a donation to help cover some of the transportation costs for the trip. Make checks payable to 2nd Ave UMC designated "Armuchee High School."

Mary Beth Broxterman

7th/8th A&R Math, Armuchee High School

Annual Coat Drive

Please bring in any of these items to help our neighbors in need:

Coats Jackets Sweaters Scarves Gloves

We will distribute donated items to local ministries.



Blessings and Gratitude

To our church family,

Thank you all so much for taking the time to join us in celebrating Margaret's birthday. You all mean so much to us and we appreciate you more than you'll ever know.

Cliff and Michelle Gibson

Just Moved!



NOTE!
ADDRESS CHANGE

Ralph & Nancy Davis
116 Carrington Way
Rome, GA 30161

Part-Time Personal Aide Needed

Erna Dobbs needs a part-time personal care aide to help her in the mornings. If you know someone who might be interested, please contact Erna at 706-847-7225.

Upper Room

November-December 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 (either Large Print or Regular size), please call her at the church office (706-234-6406) or email her (2ndave@bellsouth.net).



Budgeted amount needed as of October: \$187,640

Budgeted amount given as of October: \$152,080

Financial giving in month of October: \$17,552

Daylight Savings Time Ends on November 5

Don't forget to turn back the clock on Saturday night, November 4, to be on time for worship on Sunday, November 5!

Handbell Choir Performs on November 5

Be sure to be in worship on Sunday, November 5, for a special performance by our own Handbell Choir during the service!

All Saints Service on November 5

Sunday, November 5, is the first Sunday following All Saints Day, when we remember all the generations of believers who have gone before us and have entered by death into God's glorious Kingdom. We especially remember those saints of the Lord who died this past year and were members of Second Avenue United Methodist Church. The family and friends of these loved ones are especially welcome to this service of celebration and remembrance.



Herb Brown



Jim Burton



Saxton Garrison



Carolyn Garwood

United Women In Faith on November 11

United Women in Faith will be meeting on **Saturday, November 11, 2023**. We start with **brunch at 10:00 a.m. (cost is \$5.00 per person)** and will be finished by 11:30 a.m. so you can get on with your Saturday activities. The menu will include Chick-fil-A mini chicken biscuits, an apple spice coffee cake, grapes and sliced apples, and apple cider and/or coffee.

Our program this month will be, "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart." Come and learn about Thanksgiving traditions as well as the power and importance of having and sharing gratitude with others.

Please make a reservation with Cindy Smith (call or text 706-346-0786), or Betty Crymes may call you for reservations. I hope to see you on the 11th! Bring a guest if you'd like!

Cindy K. Smith



Keenagers Thanksgiving Lunch on November 16

Plan to join the Keenagers at Provino's on Thursday, November 16, at 11:30 a.m. for a Thanksgiving lunch. Everyone will order from the menu. Please contact Shirley Dodson for more details (706-233-1649). Everyone is invited to participate in this fun event.

Advent Candle Lighters Needed in December

The Season of Advent, the time of waiting for the Christ Child, begins on Sunday, December 3. We need volunteers to light the Advent Candles each Sunday morning. Would you please volunteer before Pastor Rick calls on you?

We need families for December 3rd, 10th, 17th and Christmas Eve, and yes, a single person is counted as a family so please let Pastor Rick know!

Christmas Lunch on Saturday, December 9

Mark Your Calendar NOW and save the date!

United Women in Faith will be hosting a Christmas Luncheon for EVERYONE on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. It will be catered by Provino's. Mark your calendar now for this fun event! More details in upcoming bulletins and the December newsletter.



Choir Cantata on Sunday, December 17

Our choir will perform this year's cantata on Sunday, December 17 during the morning worship service. Please contact Susan Pierce (706-506-4880) if you'd like to join the choir. Practices are on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Angel Tree Gifts for Murphy-Harpst

This year we will again have an Amazon link through which gifts can be purchased. The link will be posted soon, and it will direct you to the Second Avenue UMC shopping page for MH. If you don't do Amazon or on-line shopping but still want to buy a gift, make your check to the church designated Angel Tree or give a donation directly to Susan Stroup, who will have a gift list with her you can choose from.

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Our Vision:
"Knowing Christ & Making Christ Known"

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November Birthdays

11/03 Helen Broom
Dawn Broderick
Mary Beth Broxterman
Susan Pierce
11/07 Megan Cordle Meade
11/09 Katie Flanery
Mardelle Lynch
11/10 Gretchen Dodson
11/11 Allen Ables
Noah Tucker
11/16 Laura Bledsoe
11/17 Michael Colombo, Jr.
11/22 Bob Baker
11/23 Rev. Beth Sanders
11/27 David Gresham

November Anniversaries

11/13 Doug Meredith & Laura Bledsoe
11/23 Ronnie & Sally Farmer

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!

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 All Saints Day 1:00pm Gospel of Mark Bible Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	2 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir Practice	3 Dawn Broderick Helen Broom Mary Beth Broxterman Susan Pierce	4
5 Daylight Savings Time ends 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship All Saints Service	6	7 Megan Cordle Meade 10:00am Helping Hands	8 1:00pm Gospel of Mark Bible Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	9 Katie Flanery Mardelle Lynch 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir Practice	10 Gretchen Dodson	11 Allen Ables Noah Tucker 10:00am United Women in Faith
12 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	13 Doug Meredith & Laura Bledsoe	14 10:00am Helping Hands	15 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	16 Laura Bledsoe 11:30am Keenagers Lunch at Provino's 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir Practice	17 Michael Colombo	18
19 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	20	21 10:00am Helping Hands	22 Bob Baker	23 Church Office Closed Ronnie & Sally Farmer Thanksgiving Day	24	25
26 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	27 David Gresham	28 10:00am Helping Hands	29 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	30 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir Practice		