

Second Helpings

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Pastor's Page– Rev. Stephanie Hannah



Exciting New Adventures

It is with great joy and anticipation as I begin to serve as your pastor at Second Avenue. I am deeply grateful for the warm welcome we have received, and we are excited to embark on this journey of faith with you. My family and I are anxious to begin worshipping and serving with each of you. We are excited to see where God leads Second Avenue in the coming years as we begin this new adventure together.

I believe open communication is a vital part of life and ministry, so I want to start off by giving each of you my contact information that can be found below. I encourage you to reach out to me personally, whether it's to share your thoughts, ask questions, or simply to say hello. I'm eager to get to know each of you and to build meaningful relationships. My vision for Second Avenue is to foster a vibrant community where everyone feels welcomed, loved, supported, and empowered to grow in their relationship with God. I believe in the power of faith, compassion, and service, and I look forward to working alongside you to make a positive impact on our community.

We will be praying for each of you, and we ask that you do the same for us and for Rick and Nell as we all begin new exciting phases in our lives. I look forward to learning about each of you, about Second Avenue UMC, and about Rome. May this appointment be a blessing to all of us as we begin this new adventure together in worship and ministry.

In Christ,

Pastor Stephanie

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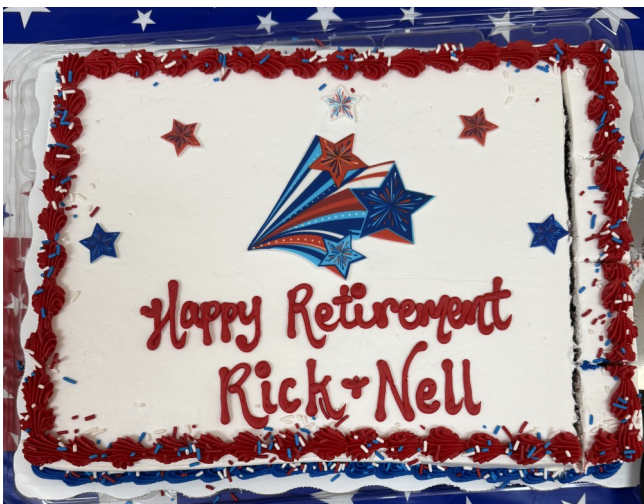
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July Sermon Scriptures

- July 06** Genesis 3:22-24, Revelation 21:22-24 | “The Tree of Life” | Amy Astin, preaching
July 13 Romans 15:1-6, Luke 10:25-37 | “I Want to Be a Good Samaritan”
July 20 Proverbs 4:20-27, Luke 10:38-42 | “Am I a Martha or a Mary?”
July 27 Philippians 4:4-9, Luke 11:1-13 | “Be Persistent in Prayer”

Highlights of June in Pictures



Retirement Farewell Lunch for Pastor Rick and Nell Maeser



Generous donations were received for Hospitality House Thrift Store, including 2 large boxes of DVDs, box of kids' arts & crafts materials, framed art, bookends, pillows and other home décor, bedding items, 3 extra large boxes of kitchen items (pots, blenders, toasters, flatware and utensils), floor steam cleaner, clothes hamper, and 10 bags of clothing.

July Schedule

Liturgists:

07/06 Mike Colombo
 07/13 Greg Gaston
 07/20 Susan Stroup
 07/27 Dennis Urquhart



Flowers:

07/06
 07/13
 07/20 Smith
 07/27

Blessings and Gratitude

Second Avenue Family,

Nell and I want to thank you so much for the very generous gift and the wonderful retirement lunch you provided on my last Sunday! We're humbled by these and other expressions of your love and care. I cherish the time we spent in ministry together and will always think of you with deepest love and appreciation.

Thank you for your prayers and well wishes for us at this time. We are praying for each of you as we depart. May God truly bless you and keep you.

Sincerely,
 Pastor Rick



NOTE!
ADDRESS CHANGE

Rick & Nell Maeser
 118 Spinnaker Drive
 Fort Oglethorpe, GA
 30742

July Mission Project for Living Proof Recovery

A non-profit agency operated by staff members, who, themselves, are living in long-term recovery, Living Proof is able to offer support to individuals and their families along their pathways to freedom from addiction, substance abuse disorders, and other mental health challenges.

