

Second Helpings

Second Avenue United Methodist Church ~ December 2019

Special Events in December

- December 01 - Baby Shower for Embrees
- December 03—Meals & More @ Rome First UMC
- December 03—Rome Christmas Parade
- December 08—Night in Bethlehem Event
- December 15—Christmas Cantata
- December 15—Men's Club/UMW Christmas Dinner
- December 19—Sub-District Longest Night Service (Trinity UMC)
- December 22—Christmas Caroling on the Trolley
- December 23—Children's Outing to Forum
- December 24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- December 24 & 25—Church Office Closed
- December 31—Meals & More @ Rome First UMC



Second Avenue United Methodist Church

Our Mission: 'Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World'

Our Vision: 'Knowing Christ & Making Christ Known'

Wesley Covenant Renewal Service **Sunday, January 5 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

Start off your year 2020 right by confessing your sins of the past, dedicating a new year to God, and asking for God's blessings. We will have a special Wesley Covenant Renewal Service on January 5. You will have a chance to come to the altar and pray for you and your family during the service. The Wesley Covenant Renewal Service is a historical service that Wesley used in his lifetime to invite people to (re)commit themselves to God. This covenant service is serious and assumes adequate preparation with prayer and resolution.

Director of Next Generation

Amy Astin will take on the staff position of "The Director of Next Generation" as of December 1. She will start as a Children's Church teacher and coordinate all children's activities. Her responsibilities will gradually expand as we are able to fund it in the future.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



I am so happy and excited that we are offering “A Night In Bethlehem” again to the community! It brings such joy to my heart and I would like to thank you for making it possible. I cannot do it alone; it involves over 30 volunteers! I pray that you would join me in praying for the children who would come and learn something about Bethlehem but most importantly about our Savior.

Bethlehem? Bethlehem means “a house of bread,” and it gained its name by providing bread for the city of Jerusalem and all its suburbs. Ephratha, meaning “fruitfulness,” used to be a wider region during the patriarchs but later used as a name for Bethlehem, that is, Ephratha is an ancient name for Bethlehem. Bethlehem was a famous city all throughout Jewish history. It is mentioned in the Old Testament alone 35 times (not including Ephratha) in 11 different books over the span of 1300 years.

Besides the patriarchs’ connection with it, Elimelech and Naomi, who were Ruth’s in-laws, were from Bethlehem and Boaz and Ruth’s son, Obed were born in Bethlehem. In Ruth 4:11, it says, “Then all the people who were at the gate, along with the elders, said, ‘We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you produce children in Ephrathah and bestow a name in Bethlehem.’” King David was from Bethlehem. In 1 Samuel 17:12, it tells us, “Now David was the son of an Ephrathite of Bethlehem in Judah, named Jesse, who had eight sons.” All the prophets of the old prophesied that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. It was a little, insignificant town but to us it is a town where our salvation and our savior was born! So how wonderful is it that we offer “A Night in Bethlehem” to the community! It is evangelism in a finest form! So again, I thank you!

I know it is the busy time of the year but here is my blessing from the old hymn!

“O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in;
Be born to us today. We hear the Christmas angels; The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us; Our Lord Emmanuel!”

A Merry Christmas,
Millie!

DECEMBER SERMON SCRIPTURE

December 01	Isaiah 2:1-5 Matthew 24:36-44 “Denali” First Sunday of Advent
December 08	Isaiah 11:1-10 Matthew 3:1-12 “Zion” Second Sunday of Advent
December 15	“ <i>Festival of Carols</i> ” Cantata Third Sunday of Advent
December 22	Isaiah 35:1-10 Matthew 1:18-25 “Death Valley” Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24	Christmas Eve Service
December 29	Nine Lessons and Carols Service First Sunday after Christmas

December Birthdays

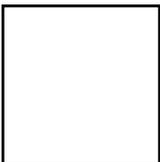
12/01 Sissy Kim-Soh
12/03 Lib Rogers
12/05 Jim Burton
12/07 Theo Kislak
12/09 LuAnn Williams
12/11 Darlene Wallace
12/15 Iva Chapman
12/17 Randy Embree
12/17 Mike Jackson
12/19 Jesse Barton
12/22 Anne Whitefield
12/25 Jean Christian
12/26 Bill Underwood
12/29 Brennan Baker
12/31 Maddie Gibson

December Anniversaries

12/08 Jody & Martha Rogers
12/10 Dennis & Kathy Urquhart
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!



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Vital Signs

Average Worship Attendance in November: 85

Financial giving in November: \$20,062

Budgeted amount needed as of November: \$205,784

Budgeted amount given as of November: \$192,896

We are now behind **\$12,888** on our budget needs!

Let's work on catching up this month!

End of Year Giving

Dear Second Avenue Friends,

Thank you for your financial generosity this year. In these final weeks of 2019, 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 2019. Contributions received after that date will appear on your giving statement for 2020.

