

Second Helpings

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Pastor's Page



We live a divided life. I am not talking about the polarization we are experiencing in our country or the impending split in the denomination; I am talking about us as individuals. This past month I have been reading a book by Parker Palmer, [A Hidden Wholeness](#), written almost 20 years ago. In it, Palmer talks about the phenomenon in our culture that we as individuals hide our true identities and live a life that is divided. In some ways, I think we need to do it; for instance, I was born with a choleric temperament and I don't want to be authentic that way. I'd rather tame myself and present a softer side of me that is loving, kind, patient and loyal. But if I do too much of that, I keep silent on issues that I need to address or actively break faith with my own convictions. Sometimes, inadvertently, I let my choleric side out too much at home with my loved ones. One day I got so frustrated with my child who was taking too long perfecting her homework and I just exploded! Tears came running down her face, and I realized then that she really did not deserve that. I was really frustrated with other people but was suppressing my feelings all day long and it came out excessively on my child whom I dearly love.

We pay a steep price when we live a divided life. Especially in the South where we emphasize manners and niceties, we add guilt and shame to the fraudulent feelings and anxiety we have when we put on masks. The people around us also pay a steep price because they are in a relationship with an inauthentic us, not the whole picture of us. There is no win there!

In Matthew 23, Mark 7, Luke 18, and John 7, Jesus talks about hypocrisy pretty openly. There are many words that I do not like but the word 'hypocrite' is close to the top of the list. I really don't want to hear from Jesus, "You, hypocrite!" like some people did in the Bible. So how do we become undivided? How does the divided self become whole? We have to create and be in a community where it is safe for us to be authentic and vulnerable. When I turned 50, a friend of mine reminded me that after 50 we can be called by God anytime. My mother did not make it to 50, and my father lived to be about 55. It is a strange feeling to know that I can go and join the cloud of witnesses any time. I do not have any desire to please my peers or keep up with the Joneses. For the rest of my life, I wish to live faithfully, impactfully, and authentically.

Here is what Parker Palmer said about our journey to authenticity/wholeness here on earth:

- The journey is too taxing to be made solo: lacking support, the solitary traveler soon becomes weary or fearful and is likely to quit the road.
- The path is too deeply hidden to be traveled without company: finding our way involves clues that are subtle and sometimes misleading, requiring the kind of discernment that can happen only in dialogue.
- The destination is too daunting to be achieved alone; we need community to find courage to venture into the alien lands to which the [authenticity/wholeness] may call us. ([A Hidden Wholeness](#), p.26)

I hope that Second Avenue is a safe place for all of us to be who we are without any harm and judgement.

Your pastor,

Millie

Highlights from September in Pictures



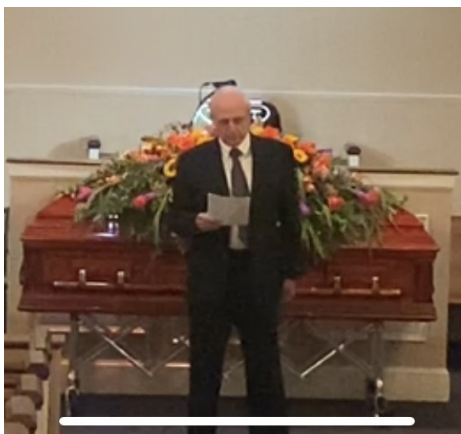
Carolyn Prater and Lee Brock joined the church on 9-5-2021



Mary Boggs loved the care packages from Second Avenue



Mary Stivers' funeral service



Scottie Edwards singing at 96 year old Erma Braden's funeral.



Baptism of Robert S. Ransom IV

Highlights from September in Pictures



Kevin and kids having fun



Lily & Leigh



Helping Hands ladies have been busy making afghans



Lib Rogers and Rev. Millie

October Sermon Scriptures

October 03 Galatians 3:23-29 | “Splendid Table” | World Communion Sunday

October 10 Matthew 11:25-30 | “Wounded Soul: Self-Awareness”

October 17 Amy Astin Preaching

October 24 Genesis 3:1-7 | “Wounded Soul: Low Self-Esteem”

October 31 1 John 4:18-21 | “Wounded Soul: Worry & Anxiety”

