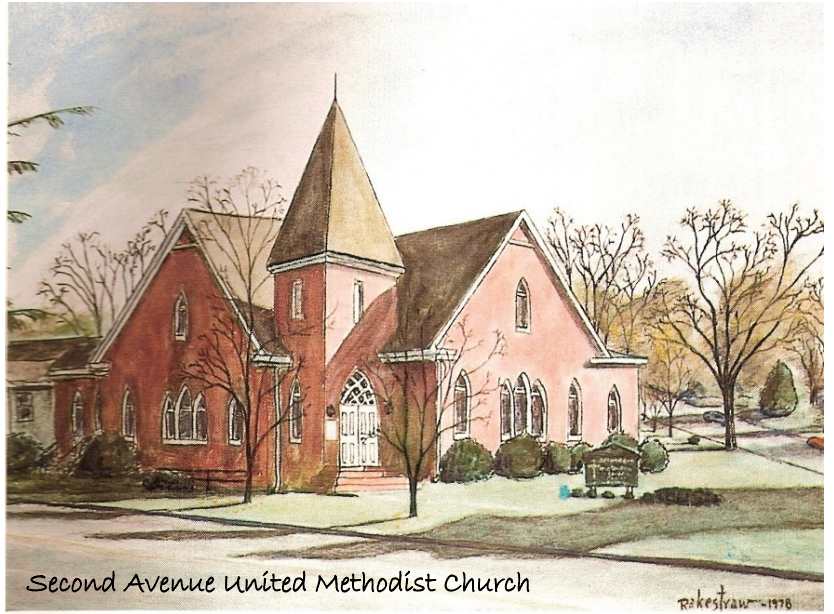


# Second Helpings

Second Avenue United Methodist Church ~ January 2018

## Special Events in January

- January 01 - Church Office Closed
- January 07 - Wesley Covenant Renewal Service
- January 10 - Birthday Bash
- January 11 - "Your Money or Your Life" Study Begins
- January 21 - Warmup Sunday
- January 25 - Keenagers
- January 30 - Meals & More



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

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

## Epiphany

Christmas is such a big celebration and a festival occasion for us Christians in the United States that its end on December 26 feels like a total collapse, both in the church and in the culture around us. We are so exhausted that we crawl into hibernation, especially during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. Preachers come to expect the Sunday after Christmas to be one of two "low Sundays" in the year (the other being the Sunday after Easter) and often take the day off themselves.

But for many Christians in other parts of the world, Epiphany is the main event of the season! So, after the twelve days of Christmas, the celebration is just getting started with the Day of Epiphany, January 6th, and it continues throughout the season of Epiphany that lasts until the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday on February 14.

Epiphany celebrates the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ. For the Western Church, the primary focus of the Day of Epiphany is the visit of the wise men (or magi) to the Christ child. That the wise men were non-Jews who came from the East tells us that Jesus reveals God's love for all the world. Western church Epiphany celebrations include gift giving, Twelfth Night parties, and house blessings. But in the Eastern Church, the focus is on Jesus' baptism, emphasizing the revelation of God in the fully human person of Jesus. Eastern celebrations center on blessings of water and baptismal rites, including some pretty chilly outdoor dips in the water in some parts of the world (even chillier than the Polar Bear Plunge in Cave Spring)!

Rather than a down-time after Christmas, let us receive these weeks of Epiphany as a time for celebrating the revelation of Jesus Christ bringing God's love into all the world and new possibilities into each one of our lives. Happy New Year and Happy Epiphany!

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



### A Morning Prayer

We come to call You to look upon and bless us all.  
No noise yet, no word, no act; among us, Lord,  
May You be always first named, first sought, first served. Amen.  
(from Prayers for My Village by Michel Bouttier)

On the very first Sunday of January, we will be installing new officers. Our nominations committee meets in the fall and tries our best to recommend leaders for our congregation. They are affirmed at the Charge Conference and are installed in January. It is always an honor and privilege to serve God but it is not always easy. Church leaders are often referred to as servants (diakones) in the New Testament and the qualifications are:

They are to be dignified, hospitable, honest, not deceitful, not sharp tongued, not short tempered, not a bully, not too free with the bottle, not in it for what they get out of it. They must be reverent before the mystery of the faith, not using their position to try to run things, not money-hungry. Let them prove themselves first. If they show they can do it, take them on. Servants in the church are to be committed to their spouses, attentive to their own children, and diligent in looking after their own affairs. Those who do this servant work will come to be highly respected, a real credit to this Jesus-faith. (adapted from 1 Timothy 3:8-13 & Titus 1:6-9, The Message)

