

# Second Helpings

*Second Avenue United Methodist Church ~ December 2018*

## *Special Events in December*

- December 02 - Sub-District Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long at Second Avenue UMC
- December 05—Meals & More Rome First UMC
- December 08—Christmas Ornaments of the World
- December 09—Christmas Caroling on the Trolley
- December 16—Christmas Cantata
- December 16—Men's Club/UMW Christmas Dinner
- December 20—Sub-District Longest Night Service (Trinity UMC)
- December 24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
- December 24 & 25—Church Office Closed



Our Mission: 'Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World'  
Our Vision: 'Knowing Christ & Making Christ Known'

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## *Christmas Ornaments of the World*

**Saturday, December 8 ~ 12:00-3:00 pm**

Fellowship Hall

This is a children's event in which children learn about different ornaments of the world, actually make them, and take them home to enjoy. There will be Live Nativity outside with the reading from the Gospel of Luke. If you have Christmas ornaments or decorations from different parts of the world, would you please let us borrow them for that day? If you would like to volunteer, please let Rev. Millie know. Be sure to invite friends and family to attend this special event!

## *Christmas Eve Candlelight Services*

**Monday, December 24 ~ 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.**

Make plans to join us at 6:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve for a traditional Christmas pageant telling the timeless story of God's love. The service will also include familiar Christmas carols and end with a special candlelight version of Silent Night to welcome the birth of the Christ child.

At 8:00 p.m., we will have a candlelight communion service. Plan to come and bring a friend or family member.

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



First, I would like to thank all of you for your prayers and support during the time of our loss. My husband felt all your thoughts and prayers while he was overseas burying his father and mother. It's been a challenging time for our family feeling the impact of the loss and grief and in addition, trying to help Kevin's disabled sister. What had transpired in our family made us more keenly aware of those who are going through difficulties in life. And we are praying for them and helping out more as the jolly season approaches.

We live in a time, age, and place where it is almost fatal to show our vulnerability. Social media has something to do with that, but it is our general tendency to paint ourselves better than who we really are. If people just looked at my Facebook, they would think that I have a perfect life with a handsome husband, beautiful girls, almost a thousand friends, endless resources and bliss from them all. The truth is that I am not perfect and I lead an imperfect life; I am a sinner in need of grace, mercy, and forgiveness. I am a high-maintenance and needy person! And I need Jesus every moment!

When I was preparing for a sermon, I read Brene Brown, a research professor at the University of Houston who spent the past two decades studying courage, vulnerability, shame, and empathy. She is the author of five #1 *New York Times* bestsellers: *The Gifts of Imperfection*, *Daring Greatly*, *Rising Strong*, *Braving the Wilderness*, and *Dare to Lead*. These are Brene Brown's words defining 'vulnerability': *"Vulnerability...when I ask people what is vulnerability, the answers were things like sitting with my wife who has a stage 2 breast cancer and trying to make plans for our children, my first date after my divorce, saying I love you first, asking for a raise, sending my child to school being enthusiastic and supportive of him and knowing how excited he is about orchestra tryouts and how much he wants to make first chair and encouraging him and supporting him and knowing that's not going to happen."*

Vulnerability is courage. It's about the willingness to show up and be seen in our lives as who we are. In those moments when we show up, raise our heads, and stand tall, the most powerful meaning-making, meaningful moments of our lives happen. And I call them, "defining moments of our lives." In this jolly season, I want you to meditate on the word, "vulnerability" and consider the cornerstone of our faith, Jesus Christ, our gentle savior and Messiah, who came to us as a baby totally dependent on his parents, taken to Egypt as a refugee at the mercy of Egypt, growing up as a carpenter's son, mocked and beaten, and then hung up on a cross like a criminal to die.

A merry Christmas! Christ came; he came for me and you- and for all!

Rev. Millie

## DECEMBER SERMON SCRIPTURE

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December 02	Jeremiah 33:14-16   Luke 21:25-36   "A Little Child Shall Lead Us"   First Sunday of Advent
December 09	Malachi 3:1-4   Luke 3:1-6   "Prepare Your Hearts"   Second Sunday of Advent
December 16	"Christmas with Second Avenue" Cantata   Third Sunday of Advent
December 23	Micah 5:2-5a   Luke 1:39-45   "O Little Town of Bethlehem"   Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24	Christmas Eve "Timeless Story"   Isaiah 9:2-7   Luke 2:1-14
December 30	Guest Preacher   First Sunday after Christmas

