

Second Helpings

APRIL 2025

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Pastor's Page– Rev. Rick Maeser



A Sign for Ira

Ira was a man I knew in Greene County, Georgia. He was retired from his job but was still physically strong and energetic. He worked hard helping his church and community, freely putting his time and resources in service of God and neighbor.

While in town one day, Ira saw a sign that read, “IRA’s Available.” The sign was from a local financial institution advertising that you could establish an “Individual Retirement Account” with them. But Ira took it as a sign from God confirming that he, Ira, was indeed available for whatever God wanted him to do. I had to agree. Nothing could have summed up Ira’s ministry more clearly and succinctly than this.

There are still people like Ira in the world today. Some have more skills and resources than others, but they give out of the time and materials they have, serving God and neighbor. The world is a better place because of them. I hope they get to see signs now and then confirming they are on the right path in life, doing what God wants them to do.

Pastor Rick



April Sermon Scriptures

- April 06** Psalm 126, Philippians 3:4b-14 | “Confidence in Christ” | Communion
- April 13** Palm Sunday Cantata | Luke 19:29-40 | “Blessed Is the King”
- April 20** Acts 10:34-43, Luke 24:1-12 | “Our Prayers Have Been Answered”
- April 27** Psalm 150, John 20:19-31 | “Jesus Never Stops Giving”

Highlights from March in Pictures



Items donated to Davies Men's Shelter:
 5 gallons + 8 spray bottles of cleaning items;
 5 canisters of sanitizing wipes; 4 sponges;
 2 containers of dishwasher detergent;
 169 rolls toilet paper; 116 bottles of water;
 3 boxes of cereal; and 3 gallons of milk.



Lots of fun and fellowship at the Soup Supper prior to the Ash Wednesday Service to mark the beginning of the Lenten season.



We got a new roof this month!



UWF ladies made lovely paper Easter baskets to share with our shut-in friends

United Women in Faith Meeting on April 5 at 10:00

United Women in Faith will be meeting on **Saturday, April 5, 2025 beginning at 10:00 a.m. with brunch. Please note the change in the date due to Palm Sunday and Easter Weekends this month.** We will have bacon breakfast sliders, baked grits, fresh fruit, juice, and coffee. The cost of the meal is \$5.00. You can make a reservation by texting, calling, or emailing Cindy Smith (706-346-0786, butlerjrt@gmail.com). We will be finished by 11:30 a.m. so that you can get on with your day.



We will have a fun time completing an Easter Escape Room and enjoying the “Sweet Truth of Easter.” If you do not know what an “escape room” is, come and find out! You can earn the Keys to the Kingdom too! I look forward to seeing everyone—bring a friend.

Cindy Smith
President

Congratulations!

A blue graduation invitation for Dylan Baleon-Ruiz from Georgia Northwestern Technical College. It features the college logo, the text "invites you to my 2025 GRADUATION CEREMONY", a photo of Dylan, and the event details: Date: April 24, Time: 6:00 PM, Location: Forum River Center.

With great pride and joy, we are thrilled to announce the graduation of Dylan Baleon-Ruiz from Georgia Northwestern Technical College (GNTC) on April 24 at 6:00 p.m. Join us in congratulating Dylan on this well-earned milestone!

With love and pride,
Maria and Luis Baleon-Ruiz



Congratulations to Jesse Meredith who was recognized as a “Darlington Terrific Kid” at a recent Rome Rotary meeting.

Rise Against Hunger on Sunday, April 6

We are joining with other churches in the area to participate in Rise Against Hunger again this Lenten season. This mission project involves packing about 11,000 meals that will go to food-insecure parts of the world. The event will take place on Sunday, April 6, in the Wilder Center at Rome First UMC.



If you are interested in volunteering for the Rise Against Hunger event, you can use the following link and fill out the registration form:

<https://rah.my.salesforce-sites.com/events/homepage?id=701Pj00000S8pIB>.

Easter Cantata on Palm Sunday on April 13

Mark your calendar and invite a friend to join us on Palm Sunday, April 13, for our upcoming Easter cantata, "*An Easter Mosaic*" by John Parker & Robert Sterling. Our choir works hard preparing to bless us each year with this special time of music.

Community Holy Week Services on April 14-16

This year's Community Holy Week services will be held at North Broad Baptist Church, located at 1309 N. Broad Street NE, at noon from April 14-16. A light lunch will follow after each service.

Holy Thursday Service on April 17

On April 17 at 7:00 p.m., please join us for a worship service with communion as we celebrate the final supper Jesus shared with his disciples. Often referred to as "Maundy Thursday," it is the Thursday in Holy Week, just before Easter Sunday.

Easter Cross

Please bring fresh cut flowers and greenery from your garden or yard (or the store) on Easter Sunday, April 20. Beginning at 9:45 a.m., we will adorn the cross on the church's lawn to celebrate and witness to the resurrection.