Often our culture projects an image of excellent leaders. How many of you have read books on leadership and have been to a so-called leadership training? Many of us believe that we should just adopt the world's standards, but we have a different set of standards. Leadership in the Bible is about God and about others, especially those who follow, not the leaders themselves. I heard on the news the other day about a leader/CEO who gave himself a small sum of 5 million dollars for Christmas bonus. Leaders in the church are people who care about others, not a few individuals but the whole church, our Second Avenue village! They care for the shalom of the whole church. Leaders are not just the ones who mount up on a high horse and take off. They pace themselves so that others can follow. They are also the ones who train our next leaders by modeling service and hard work. Good leaders make other leaders. They are encouraging and nurturing. It is so fitting to use the shepherding image for leaders of the church. The world tells us that leaders must have certain skills, commanding power, intelligence, wisdom, experience, etc., and I am not discounting them at all. But look at Timothy who was a somewhat timid and awkward Mama's boy! Please note that what Paul saw in Timothy was qualities of the heart more than his abilities. Skills sets are important, and ingenious brain is important. But ultimately who we are is more important than what we do. Of course, this does not mean that what we do does not matter but our behavior ought to flow out of who we are. Rather than being a reservoir, we ought to be a river. We draw our life from Jesus and allow his life to flow out of us. That is what good leaders do in the church.

Good leaders are hard to find but we are so blessed to have such outstanding, dedicated and committed leaders here at Second Avenue! May God bless them and may you support them with your written notes, spoken words, and cooperation.

Blessings in the New Year,

Rev. Millie

## JANUARY SERMON SCRIPTURE

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| <b>January 07</b> | "Another Way"   Ephesians 3:1-12   Matthew 2:1-12              |
| <b>January 14</b> | "Speak, Lord, I Am Listening"   1 Samuel 3:1-10   John 1:43-51 |
| <b>January 21</b> | "It is time"   Jonah 3:1-5 and v. 10   Mark 1:14-20            |
| <b>January 28</b> | "What Have You To Do With Us?"   Psalm 111   Mark 1:21-28      |
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## Warm-up Sunday

Now through Sunday, January 21

Each January, we collect coats, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, blankets...anything that will help keep someone warm. These items will be donated to Meals & More who will distribute them to those in need. A collection box is in the Fellowship Hall.

Please feel free to put a note of encouragement in the pocket of your donated coat to warm its recipient's heart.

For more information, contact Dan Emerick at 706-844-4385.

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Vital Signs

Average Worship Attendance in December: 83  
Financial giving in December: \$26,673  
Budgeted amount needed as of December: \$224,048  
Budgeted amount given as of December: \$199,653

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## Blessings and Gratitude

Thanks:

Second Avenue,  
Thank you so much for the fruit basket; it was very nice and much appreciated. In my heart I will always be a part of the Second Avenue family even if I am not at the church in body.

Love,  
B. Turner

Thank you:

Dear Friends,  
Thank you all for your expressions of sympathy! The cards, calls and prayers made losing my brother Ray a little less difficult. Rhonda and I appreciate each and every one of you.

Blessings!  
Lee Upshaw

Dear Friends in Mission:

Thank you for your gift to support the following missionaries and ministries of the General Board of Global Ministries: Nancy Carew in Liberia, Disaster Response in United States, Red Bird Mission in Kentucky.

When giving through The Advance, the designated giving channel of The United Methodist Church, 100% of your contribution is applied to the designated project(s) or to missionary support. Giving through The Advance enables United Methodists to partner with one another in mission and ministry around the world. Thank you for joining with us in God's mission.

May God grant you a sense of hope and joy as you continue your support for mission.