Persons of the Week

October 03: Helen Broom

6 Charlton Street, Apt. 7
Rome, GA 30165

October 10: Wayne Wilkey

165 Woodrow Wilson Way, Apt 205
Rome, GA 30165

October 17: Lee Brock & Carolyn Prater

103 Ridgeway Drive SE
Silver Creek, GA 30173

October 24: Mary Sue Gilleland

205 North Elm Street NW
Rome, GA 30165-2231

October 31: Vivian VanLandingham

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

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

Schedule Schedule

Acolytes:

10/03 Leigh Kim-Soh
10/10 Macy Davis
10/17 Railey Davis
10/24 Theo Kislal
10/31 Leight Kim-Soh

Liturgists:

10/03 Amy Astin
10/10 Steve Davis
10/17 Greg Gaston
10/24 Mike Colombo
10/31 Doug Meredith

Flowers:

10/03 Duck
10/10
10/17
10/24 Cothran
10/31 Clift

Counters:

10/03 Mike Colombo & Cindy Smith
10/10 Mary Beth Broxterman & Greg Gaston
10/17 Amy Astin & Dan Emerick
10/24 Jane Franssen & Greg Gaston
10/31 Mary Beth Broxterman & Greg Gaston

Prayer List

Congregation

Betty Albers
Carl Alexander
Laura Bledsoe
Family of Erma Braden
Helen Broom
Herb Brown
Jim & Gerrie Burton
Lynda Climer
Barbara Cothran
Nancy Davis
Erna Dobbs
Terry Duck

Carolyn Garwood
Bill & Julie Mathis
Bill Pharr
Susan Stroup
Edith Swint
Vivian VanLandingham
Carol Vogt
Anne Westfield
Wayne Wilkey

Friends & Family

Mary Katherine Boggs
Jim & Norma Cannon

Christian Family
Rev. Dan Crawford
Ruth Day
Sandra Godfrey & family
Brooks Hesser
Garrette Jones
Katie Lewis
Bobby Magnicheri
Peggy Pharr
Wayne Pierce
Steven & Sherry Teeter
Thomas Family
Jerry Watford

Blessings and Gratitude

Thank you so much for bringing our family such a fulfilling meal. Mom loved you all so much. I know that she was smiling seeing all of us gathering together because of your thoughtfulness. Your kindness and fellowship will always be in our heart.

The Braden Family

Church Conference and Charge Conference Dates

Church Conference will be held on Sunday, October 17, at 3:00 p.m. to approve the leadership for 2022 and approve the Pastor's salary for Zoom Charge Conference at 3:30 p.m. on October 24.

Church Conference is open to everyone, with members of One Board voting on items.

October 31 Invitation to Psalms Sunday

We have been studying Psalms as a congregation for almost 4 months as our Bible Study. All the participants of the Bible Study will be reciting their favorite psalms during the worship service on October 31.

Rev. Millie invites YOU to recite a psalm during the service, too. Anybody can participate and we hope everyone will participate! There will be a special prize for all who participate. Please let Rev. Millie know which psalm you are reciting!

We Need Your Input and Ideas...

We will have lunch and a meeting after the service on Sunday, November 7. We will have box lunches from Firehouse Subs. The cost will be \$5.00 per person. We will have handouts available soon for lunch selections where you can choose between ham, turkey, and veggie subs. Included are chips and a pickle. We will provide drinks and dessert.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather and discuss ideas for potential projects and other suggestions. A sort of "Let's Get Started Again" post-quarantine sort of thing. Accordingly, there is a suggestion box in the Fellowship Hall. People may submit thoughts and ideas prior to the gathering. This is an "unofficial" meeting based on numerous comments made that we need to gather as a body and share ideas.

For more details, please contact Beth Gibbons (706-346-2701) or Jill Borchert (706-676-1743).

Handbell Choir Debut on October 3

Handbell Choir has been rehearsing for the last several months and they are ready to participate in our worship. On October 3, 2021, they will be playing "Glorify Thy Name" and "More Precious Than Silver." Starting October 7, they will be preparing for Advent and Christmas. They still need 2 more ringers who can read music but handbell experience is optional. Please contact Pam Mullins at pam.mullins@icloud.com for more information.

United Methodist Women Meet October 9



Our next meeting is on **Saturday, October 9, 10:00 -11:30 a.m. in the church fellowship hall.** **Susan Stroup**, our treasurer, will present an **informational program on mission giving** through United Methodist Women. She will answer any questions about where our dollars go to support missions locally and around the world. (Next month, Devon Smythe will talk to us about the Ruth and Naomi House which we support through monthly giving to their breakfast program.)

