
Second Helpings

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Pastor's Page– Rev. Stephanie Hannah



“The angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.’” - Matthew 28:5-6.

Happy April and Happy Easter, church family,

As we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let each of us be reminded of the profound message of hope and new life that Easter brings. The empty tomb stands as a powerful witness to God's deep and abiding love for the world, and to the gift of salvation given through Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection. Easter reveals that God is always at work for good, even when we can't see it. God brings light to our darkness, hope to our despair, and turns tragedy into triumph. With God, nothing is impossible. As the angel said, "Do not be afraid. He is not here. He has risen!" Easter invites us to live into the power of the resurrection, walking with boldness and joy, relying not on our own strength, but on the endless grace, love, light, and hope of Christ. Even in moments of trouble, doubt, or uncertainty, the power of the risen Christ meets each of us where we are and brings us healing, peace, and reconciliation.

During this Easter Season and beyond, let us live with resurrection faith, expecting Christ to show up, move, and transform lives, churches, communities, and the world. Easter assures us that nothing—not hardship, failure, or even death—can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. So, let us live as resurrection people—with expectant hearts, courageous spirits, and a hope that does not fade.

May the joy, peace, and hope of Easter fill your heart and guide your steps. May you experience the power of Christ's resurrection in your life and your relationships. May God's love and grace be with each of you always.

Blessings,

Pastor Stephanie



April Sermon Scriptures

April 05 Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 | “Eyewitness Reports”

April 12 John 20:19-31; Matthew 14:25-31 | “Doubting Thomas”

April 19 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35 | “Our Own Road to Emmaus”

April 26 Proverbs 4:10-18; John 10:1-10 | “Voices”

Highlights In Pictures



Thank you to our team from Second Avenue UMC that volunteered to help Rise Against Hunger at Rome First UMC. In addition to helping prepare meals in person, our congregation also donated \$155 towards the Rise Against Hunger Mission at Rome First UMC.

Haven Health Clinic was our March Mission Project. We collected 689 Diapers, 4032 baby wipes, and \$100 in cash donations! Thank you to everyone who helped us give back to our community through our donations to Haven Health.



Our choir had great representation and sounded beautiful for the moving and emotional Palm Sunday Service.

Brother's Place was our April Mission. Our kindness reached the residents rebuilding their life through this organization. We were able to provide \$650 (50 ten-ride bus passes), 2 work tables, canned goods, rice, dried beans, party peanuts, toilet tissue, and a couple of homemade meals.



Keenagers hosted the Floyd County Sheriff's Office and their K9 Doc for our April monthly meeting. The FCSO shared useful tips on how to prevent SCAMS relevant to our area.



Congratulations to JoAnn Thomas & Tony Pack on their recent engagement!

Persons of the Week

April 05:
Rose Collum
 503 E 11th St SE
 Rome, GA 30161

April 12:
Lib Rogers
 3126 Cedartown Hwy SW
 Suite 1105
 Rome, GA 30161

April 19:
Diane Carol Minshew
 10 Hwy 411
 Apt 140
 Rome, GA 30161

April 26:
Jean Christian
 103 Wells Dr.
 Rome, GA 30161

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

April Schedule

Liturgists:

04/05 Mike Colombo
 04/12 Susan Stroup
 04/19 Doug Meredith
 04/26 Dennis Urquhart



Acolytes:

04/05 Kevin Baleon-Ruiz
 04/12 Theo Kislat
 04/19 Jesse Meredith
 04/26

Prayer List

Congregation

Betty Albers
 Genny Alexander
 Rose Collum
 Barbara & Terry Cothran
 Nancy Davis
 Sue & Terry Duck
 John & Beth Kennedy
 Susan Kennedy
 Bill & Cindy Pharr
 Lib Rogers
 Jerry Waters

Friends & Family

Dusty Alexander
 Justin Allen & Family
 Madelyn Amerson
 Dana Andrews
 Dr B
 Myra Bates
 Jerry Branton
 Brooke Brown
 Jimmy Brown
 Gwen Bullock

Chris Butler
 Wayne Casey
 Kathy Cason
 Lisa Crowder
 Wendell Crowder
 Ruth Day
 Ellen Dickert
 Stephanie Dunn
 Roxanne Golden
 Carol Gunter
 Randy Hannah
 Elise & Parker
 Hendricks
 Myers Hendricks
 Hytowitz family
 Jessie (foster child)
 Kathy Jarvinan
 Gloria Johnson
 Garrette Jones
 Matthew King
 Faye Laney
 Josh Laney
 Ivy Law
 Pat Law

Chad Lester
 Paul Luthi
 Angela Mackler
 Martha Martin
 Taylor Martin
 Haley & Will McDonald
 Tom & Cheri McElroy
 Blakely Messer
 Pam Mills
 Raymond Millwood
 Terri Minor
 Lucie Mitchell
 Posey Mitchell
 Lynette Murphy
 Camil Nedela
 Holli Nix
 Bo Payne
 Jeremy Peace
 Kori Petty
 Beth Pitt
 Aimee Rank
 Roger Ramey
 Margaret Rodela
 Mike Sarver

Mallory Saville
 Peaches Shaw
 Nancy Sims
 Karen Stanley
 Shirley Stanton
 David Stevens
 Susan Tate
 Michael Thomason
 Nadia Vagnerova
 Esperanza Vail
 Pavel Wagner
 Lori Watters
 Ray Waters
 Jill Wells
 Alice Wiener
 Mitzi Wilburn
 Autumn Wilkey
 Kennedy Williams
 Morgan Wilson
 Jalen Wofford
 Laura Beth Wright
 Tommy Yarborough

United Women in Faith, April 11



United Women in Faith will be meeting on Saturday, April 11 beginning at 10:00am with brunch.

We will have biscuits and honey, bacon, 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 at (706-346-0786, butlerjrt@gmail.com).

We will be finished by 11:30am so that you can get on with your day.



Spring is most definitely in the air right now with all the pollen everywhere, and bees are emerging from their winter hibernation. Our program will be “Lessons Bees Teach Us,” so you will want to “BEE” there to learn about these fascinating little insects.

I bet you didn’t know that bees have 5 eyes, 4 wings, smelly feet, and no knees? Did you know that there are over 60 Bible references to bees? Bees represent God’s blessings, strength, and love, serving as a model of orderly living and devotion. We will have a “honey” of a time learning all about bees together. You might even leave with a sweet treat! I look forward to seeing everyone—bring a friend!

Cindy Smith
UWF President



April Mission Project—Open Door Home



Open Door Home provides safe, short- and long-term care for youth who have been neglected and/or abused. It has served this area for nearly 100 years, and since the year 2000, separate housing is provided for boys and girls in their care.

This month we will collect hygiene products for diverse ethnicities, girls and boys ages 11-18.

Suggestions: body wash, shampoo, deodorant, feminine products, pimple patches, toothbrushes, etc. Items can be placed in collection bins in the Fellowship Hall.

If you are interested in learning more about Open Door Home and how you can help, please reach out to Nina Wheeler at (706-506-9528).



Keenagers

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for our monthly Keenagers meeting on April 16 at noon. We will have a covered dish lunch and a special interactive program that will be fun for all! Everyone is invited!

Please contact Judy Myers for more details (706-346-8993).

Joyful Ringers, Handbell Choir Performance

Mark your calendar and plan to join us during our Sunday worship on April 19 as the Joyful Ringers handbell choir will perform for our congregation in the Sanctuary at 11am.

We also have 2 vacant spots in the handbell choir that need to be filled. We are looking for people who can read music, membership in the church is not required. Please contact Pam Mullins (404-375-7594)

Vital Signs



Budgeted amount needed as of March: \$61,822.76

Actual amount given as of March: \$55,452.36

Financial giving in month of March (Budget and Designated): \$24,515.15

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 Laura to mail you a copy (either Large Print or Regular size), please contact her at the church office.

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

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April Anniversaries
4/06 Lee & Rhonda Upshaw

Birthdays & Anniversaries:
If we haven't included your birthday
or anniversary, please contact
Laura in the church office
(706.234.6406).

April Birthdays

4/07 Steve Davis
4/08 Amy Astin
4/09 Anthony Colombo
4/09 Scottie Edwards
4/21 Adam Rogers
4/21 Lauren Rogers Wilson
4/25 Rhonda Upshaw
4/26 Carol Edwards
4/27 Stephanie Hannah

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	2 6:00pm Handbell Choir Practice	3	4
5 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Worship	6 Lee & Rhonda Upshaw	7 Steve Davis	8 Amy Astin 6:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	9 Anthony Colombo Scottie Edwards	10	11 10:00am UWF Monthly Meeting
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