Roland Fernandes, General Treasurer  
Russell Pierce, Executive Director of Communications,  
Advance & Fundraising  
General Board of Global Ministries

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## January Birthdays

1/01 Martha Rogers  
102 Brynn Flanery  
1/07 Phillip Gaston  
1/09 Terry Clift  
1/11 Tim Flanery  
1/12 JoAnn Baker  
1/16 Sue Duck  
1/17 Inez Fears  
1/20 Paula Brown  
1/21 MaeDell Clark  
1/21 Nancy Davis  
1/21 Andi Gibson Wear  
1/22 Beverly Gauthreaux  
1/24 Judy Myers

## January Anniversaries

1/03 Giles & Iva Chapman  
1/23 Gerrie & Jim Burton

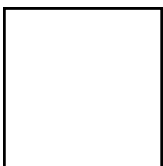
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## January Administrative Notes

January 7 - Lay Leadership Installation

### 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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**Betty Albers and Scottie Edwards  
deliver gifts to Murphy-Harpst**



**A Night in Bethlehem was a  
great success**



**Caroling on the Trolley**



**Keenagers**



**Christmas Eve Worship**



# SECOND HELPINGS

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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...

### Epiphany Sunday:

Sunday, January 3 ~ 11:00 a.m.

The celebration of Epiphany on January 6 marks the end of the Christmas season with a remembrance of the coming of the three wise men, who brought gifts to the Christ child. We welcome this first Sunday of a new year with a special Epiphany blessing for our church and homes in 2018.

### Wesley Covenant Service:

Sunday, January 7 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Start off your year 2018 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 7. 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.

### 2018 Flowers for Worship:

Please stop by the bulletin board outside the church office to sign up for Sunday(s) in the coming year to provide flowers for the chancel area of the Sanctuary. Each week's flowers are **\$41.50**, and you may give them in recognition of a significant event in your life or in honor or memory of a loved one. To get more information or sign up for a week if you are unable to come to the church, please contact JoAnn at 706.234.6406 or 2ndAve@bellsouth.net.

## Invite...

### Upper Room Devotionals:

New Upper Room devotionals, regular or large-print, are available outside the church office and downstairs. Please take one for yourself, family, and friends, and invite them to share in the Gospel message of God's love for our daily lives. We are grateful Amy Astin shares the Spanish version at Floyd Medical Center as a gift from our church.

### Helping Hands Joyful Noise Resume:

Tuesdays

Helping Hands and Joyful Noise will resume meeting on January 9. Helping Hands meets at 9:30 to knit and crochet blankets and caps to donate. Joyful Noise meets at 10:00 and is a music class for babies and toddlers taught by Rev. Millie. All are invited to these groups and are encouraged to bring a friend.

## Nurture...

### Keenagers:

Thursday, January 25 ~ noon

Join the Keenagers for a potluck lunch. Bring a dish to share, and invite a friend for food, fellowship, and fun. Contact Nancy Clift at 706.238.9379 or nclift1024@icloud.com.

### Birthday Bash:

Wednesday, January 10 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Come celebrate everyone's birthday at once with lots of cake and party games! Fun for all ages!

## Grow...

### "Your Money or Your Life" Study:

Thursdays, January 11-February 1 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Make plans to join us for a new 4-Week Bible Study, **Your Money or Your Life by Vicki Robin**, beginning in January. The study is full of examples, stories and experiences of many people who have followed the nine-step program in their journey to financial independence. It will help you to examine your personal finances and help you grow in stewardship. You can purchase the book or order through JoAnn at the church office. Please spread the word and recommend this study to those who need it. Nursery will be provided if needed; please contact the church office.

## Serve...

### Warm-up Sunday:

Sunday, January 21

On this Sunday each winter we collect coats, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, blankets...anything that will help keep warm. These items will be donated to Meals & More. A collection box is in the Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to put a note of encouragement in the pocket of your donated coat to warm its recipient's heart. For more information, contact the church office at 706.234.6406.

### Meals & More:

Tuesdays, January 30 ~ 3:30-5:30 p.m.

We will help pack and deliver meals to those in need on Tuesdays, January 30, 3:30-5:30 p.m. at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), located at 209 E. 2nd 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:

1/07 Chloe Duck  
1/14 Macy Davis  
1/21 Railey Davis  
1/28 Isaac Tucker

## Liturgists:

1/07 Mike Colombo  
1/14 Steve Davis  
1/21 Patty Baker  
1/28 Lee Upshaw

## Ushers:

Phil Taylor (head usher)  
Jill Borchert, Steve Davis,  
Lynn Duck, Dan Emerick,  
Greg Gaston

## Nursery:

1/07 Patty Baker  
1/14 Laura Bledsoe  
1/21 Buffy Davis  
1/28 Emily Embree

## Congregational Care & Concern:

1/07 Nancy Clift  
1/14 Shirley Dodson  
1/21 Sally Farmer  
1/28 Inez Fears

## Counters:

1/07 Mike Colombo & Cindy Smith  
1/14 Mary Beth B. & Greg Gaston  
1/21 Barbara Cothran & Dan Emerick  
1/28 Dottie Taylor & LuAnn Williams

## Flowers:

1/07  
1/14 Baker  
1/21  
1/28

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## Wednesday Night Family Fellowship

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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/\$15 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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### **Resumes on Wednesday, January 10 ~ 6:00 p.m.**

Join us for the annual **BirthDay Bash** and celebrate a year's worth of birthdays in our wonderful congregation.