Hygiene supplies are most needed for their "Next Door" residential facilities for men and women. Among the items suggested are shampoo, body wash, shaving cream, razors, wet-hair brushes, deodorant, and women's sanitary products. A complete list and collection bins are in the Fellowship Hall.

Upper Room Available

July-August Upper Room devotionals are now available. If you need JoAnn to mail you a copy, please contact the church office at 706.234.6406 or 2ndave@bellsouth.net.

Persons of the Week

July 06: Randy & Vicki Embree

110 Robin Street NW
Rome, GA 30165-1544

July 13: Jean Christian

103 Wells Drive
Rome, GA 30161-5973

July 20: Tom & Rose Collum

503 E 11th Street SE
Rome, GA 30161

July 27: Genny Alexander

1571 Old Summerville Road NW
Rome, GA 30165

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

“Prayer should not be regarded as a duty which must be preformed, but rather as a privilege to be enjoyed, a rare delight that is always revealing some new beauty.”

E.M. Bounds

Prayer List

Congregation

Betty Albers
Genny Alexander
Donna Bledsoe
Lee Brock & Family
Terry & Nancy Clift
Lynda Climer
Barbara & Terry
Cothran
Nancy Davis
Erna Dobbs
Sue & Terry Duck
Randy & Vicki Embree
Dan Emerick
Greg Gaston
Rev. Stephanie Hannah
& Family
Betty Hardy
Patty Jones
Paula Jones & Family
John & Beth Kennedy
Man & Sung Lee
Pastor Rick & Nell
Maeser
Ralph & Merinda
Magnicheri
Irene Martz

Jackie Payne
Bill & Cindy Pharr
Lib Rogers
Virginia Sanders
Orlando Shaw
Jerry Waters



Friends & Family

Dusty Alexander
Dana Andrews
Barry Barfield
Anne Barker
Jerry Branton
Brooke Brown
Jimmy Brown
Gwen Bullock
Chris Butler
Wayne Casey
Lisa Crowder
Wendell Crowder

Ruth Day
Patrick Demirjian
Stephanie Dunn
Family of Kay Gardner
Jim Gonzalez
Jimmy & Denise
Carol Gunter
Molly Horton
Hytowitz family
Jessie (foster child)
Kathy Jarvinan
Gloria Johnson
Garrette Jones
Matthew King
Faye Laney
Ivy Law
Chad Lester
Angela Mackler
Susan Maines
Martha Martin
Taylor Martin
Haley & Will McDonald
Tom & Cheri McElroy
Leisa McEntyre
Pam Mills
Terri Minor
Posey Mitchell

Ali Morales
Lynette Murphy
Mary Nance
Camil Nedela
Jeremy Peace
Harry Petersmarck
Beth Pitt
Mallory Saville
Greg & Lori Shore
Karen Stanley
Shirley Stanton
David Stevens
Susan Tate
Sue Thomason
Nadia Vagnerova
Esperanza Vail
Pavel Wagner
Family of Jerry Watford
Lori Watters
Ray Waters
Alice Wiener
Mitzi Wilburn
Kennedy Williams
Morgan Wilson
Jalen Wofford
Laura Beth Wright
Tommy Yarborough

Let's Welcome the Hannahs!



Sunday, July 13, will be the Hannahs' first official Sunday at Second Avenue so let's welcome them with our hospitality. The church will host a BBQ lunch immediately after the service in the fellowship hall. Donations for the costs are welcome. We will enjoy a fun time of fellowship together and make Rev. Stephanie and her family feel like part of our church family.

Camp Meeting Style Worship in July

Join us for refreshing summertime worship beginning on Sunday, July 13. We will sing familiar hymns from the Cokesbury hymnal and you are invited to dress more casually during Camp Meeting. It will be a good ol' time! So y'all come and invite your friends and neighbors!

In the good ol' days when the South had very few church facilities and even fewer ordained clergy, for the majority of people living outside of cities, the only communal worship service was offered by circuit riders (traveling or itinerant preachers). Occasionally different communities would gather together in one outdoor location and hold revivals and they were called "camp meetings." These camp meetings, lasting several days, were a central feature of the religious life in the South and played a major role in leading people to Christ. Deeply emotional and evangelical, camp meetings are credited with moral reform and the rapid growth of church membership until 1840s when the established meeting-houses (church buildings) began to replace them. In the late 19th century, the movement reappeared in Appalachia as Holiness groups, and in the Methodist Church, we revived camp-meetings as a beloved tradition and a time of great spiritual awakening.

