



# SECOND AVENUE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## Pastor's Letter

Church,

Happy New Year! As we begin the year 2026, I am looking forward with great joy to what God has for us in this new year. My encouragement as you begin these first few weeks of 2026 is to set goals, (personal, physical, and spiritual goals), spend some time reflecting on the past year, and choose a word to guide you this year. As January unfolds let us seek to be intentional about diving deeper in our faith, daily scripture reading, prayer, worship, and serving. 2025 was such a good year, and I cannot wait for what God has for us this upcoming year.

A special thank you goes out to our wonderful staff who worked extra hard to make this Christmas and New Year's a wonderful experience for all at church. Please go out of your way to thank one of our staff members, write them a thank you note, or lift up prayers of thanksgiving for them on a daily basis. Another thank you goes to our wonderful Social Events Committee, the float for the parade was wonderful, the Christmas party, time of caroling, and New Year's Eve party were all wonderful! Thank you!

For the beginning of the New Year, our sermon series will be called The Foundation of Love. This series will be a verse by verse glimpse of the book of 1 John. This series will be seeking to set a foundation for the entire year based on the Biblical view of love, grace, and God's call for our lives. Let's make worship attendance a priority in the new year. You and I are called to worship boldly, serve joyfully, and fellowship always.

Blessings,

PB



## Winter Weather Reminders

The church office follows the AASD with delays and cancelations (or virtual days) Monday-Friday. If school is canceled on a Wednesday or if weather becomes bad throughout the day and after-school activities are canceled, there will not be ROCK that day. If there is bad weather on the weekend, please check Facebook, email, and WTAJ for changes to schedules, but we always want you to use your best judgement and stay safe. It does take some time for the plow to get here to the lots and for the walks to be cleared.

## Pastor's Notes

A review of Bible studies offered: Tuesday evenings will be with Sherry Falbow (these are book studies; they'll be on for 4-8 weeks then take a break. Please make sure to contact her directly or the church office with questions and dates). Wednesday evenings with Steve Moore: Steve has been going through the Gospel of John. These will meet in the Blue Room immediately after the ROCK. Thursday mornings with Pastor Brian at 9:30 in the Blue Room, this study will be on the book of 1 Samuel.

Pastor Brian is looking to start a Confirmation class for our youth and that will begin in the month of January. Stay tuned for more information.

Pastor Brian and the events committee are looking at another concert this year. An announcement will be made soon.

## Soup & Sandwich

### Lunch

1/17/26 11:30-1

### Food Pantry

1/30/26 11 AM

**Text us!**

**833-768-9112**



**Get reminders, send prayer requests, ask questions and more (we will respond during office hours)**

*Staff:*

Lead Pastor: Brian Sandell  
Office Manager/Media: Jill Lang  
Children's Ministry/ROCK:  
Ashley Harclerode  
Organist: Braydon Nihart  
Praise Band: Jake Baskin,  
Chris Ferguson  
Musical Gifts: Gabriella Petraca  
Youth: Nic Harclerode  
Custodian: Tom Ardrey  
Website: Andrew McNeal

\*In Office Hours Mon.-Thurs.

8 AM-1 PM

\*office generally follows the AASD calendar (closed most bank holidays, etc.—closures will be in the bulletin, on Facebook, etc.)

Sunday Services:

8:15 AM Traditional

10:45 AM Contemporary

9:30 AM Sunday School & Coffee Hour

January Counters:

TBA

Catch up on Sunday services on our YouTube channel

youtube.com/  
@secondaveglobalmethodist



## Second Ave Kids

Thank you to everyone who came to see/supported/helped prepare for the Christmas Pageant. The kids did a wonderful job! There will be no Junior Church or Nursery on December 28<sup>th</sup>. We will be back the following weekend on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in volunteering or helping, please reach out and let us know. We are getting more kids in the nursery as well. We are in desperate need of nursery volunteers for the nursery to be able to staff it weekly.

Since we have so many kids participating in junior church, we need some drinks and snacks. You can view our Amazon list of the 2nd Ave Kids Facebook page for ideas on what to get.

If you are interested in volunteering your time in any of our Children's Ministries, please let me know.

-Ashley Harclerode, Children's Director  
ashleymiller1228@gmail.com

## Youth Group

Youth Group will resume after our Christmas break on January 11<sup>th</sup>. We have a lot of fun things planned for the New Year including heading to Winter Jam on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Please be on the lookout for schedules to come home with more details about upcoming events.

If you are interested in volunteering for youth group, let me know!

-Nic Harclerode

## The ROCK

Thank you to everyone who supported our ROCK Christmas. Each child received a ROCK shirt and a board game. Lots of pictures have been posted on Facebook. We would not be able to do this without the support of the church! Thank you for all the continued prayers for our wonderful program. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please let me know. We encourage families to join us on Facebook/ @TheROCKat2ndAve.

-Ashley Harclerode, ROCK Director  
Contact: Ashleymiller1228@gmail.com

## Nursery

The nursery schedule is posted on the nursery Facebook page. Please contact Ashley with any questions.

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## **January Daily Scripture Reading**

For 2026, we are borrowing a daily scripture & devotional from “The Upper Room Disciplines 2026.” Below are the daily verses for January. The daily devotional pieces can be found on our FB page, emailed out to you at the beginning of the month, by picking a monthly packet up here; or you can also purchase a physical copy online to be shipped to you.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1 ~ ***Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-13***  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 2 ~ ***Read John 1:1-9***  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 3 ~ ***Read John 1:10-18***  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 4 ~ ***Read Psalm 147:12-20***  
MONDAY, JANUARY 5 ~ ***Read Isaiah 42:1-4***  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6 ~ ***Read Matthew 2:1-12***  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7 ~ ***Read Psalm 29:1-5***  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8 ~ ***Read Acts 10:34-43***  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9 ~ ***Read Matthew 3:13-17***  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10 ~ ***Read Isaiah 42:5-9***  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 ~ ***Read Psalm 29:6-11***  
MONDAY, JANUARY 12 ~ ***Read Isaiah 49:1-4***  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13 ~ ***Read Isaiah 49:5-7***  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14 ~ ***Read Psalm 40:1-4***  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15 ~ ***Read Psalm 40:5-11***  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16 ~ ***Read 1 Corinthians 1:1-9***  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17 ~ ***Read John 1:29-34***  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 18 ~ ***Read John 1:35-42***  
MONDAY, JANUARY 19 ~ ***Read 1 Corinthians 1:10-18***  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20 ~ ***Read Matthew 4:12-23***  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21 ~ ***Read Psalm 27:1, 4-9***  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22 ~ ***Read Matthew 4:12-23***  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 23 ~ ***Read Isaiah 9:1-4***  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 ~ ***Read Psalm 27:1, 4-9***  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 ~ ***Read Isaiah 9:1-4***  
MONDAY, JANUARY 26 ~ ***Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-31***  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27 ~ ***Read Micah 6:8***  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28 ~ ***Read Psalm 15***  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 29 ~ ***Read Micah 6:1-8***  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 30 ~ ***Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-31***  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 ~ ***Read Matthew 5:1-12***