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**Berry College exchange student Peter Steiner-Johnsen gave us insights about his home country Denmark.**



**Church Safety Officer from Floyd County Sheriff's Office**



**Annual Men's Yard Sale**



**Isaac Tucker presenting his bill for debate at Youth Assembly Simulation of the Georgia General Assembly**



**Happy Thanksgiving**



**The Rodeph Sholom Jewish Congregation service of solidarity**



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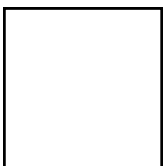
## December Birthdays

12/01	Sissy Kim-Soh
12/03	Lib Rogers
12/04	Hazel Barton
12/05	Jim Burton
12/07	Theo Kislat
12/09	LuAnn Williams
12/11	Darlene Wallace
12/15	Iva Chapman
12/17	Randy Embree
12/17	Mike Jackson
12/19	Jesse Barton
12/22	Anne Whitefield
12/25	Jean Christian
12/26	Bill Underwood
12/29	Brennan Baker
12/31	Maddie Gibson

## December Anniversaries

12/05	Paul & Vicki Barfield
12/08	Jody & Martha Rogers
12/11	Beth & Mike Colombo
12/26	Jamie & Mike Jackson

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:**  
If we haven't included your anniversary or birthday, please contact JoAnn Baker in the church office (706.234.6406).  
We want to celebrate with you!



We're on the Web:  
2aveumc.org



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Vital Signs

Average Worship Attendance in November: 82

Financial giving in November: \$27,117

Budgeted amount needed as of November: \$201,695

Budgeted amount given as of November: \$188,666

We are now only **\$13,029** behind on our budget needs!

Let's work on catching up this month!

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## End of Year Giving

Dear Second Avenue Friends,  
Thank you for your financial generosity this year. In these final weeks of 2018, 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 2018. Contributions received after that date will appear on your giving statement for 2019.

Blessings,  
Greg Gaston, 2018 Finance Committee Chair

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## Blessings and Gratitude

Dear friends,

Thank you so much for sending me a copy of the Sunday worship service each week. I really enjoy it. ...I pray for all the families and members and Rev. Millie. I hear great things about her and what she means to the church.

I am doing well but still weak and shaky. I have been so blessed and I am so thankful for all your prayers. God has been so good to me!

Blessing to all,  
Carolyn Garwood

2nd Avenue Members,

Thank you for your kindness, your cards, phone calls, and your gift of love.

God bless you guys,  
Pat Jones

Dear Friends,

Heather, a United Methodist Children's Home foster mom, recently told us, "F" is for foster care, but 'F' is also for Family. Because at the end of every day, every kid deserved a family, even if it's a 'fill-in' family until they go back to theirs." By giving to The Children's Home, you help create families. Thank You!

We recently celebrated Heather's adoption of two siblings at The Children's Home. While most children we care for are reunited with their birth family, now and then we get to celebrate the formation of a new family. These moments are rare, and as you might guess, very special.

Because of your generous gift of \$435 to The Children's Home, we can support individuals like Heather as they provide a safe, loving home to children in need.

Thank you! You have made a real difference in the lives of children in Georgia.

Sincerely,  
Kate Schrum, Director of Development  
The United Methodist Children's Home

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Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall  
mount up with WINGS like eagles... Isaiah 40:31

## Worship...

### Christmas Cantata:

Sunday, December 16 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Join us for our choir's performance of *Christmas with Second Avenue*. We are excited to share the joy of the Gospel message of Christmas in song and hope you will bring friends and neighbors to worship with us.

### The Longest Night:

Thursday, December 20 ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Trinity UMC

We need hope in the midst of the Christmas season, when some are filled with pain and doubt while the world seems to celebrate with joy. Join with other churches in our sub-district for this service of prayer and healing at the winter solstice, when the darkness of night is longest.

### Christmas Eve Services:

Monday, December 24 ~ 6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

During the Christmas Eve service at 6:00 p.m., the children will tell the timeless story of God's love with a Christmas pageant. The service will also include familiar Christmas carols and end with a special candlelight version of Silent Night to welcome the birth of the Christ child.

All children are invited to participate. Practices will be on Wednesdays, November 28 to December 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

At 8:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, we will have a Candlelight and Communion Service. Everyone is invited to participate in one or both services and bring a friend.

## Invite...

### Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long:

Sunday, December 2 ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ Second Ave. UMC

Get in the Christmas spirit with friends from our sub-district United Methodist churches at this annual celebration of favorite Christmas carols and Christmas cookies hosted again this year by our congregation. Invite your friends and neighbors to join in as we welcome the Advent season.