Handbell Workshop on July 26 in Fellowship Hall

Our next handbell workshop is scheduled for Saturday, July 26, from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. For more details, please contact our Handbell Director, Pam Mullins, at pam.mullins@icloud.com or (404) 375-7594 for more details. You do not need to be a church member to participate.

Vital Signs



Budgeted amount needed as of June: \$123,384

Budgeted amount given as of June: \$102,969

Financial giving in month of June (Budget and Designated): \$23,347

2025 Annual Conference North GA UMC

The 2025 North Georgia Annual Conference met June 12-14 at The Classic Center in Athens, Georgia, with Bishop Robin Dease presiding. Approximately 1,800 United Methodists gathered for the session under the theme “Come, Follow Me” based on Matthew 4:19-20. Together we worshiped, shared meals, deliberated, sang, and prayed. We adopted a budget, celebrated retirements, remembered the saints who have gone before us, and commissioned and ordained clergy. We heard from college and university presidents and received the Annual Conference special offering celebrating 100 years of camp ministry at Glisson!

Highlights

Among the highlights and actions of the session, we:

- Received the first full One Georgia Task Force Report and offered a blessing to the committee to continue the study of potential unification (visit www.georgiaumc.org regularly for updates and information.)
- Were blessed by the leadership and participation of 70 voting youth delegates.
- Adopted a 2026 budget of \$10,493,931. (A 5% reduction from 2025.)
- Celebrated that last year, North Georgia Conference churches paid 92.8% of apportionments—the highest collection rate in recent years.
- Adopted two resolutions, the “Joint Resolution on Immigration” and the “Resolution on Full Inclusion and Justice for People with Disabilities.” The final text of the resolutions will be posted at www.ngumc.org/ac2025.
- Made a change to our Standing Rules to add an LGBTQ Advocacy Representative to the Conference Connectional Ministries board.
- Celebrated the 5th anniversary of the Barnes Evaluation and Administration Team. Since its inception, BEAT has awarded more than \$5 million to support innovative missions and ministries within our Conference. In 2024, the spending policy allocated \$1,527,474, which funded 32 BEAT grants. Learn more at www.ngumc.org/beatdashboard.
- Approved a motion from the floor to establish a task force to study and report back on clergy salary inequities.
- Adopted the conference nominations report. The 24-page document includes more than 750 names. These volunteers now make up our 2025-2026 Conference boards, committees, and commissions.
- Voted on four proposed constitutional amendments.
- Heard from our United Methodist college and university presidents from across Georgia.
- Were led in daily devotions by leaders from our campus ministries.
- Celebrated 100 years of Glisson Camp and Retreat Ministry.

Submitted by Amy Astin, Lay Delegate to the conference

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Our Vision:
"Knowing Christ & Making Christ Known"

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July Birthdays

07	Thomas Kislal
09	Lee Upshaw
11	Cora Gaston
12	L. Susan Stroup
14	Kathryn Gibbons Jones
16	Dylan Baker
17	Jesse Baker
18	Briggs Whitefield
21	Conley Chapman
23	Lee Brock
26	Ashley Wilkey
29	Merinda Magnicheri

July Anniversaries

07	Randy & Vicki Embree
09	Merinda & Ralph Magnicheri
23	Tom & Rose Collum

celebrate!

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

If we haven't included your birthday
or anniversary, please contact
JoAnn in the church office
(706.234.6406).

July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00am Helping Hands	2	3	4 Church Office Closed Independence Day Pam Wilkey	5
6 11:00am Worship	7 Randy & Vicki Embree Thomas Kislat	8 10:00am Helping Hands	9 Lee Upshaw Ralph & Merinda Magnicheri	10	11 Cora Gaston	12 L. Susan Stroup
13 11:00am Worship Pastor Stephanie's First Sunday 12:00pm Welcome Lunch for Hannah Family	14 Kathryn G. Jones	15 10:00am Helping Hands	16 Dylan Baker	17 Jesse Baker	18 Briggs Whitefiled	19
20 Axel Baleon-Ruiz 11:00am Worship	21 Conley Chapman	22 10:00am Helping Hands	23 Lee Brock Tom & Rose Collum	24	25	26 Ashley Wilkey 8:00am Handbell Workshop
27 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Leadership Board Meeting	28	29 Merinda Magnicheri 10:00am Helping Hands	30 Rick & Nell Maeser	31		