

Second Helpings

OCTOBER 2023

Second Avenue United Methodist Church
801 East Second Avenue
Rome, GA 30161
Phone: 706-234-6406
www.2aveumc.org

Pastor's Page— Rev. Rick Maeser



“Love means wishing and wanting the highest and best in others, being willing to aggressively work for it, and even to die for it.”

I encountered this definition of love many years ago in a psychology class with Dr. Robert Price at LaGrange College. His definition made me stop and think.

First, it makes sense that if you love another person, you will desire the highest and best in them. A parent's love for a child can certainly be characterized in this way. But it also applies to one's enemies. Loving one's enemies means wanting something other than their failure. It requires wishing and wanting their highest and best.

Second, love not only desires the highest and best in others but is willing to aggressively work to achieve that end. Wanting what is good is important but not enough, by itself, to satisfy Dr. Price's definition. Active engagement is necessary.

Finally, “being willing to die” for the sake of the highest and best in others, soars above my ability to comment or comprehend. Still, it sounds like something I've heard before; something familiar, traditional, and true:

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” —John 3:16.

“God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” —Romans 5:8.

God's love is truly and ultimately self-giving. It may be beyond our reach. But perhaps, in the name of Jesus, we could begin with wishing and wanting the highest and best in those around us and see where that leads.

Pastor Rick

Sermon Scriptures

October 01 “Living the Gospel” | Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32 | World Communion

October 08 “Fulfilling the Law” | Exodus 20:1-20, Philippians 3:4b-14

October 15 “A Very Open Invitation” | Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14

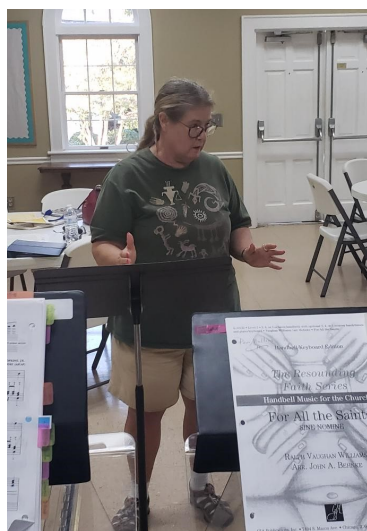
October 22 “Pay Your Taxes” | 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22

October 29 “Two Simple Rules” | 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-40

Highlights from September in Pictures



Hand Bell Choir with Pam Mullins, director



Good food and good friends at the October Keenagers Meeting.



Darlene Wallace kindly finished the blanket JoAnn Thomas started years ago



Persons of the Week

October 01: Erna Dobbs

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

October 08: Helen Broom

Fifth Ave Health Care Center
505 N. 5th Avenue
Rome, GA 30165

October 15: Tom & Lynda Climer

535 Old Wax Road SE
Aragon, GA 30104-1431

October 22: Betty Crymes

Harborview Rome
1345 Redmond Circle
Rome, GA 30165

October 29: Anne Westfield

PruittHealth Room 211
2 Three Mile Road NE
Rome, GA 30165

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

September Schedule

Acolytes:	Flowers:	Liturgists:
10/01 Theo Kislat	10/01 Duck	10/01 Mike Colombo
10/08 Kevin Baleon-Ruiz	10/08 Available	10/08 Dennis Urquhart
10/15 Theo Kislat	10/15 Available	10/15 Susan Stroup
10/22 Jesse Meredith	10/22 Available	10/22 Thomas Kislat
10/29 Kevin Baleon-Ruiz	10/29 Available	10/29 Greg Gaston

Prayer List

Congregation

Genny Alexander
Bob Baker
Donna Bledsoe
Lee Brock
Helen Broom
Terrence Broxterman
and Family
Terry & Nancy Clift
Lynda & Tom Climer
Barbara & Terry
Cothran
Betty Crymes
Nancy Davis
Erna Dobbs
Terry Duck
Vesper Frazier
Priscilla Garrison
Family of Carolyn
Garwood
Betty Hardy
Tommy Jones
Mardelle Lynch