Blessings,

Greg Gaston, 2019 Finance Committee Chair

Blessings and Gratitude

Valerie Moore East Asia Update

Current Prayer Requests

- that the Lord would reveal Himself to Hannah, Mary, Harriet, Martina, Vivi, and all the other students we have become friends with at our University
- that we would meet professing Christian students on our campus
- for motivation/perseverance as we go into the holiday season
- that the Lord would create multiplying disciples on our campus.

Love,
Valerie Moore

(Valerie's entire letter may be seen on bulletin board outside the office)

I wish to thank the church and congregation for the birthday cards and well wishes I recently received on my birthday. Thank you very much.

Giles Chapman

Thanksgiving Project:

Thanks for contributing to another great food drive for Rome Action Ministries! We helped fill the pantry with 20 grocery bags and a \$120 contribution from our congregation.

Thank each of you for the cards, phone calls, offers of help with errands and the beautiful flowers JoAnn arranged (plus balloons) and to cap it off Scottie's basket of apples and sweet potatoes. To make a day special—is to know you are thought of!

Anne Westfield

Good evening Dr. Millie.

Hope you are having a great day!! Sorry I have not written to you but I have been so busy with school, work, and cross country. Everything is good over here, studying hard and every day thanking God for giving me this opportunity to be here and I am always being grateful for all the things that you and the church have done for me. When you have an opportunity, please tell them thank you. Hope to see all of you soon.

Axel Baleon

SECOND HELPINGS

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 15 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Join us for our choir's performance of *Festival of Carols* by Joseph Martin. 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 19 ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ Trinity UMC

December is marked by happy shoppers and carols, family gatherings, and a seeming whirlwind of joy. But for some, it also brings pain and a sharp sense of loneliness. This service, designed for you to have opportunity to reflect, light candles of remembrance, and receive hope for the future, is offered for those who have experienced loss of any kind that overwhelms this holiday season.

Christmas Eve Services:

Tuesday, December 24 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Make plans to join us at 7:00 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. Everyone is invited to participate and bring a friend.

Invite...

Rome Christmas Parade:

Tuesday, December 3 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Second Avenue will have a float in this year's Rome Christmas Parade and we need your help to make it a success. We also need volunteers to help at our Hot Chocolate stand. The float theme will be "A Night in Bethlehem" portraying the Bethlehem village. Please see Rev. Millie to volunteer.

Serve...

Meals & More:

We will help pack and serve meals to those in need on Tuesdays, December 3 and December 31, 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 still need donations of Men's clothes to distribute.** Please bring them to the box in the Fellowship Hall.

Nurture...

Baby Shower:

Sunday, December 1 ~ after worship

All are invited to join us for a baby shower in the Fellowship Hall as we celebrate with Chad & Emily Embree. They are registered at Amazon under Chad Embree.

Wednesday Night Family Fellowship:

Wednesday, December 11 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Everyone is encouraged to join us for a special Christmas Supper catered by Provino's. Please come & bring a friend.

Christmas Dinner:

Sunday, December 15 ~ 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 \$15.00 per person. Please sign up on the bulletin board at church or call the church office. Contact Terry Clift for more info at 706-506-4205.

Keenagers:

Thursday, December 19 ~ noon

Join the Keenagers for a Christmas celebration potluck lunch at noon. For more information, contact Shirley Dodson at 706-233-1649.

Trolley Caroling:

Sunday, December 22 ~ 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.

Children's Outing:

Monday, December 23 ~ 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Here is a great opportunity for you to drop your child(ren) off and do your last minute Christmas shopping! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at noon, have pizza, practice the Christmas pageant, and then head on over to the Forum for ice skating. Cost is \$15/child.

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 for Christmas Dinner. Please RSVP to Millie.

Grow...

A Night in Bethlehem:

Sunday, December 8 ~ 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Please invite your family and friends. Kids wander through the bustling city of Bethlehem and discover what life was like when Jesus was born. Volunteers and donations needed.

SECOND HELPINGS

Acolytes:

12/01 Theo Kislat
12/08 Noah Tucker
12/15 Macy Davis
12/22 Railey Davis
12/29 Chloe Duck

Liturgists:

12/01 Doug Meredith
12/08 Greg Gaston
12/15 Ben McFry
12/22 Patty Baker
12/29 Lee Upshaw

Ushers:

Steve Davis (head usher)
Jill Borchert, Dan Emerick,
Ronnie Farmer, Tommy
Jones, Lee Roberts

Congregational Care & Concern:

12/01 Vicki Thomason
12/08 Darlene Wallace
12/15 Nina Wheeler
12/22 Nancy Clift
12/29 Shirley Dodson

Counters:

12/01 Mike Colombo & Cindy Smith
12/08 Mary Beth B. & Greg Gaston
12/15 Barbara Cothran & Dan Emerick
12/22 Amy Astin & Dottie Taylor
12/29 Amy Astin & Dottie Taylor

