

# Second Helpings

**MARCH 2025**

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



### **A Cooperative Ministry**

Six years ago, Hurricane Michael struck the Florida Panhandle as a category 5 storm with winds peaking at 160 mph. Thousands of homes and businesses on the coast of Florida were devastated.

The church I was serving at the time sent a mission team to Panama City to do home repair. The house had a blue tarp over the roof, and the team spent a week removing moldy ceiling material, wallboard, fans, fixtures and debris from every room. Fortunately, my tetanus vaccination was up-to-date, because I punctured my foot on a nail during this process.

We were not alone in our mission. Our United Methodist team was housed by the Gulf Port Presbyterian Church that offered their church building to accommodate volunteers. The site supervisors worked for AmeriCorps, which is a public service program supported by government, foundation and corporate funds. AmeriCorps Week is March 9-15, 2025.

Then, as now, it is inspiring to watch when our government, businesses, charitable foundations, and churches all come together to make a difference in people's lives.

Pastor Rick



## **March Sermon Scriptures**

- March 02** Exodus 34:29-35, Luke 9:28-36 | "The Glory of Jesus Revealed" | Communion
- March 09** Romans 10:5-13, Luke 4:1-13 | "Keep Your Eyes on the Ball"
- March 16** Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35 | "Forgiveness – Who Needs It?"
- March 23** Isaiah 55:1-9, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 | "Do the Right Thing"
- March 30** 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:11-32 | "The Parable of the Father"

## Lenten Bible Study Begins on March 5 at 1:00

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A weekly Bible study will be offered during Lent beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, March 5, and ending on Wednesday, April 9. The six-week study is based on the book The Message of Jesus by Adam Hamilton. The cost of the book is \$15 and books are now available in the church office.

## Ash Wednesday Meal and Service on March 5

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On Ash Wednesday, March 5, make plans to come eat Wednesday Night Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up on the list outside the church office to let us know what you will be bringing. We need soups, sides (cornbread, crackers, etc.), and desserts.

We will have worship and imposition of ashes in the Sanctuary at 7:00. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us to begin the season of Lent with prayer and renewal.

## United Women in Faith Meeting on March 8 at 10:00

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United Women in Faith will be meeting on **Saturday, March 8, at 10:00 a.m.** in the church fellowship hall. We will be finished by 11:30 a.m. so you can get on with your day. **The cost for brunch is \$5 per person. Please make a reservation. (Please text or email Cindy ([butlerjrt@gmail.com](mailto:butlerjrt@gmail.com)) or 706-346-0786 with your reservation!)**



We will enjoy Chick-fil-A chicken biscuits, tater tots, fresh fruit, juice, and coffee. Since we did not get to do our hands-on program in February, we will have fun together making St. Patrick's Day cards and mini-Easter baskets for shut-ins. If you can bring some small items for the baskets, let Cindy know. If you are not into "crafting," you can help sort and organize things in the kitchen and create a wish list of kitchen items that are needed to make it a more "cook" friendly place.

Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend! I look forward to seeing each of you on **Saturday, March 8, at 10:00 a.m.!**

Cindy Smith, UWF President

## Youth Sunday School Class Begins March 9

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A Sunday morning class for youth is starting on Sunday, March 9. The class will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the youth room and will be led by Mike Colombo.

## Keenagers Lunch on Thursday, March 20

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Join the Keenagers for a potluck lunch at noon on Thursday, March 20. 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

### March 02: Patty Jones

5 Forest Meadow SW  
Rome, GA 30165

### March 09: Paula Jones

310 Old Calhoun Road NE  
Rome, GA 30161-9691

### March 16: Cindy Smith

301 Raymond Avenue NW  
Rome, GA 30165

### March 23: David Allred

(Vivian VanLandingham)  
108 Baby Doe Drive NW, Apt B  
Rome, GA 30165-7724

### March 30: Nancy Clift

38 The Trail  
Lindale, GA 30147-1401

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

## March Schedule

Liturgists:	Acolytes:	Flowers:
03/02 Greg Gaston	03/02 Kevin Baleon-Ruiz	03/02 Available
03/03 Susan Stroup	03/09 Theo Kislak	03/09 Available
03/16 Mike Colombo	03/16	03/16 Albers
03/23 Dennis Urquhart	03/23 Theo Kislak	03/23 Duck
03/30 Amy Astin	03/30 Kevin Baleon-Ruiz	03/30 Available