Harry & Iris
Petersmarck
Bill Pharr
Carolyn Prater
Vivian VanLandingham
Bill & Jerry Waters
Anne Westfield
Len & Bev Woodward
Friends & Family
Barry Barfield
Patti Barron
Family of Roger Black
JoAnn Brooks
Jimmy Brown
Chris Butler
Ruth Day
Patrick Demirjian
Stephanie Dunn
Jim Gonzalez
Wanda Guidry
Carol Gunter
Nita Henderson
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 & Shelvie
Ozment
Jeremy Peace
Peggy Pharr
Wayne Pierce
Beth Pitt
Nicole Potvin

Mallory Saville
Seletsky Family
Danny Slaughter
Kim Rabus Snow
David Stevens
Family of Seve Stutts
Jason & April Tanner
and Family
Sage Teeter
Bill Underwood
Esperanza Vail
Mitzi Wilburn
Jim Williams
Kennedy Williams
Family of Leroy Willis
Charles Wilson, Sr.
Martha Wilson
Jalen Wofford
Doug Woods
Family of John
Woodward
Tommy Yarborough
Virginia Yarbrough



The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world.

“So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth.”

Annual Charge Conference

This year's annual meeting with the District Superintendent will take place on Sunday, October 15, at 4:30 p.m. at Mt. Tabor UMC. It will include several congregations in the Rome area. Charge Conference is open to everyone who would like to attend, but members of One Board are especially encouraged to attend.

One Board will meet after worship on Sunday, October 1 to prepare for Charge Conference.

United Women In Faith on October 14

October is here and pumpkins and apples are in season! Come join us for Pumpkin Spice and Everything Nice at our next meeting of United Women in Faith on **Saturday, October 14, 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 some favorites including pumpkin spice, cranberry baked oatmeal, pumpkin fluff with sliced apples and pears, and a good breakfast casserole.



Our program this month will be a video presentation from *Voices in the Field*, a series that highlights United Women in Faith initiatives supported by Mission Giving that significantly improve the lives of women, children, and youth, down the block and around the world. We will be learning about the international work of United Women in Faith and the tremendous impact it has had on lives and livelihoods of thousands of women and their families in Latin America and parts of Africa.

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 14th! Bring a guest if you'd like!

Cindy K. Smith

New Bible Study Begins on October 18

Introducing the Gospel of Mark

A four-week study of Mark's gospel will be led by Pastor Rick, starting on Wednesday, October 18, at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday	10/18	Mark 1:1—8:21
Wednesday	10/25	Mark 8:22—10:52
Wednesday	11/01	Mark 11:1—13:37
Wednesday	11/08	Mark 14:1—16:8



No sign-up is required and there is no book to purchase. You may attend any or all sessions. Invite a friend.

Keenagers Day Trip in October

The Keenagers are planning to take a trip to see the beautiful fall foliage in North Georgia on October 19 or October 26, depending on when the colors will peak. There will be a sign-up sheet outside the office so save these dates and watch upcoming bulletins and emails for the final decision on date and time. This will be a fun outing so plan to join us.

Helping Hands Ministry Blessing of Blankets on October 29

This group meets every Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. to crochet and knit hats and lap blankets to donate to local area ministries. All are invited to participate. On Sunday, October 29, their current creations will be blessed during the worship service to be donated to local ministries. For more details, contact Judy Myers at 706-346-8993.

Fifth Sunday Lunch on October 29



We will be celebrating the 5th Sunday in October with a lunch of BBQ sandwiches, coleslaw, baked beans, potato salad, chips, tea, and desserts. (Volunteers needed to make desserts!) The church will provide the food and accept donations to defray the cost.

Plan to stay after church on October 29 for fun, food, and fellowship as we usher in the cooler days of Fall! Invite a friend!

Blessings and Gratitude

Dear Second Avenue Friends,

It was so kind and thoughtful of you to send cards and condolences on the death of my brother John. He was ten years younger than me and until recently had been in reasonably good health so you can imagine the shock of his passing. He and I were the last of our immediate family and the only ones over here. Losing him was more disturbing than previous losses. I had fully expected and hoped that he would outlive me.

John and I were cradle members of the Church of England. I well remember his christening in the same baptismal font as I was, so it is particularly touching to me to be remembered by my Methodist friends. I am honored to be accepted as an honorary member of Second Avenue.

With my warmest regards and love,
Len Woodward

Blessings

Dear Members and Board of 2nd Avenue Methodist Church,

I would like to thank you for the use of your building for me to teach the Joyful Noise (home school) Orchestra. My personal insurance company did not respond to my request to renew my insurance in time to start this season. But my association with the Salvation Army is allowing me to teach there under their insurance. If you would like us to play for any event, please let me know.

Again Thank You!
Tricia Clark

Dear Second Avenue Friends and Acquaintances,

Thank you for your faithfulness to us older people. Your cards, phone calls, prayers, texts, and visits are a constant reminder of the caring church you represent.

I will always be grateful for the love and devotion you continue to share with me.

Thank you,
Genny Alexander

Vital Signs



Budgeted amount needed as of September: \$168,873

Budgeted amount given as of September: \$135,607

Financial giving in month of September: \$13,627

Church Pictorial Directory Update

Plans are being developed to update our church directory. Please give any address or phone number changes to JoAnn in the church office at 2ndave@bellsouth.net or 706-234-6406. We will be taking pictures of new members and anyone who wants a fresh picture or never got their picture included in the past.

Short-Term Volunteer Project for Murphy-Harpst Library

Murphy-Harpst Children's Home is in need of several volunteers from Second Avenue UMC to sort books for their library. This is a short term project that can be done on a weekday afternoon or a Saturday. Please contact Nina Wheeler (706-506-9528) for more details and to volunteer.



Mission Focus for October—A Comforting Solution

During the month of October, we will collect snack items for East Central Elementary School. Whether to bridge the gap until mealtime or to help with a needed reset during the school day, a bottle of water and a simple snack can make a difference.

Suggested items:

Boxed Fruit Snacks
Rice Krispie Bars

Clif Bars
Granola Bars

Peanut Butter Crackers
8 oz. Bottled Water

Collection bins in the Fellowship Hall.

Nursery Worker Needed

We are looking for a nursery worker for Sunday mornings, 10-12pm. Hourly rate is \$15/hr but negotiable. Must pass a criminal background check and must be at least 21 years old. For more details, please contact Mike Colombo (706-728-2266).

With Deepest Sympathy



Carolyn Garwood

It is with deep sympathy that we share with you that our sister in Christ, Carolyn Garwood, passed away on Wednesday, September 27. Please be in prayer for her son, Doug and his wife Janine. The family will have a private service at a later date.

Janine shared with Pastor Rick how much the church had meant to Carolyn and how she appreciated receiving the bulletins and newsletters as well as notes and cards from the congregation over the years.

Second Avenue United Methodist Church

801 East Second Avenue
Rome, GA 30161
Phone: 706-234-6406
Email: 2ndave@bellsouth.net

We're on the Web:
2aveumc.org

Our Vision:
"Knowing Christ & Making Christ Known"

..... Inside this issue:

October Scriptures	1
September in Pics	2
Persons of the Week	3
Annual Conference	4
United Women in Faith	4
New Bible Study	5
Keenagers	5
Blessings and Gratitude	6
October Mission Focus	7
Sympathy	7

October Birthdays

10/01 Kathy Urquhart
10/04 Matthew Chapman
10/10 John Henderson
10/11 Margaret Gibson
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 Beth Gibbons

October Anniversaries

10/16 Cliff & Michelle Gibson
10/19 Beverly & Len Woodward

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!

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Kathy Urquhart World Communion Sunday 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Communion	2	3 10:00am Helping Hands	4 Matthew Chapman 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	5 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir Practice	6	7
8 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	9	10 John Henderson 10:00am Helping Hands	11 Margaret Gibson 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	12 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir Practice	13	14 10:00am United Women in Faith
15 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 4:30pm Annual Conference at Mt. Tabor UMC	16 Cliff & Michelle Gibson Gerrie Burton	17 10:00am Helping Hands	18 Margie Tapp 1:00pm Gospel of Mark Bible Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	19 Betty Albers Len & Beverly Woodward 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir Practice	20	21
22 Wayne Fears, Jr. 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	23	24 Len Woodward Nancy Clift 10:00am Helping Hands	25 1:00pm Gospel of Mark Bible Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	26 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir Practice	27	28
29 Allyson Shannon 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Blessing of Blankets 12:00pm Fifth Sunday Lunch	30	31 Beth Gibbons 10:00am Helping Hands				