Martha's Skillet will continue to cater our dinners.

Upcoming menus and programs will be announced weekly in the bulletin.

Join us each week at 6:00 p.m. for a fun time with good food and wonderful fellowship!



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## Women's Fellowship

The **United Methodist Women's** will hold its first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, January 16, at 6:00 p.m. We invite ALL ladies of the church to join us for an evening of dinner, fellowship, and a program. We are looking forward to a year of opportunities for growing spiritually and supporting missions locally, nationally, and globally. Mark your calendars—we really hope you will come join us. For more information, please contact Inez Fears at 404-550-3227 or [i\\_l\\_fears@yahoo.com](mailto:i_l_fears@yahoo.com).

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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

Helen Broom  
Herb Brown  
Danny Carver  
Giles Chapman  
Embree Family  
Phil & Jane Franssen  
Vesper Frazier  
Joyce Gann  
Margaret Gibson  
Norma Gresham  
Charles Griffin  
Lib Rogers  
Cindy Smith  
Lee & Rhonda Upshaw

### Homebound

Hazel Barton  
Ercel Blair  
Carolyn Garwood  
Eloise Johnson  
Vivian VanLandingham  
Carol Vogt

### Friends & Family

Oneida Adams  
Sarah Bailie  
Judy Barcik  
Jo Bentley  
Suzanne Black  
Terri Blake  
Brant Family  
Family of Carl Brooks  
Linda Brown  
Matt Bowen  
Elizabeth Burns  
Erin Ables Clark  
MaeDell Clark  
Othello Cogburn  
Jennifer Cooneen  
Rheba Cothran & Family  
Jack Early  
Laura Flandreau  
Chris Franssen  
Taylor Freeman  
Daria Giebler  
Bob Henderson  
Phil Herron

Buck Huckaby  
Lee Johnson  
Garrett Jones  
Milton Kahn  
Family of Fred Land  
Bill & Peggy Lanier  
Reba Lockaby  
Melody Loftin  
Dean Mallow  
Cade Maynor  
Military Personnel & Families  
Kaisley Miller  
Buford Moon  
John Morris & Family  
Connie Ray  
Cindy Reed  
Ed & Peggy Reynolds  
Trish Sherman  
Stough Family  
President Trump  
Jim Williams & Family  
Kennedy Williams  
Edmund & Sandy Yeargan

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## Persons of the Week

### **January 07: Wayne Wilkey**

179 Woodrow Wilson Way, Apt. 615  
Rome, GA 301615

### **January 21: Joyce Gann**

707 East 17th Street  
Rome, GA 30161-7101

### **January 14: Ronnie Farmer**

109 Brittany Lane, SE  
Rome, GA 30161-9480

### **January 28: Vivian VanLandingham**

108 Baby Doe Drive NW, Apt. B  
Rome, GA 30165-7724

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

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## January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Church Office Closed Martha Rogers New Year's Day	<b>2</b> Brynn Flanery	<b>3</b> Giles & Iva Chapman	<b>4</b> 5:00pm Line Dancing	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Epiphany Sunday Phillip Gaston 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Terry Clift 9:30am Helping Hands 10:00am Joyful Noise	<b>10</b> 6:00pm Wednesday Night Family Fellowship Resumes Birthday Bash	<b>11</b> Tim Flanery 5:00pm Line Dancing 6:00pm "Your Money or Your Life" Bible Study	<b>12</b> JoAnn Baker	<b>13</b>
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<b>21</b> Andi Gibson Wear Nancy Davis 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Warm Up Sunday	<b>22</b> Beverly Gauthreaux	<b>23</b> Gerrie & Jim Burton 9:30am Helping Hands 10:00am Joyful Noise	<b>24</b> Judy Myers 6:00pm Wednesday Night Family Fellowship	<b>25</b> 12:00pm Keenagers 5:00pm Line Dancing 6:00pm "Your Money or Your Life" Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
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