

Second Helpings

DECEMBER 2024

Second Avenue United Methodist Church
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Pastor's Page– Rev. Rick Maeser

Advent, and the Advent Wreath



Welcome to the season of Advent! Consisting of the four Sundays immediately preceding Christmas Day, Advent helps us to live in hope and expectation of the birth of Christ, and Christ's second coming.

The advent wreath aids our worship as we prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas. The wreath itself is a circle of evergreens, symbolizing everlasting life, and God's eternal love. We light one candle of the wreath on the first Sunday of Advent, and light an additional candle each Sunday afterward. By the fourth Sunday all four candles along the rim of the wreath are burning brightly.

These four candles are usually purple, symbolizing Jesus' royalty and our repentance. The third candle is sometimes rose colored, symbolizing Joy. We light the rose candle halfway through Advent to remind us that we are living in joyful anticipation of the coming of Christ.

The Christ Candle is in the center of the wreath and represents Christ himself. The Christ Candle is lit on Christmas Eve in full celebration of our Savior's birth.

I look forward to worshipping with you in the coming weeks, lighting each of these candles in anticipation and celebration of God's gift to the world!

Pastor Rick

December Sermon Scriptures

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| December 01 | Jeremiah 33:14-16, Luke 21:25-36 "Promises Made and Kept"
Communion First Sunday of Advent |
| December 08 | Choir Cantata |
| December 15 | Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18 "Preparing the Way, Then and Now" |
| December 22 | Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:46-55 "The Blessing of the Unknowns" |
| December 29 | Amy Astin, Guest Preacher |

Highlights from November in Pictures



All Saints Service



Thanksgiving Altar Table



The Keenagers decorated the Fellowship Hall tree.



November donations for Salvation Army included:

- 11 boxes & 19 packets of instant oatmeal
- 3 boxes of oatmeal
- 5 bags & boxes of grits
- 38 boxes of macaroni & cheese
- 15 boxes of Hamburger Helper
- 58 boxes of saltines
- 3 boxes of instant grits
- 11 jars of peanut butter
- Assorted other items

Persons of the Week

December 01: Kim Wright
 (niece of Anne Westfield)
 18 Betsy Locke Pt.
 Cartersville, GA 30120

December 08: Erna Dobbs
 90 E 2nd Avenue, Apt. 312
 Rome, GA 30161

December 15: Betty Hardy
 42 Chateau Drive SE, Apt. 314
 Rome, GA 30161-6665

December 22: Jean Christian
 103 Wells Drive
 Rome, GA 30161-5973

December 29: Vivian VanLandingham
 108 Baby Doe Drive NW
 Apt. B
 Rome, GA 30165-7724

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

December Schedule

Liturgists:

12/01 Amy Astin
 12/08 Mike Colombo
 12/15 Greg Gaston
 12/22 Dennis Urquhart
 12/22 Mike Colombo



If you would like to become one of our weekly liturgists to help lead during Sunday worship, please contact Pastor Rick (423) 994-9109 or JoAnn in the church office (706-234-6406).

Prayer List

Congregation

Genny Alexander
 Bob Baker
 Donna Bledsoe
 Lee Brock
 Terry & Nancy Clift
 Lynda Climer
 Barbara & Terry Cothran
 Nancy Davis
 Erna Dobbs
 Sue & Terry Duck
 Betty Hardy
 Paula Jones & Family
 John & Beth Kennedy
 Faye Kesler
 Man & Sung Lee
 Mardelle Lynch
 Pastor Rick & Nell Maeser
 Irene Martz
 Bill & Cindy Pharr
 Carolyn Prater

Lib Rogers
 Orlando Shaw
 Vivian VanLandingham
 Jerry Waters
 Family of Anne Westfield

Friends & Family

Dusty Alexander
 Marilyn Allison
 Barry Barfield
 Anne Barker
 Brooke Brown
 Jimmy Brown
 Chris Butler
 Vonceil Cook
 Lisa Crowder
 Wendell Crowder
 Ruth Day
 Patrick Demirjian
 Stephanie Dunn
 Greg Frazier
 Danny Fricks

Jim Gonzalez
 Jimmy & Denise
 Carol Gunter
 Hytowitz family
 Jessie (foster child)
 Kathy Jarvinan
 Garrette Jones
 Sandra Kerr
 Matthew King
 Faye Laney
 Susan Lavigne
 Ivy Law
 Chad Lester
 Kevin Lobello
 Angela Mackler
 Susan Maines
 Martha Martin
 Taylor Martin
 Haley & Will McDonald
 Tom & Cheri McElroy
 Pam Mills
 Terri Minor
 Posey Mitchell

Ali Morales
 Lynette Murphy
 Camil Nedela
 Jeremy Peace
 Harry Petersmarck
 Wayne Pierce
 Beth Pitt
 Nicole Potvin
 Karen Stanley
 Shirley Stanton
 David Stevens
 Susan Tate
 Bill Underwood
 Esperanza Vail
 Ray Waters
 Mitzi Wilburn
 Kennedy Williams
 Morgan Wilson
 Jalen Wofford
 Kim Wright & Family
 Laura Beth Wright
 Tommy Yarborough
 Virginia Yarbrough

United Women in Faith on December 7

United Women in Faith Christmas Lunch



You are cordially invited to Christmas Lunch!

