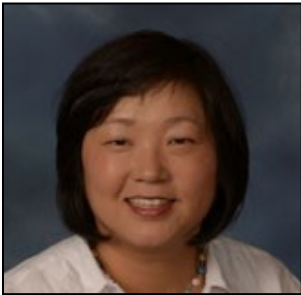


# Second Helpings

**NOVEMBER 2022**

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## Pastor's Page— Rev. Dr. Millie L. Kim



We are grateful people every day, but November brings it up a notch. As leaves intensify their beauty with gold, orange, and red, November tells us that our life needs to shine with hues of gratitude. As I grow older, gratitude magnifies in my life and transforms it to a wellspring of thanksgiving bubbling over. I am grateful that God saved me from eternal damnation; I am grateful that Jesus showed me how to live a life of kindness and compassion; I am grateful that the Holy Spirit frees me to be who I am and express myself without much inhibition. I am truly blessed because I am a child of God and a shepherdess of a great congregation!

Rev. Dr. Beth Sanders addressed in her Charge Conference sermon that there are churches who have shouting matches in meetings over a hot button issue. We had our disagreements here at our church and I had some personality conflicts with people, but overall we don't have shouting matches and fights among our congregation. So that is a big cause for gratitude. There are many churches across the conference struggling with finances, pastor/lay misconducts, lawsuits, etc., while our church has been stable and able to reach out to the community. So that is a big cause for gratitude. There are many pastors across the conference struggling with their health, family issues, ethical issues, but I have been blessed with health, strong and smart children, and a supportive husband. So that is a big cause for gratitude. When I meditate on things that I am grateful for, I just can't hold back tears of joy and gratitude. Not because our church is perfect, and I myself and my family are perfect, but they praise the goodness and faithfulness of God.

I am so grateful that we were able to walk the Camino in Spain as a family. It really gave me a lot of time for meditation and reflection. I made intercessory prayers for friends and members of our congregation, my own petitions, and prayers for our church. We lit candles in every church we set our foot in. It was a holy pilgrimage. I was profoundly grateful that I was alive and that I have another chance at sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with humanity.

I read James Hollis' book, "Finding Meaning in the Second Half of your Life," and in it he says that there are three things that change our self-centered life: Suffering, Love (loving others), and God (recognizing the power greater than you). As a pastor, I am often asked a question, "Why are pastors more progressive/liberal than laity?" I disagree that clergy are more liberal/progressive than laity but if we are, it is because we have seen life from a deeper level and we have seen people suffer profoundly (sometimes unnecessarily I might add). We have witnessed humanity in its nakedness, and it is not always pretty. We have experienced and known deep in our hearts that it is only God who can save us from our human condition, and God can use anyone, anything, and any circumstance to accomplish that goal. For me, this is the biggest cause for gratitude.

What are you grateful for? How would you express it? Would you share it with humanity?  
Your Pastor,  
Millie

## Highlights from October in Pictures



Kevin became a U.S. citizen!!



Susan Stroup was recognized at the UWF Annual Meeting for her 25 years of service



Rev. Millie helped Anne Westfield paint her nails



At the UWF Annual Meeting in Griffin, Leigh introduced Rev. Millie as the main speaker



Baby Shower for Dakota & Jesse (Albers) Laney & Baby Olivia



Happy Halloween from Lib Rogers and Betty Crymes



## Persons of the Week

### November 06: Emily Embree

49 View Drive SE  
Rome, GA 30161

### November 13: Paula Brown

68 Fred Kelly Road  
Rome, GA 30161 –9131

### November 20: Mardelle Lynch

A27 The Gardens of Rome  
1168 Chulio Road  
Rome, GA 30161

### November 27: Mary Sue Gilleland

205 North Elm Street NW  
Rome, GA 30165-2231

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

## November Schedule

Acolytes:	Liturgists:	Flowers:
11/06 Leigh Kim-Soh	11/06 Mike Colombo	11/06 Myers
11/13 Sophia Kim-Soh	11/13 Steve Davis	11/13
11/20 Kevin Baleon	11/20 Greg Gaston	11/20
11/27 Theo Kislal	11/27 Susan Stroup	11/27

## Vital Signs



Budgeted amount needed as of October 30: \$189,207

Budgeted amount given as of October 30: \$150,442

Financial giving in month of October: \$19,339

## Prayer List

### Congregation

Genny Alexander  
Lee Brock  
Helen Broom  
Paula Brown  
Jim & Gerrie Burton  
Terry & Nancy Clift  
Lynda & Tom Climer  
Barbara & Terry Cothran  
Betty Crymes  
Nancy Davis  
Lynn & Chloe Duck  
Terry Duck  
Emily Embree & Family  
Carolyn Garwood  
Tommy Jones  
Mardelle Lynch  
Bill Pharr

Carolyn Prater  
Vivian VanLandingham  
Bill & Jerry Waters  
Anne Westfield

### Friends & Family

Ginny Atkinson  
Barry Barfield  
Jennie Blunt  
Jimmy Brown  
Ronnie & Shirley Brown  
Chris Butler  
Jim & Norma Cannon  
Buddy Caraway  
Barbara Conklin  
Emma Craig  
Ruth Day  
T. J. Ferguson  
Bro Kevin Glaser

Diana Hamer  
Nita Henderson  
Wendi Herndon  
Family of Rev. Bill  
Holcomb  
Alan Howell's Family  
Dan Hulhearn  
Barna & Barbara Jones  
Garrette Jones  
John & Beth Kennedy  
Ann Little's Family  
Chad Lester  
Bobby Magnicheri  
Taylor Martin  
The Mathis Family  
Haley & Will McDonald  
Tom McElroy  
Family of Ed Mitchell

Posey Mitchell  
Kelly Mountain  
Lynette Murphy  
Jim Myrick  
Skip Nordenberg  
Jack & Shelve Ozment  
Peggy Pharr  
Beth Pitt  
Theodore Popham  
Nicole Potvin  
Zdena Repisky  
David Stevens  
Steven & Sherry Teeter  
Bill Underwood  
Mitzi Wilburn  
Jim Williams  
Jalen Wofford  
Virginia Yarbrough



## The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, November 1-5

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The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conferences will meet for the purpose of the election and assignment of new bishops. Rev. Millie is a delegate and will be attending. Please keep our denomination, our jurisdiction, and our Annual Conference in your prayers.

## "Walking the Lands" Bible Study begins November 9

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"Walking the Bible Lands" starts Wednesday, November 9, at 2:00 p.m. We will study with Dr. Wayne Stiles on Biblical Geography and its significance.

Experience like never before the locations we know from the Bible - places like the Mount of Olives, the towns of Nazareth and Bethlehem, and so much MORE! Not only that, Dr. Stiles will also provide us with insight and context every step of the way, so that we can connect with everything we learn on a deeper, personal level. We may have the same, amazing realization he did after his first trip to Israel: our faith is based on *real events* that happened in *real places* that we can see and experience. It's a humbling feeling, and he hopes to share it with you in "Walking the Bible Lands."

It is a free Bible Study. We will watch a 5-15 minute geography video in each session and then study the Bible passage pertaining to the video. For more information, please check out <https://www.walkingthebiblelands.com/>.

## Second Avenue United Women in Faith on November 12

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What do you know about ESP? Not "extra sensory perception," but "Extra Special People." Come and hear Devon Smyth talk about her new role working with ESP of Rome at our next United Women of Faith (UMW) meeting on Saturday, November 12, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the church Fellowship Hall.

"ESP exists to create transformative experiences for people with disabilities & their families, changing communities for the better. ESP envisions a world where every person, of every ability, in every community has universal access to transformative experiences. ESP was founded in 1986 in Watkinsville, Georgia to create a community of support for individuals of all abilities. Our founder, Martha Wyllie, noticed an unequal number of opportunities being presented to children with disabilities and decided she would be the change she wanted to see, beginning ESP as one week of summer camp for only 21 participants. Since our humble beginning, we have grown to now serve over 500 participants from over 30 counties in Georgia through 8 weeks of summer camp, annual after school enrichment programs, and ongoing family support." (<https://espyouandme.org/what-we-do>)

The cost of the meal is \$5 and reservations need to be made through either Betty Crymes (706-936-1218) or Cindy Smith (706-346-0786). All women of the church are invited to attend and bring a friend! Everyone is reminded to bring items to go in the Christmas bags we are making to take to the nursing home in December. We are trying to fill 35 bags. Items needed include things like hand lotion, warm socks, packaged snacks, Kleenex tissues, hand sanitizer, emery boards for nails, puzzle books, pencils, etc. All donations will be appreciated. We will assemble the bags right after our November 12 meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all in November!  
Cindy Smith, President

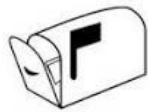
## Blessings and Gratitude

Dear Millie & Hand Bell Choir,

Thank you so much for the beautiful orchid in celebration of our golden anniversary! It is lovely! What a kind gesture! Thank you for helping make our anniversary so special!

Love, Pam & Paul Mullins

## Just Moved!



NOTE!  
ADDRESS CHANGE

Betty Cyrmes  
Harborview Rome  
1345 Redmond Circle  
Rome, GA 30165

Mardelle M. Lynch  
A27 — The Gardens of Rome  
1168 Chulio Rd  
Rome, GA 30161

## Handbell Choir Performs on November 27

Be sure to be in worship on Sunday, November 27, for a special performance by our own Handbell Choir during the service!

## Advent Candle Lighters Needed

The Season of Advent, the time of waiting for the Christ Child, begins on Sunday, November 27. We need volunteers to light the Advent Candles each Sunday morning. We will have traditions from different cultures this year. Would you please volunteer before Rev. Millie calls on you? We need families for December 4th, 11th, 18th and Christmas Eve, and yes, a single person is counted as a family so please let Rev. Millie know!

## Christmas Lunch on December 10

Mark Your Calendar NOW!

United Women in Faith and Men's Club will host a Christmas Lunch on Saturday, December 10, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall. Entertainment will be by the home school orchestra that uses our Fellowship Hall on Thursday afternoons to rehearse. Come and enjoy food, fellowship, and fun! Cost will be \$10 per person. We will start taking reservations in December.



## Choir Cantata on December 18

Our choir will perform this year's cantata on Sunday, December 18. Please contact Susan Pierce (706-506-4880) if you'd like to join the choir. Practices on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

## Members Sharing Their Journeys

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In my years of trying to be house-in-shape ahead of when company is expected, I have missed the mark once again. Brother-in-law is coming! I accept the responsibility. Our family has a line about poor workmanship. "Is that a B?" we ask, knowing it is probably worse than a B!

I am learning how I have so much to do! I do not faithfully put things back. Bad habit! I start too many activities and have a hard time finishing to the end, the real end. There are so many fields of learning that attract me, and I value that about myself, but there needs to be controls. I have kept too much physical paraphernalia related to past fun, and I have maintained much because there is so much in this beautiful life to enjoy. Having tangible evidence holds it in my memories as I begin to forget more.

There are good reasons to examine what I have and to trim down the bulk of what I own. High on the list is my desire to leave my friends and family nothing to strain over, and, above all, to free myself for a better end of days by releasing more personal pieces. I doubt that there will be a call for any public display in my honor, so I am hereby becoming the Curator of the Incinerator. I have invested this week in the initial phase; then, it's tackling the upstairs and the garage. I imagine the storm news has activated my desire to avoid the public any opportunity to tear into or simply view my house plunder. And I want to spare my children the effort "to pick up after me," after I'm gone.

My Mother wrote in my baby book a note that may have borne prophetic sense for me. She put that at age three or four I loved to hear the gospel songs on the radio and that I sang lines that appealed to me, arranging them at will. This, she wrote, "Why don't you lead me to the Rock that is higher than I. Thou hast been a shelter to me!" and "You've got to walk that road all by yourself. Ain't nobody else gonna walk it for you. You gotta walk it by yourself." Then, I remembered this one, "Take my hand, precious Lord; take my hand; let me stand. I am tired; I am weak; I am worn. Take my hand precious Lord." Those songs from 1948 are still favorites, and I understand how I was being led even then.

—Lynda Boggs Climer

My Faith Journey—No longer a seed. Grown beyond a sprout. I have become a tree, providing shade to those who may need comfort. I'm still growing.

—Donna Bledsoe

## November Sermon Scriptures

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**November 06** "Thankful: Saints" | Ephesians 1:11-23, Revelation 21:1-6a | All Saints Sunday | Communion Sunday

**November 13** "Thankful: Family and Friends" | Isaiah 65:17-25, Luke 21:5-19

**November 20** "Thankful: Life" | Deuteronomy 26:1-11, John 6:25-35 | Thanksgiving Sunday | Christ the King Sunday

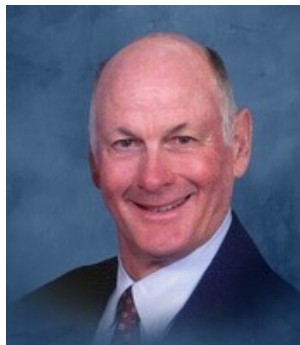
**November 27** "Keep Awake" | Isaiah 2:1-5, Matthew 24:36-44 | First Sunday of Advent

## Church Family who died November 2021–October 2022

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**Carl Alexander**



**Bob Dodson**



**Phil Franssen**



**Bill Mathis**



**Julie Mathis**



**Ed Mitchell**



**Edith Swint**



**Carol Vogt**



**Andi Wear**

## All Saints Service on November 6

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On Sunday, November 6, Second Avenue UMC will observe All Saints Sunday. During the service, we will have a special recognition time for those members of our church family who have gone to be with the Lord in the past year.