Flowers:

12/01 Poinsettias
12/08 Poinsettias
12/15 Poinsettias
12/22 Poinsettias
12/29

Nursery:

12/01 Betty Albers
12/08 Betty Crymes
12/15 Mary Beth Broxterman
12/22 Betty Albers
12/29 Kevin Soh

Wednesday Night Family Fellowship

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

12/11 Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

Menu

12/11 Provino's

Angel Tree

Thank you for taking angel ornaments to provide Christmas gifts for the children of Murphy-Harpst Children's Home. Please return UNWRAPPED gifts *by Sunday, December 8*. You may also make a financial contribution to this project. For more information, please contact Betty Albers at 706.232.2559.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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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 or text 404.759.4778
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Prayer List

Congregation

Carl Alexander
Susan Autry
Donna Bledsoe
Herb Brown
Gerrie Burton
Jim Burton
Danny Carver
Giles Chapman
Erin Ables Clark
Nancy Davis
Ronnie Farmer
Phil & Jane Franssen
Carolyn Garwood
Jim Gibbons
David Gresham
Charles Griffin
Betty Hardy
Faye Kesler
Mardelle Lynch
Julie Mathis
Bill Pharr
Lib Rogers
Edith Swint
Vivian VanLandingham
Carol Vogt

Friends & Family

Katherine Ammons
Terri Black
Linda Brown
Norma & Jim Cannon
MaeDell Clark
Gary Cothran
Charlie Culberson
Daria Giebler
Branton Green
Jamie Griffin
Patty Harvey
Destiny Erica Head
Greg Helms
Bob Henderson
Khloe Hill
Audrey House
John Hunsucker
JoAnn Jacks
Larry Jacks
Janie Jolley
Garrett Jones
Milton Kahn
Bill & Peggy Lanier
Danny Lee
Bob Levesqu

Lisa McDaniel
James McGinnis
Military Personnel
Logan Nelson
Sherry Nolan
Diane Norrod
Julie Ousley
Andy Peabody
Connie Ray
Deborah Reynolds
Roberts Family
Jonathan Stough
Ryan Stubblefield
Karson Swiger
Hannah Thacker
Bonnie Thomas
Charlotte & Thomson Family
President Trump
Tyson Waid
Rick Walker
Angel Warren and Father
Mary Whillock
John Wiggin
Jim Williams and Family
Kennedy Williams
Debbie Willis

John Woodward
Regina Wright
Jerry Yarbrough

Persons of the Week

December 01: Phil Franssen

5 Rambling Oaks Drive, NE
Rome, GA 30165-9358

December 08: Mardelle Lynch

3013 Village Blvd. SE
Rome, GA 30161-1058

December 15: Herb & Paula Brown

68 Fred Kelly Road
Rome, GA 30161-9131

December 22: Lib Rogers

3126 Cedartown Hwy. SW, Apt. 1339
Rome, GA 30165-1113

December 29: Edith Swint

418 E. 8th Street
Rome, GA 30161-3357

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

December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sissy Kim-Soh 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Embree Baby Shower 6:00pm Sing-a-Long @ Rush Chapel UMC	2 6:00pm Girl Scouts	3 Lib Rogers 10:00am Helping Hands 3:30pm Meals & More 6:00pm Rome Christmas Parade	4 6:00pm Children's Christmas Pageant Practice	5 Jim Burton 11:00am Smartphone & Tablet Basics 5:00pm Line Dancing	6	7 Theo Kislat
8 Jody & Martha Rogers 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 2:00pm Night in Bethlehem	9 LuAnn Williams 6:00pm Girl Scouts	10 Dennis & Kathy Urquhart 10:00am Helping Hands	11 Darlene Wallace Mike & Beth Colombo 6:00pm Children's Christmas Pageant Practice 6:00pm Wednesday Night Family Fellowship Meal	12 11:00am Smartphone & Tablet Basics 5:00pm Line Dancing	13	14
15 Iva Chapman 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship--Cantata 6:00pm Men's Club/UMW Christmas Dinner @ Sweet P's	16 1:00pm Winthrop Senior Living Community 6:00pm Girl Scouts	17 Mike Jackson Randy Embree 10:00am Helping Hands	18 6:00pm Children's Christmas Pageant Practice	19 Jesse Barton 12:00pm Keenagers Covered Dish Lunch 5:00pm Line Dancing 6:30pm Longest Night Service @ Trinity UMC	20	21
22 Anne Whitefield 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 2:00pm Christmas Carolling on the Trolley	23 12:00pm Children's Outing to Forum on Ice	24 Christmas Eve Church Office Closed 7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 Christmas Day Church Office Closed Jean Christian	26 Bill Underwood Jamie & Mike Jackson	27	28
29 Brennan Baker 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	30	31 Maddie Gibson 10:00am Helping Hands 3:30pm Meals & More				