

Second Helpings



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Greetings From an Old Friend

This week we received the following email from Rev. David Wiseman after visiting the church website, reminiscing on the summer his family pastored Second Avenue.

Name: Rev. David Wiseman

Email address: davidwiseman1@sky.com

Subject: Thirty years ago!

Dear Old Friends,

Greetings from the old country! Some of you will remember us, most, I imagine, will not! Thirty years ago in 1990, I shared in a pastoral exchange with your then minister, Dan Crawford. Dan and Jane came to England (to Bournemouth), whilst we came to Rome, to stay with you. "We" being my wife Margaret, and our three children, Rebecca (then 17), Ruth (then 10) and Christian (then 8). It was a memorable summer and we had some delightful experiences with you all at Second Avenue.

Just to set your memories working, I remember well, Bob Henderson (choirmaster), Sara Autry, Mary Nell Vann (and E.T!) and Joe Tarpley. Even more so CB Stillwell (who suffered a heart attack within 2 weeks of our arrival. I sat by his hospital bedside and held his hand at 2 a.m. one morning!), dear Iva Chapman who was my Church Secretary keeping me on the straight and narrow path! We shared many events together. And maybe most of all Randy and Vicki Embree, with whom their children Chad and Abby struck up a close relationship with our two, Christian and Ruth. Some years after, they came over to stay with us and tour England and Scotland with our two!

Delighted to see so many old familiar names are still at the centre of things, 30 years later, at Second Avenue—Cindy Smith, Scotty Edwards, Beth Gibbons, Betty Albers, Greg Gaston, Jim Burton, I remember you all! And dear Paula Jones still occupying the organ seat! Well done, Paula! Margaret and I are now retired in Skipton, North Yorkshire (I am 80!). And our three children have all grown and flown the nest—Rebecca teaches in Kuwait (with our grandsons, Dylan and Reuben), Ruth is in Manchester with our granddaughter Elsie (aged 3), and "little" Christian is in Melbourne, Australia, now Dr. Christian Wiseman, a general practitioner, with our youngest grandchild, Louis. I haven't mentioned their various partners, but all three are happily married.

Before we arrived in Rome(1990), we had shared in exchanges with Haywood (Cal), Pasadena (Cal) and Santa Cruz (Cal). Afterwards, we exchanged with Houston(1993), Greenville (S. Car. in 1996) and Little Rock in Arkansas—all memorable experiences which we remember with pleasure. We often talk of you. Seem to have run out of space!

Our love,

David & Margaret Wiseman

Our address is: 4 The Ginnel, SKIPTON, North Yorkshire, England BD23 2HW

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Highlights from August in Pictures



Congratulation to parents, Michael & Gretchen Colombo, sister, Emmy, and grandparents Mike & Beth Colombo on the birth of Gianluca James Colombo. 7 pounds 6 ounces; 20 inches tall. Born on Monday, August 3.



Many thanks to Lynda Climer for the beautiful flower arrangements she has provided for our outside services this summer.



Guest Soloist Anitra Pledger singing "I Don't Feel No-ways Tired"

Persons of the Week

September 06: Isaac Tucker

10 Oakwood Street NW
Rome, GA 30165-1628

September 23: Tom Climer

535 Old Wax Road SE
Aragon, GA 30104-1431

September 13: Lisa & Rhett Butler

685 North River Road
Rome, GA 30161

September 30: J.B & Brenda Goering

318 E. 11th Street
Rome, GA 30161

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

Addresses for Our College Students

Julianna Chloe Duck
Hillgrove 306
c/o Young Harris College
1 College Street
Young Harris, GA 30582

Axel Baleon
Hillgrove 306
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1 College Street
Young Harris, GA 30582

Prayer List

Congregation

Carl Alexander
Susan Autry
Bob Baker
Erma Braden
Herb Brown
Jim & Gerrie Burton
Danny Carver
Giles Chapman
Nancy Davis
Scottie Edwards
Ronnie Farmer
Phil Franssen
Carolyn Garwood
Jim Gibbons
Margaret Gibson
Michelle Gibson
David Gresham
Charles Griffin
Mardelle Lynch
Bill Pharr
Edith Swint
Vivian VanLandingham
Carol Vogt
Darlene Wallace
LuAnn Williams

Friends & Family

Michelle Albers
Wayne Allison
Katherine Ammons
Linda Baker
Terri Black
Mary Kathryn Boggs
Bowman Family
Linda Brown
Alfred Brumbelow
Christian Camp
Joanie Catron
Cindy Cheatwood
Connie & Steve Cowart
James Crider
Don Eckles
John Gentry
Daria Giebler
Jamie Griffin
Patty Harvey
Destiny Erica Head
Greg Helms
Jada Helms
Khloe Hill
Sue Hurley
JoAnn Jacks

Larry Jacks
Janie Jolley
Garrett Jones
Hannah Jones
Megan Jones
Pat Jones
Milton Kahn
Wanda Kidd
Bill & Peggy Lanier
Jayme & Kristy Laney
Danny Lee
Paula Lowder
Lisa McDaniel
Mason McKenzie
Alex Mendez
Jacob Mendez
Tandalea Mendez
Military Personnel
Morales Family
John Morris & Family
Sherry Nolan
Diane Norrod
Julie Ousley
Andy Peabody
Peggy Pharr
Jordon Poe