Keenagers Lunch on Thursday, April 24

Join the Keenagers for a potluck lunch at noon on Thursday, April 24. Bring a dish to share, and invite a friend for food, fellowship, and fun. Watch upcoming bulletins for details on the program. For more info, contact Shirley Dodson at 706-233-1649.

Persons of the Week

April 06: Bob Baker

12 Belle Meade Drive SW
Rome, GA 30165-8485

April 13: Mary Beth Broxterman

10 Oakwood Street NW
Rome, GA 30165-1628

April 20: Lee Brock

John & Alex Brock
103 Ridgeview Drive SE
Silver Creek, GA 30173

April 27: Lee Upshaw

P.O. Box 84
Lindale, GA 30147-0084

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

April Schedule

Liturgists:	Acolytes:	Flowers:
04/06 Mike Colombo	04/06	04/06 Brown
04/13 Greg Gaston	04/13 Theo Kislak	04/13 Alexander
04/20 Susan Stroup	04/20	04/20 Available
04/27 Dennis Urquhart	04/27 Kevin Baleon-Ruiz	04/27 Available

Prayer List

Congregation

Betty Albers
Genny Alexander
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 Jonse
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
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
Family of Kevin Lobello
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
Karen Stanley
Shirley Stanton
David Stevens
Susan Tate
Esperanza Vail
Pavel Wagner
Lori Waters
Ray Waters
Alice Wiener
Mitzi Wilburn
Kennedy Williams
Morgan Wilson
Jalen Wofford
Laura Beth Wright
Tommy Yarborough

Blessings and Gratitude

To thank you for all your kindness and sympathy at a time when they were deeply appreciated. Thank you all, ladies (for the meal, etc.)! You have been so good to me!

Love,

Paula Jones

& Family of Mardelle Lynch

A sincere thank you to the members of Second Avenue UMC for your continued contacts. I am blessed by your cards, calls, visits, prayers, and especially the vases of flowers you provide on special occasions. All these are reminders of the caring congregation you are, even to the “shut-ins.”

In Christ's love

Genny Alexander

Dear Friends,

No matter how dark things may seem, there is always hope in the power of Christ's resurrection. What a reason to celebrate! Your generosity and compassion allow us to bring God's promise of rebirth and new beginnings to struggling men, women and families every day of the year. And for that, we celebrate YOU! Thank you for your partnership and have a blessed Easter.

Major Hank Harwell, Salvation Army

Rev. Rick Maeser,

Thank you and the congregation on paying 100% apportionments.

Please know how grateful I am to be on the journey with you all!

Grace & Peace,

Bishop Robin Dease

With Deepest Sympathy



Mary Sue Stroop Gilleland

June 9, 1940—March 12, 2025 (Age 84)

It is with sympathy that we share with you that our sister in Christ, Mary Sue Gilleland, passed away on Wednesday, March 12.

Please be in prayer for her family as they grieve her departure to join the 'great cloud of witnesses' who have gone on before.

With Deepest Sympathy



Carolyn Jean Lloyd Prater

March 30, 1941—March 28, 2025 (Age 83)

It is with sympathy that we share with you that our sister in Christ, Carolyn Prater, passed away on Friday, March 28. Please be in prayer for her son, Lee Brock, and the family as they mourn her loss.

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

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**Our Vision:
"Knowing Christ & Making Christ Known"**

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April Birthdays

4/07 Steve Davis
4/08 Amy Astin
4/09 Anthony Colombo
4/09 Scottie Edwards
4/21 Nell Maeser
4/21 Adam Rogers
4/21 Lauren Williams
4/25 Rhonda Upshaw
4/26 Carol Edwards
4/30 Dawn Brown

April Anniversaries

4/06 Lee & Rhonda Upshaw
4/10 Nancy & Terry Clift

celebrate!

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

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

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00am Helping Hands	2 1:00pm Lenten Bible Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	3 6:00pm Handbell Choir	4	5 10:00am United Women in Faith
6 Lee & Rhonda Upshaw 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	7 Steve Davis	8 Amy Astin 10:00am Helping Hands	9 Anthony Colombo Scottie Edwards 1:00pm Lenten Bible Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	10 Terry & Nancy Clift 6:00pm Handbell Choir	11	12
13 Palm Sunday 10:00am Sunday School Choir Cantata 11:00am Worship	14 12:00pm Community Holy Week Service at North Broad Baptist Church	15 10:00am Helping Hands 12:00pm Community Holy Week Service at North Broad Baptist Church	16 12:00pm Community Holy Week Service at North Broad Baptist Church 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	17 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	18	19
20 Easter Service 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	21 Adam Rogers Lauren Rogers Wilson Nell Maeser	22 10:00am Helping Hands	23 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	24 12:00pm Keenagers 6:00pm Handbell Choir	25 Rhonda Upshaw	26 Carol Edwards
27 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Leadership Board Meeting	28	29 10:00am Helping Hands	30 Dawn Brown 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice			