Second Helpings

Second Avenue United Methodist Church ~ November 2018

Special Events in November

November 04 - All Saints Sunday/
Daylight Savings Time Ends/
Commitment Sunday/
Potluck Lunch

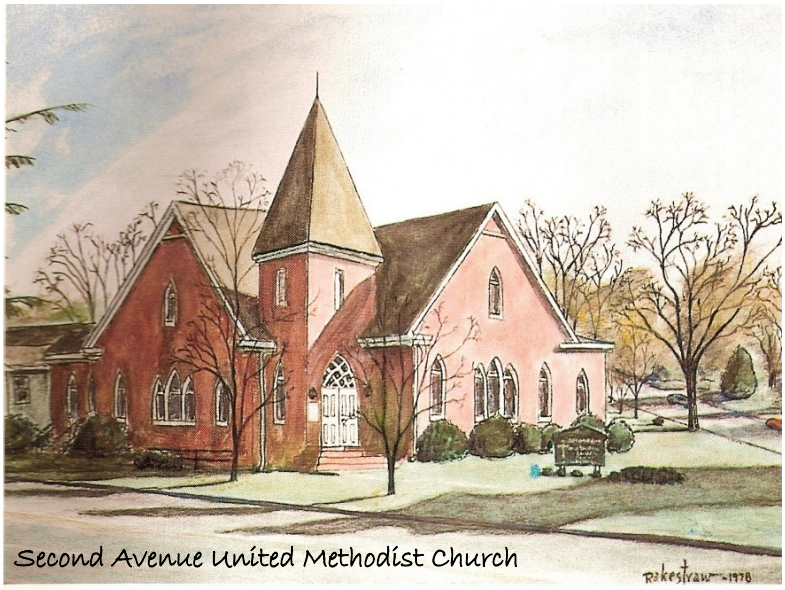
November 06 - Meals & More

November 11 & 18 - Thanksgiving Food Collection for Rome Action Ministries

November 15 - Keenagers' Thanksgiving Lunch

November 18 - Thanksgiving Sunday

November 22 - Thanksgiving-Church Office Closed



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

Looking Ahead

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year...

The Season of Advent, the time of waiting for the Christ Child, begins on December 2. We will need volunteers to light the Advent Candles and share a story of Christmas each Sunday morning. Before Rev. Millie calls on you, would you please volunteer? **We need 6 families total and yes, a single person is counted as a family. So please let Rev. Millie know!**

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!

A Word from Our Pastor

We live in a land of bounty and freedom; our closets, refrigerators, and storage areas are full of stuff. We stand in front of a fully stocked refrigerator, which we ourselves stocked, and say to ourselves, "there is nothing to eat!" We often cannot find things because we have too much and we cannot keep up with things. We live in a world full of options and choices, at our very fingertips. TV for instance, it used to be channels 2, 5, 11, 46 (remember those days?) and now we have hundreds of channels. Not only that, we have Netflix, Hulu, HBO, and Cinemax as well! We don't have to do the work we don't want to do—we can outsource (We don't need illegal immigrants) it to Mexico, India or China.

In fact, we don't need to get out of our doorsteps if we don't want. We can work at home, things can be shipped to our address—-everything from a-z. Amazon will deliver everywhere and how many of you have said, "Amazon saved me" before? Yet we live in a lonely society; we may call it rugged individualism. I call it the "Ice Curtain" not the "Iron Curtain" that separated the Communists and the West. The "Ice Curtain" isolates and cuts off individuals from other individuals. January this year, 2018, Great Britain appointed its first "Minister for Loneliness" and called loneliness a new health epidemic. We may have thousands of "friends" and "followers" on Facebook, but when it comes to authentic relationships, forget authentic relationships, when we need someone to take us to the Emergency Room in the middle of the night, friends and followers disappear faster than ghosts.

Moreover, when we do step out we are increasingly surrounding ourselves with people like us—who look like us, talk like us, whose views, opinions and even bank accounts and stock portfolios look like us. The most influential Rabbi of our time, Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, has warned us, "When we surround ourselves with people just like us, we get more and more extreme." So extremists are not just in the Middle East or Africa somewhere, they can be right here in the heart of Rome. In our very congregations. Did you know that the synagogue in Rome had been getting threats before the Pittsburg shooting?

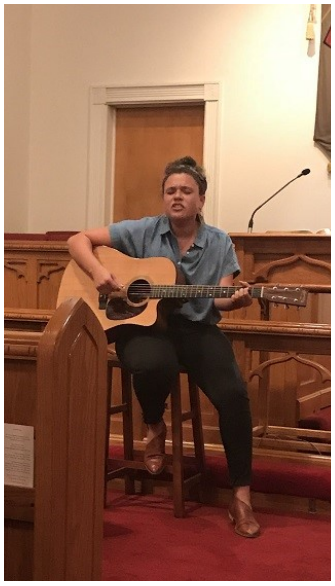
Scientists and scholars warn us that without face-to-face encounters and without messiness/joy of authentic relationships, the fabric of communities and societies will continue to disintegrate. It won't be World War III that will do us in; it will be the social and moral disintegration that will kill us all. Jesus teaches us all throughout the Gospels that we the church, the body of Christ, the children of God, need to stand up and advocate for authentic relationships. Face-to-face encounters! As messy as they may be! When we do it, we get a glimpse of the Kingdom of God, and our destination is one step closer. Open your minds, hearts, and souls to people who are different than you are, knowing that God is giving you the grace and power to do so.

Blessings and thanksgiving,
Millie

November Sermon Scripture

Nov. 04	**All Saints/Commitment Sunday** | "Be Good Stewards: Local" | Acts 1:8 | Matthew 6:19-34
Nov. 11	"What is Gratitude?" | 1 Timothy 2:1-7 | Luke 17:11-18
Nov. 18	**Thanksgiving Sunday** | "Gratitude in All Circumstances?" | 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 | Matthew 11:25-30
Nov. 25	"Cultivating Gratitude" | Psalm 126 | Matthew 6:25-33

National Day of Prayer for Mental Health Recovery and Understanding



Coosa Valley Fair Display

World Communion Sunday

Fall Festival

November Birthdays

11/01	Jim Gibbons
11/03	Helen Broom &
	Susan Pierce &
	Mary Beth Broxterman &
	Dawn Broderick
11/07	Megan Cordle Meade
11/08	Julie Mathis
11/09	Katie Flanery &
	Mardelle Lynch
11/10	Gretchen Dodson
11/11	Allen Ables &
	Giles Chapman &
	Noah Tucker
11/16	Laura Bledsoe
11/17	Michael Colombo, Jr.
11/22	Bob Baker
11/23	Paul Barfield
11/27	Joyce Gann &
	David Gresham

November Anniversaries

11/13	Doug Meredith & Laura Bledsoe
11/23	Ronnie & Sally Farmer
11/30	Bill & Carolynn Carver

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 October: 71

Financial giving in October: $14,229

Budgeted amount needed as of October: $184,529

Budgeted amount given as of October: $166,290

We are now behind **$18,239** on our budget needs!

Let's work on catching up this month!

All Saints Celebration ~ Sunday, November 5 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Hazel Barton

Jim Boggs

Eloise Johnson

Commitment Sunday

November 4

Everyone is invited to bring their 2019 stewardship pledge cards to church on Sunday, November 4, to present them during the worship service.

Blessings and Gratitude

Dear Second Avenue UMC,

NAMI Rome would like to thank you for your gracious hospitality in opening your doors to help us celebrate Mental Illness Awareness Week. Being a partner with the Faith Community is important to NAMI Rome. The prayer beads are so special because they were made by servant hearts.

Thank you,
Bonnie Moore

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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...

All Saints Sunday:

Sunday, November 4, is our annual recognition of All Saints' Sunday in remembrance of church members who have died in the last year.

This year we give thanks for the lives of Hazel Barton, Jim Boggs, & Eloise Johnson.

Commitment Sunday:

Sunday, November 4

Everyone is invited to bring their 2019 Stewardship Pledge Cards to church this Sunday to present them during the worship service.

Thanksgiving Sunday:

Sunday, November 18

Please plan to bring something that is symbolic of what you're grateful for to help decorate the altar as we celebrate Thanksgiving Sunday.

Invite...

Upper Room Devotionals:

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.

Nurture...

Keenagers:

Thursday, November 15 ~ Adairsville Inn ~ noon

Join the Keenagers for our annual Thanksgiving lunch at the Adairsville Inn. We will meet at the church at 11:30 to carpool to Adairsville. Everyone is invited! Sign up on the sheet outside the church office, or contact Terry Clift at terryclift@me.com or 706-506-4205.

Grow...

Commitment Sunday Covered Dish Lunch:

Sunday, November 4

After worship, we will enjoy a potluck lunch in the fellowship hall. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share as we enjoy food, fun, and fellowship together.

Caring Congregation, A Training for Congregational Care Ministers:

Mondays, Nov. 5, Nov.12, Nov. 19 ~ 10:30 a.m.

We are a caring congregation already! Come learn about what makes a caring person in the name of Jesus in the community. We will be looking into the tools in the toolbox of care in our church and for the wider community and learn more about caring for the sick, lonely, and afflicted.

The Daniel Plan, 4 Week Bible Study on Physical Health and Diet:

Fridays, Nov. 2, Nov. 9, Nov. 16, Nov. 30 ~ 10:30am

Are you struggling to be healthy? This is a four-week Bible Study to hold you accountable. We will be using "The Daniel Plan: 40 days to a Healthier Life" as our text and learn more about healthy living. You are welcome to purchase the book at Amazon or JoAnn can place an order for you.

Serve...

Thanksgiving Food Collection:

Sundays, November 11 & 18 ~ after worship

Meet at the church to join our youth in distributing and collecting grocery bags at church and in our neighborhood to fill the Rome Action Ministries Food Pantry. Please return filled bags to the bin in the Fellowship Hall.

Angel Tree:

Christmas is just around the corner! We look forward to the many ways we prepare our hearts to receive the Christ child, one of the most treasured being giving to children in need. Angels are available now.

Please contact Betty Albers at 706.232.2559 to pick up an angel and start your shopping.

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Acolytes:
11/04 Leigh Kim-Soh
11/11 Macy Davis
11/18 Chloe Duck
11/25 Reece Gibson

Liturgists:
11/04 Greg Gaston
11/11 John Franclemont
11/18 Steve Davis
11/25 Lee Upshaw

Ushers:
Phil Taylor (head usher)
Lynn Duck, Ralph Davis,
Greg Gaston, Thomas Kislat,
Doug Meredith

Nursery:
11/04 Nancy Clift
11/11 Patty Baker
11/18 Laura Bledsoe
11/25 Betty Crymes

Congregational Care & Concern:
11/04 Shirley Dodson
11/11 Sally Farmer
11/18 Inez Fears
11/25 Vicki Thomason

Counters:
11/04 Mike Colombo & Cindy Smith
11/11 Mary Beth B. & Greg Gaston
11/18 Barbara Cothran & Dan Emerick
11/25 Amy Astin & Dottie Taylor

Flowers:
11/04 Smith
11/11 Shorter Heights Florist
11/18 Thanksgiving
11/25 Kim-Soh

Wednesday Night Family Fellowship

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

- Dinner Served 6:00 p.m.; Program 6:30
- Reservation Required on Pew Pad or Call Office
- $8 per person/$16 family maximum
- $1 per person for dessert only
- Pizza for children available weekly
- First-time visitors & children 10 and under eat free

Programs

11/07 Church Safety—Floyd County Sheriff's Office

11/14 Travels in Israel—Rev. James Mitchell

11/21 No Wednesday Night Supper

11/28 Fall Devotional

Menus

11/07 Menu to be announced

11/14 Menu to be announced

11/21 No Wednesday Night Supper

11/28 Menu to be announced

Men's and Women's Fellowship

The **Men's Club** will meet on Monday, November 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men of the church are invited for supper, fellowship, study, and prayer. Contact Scottie Edwards at 706.235.3493 or 706.346.5998 for more details.

The **United Methodist Women** will not meet in November due to Thanksgiving.

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

Prayer List

Congregation
Susan Autry
Paul Barfield
Ercel Blair
Lynda Boggs
Lee Brock
Herb Brown
Danny Carver
Carolynn Carver
Giles Chapman
Erin Ables Clark
Ronnie Farmer
John Franclemont
Phil & Jane Franssen
Joyce Gann
Carolyn Garwood
David Gresham
Norma Gresham
Charles Griffin
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
Griffin Brewster
Linda Brown
Shirley Carroll
MaeDell Clark
Laurel Conly
Sonia Conly
Terry Duck
Daria Giebler
Patty Harvey
Bob Henderson
Teresa Johnson
Garrett Jones
Milton Kahn
Alice Kesler
Bill & Peggy Lanier
Angela Mackler
Dean Mallow
Franklin Manning
Cade Maynor
Military Personnel
John Morris & Family
Julie Ousley
Rev. Dr. Harvey Palmer
Peggy Pharr
Connie Ray
Ed & Peggy Reynolds
Hardy J. Sams
Steve Shaw
Trish Sherman
Elise Sullens
President Trump
Jim Williams
Kennedy Williams
Edmund & Sandy Yeargan

Persons of the Week

November 04: Susan Pierce
105 Pine Forest Drive
Cartersville, GA 30120-2434

November 11: Ronnie Farmer
109 Brittany Lane, SE
Rome, GA 30161-9480

November 18: David Gresham
10 Kenwood Drive
Rome, GA 30165-3433

November 25: Herb Brown
68 Fred Kelly Road
Rome, GA 30161-9131

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

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 All Saints Day Jim Gibbons 5:00pm Line Dancing	**2** 10:30am The Daniel Plan Study	**3** Dawn Broderick Helen Broom Mary Beth Broxterman Susan Pierce
4 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship All Saints Sunday 12:00pm Commitment Sunday Potluck Lunch	**5** 10:30am Caring Congregation Study 6:00pm Men's Club	**6** 9:30am Helping Hands 3:30pm Meals & More at Rome First UMC	**7** Meagan Cordle Meade 6:00pm Wednesday Night Family Fellowship	**8** Julie Mathis 5:00pm Line Dancing	**9** Katie Flanery Mardelle Lynch-Cleveland 10:30am The Daniel Plan Study	**10** Gretchen Dodson
11 Allen Ables Giles Chapman Noah Tucker 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Thanksgiving Food Collection	**12** 10:30am Caring Congregation Study	**13** Doug Meredith & Laura Bledsoe 9:30am Helping Hands	**14** Beverly & Charles Gauthreaux 6:00pm Wednesday Night Family Fellowship	**15** 12:00pm Keenagers Lunch at Adairsville Inn 5:00pm Line Dancing	**16** Laura Bledsoe 10:30am The Daniel Plan Study	**17** Michael Colombo
18 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Thanksgiving Food Collection	**19**	**20**	**21**	**22** Bob Baker Church Office Closed Thanksgiving Day	**23** Paul Barfield Ronnie & Sally Farmer	**24**
25 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	**26** 10:30am Caring Congregation Study	**27** David Gresham Joyce Gann 9:30am Helping Hands	**28** 6:00pm Wednesday Night Family Fellowship	**29** 10:00am Joyful Noise 5:00pm Line Dancing	**30** Bill & Carolynn Carver 10:30am The Daniel Plan Study	