## Nurture...

### Christmas Dinner:

Sunday, December 16 ~ 6:00 p.m. @ **Sweet P's**

The Men's Club and United Methodist Women invite you to their annual Christmas dinner and entertainment. Come and rejoice in the season with good food, fun, and fellowship. Dinner is \$12.00 per person. Contact Terry Clift for more info at 706-506-4205.

### Trolley Caroling:

Sunday, December 9 ~ 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Hop on the trolley for a jolly good time caroling for our shut-in members! Always a fun time for children, youth, and adults to share in the joy of the season together.

### Keenagers:

Thursday, December 20 ~ noon

Join the Keenagers for a Christmas celebration potluck lunch at noon. For more information, contact Terry Clift at 706-506-4205.

### Christmas at the Parsonage:

Those of you who don't have family in town, the Kim-Sohs invite you to the Parsonage on Christmas Day at 3:00 p.m. for Christmas Dinner. Please RSVP to Millie.

## Grow...

### Christmas Ornaments of the World:

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## Serve...

### Christmas Giving:

We share Christ's love each Christmas season through the Angel Tree and Toys for Tots. Please bring Angel Tree items by Sunday, December 2 and Toys for Tots items by Sunday, December 9.

### Meals & More:

We will help pack and deliver meals to those in need on Tuesday, December 4, 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Rome First UMC, located at 202 E. 3rd Avenue. You can help by volunteering your time or by contributing individually wrapped cookies or snack cakes or single serve sized potato chips for the meals. We also give away travel size soaps, lotions, shampoo, and other toiletry items. Please bring them to the box in the Fellowship Hall.

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## Acolytes:

12/02 Theo Kislat  
12/09 Isaac Tucker  
12/16 Macy Davis  
12/23 Noah Tucker  
12/30 Railey Davis

## Liturgists:

12/02 Doug Meredith  
12/09 Patty Baker  
12/16 Mike Colombo  
12/23 Amy Asin  
12/30 Thomas Kislat

## Ushers:

Phil Taylor (head usher)  
Bob Baker, Jill Borchert,  
Ralph Davis, Dan Emerick,  
Beth Gibbons

## Nursery:

12/02 Buffy Davis  
12/09 Mary Beth Broxterman  
12/16 Beth Gibbons  
12/23 Emily Embree  
12/30 Betty Crymes

## Congregational Care & Concern:

12/02 Darlene Wallace  
12/09 Nancy Clift  
12/16 Shirley Dodson  
12/23 Sally Farmer  
12/30 Inez Fears

## Counters:

12/02 Mike Colombo & Cindy Smith  
12/09 Mary Beth B. & Greg Gaston  
12/16 Barbara Cothran & Dan Emerick  
12/23 Amy Astin & Dottie Taylor  
12/30 Amy Astin & Dottie Taylor

## Flowers:

12/02 Davis  
12/09 Poinsettias  
12/16 Poinsettias  
12/23 Poinsettias  
12/30 Poinsettias

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## Wednesday Night Family Fellowship

Join us for Wednesday Nights in 3D: Dinner, Desserts and Devotionals

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dinner Served 6:00 p.m.; Program 6:30</li><li>• Reservation Required on Pew Pad or Call Office</li><li>• \$8 per person/\$16 family maximum</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$1 per person for dessert only</li><li>• Pizza for children available weekly</li><li>• First-time visitors &amp; children 10 and under eat free</li></ul> |
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### Programs

**12/05** Devotional  
**12/12** Terry Clift  
**12/19** Christmas Festivities  
**12/26** No Wednesday Night Supper

### Menus

**12/05** Meat Loaf, Green Beans, Mac & Cheese, Rolls, Dessert  
**12/12** Baked Chicken, Collards, Corn, Rolls, Dessert  
**12/19** Provino's—Lasagna, Spaghetti with or without Meat Sauce, Green Salad, Garlic Rolls, Dessert  
**12/26** No Wednesday Night Supper

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## Note from the Trustees

As part of our continued efforts to make our church as safe as possible, we have changed all doorknobs on the classrooms downstairs as well as the nursery.

These are all now capable of being locked from the inside if necessary.

They are all keyed alike and keys will be kept in the church office if we should ever need them.

Phil Taylor, Trustees

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## Need A Prayer?

Please let us know your prayer concerns. You may submit prayer requests:

- In writing: fill out a prayer request form in the sanctuary pew racks
- By phone: call the prayer line at 706.234.6406 (press 3 when prompted)
- By email: millie@2aveumc.org

If you have a confidential request, please contact Rev. Millie (404.759.4778) .

*"Pray, and let God worry." Martin Luther*

## Pastoral Care Need?

Please contact the church ASAP when you are in need of Pastoral Care!

To contact the Pastor:

- During office hours, please call 706.234.6406
  - After hours, please call 404.759.4778
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## Prayer List

### Congregation

Susan Autry  
Paul Barfield  
Ercel Blair  
Donna Bledsoe  
Lynda Boggs  
Lee Brock  
Herb Brown  
Danny Carver  
Carolynn Carver  
Giles Chapman  
Erin Ables Clark  
Ronnie Farmer  
John Franclemont  
Phil & Jane Franssen  
Joyce Gann  
Michelle Gibson  
Carolyn Garwood  
David Gresham Norma Gresham  
Charles Griffin  
Faye Kesler  
Mardelle Lynch  
Susan Pierce  
Lib Rogers  
Edith Swint

Vivian VanLandingham

Carol Vogt

### Friends & Family

Oneida Adams  
Travis Atkinson  
Sarah Bailie  
Betty Jo Barton  
Ray Billy Bishop  
Terri Black  
Dr. Mary Boggs  
Ginger Bokma  
Kendall Boyd  
Griffin Brewster  
Linda Brown  
Shirley Carroll  
MaeDell Clark  
Laurel Conly  
Sonia Conly  
Terry Duck  
Daria Giebler  
Patty Harvey  
Bob Henderson  
Billy Holmes  
Teresa Johnson  
Garrett Jones

Milton Kahn

Alice Kesler

Bill & Peggy Lanier

Angela Mackler

Dean Mallow

Franklin Manning

Cade Maynor

Lisa McDaniel

Military Personnel

Family of Gabby Morales

John Morris & Family

Julie Ousley

Rev. Dr. Harvey Palmer

Peggy Pharr

Connie Ray

Ed & Peggy Reynolds

Hardy J. Sams

Steve Shaw

Trish Sherman

Family of Therian Hester Smith

Elise Sullens

President Trump

Jim Williams

Kennedy Williams

Edmund & Sandy Yeargan

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## Persons of the Week

### **December 02: Kevin Soh**

1 Benvenue Drive  
Rome, GA 30161

### **December 09: Donna Bledsoe**

667 Compton Road, SE  
Silver Creek, GA 30173-2958

### **December 16: Faye Kesler**

19 Maplewood Square  
Rome, GA 30161-5929

### **December 23: Michelle Gibson**

6 Parkwood Circle  
Rome, GA 30161-3489

### **December 30: Joyce Gann**

Rome Health & Rehab, Room 40  
1345 Redmond Road  
Rome, GA 30161-7101

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

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## December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Sissy Kim-Soh
<b>2</b> 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>3</b> Lib Rogers	<b>4</b> 9:30am Helping Hands 3:30pm Meals & More @ Rome First UMC	<b>5</b> Jim Burton Paul & Vicki Barfield 6:00pm Wednesday Night Family Fellowship	<b>6</b> 10:00am Joyful Noise 5:00pm Line Dancing	<b>7</b> Theo Kislat	<b>8</b> Jody & Martha Rogers 12:00pm Ornaments of the World Event
<b>9</b> LuAnn Williams 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 2:00pm Caroling on the Trolley	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Darlene Wallace Mike & Beth Colombo 9:30am Helping Hands	<b>12</b> 6:00pm Wednesday Night Family Fellowship	<b>13</b> 10:00am Joyful Noise 5:00pm Line Dancing	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Iva Chapman 10:00am Church Conference
<b>16</b> 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Cantata 6:00pm UMW/Men's Club Christmas Dinner	<b>17</b> Mike Jackson Randy Embree	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Jesse Barton 6:00pm Wednesday Night Family Fellowship	<b>20</b> 10:00am Joyful Noise 5:00pm Line Dancing 7:00pm Longest Night Service at Trinity UMC	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Ann Whitefield
<b>23</b> 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve Church Office Closed 6:00pm Family Candlelight Service with Christmas Pageant 8:00pm Christmas Candlelight and Communion Service	<b>25</b> Christmas Day Church Office Closed Jean Christian	<b>26</b> Bill Underwood Jamie & Mike Jackson	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Brennan Baker
<b>30</b> 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>31</b> Maddie Gibson					