



SECOND AVENUE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Pastor's Letter

Church,

Can you believe it is already March 2026? Where has the time gone? As I write this, my heart, my cold fingers, and my cold toes long for warmer weather, longer days, and the ability to wear fewer than three layers when I leave the house. However, I don't want anyone to miss what God has for us on this day. God has a moment for you to love and bless someone. God offers you an opportunity to deepen your faith through spiritual disciplines, worship, fellowship, or service. God has a growth area for you to shed past sin and temptation and move towards entire sanctification. Look towards the future, but don't miss what God has for you today.

In the month of March, we embark on our Lenten journey once again. This journey is long and challenging, but it is worthwhile and transformative. Make it a priority to join a small group or Sunday school class. Find an opportunity to serve. Our church has ministry opportunities, but I'd be happy to connect you with opportunities in other areas if you're looking for ways to serve. Two final things: 1) Make in-person worship a priority. I've said it on a few occasions, and I'll say it again: "The church is better when you attend." Now, for those who cannot attend in person or are traveling, we do have a livestream option. Let's hold nothing back in our Lenten worship. 2) Fellowship always. It is my prayer and hope that you will seek to do life with one another. However, life is messy. People say things they should not. People gossip when they should encourage, and people sometimes pull away for reasons we don't understand. Pray for them. Encourage them. Show up for them. Give them space if needed but let them know they can count on you.

I cannot tell you how excited I am about this Lenten sermon series: Back to the Father. These texts highlight Jesus' final week of teaching and actions, showing that He completed His earthly work well before returning to the Father. All these texts will be taken from the Gospel of Luke. Keep being the Church. God ridiculously loves you.

Blessings,
PB

Lent



Pastor's Notes

Holy Week 2026

3/29 Palm Sunday

8:15/10:45 AM

Easter Egg Hunt following
10:45 service

4/2 Maundy Thursday

Service at 2nd Ave, time TBA

4/3 Good Friday

Service at 2nd Ave, time TBA

24-Hour Prayer Vigil

4/4 Easter Sunday

7 AM service,

8 AM breakfast,

9:30 AM service

Rhett Walker's Faith & Family Tour

Sunday, March 15th
6:30 PM

With special guests
Olivia Lane & Follow
Tickets available now,
scan below



As you receive your tax refund, pray about what the Holy Spirit is asking you to do. If you're able to tithe that refund to the disaffiliation loan, that would be so appreciated. What that means is that if your refund is \$1,000, you'd write a check for \$100 to the disaffiliation loan. That is the green envelope at the church.

Soup & Sandwich

Lunch

3/21/26 11:30-1

Food Pantry

3/27/26 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 Petracca

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

March Counters:

Tom Ardrey

Lynne Palazzi

Catch up on Sunday services on our YouTube channel

youtube.com/

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Second Ave Kids

The 2026 Easter Egg Hunt is quickly approaching. The Easter Egg Hunt is for everyone in 5th grade and under. You must be preregistered for the event and parent/guardians must stay for the entirety of the event. Lunch will be provided. You may use this link to sign up:

<https://forms.gle/BP441MeNc4LzEGKKA>

Since we have so many kids participating in junior church, we need some drinks and snacks. Currently, we need 8oz water bottles & chips. You can view our Amazon list of the 2nd Ave Kids Facebook page for ideas on what to get.

We are always looking for volunteers; we have more kids coming to the nursery, so if this is something you'd like to help with once a month (or once every other month), please let me know.

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

Youth Group

The Youth Group has been working hard at the Lenten Fish Fry each week. If you haven't already, we highly encourage you to join us for a great meal and to see our youth kids hard at work.

Youth Group is planning on going to Winter Jam at the Bryce Jordan Center on March 28th. We will be discussing more details about this at Youth Group as we get closer.

Save the Date: August 3rd – 8th will be the 2026 Mission Trip for all Youth Group kids in 6th through entering 12th grade. We currently have a growing youth group. If you are interested in volunteering for Youth Group, please let me know.

-Nic Harclerode

FISH DINNER INFO: doors open at 4 PM, call in to-go orders beginning at 3:30 PM. Take out meals are \$15. All you can eat buffet (includes dessert & select beverages) pricing \$18/adults, \$15/65+, \$13/kids 10 & under.



The ROCK

The ROCK has been having a great time over the last few months. We have had a steady group of kids attending the ROCK each week and need a few more volunteers. The kids are excited for their upcoming Easter Egg Hunt, and end of year party. If you are interested in donating to either of these events or volunteering, please reach out. Thank you all for your continued support of such a great program.

-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.

March Daily Scripture Reading

For 2026, we are borrowing a daily scripture & devotional from “The Upper Room Disciplines 2026.” Below are the daily verses for March. 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.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1 ~ *Read John 3:3-17*
MONDAY, MARCH 2 ~ *Read Exodus 17:1-4*
TUESDAY, MARCH 3 ~ *Read Exodus 17:1-7*
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 ~ *Read Psalm 95:1-7*
THURSDAY, MARCH 5 ~ *Read Psalm 95:8-11*
FRIDAY, MARCH 6 ~ *Read Romans 5:1-5*
SATURDAY, MARCH 7 ~ *Read Romans 5:6-11*
SUNDAY, MARCH 8 ~ *Read John 4:5-42*
MONDAY, MARCH 9 ~ *Read John 9:1-41*
TUESDAY, MARCH 10 ~ *Read John 9:1-41*
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 ~ *Read 1 Samuel 16:1-13*
THURSDAY, MARCH 12 ~ *Read Psalm 23*
FRIDAY, MARCH 13 ~ *Read Ephesians 5:8-14*
SATURDAY, MARCH 14 ~ *Read Psalm 23*
SUNDAY, MARCH 15 ~ *Read Ephesians 5:8-14*
MONDAY, MARCH 16 ~ *Read Psalm 130*
TUESDAY, MARCH 17 ~ *Read John 11:1-35*
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 ~ *Read Ezekiel 37:1-14*
THURSDAY, MARCH 19 ~ *Read Ezekiel 37:1-14*
FRIDAY, MARCH 20 ~ *Read John 11:17-45*
SATURDAY, MARCH 21 ~ *Read Romans 8:6-11*
SUNDAY, MARCH 22 ~ *Read Psalm 130*
MONDAY, MARCH 23 ~ *Read Psalm 31:9-16*
TUESDAY, MARCH 24 ~ *Read Isaiah 50:4-9a*
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 ~ *Read Philippians 2:5-11*
THURSDAY, MARCH 26 ~ *Read Matthew 26:6-13*
FRIDAY, MARCH 27 ~ *Read Matthew 26:30-35, 69-75*
SATURDAY, MARCH 28 ~ *Read Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29*
SUNDAY, MARCH 29 ~ *Read Matthew 21:1-11*
MONDAY, MARCH 30 ~ *Read Isaiah 42:1-9*
TUESDAY, MARCH 31 ~ *Read Psalm 36:5-11*