## Prayer List

### Congregation

Betty Albers  
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  
Man & Sung Lee  
Pastor Rick & Nell  
Maeser  
Ralph & Merinda  
Magnicheri  
Irene Martz  
Jackie Payne  
Bill & Cindy Pharr

Carolyn Prater  
Lib Rogers  
Orlando Shaw  
Vivian VanLandingham  
Jerry Waters



### Friends & Family

Dusty Alexander  
Marilyn Allison  
Dana Andrews  
Barry Barfield  
Anne Barker  
Brooke Brown  
Jimmy Brown  
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  
Garrette Jones  
Sandra Kerr  
Matthew King  
Faye Laney  
Ivy Law  
Chad Lester  
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  
Nicole Potvin  
Karen Stanley  
Shirley Stanton  
David Stevens  
Susan Tate  
Esperanza Vail  
Pavel Wagner  
Ray Waters  
Alice Wiener  
Mitzi Wilburn  
Kennedy Williams  
Morgan Wilson  
Jalen Wofford  
Laura Beth Wright  
Tommy Yarborough

## Rise Against Hunger on Sunday, April 6

We will join 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.



Please place your contributions in the large pickle jar in the narthex or designate Rise Against Hunger on your check if mailing to the church.

## March Mission Project—Easter Baskets for Young Children

We need your help to fill Easter Baskets for families with young foster children. We already have the baskets and grass but need items to fill them. At the end of March, the filled baskets will be taken to Restoration Rome to be distributed to their foster parents.



## New Upper Room Devotionals Now Available

March-April Upper Room daily devotionals are now available at the church. Plan to pick yours up on Sunday or stop by the church during office hours. If you need JoAnn to mail you a copy (either Large Print or Regular size), please call the church office (706-234-6406) or email her (2ndave@bellsouth.net).



Budgeted amount needed as of February: \$41,128

Budgeted amount given as of February: \$37,579

Financial giving in month of February (Budget and Designated): \$24,542

## With Deepest Sympathy



### Mardelle McKellar Lynch

November 9, 1929—January 31, 2025 (Age 95)

It is with deepest sympathy that we share with you that our friend and sister in Christ, Mardelle Lynch, passed away on Friday, January 31.

Please be in prayer for her daughter Paula Jones, granddaughters Garrett & Jessica, and their family and friends who 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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### March Birthdays

3/01 Betty Hardy  
3/07 Ron McKenzie  
3/09 Kamdyn Chapman  
3/11 Chad Embree  
3/18 Macy Davis  
3/20 Chloe Duck  
3/20 Norma Gresham  
3/22 Josh Embree  
3/22 Patricia Garrison  
3/23 Andy Gaston  
3/25 Ralph Magnicheri  
3/27 Jill Borchert  
3/27 Teresa Cordle  
3/30 Carolyn Prater  
3/31 Cliff Gibson

### March Anniversaries

3/05 Ralph & Nancy Davis  
3/10 Phil & Dottie Taylor  
3/30 Steve & Buffy Davis

**celebrate!**

### Birthdays & Anniversaries:

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

## March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Betty Hardy
<b>2</b> 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Transfiguration Sunday	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00am Helping Hands	<b>5</b> Ash Wednesday Ralph & Nancy Davis 1:00pm Lenten Bible Study 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Soup Supper 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	<b>6</b> 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir	<b>7</b> Ron McKenzie World Day of Prayer	<b>8</b> 10:00am United Women in Faith
<b>9</b> Daylight Savings Time Begins Kamdyn Chapman 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>10</b> Phil & Dottie Taylor	<b>11</b> Chad Embree 10:00am Helping Hands	<b>12</b> 1:00pm Lenten Bible Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	<b>13</b> 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Macy Davis 10:00am Helping Hands	<b>19</b> 1:00pm Lenten Bible Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	<b>20</b> Chloe Duck Norma Gresham 12:00pm Keenagers 6:00pm Handbell Choir	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Josh Embree Priscilla Garrison
<b>23</b> Andy Gaston 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Ralph Magnicheri 10:00am Helping Hands	<b>26</b> 1:00pm Lenten Bible Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	<b>27</b> Jill Borchert Teresa Cordle 6:00pm Handbell Choir	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> Carolyn Prater Steve & Buffy Davis 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Leadership Board Meeting	<b>31</b> Cliff Gibson					