We ask that everyone please wear a mask. We will have a “grab-and-go sack brunch” **after the program** for those feeling safer not eating inside; **cost is \$5 per person.** We will be taking your donations to missions through UMW, which we missed collecting in August and September (unless you sent a check to Susan), as well as any extra offerings to the Ruth and Naomi House breakfast program. **Checks need to be made out to 2nd Ave. UMW and given to Susan Stroup.**

ALL ladies of the church are invited to come and be a part of United Methodist Women! We meet the **2nd Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m.** and are always finished by 11:30 a.m. so you can get on your way with weekend chores and activities. All you need to do is **let our reservationist, Betty Crymes, know that you are coming. Her number is 706-936-1218** or you can find her on the back pew closest to the door going to the Fellowship Hall every Sunday. Please come and enjoy good food, fun fellowship, and an inspiring program each month.

Cindy Smith
UMW President

Vital Signs



Budgeted amount needed as of September: \$180,438

Budgeted amount given as of September: \$160,426

Financial giving in September: \$16,515



Cards for Healthcare Workers

Floyd Medical Center Chaplains were so grateful for the cards and acts of support given earlier this year to the staff. "On the toughest of days, these rays of hope and light bring gratitude, new strength and resilience. If possible, I'm asking you once again to help us encourage the nurses, respiratory therapists, pharmacists, lab personnel, physicians and a host of support staff who are on the frontline of COVID-19."

Everyone is encouraged to write some cards and bring them to the church. Please write something encouraging that can be delivered to a medical staff member who has had a particularly hard day. These encouraging messages mean a lot to our healthcare heroes. These are a great way to reinforce their calling, remind them that they are not alone and thank them for their extraordinary dedication and compassion. A simple "Thinking of You," "Thank You," or "You are making a difference" really does make a difference.

Please remember: they ask that we do not 'advertise' our church in the cards and please do not include gift cards or cash because they don't want some people to get that and others not to. You may bring your cards to our church during worship services on Sundays or during office hours and we will deliver them to the Floyd Medical Center Chaplains.

Cards for the Teeters

Many of you have heard the sad news of the passing of Erma Braden. Erma, 96, along with her daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Steven Teeter, was involved in a tragic auto accident mid-September. Erma passed away instantly from her injuries. Steven was injured but has been released from the hospital. Sherry was driving and was injured more critically. She is still in the hospital in FL and will probably remain there for the foreseeable future as she suffered very extensive injuries.

She has a road ahead of her for her mental recovery as well as physical recovery. She had a small brain bleed or what would be termed a traumatic brain injury. Recovering mentally is of prime importance. Please pray for a full and complete mental recovery. It could be a long process, also.

We are still collecting cards and letters for Steve and Sherry. Please bring yours to the church and a family member will pick them up weekly and get them to the Teeters.

Sanctuary Flowers

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.

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Our Vision: "Knowing Christ &
Making Christ Known"

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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!

October Anniversaries

10/01	Jane & Phil Franssen
10/16	Cliff & Michelle Gibson
10/19	Beverly & Len Woodward

October Birthdays

10/01	Kathy Urquhart
10/04	Matthew Chapman
10/10	John Henderson
10/11	Margaret Gibson
10/14	Millie Kim
10/16	Gerrie Burton
10/18	Margie Tapp
10/19	Betty Albers
10/22	Wayne Fears, Jr.
10/24	Nancy Clift
10/24	Len Woodward
10/29	Allyson Shannon
10/31	Carolyn Garwood
10/31	Beth Gibbons

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Jane & Phil Franssen Kathy Urquhart	2
3 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	4 Matthew Chapman	5 10:00am Helping Hands	6 6:00pm Psalms Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Practice	7 6:00pm Handbell Choir Practice	8	9 10:00am United Methodist Women
10 John Henderson 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Blessing of Blankets	11 Margaret Gibson Rev. Millie on Vacation	12 Rev. Millie on Vacation 10:00am Helping Hands	13 Rev. Millie on Vacation 7:00pm Choir Practice	14 Millie Kim 6:00pm Handbell Choir Practice	15	16 Cliff & Michelle Gibson Gerrie Burton
17 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 3:00pm Church Conference	18 Margie Tapp	19 Betty Albers Len & Beverly Woodward 10:00am Helping Hands	20 6:00pm Psalms Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Practice	21	22 Wayne Fears, Jr.	23
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