WHEN: Saturday, December 7, 2024, 11:00 a.m.

PROGRAM:

The Exchange Club Brass Quintet led by Bill King

MENU: Provino's Catered

Spinach Torellini ~ Lasagna Napolentana

Salad and Rolls ~ Homemade Desserts

COST: \$15 (or what you can afford)

RSVP: Cindy Smith (706-346-0786 or butlerjrt@gmail.com)

by **Monday, December 2, 2024.**

Mark your calendar and plan to come and bring a guest!

Leadership Board Meeting on December 8

The Leadership Board will meet following worship on Sunday, December 8. Church members are welcome to attend. Lunch provided for Board members.

Musical Performances this December

Our choir will perform this year's cantata on Sunday, December 8, during the morning worship hour. Our hand bell choir will perform during the worship service on Sunday, December 22. Many thanks for all those who practice so faithfully to bring us beautiful music each week in addition to these special events. Plan to attend and invite someone to receive a blessing with you.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



We hope you'll be at church on Tuesday, December 24, for a special candlelight communion service at 5:00 p.m. Make plans to come and bring friends and family members with you.

End of Year Giving Thank You

Dear Second Avenue Friends,

Thank you for your financial generosity this year. In these final weeks of 2024, as you consider your giving to the church, please note that contributions must be received in the church office or postmarked on or before December 31 in order to be included on your giving statement for 2024. Contributions received after that date will appear on your giving statement for 2025.

Blessings,

Greg Gaston, 2024 Finance Chair

Blessings and Gratitude

Second Avenue Family,

Thank you so much for the blessing of school supplies for my classroom.

I brought the supplies into my classroom and stacked them for the students to see. I shared with them the love that you had for them, even though you only knew them through me. The smiles on their faces said it all. To know you are loved on by others was such a great feeling felt by my students, and this was made possible by you.

Thank you for all you do for our small town. The people of Second Avenue are small, but mighty, and are known as Christians by their love.

In Christ,
Lynn Duck

Dear 2nd Avenue United Methodist Church,

Thank you very much for the classroom supplies. I have nearly 180 students this year, so things like Kleenex and pencils get used up very quickly. I have also been able to share with some of my co-workers who had already used up their supply.

I am also very thankful for the peppermints. The word is out that I have them. Since they're good for everything from sore throats to "having a bad day," I go through a lot each week. Your gift of support made me feel very appreciated!

Thank you,
Mary Beth Broxterman

Our family just wanted to thank everyone at the church for all your kindness during our loss of "Aunt Anne." Your kind words, prayers, food, and love has helped us get through this difficult time. I know why Anne loved you all so very much!

Kim Wright and the Wright, Wilson, and Westfield families

With Deepest Sympathy



Anne Westfield

September 1, 1930 – November 4, 2024 (Age 94)

It is with deepest sympathy that we share with you that our friend and sister in Christ, Anne Westfield, passed away on Monday, November 4. Please be in prayer for Anne's friends and family.

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



Budgeted amount needed as of November: \$217,013

Budgeted amount given as of November: \$190,312

Financial giving in month of November—includes budget & designated: \$19,339

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

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December Birthdays

12/03 Lib Rogers
12/07 Theo Kislak
12/08 Maria Ruiz
12/09 LuAnn Williams
12/11 Darlene Wallace
12/15 Iva Chapman Brown
12/17 Randy Embree
12/17 Mike Jackson
12/19 Jesse Barton
12/22 Anne Whitefield
12/25 Jean Christian
12/26 Bill Underwood
12/26 Dylan Baleon
12/29 Brennan Baker
12/31 Maddie Gibson

December Anniversaries

12/08 Jody & Martha Rogers
12/10 Dennis & Kathy Urquhart
12/11 Beth & Mike Colombo
12/26 Jamie & Mike Jackson

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!

December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 First Sunday of Advent 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	2	3 Lib Rogers 10:00am Helping Hands	4 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	5 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir	6	7 Theo Kislat 11:00am UWF Christmas Lunch
8 Jody & Martha Rogers Maria Ruiz Second Sunday of Advent 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Choir Cantata 12:00pm Leadership Board Meeting	9 LuAnn Williams	10 Dennis & Kathy Urquhart 10:00am Helping Hands	11 Darlene Wallace Mike & Beth Colombo 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	12 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir	13	14
15 Iva Brown Third Sunday of Advent 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	16	17 Mike Jackson Randy Embree 10:00am Helping Hands	18 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	19 Jesse Barton 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir	20	21
22 Anne Whitefield 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	23	24 Christmas Eve 10:00am Helping Hands	25 Christmas Day Church Office Closed Jean Christian	26 Bill Underwood Dylan Baleon-Ruiz Jamie & Mike Jackson	27	28
29 Brennan Baker 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	30	31 Maddie Gibson New Year's Eve 10:00am Helping Hands				