Connie Ray
Deborah Reynolds
Daphne Rogers
Ruiz-Baleon Family
Nancy, Edwin, & Allison
Sims
Jonathan & Charlotte
Sturtz
Paul Sturtz
Bonnie Thomas
Alex Trebek
President Trump
Urquhart Family
Antonio Valles
Tyson Waid
John Walker
Mary Whilllock
John Wiggin
Sunny Wilkerson
Jim Williams and Family
Kennedy Williams
Debbie Willis
Morgan Wilson
John Woodward
Regina Wright

Pastor's Page



An letter from Rev. David Wiseman took me down memory lane. Thirty years ago I was a college student at Emory, and to say, “Everything was so wonderful!” was an understatement. I had never anticipated meeting such world renown people (President Carter was one of my professors.) and I had never thought I would be in such a learning environment. I was in nerd heaven. It was the best three and a half years in my life. After college I was recruited by Dr. Hendrickus Boers in Candler School of Theology, and there I won the prestigious fellowship to go over to study in Goettingen, Germany. I was the first non-white person to receive the fellowship at the time, and I am proud to say that I opened the gate so that other non-white students could follow after me.

Germany was tough. In all aspects. One thing that really kept me sane was faith and traveling. As a country, Germany was one of the leading countries in Europe to encourage young people to travel. There were all kinds of discounts, and students could travel with very little money. One of the ways was the “Weekend Train Ticket” which allowed 5 or 6 to travel together all over Germany and it was less than \$20 for all 5-6 passengers. In the US, it would be considered a nuisance or even breaking the law, but they allowed students to sleep in the courtyards, train stations, and public squares. I would not have done it alone but with 5-6 students together, it was fun!

The greatest adventure I had was to walk the northern trail of the Camino de Santiago with about a hundred students. We started in Dortmund, Germany walking along the coast, and we walked all summer. I did not get to the destination because I had to come home to the US, but it was the best summer I had in my entire life. Was it easy? No. I fought blisters, hip pain, back pain, leg pain... you name it. But it really helped me come out of my shell and become free from all the inhibitions and prohibitions I had put on myself all throughout my life. “Girls should not relieve themselves in the woods. You must find a bathroom!” this was out the window on the very first day, for example. I learned to trust people more readily and to be honest, without the radical hospitality of the people we met along the way, we could not have survived.

One night, we were extremely tired because we covered over 20 miles of pavement that day. I was exhausted since as an American I had too much weight in my backpack (like deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, sunscreen, camera, book, etc.). It was a hot day and I was burned to a crisp and drenched in sweat. A bunch of girls, including myself, were assigned to spend a night in a monastery run by nuns of the Verbum Dei order. The moment we walked in, they greeted us with a warm supper. In our sleeping room, they had prepared warm water for washing (they did not have a hot water heater so they had boiled it for us), cookies and warm milk for snacking. The next day we were stuffed with a hardy breakfast and they even packed egg sandwiches for lunch. It was totally free since we did not pay anything. I was so struck with emotion that holding that egg sandwich in my hand, I cried tears (I was tired of liver paste by then). I did not have much money but I gave about \$50 to a nun. And she would not accept it by saying, “You are a traveling pilgrim. You will need that money along the way. Put it in your pocket.” That time I cried tears of gratitude for their radical hospitality.

Once you experience such radical hospitality, you never forget it and it transforms you in such a profound way. Reading from Rev. Wiseman’s letter, I think you changed his life profoundly as well! I am so very proud of Second Avenue! And I pray that we will continue to practice radical hospitality to those who don’t pay us back, who can’t pay us back.

Love,
Your Pastor

September Sermon Scriptures

September 09 Matthew 18:15-20 | “On Forgiveness, Part I” (Labor Day Weekend)

September 13 Matthew 18:21-35 | “On Forgiveness, Part II”

September 20 Rev. Dr. Warren Lathem preaching

September 27 Matthew 21:23-32 | “By What Authority?”

Vital Signs



Financial giving in August: \$19,727
 Budgeted amount needed as of August: \$157,966
 Budgeted amount given as of August: \$145,195
 (Shortfall of -\$12,770)

Blessings and Gratitude

Do you often think what it would be like if we did not have our God and our church family in these trying times? I do, and I'm grateful for what we have. Thank you for all your efforts and sacrifices.

Genny Alexander

Dear Precious Church Family,

Thank you so much for your many acts of kindness during our bout with Covid-19. Your prayers, calls, cards, and food are greatly appreciated.

Blessings and love to you all,
 Margaret, Maddie, and Reese Gibson

Dear Millie,

Just wanted to thank you and our wonderful church family for all the prayers and cards. August 24 we get to go back to Emory in hopes that Bill gets on the transplant list, so any extra prayers on that subject would be greatly appreciated. Glory to God.

Love,
 Cindy & Bill Pharr

Dear Second Avenue UMC Members,

Thank you so much for the cards, flowers, prayers and kind expressions of sympathy following my dad's passing. It meant so much that you took the time to prepare food for us. It was delicious. My dad loved Second Avenue and his church family and friends. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered by our family.

Sincerely,
 Lisa Butler (daughter of Bill Carver)

My dear church family,

Thank you so much for all your support, kindnesses, love, and especially your prayers during my recent surgery and recovery. I feel so blessed to be part of such a caring and thoughtful group of church friends. I really appreciate all you did for me - it all helped me so much. Please continue your prayers as I move forward with my recovery. May God bless you all.

I love all of you,
 Darlene Wallace

Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering

It's not too late to give to the Conference-wide Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering. Your gifts are an essential source of funds for providing loving care to residents of the 10 Wesley Woods communities in our Conference. Due to Covid, they didn't receive the amount of funds they normally do. Please pray about helping with this wonderful ministry.



United Methodist Women News

Dear UMW,

It is hard to believe that yet another month has passed, and we are still not able to have in-person meetings of UMW. I appreciate all of you who have continued to support the breakfast program at Ruth and Naomi House these past months. We will continue to send them a check each month to help defray the cost for food, but for the next few months, please send your check to the church instead of to Nancy Davis. Make it out to the church and be sure you label it "Ruth and Naomi House," and JoAnn will cut one check to send for us.

Please keep Nancy in your thoughts and prayers as she is going through a difficult time right now. Since the community spread of COVID is currently still high, I am not sure when we will be able to resume our Saturday morning meetings. We will just take things one month at a time for now. I pray that all of you are staying safe and healthy.

Cindy Smith, UMW President

Bishop Names Ministerial Education Fund as the 2020 Annual Conference Offering

From the Conference website:

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson has named the North Georgia Conference Ministerial Education Fund as the 2020 Annual Conference Special Offering.

The Ministerial Education Fund provides scholarships to seminary and undergraduate students, course-of-study for local pastors, and license to preach school.

Aligning with the theme of the [2020 North Georgia Annual Conference](#), "One in Ministry to All the World," this fund is one way United Methodists can show our support to those called to serve as clergy. Together we can help minimize debt of North Georgia United Methodists beginning in ministry.

Grants from the Ministerial Education Fund help pay tuition and other costs for future clergy who will serve our churches or go on to be chaplains, teachers and missionaries.

MEF is a general church apportioned fund of which 25 percent is retained by our conference. But 100 percent of the giving to the Annual Conference Special Offering will go to United Methodist seminary and course of study students in the North Georgia Conference.

Churches are invited to collect the offering any time before or after the 2020 Annual Conference. Individuals are encouraged to give through your local church. Churches can make checks payable to the North Georgia Conference and marked for Fund #1147 - AC Special Offering.

Please give generously to the Annual Conference Special Offering.

One Church United

During this time of pandemic, the United Methodist Churches within the city limit are getting together and trying to reach out to the city and those who are struggling financially, emotionally, and spiritually. We have many events planned for the rest of the year such as the World Communion Sunday, joint outreach projects, Christmas events, etc. We have Zoom meetings set up every second Sunday of the month for you to participate and enrich our conversations. Please join us for the next meeting on Tuesday, September 13, at 6:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83302815498?pwd=NnhOMFJPbGINTnY1Mmp2dTVCWFVtdz09>

Call and enter Meeting ID: 833 0281 5498 and Passcode: 736012.

Homeless Needs

For the increasing homeless population in Rome, we are gathering essential items to distribute them at the Community Kitchen. Items needed are:

Feminine Products	Hand Sanitizers	Pocket Tissues
Toothpaste/Toothbrush	Any Toiletry Items	Washcloths
Individually Wrapped Snack Items		

You can bring them to church on Sunday or during church office hours.

Second Avenue UMC Think Tank Meetings on Zoom

This is a meeting where we share ideas on how to nurture one another, how to make our church grow, and how to reach out to the community. Everyone is welcome on 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

9/02/20 Topic: Reopening of the Church

9/16/20 Topic: Essential Ingredient for Strong Faith Community

Zoom ID: 930 9761 0731

Password: 6406

Administrative Council Meeting

Please join us for the Admin. Council meeting on Sunday, September 13, at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom as we get ready for our Charge Conference in the fall. We will focus on the One Board Model and vote on it.

Zoom ID: 637 5637 4138

No Password required

Drive-In Worship Continues

Our Drive-in Worship Service will be every Sunday until we move back into the sanctuary. The Drive-In Service is at **9:00 a.m. each Sunday**. Rain or shine.

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September Birthdays

01	Anne Westfield
02	Genny Alexander
06	Isaac Tucker
07	Paula Jones
08	Susan Daniel
12	Ronnie Farmer, Jane Franssen & Tommy Jones
13	Cindy Davis
14	Jayne Gauthreaux
18	Beverly Woodward
19	Barbara Cothran Leigh Kim-Soh
20	Anna Brooks
24	Doug Garwood, Jr.
28	Annisa Heinrich



September Anniversaries

04	Herb & Paula Brown
16	Bill & Julie Mathis
17	Ernie & Judy Myers
29	Bill & Juanita Underwood