## Upper Room

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November-December Upper Room daily devotionals are now available at the church. Plan to pick yours up on Sunday or stop by the church during office hours. If you need JoAnn to mail you a copy (either Large Print or Regular size), please call her at the church office (706-234-6406) or email her (2ndave@bellsouth.net).

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### November Birthdays

11/03 Helen Broom  
Dawn Broderick  
Mary Beth Broxterman  
Susan Pierce  
11/07 Megan Cordle Meade  
11/09 Katie Flanery  
Mardelle Lynch  
11/10 Gretchen Dodson  
11/11 Allen Ables  
Noah Tucker  
11/16 Laura Bledsoe  
11/17 Michael Colombo, Jr.  
11/22 Bob Baker  
11/23 Rev. Beth Sanders  
11/27 David Gresham

### November Anniversaries

11/13 Doug Meredith & Laura Bledsoe  
11/23 Ronnie & Sally Farmer

**celebrate!**

### Birthdays & Anniversaries:

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



## November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> All Saints Day Rev. Millie to Jurisdictional Conference 10:00am Helping Hands	<b>2</b> 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	<b>3</b> Dawn Broderick Helen Broom Mary Beth Broxterman Susan Pierce 2:30pm Homeschool Ochestra Practice 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir Practice	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> All Saints Sunday 9:45am Confirmation Class 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>7</b> Megan Cordle Meade	<b>8</b> 10:00am Helping Hands	<b>9</b> Katie Flanery Mardelle Lynch 2:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	<b>10</b> Gretchen Dodson 2:30pm Homeschool Ochestra Practice 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir Practice	<b>11</b> Alex Ables Noah Tucker	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Doug Meredith & Laura Bledsoe 9:45am Confirmation Class 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>14</b> Charles & Beverly Gauthreux	<b>15</b> 10:00am Helping Hands	<b>16</b> Laura Bledsoe 2:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	<b>17</b> Michael Colombo 2:30pm Homeschool Ochestra Practice 6:00pm Hand Bell Choir Practice	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9:45am Confirmation Class 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Bob Baker 10:00am Helping Hands	<b>23</b> Beth Sanders Ronnie & Sally Farmer	<b>24</b> Church Office Closed Thanksgiving Day	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Advent Begins David Gresham 9:45am Confirmation Class 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10:00am Helping Hands	<b>30</b> 2:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice			

## Charitable Project Collections and Distributions



Thanks for all the items collected so far. Photo is of items collected this month which were recently delivered to the Salvation Army by Nina Wheeler and Faye Kesler.

Please contact Nina for more details of upcoming and continued collections and distributions. Her contact info is as follows: (706-234-0179; 706-506-9528; [nwheeler@berry.edu](mailto:nwheeler@berry.edu)).

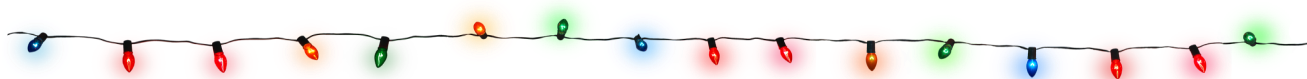
Please continue to bring Christmas Food Box Items and other food items to donate to the Salvation Army. Containers are provided in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Christmas Food Box Items Needed:**

Saltine Crackers  
Instant Mashed Potatoes  
Stuffing  
Instant Oatmeal  
Canned Yams  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Rice (bag, box, instant, long-cooking)  
Jello Gelatin Dessert  
Jello Pudding

### **Dry Food Items Needed at this time:**

Dried Beans  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Boxes or Bags of Spaghetti  
Mashed Potatoes  
Instant Rice  
Cereal  
Instant Oatmeal  
Instant Grits  
Pop Tarts



Please also continue to bring suggested items for Christmas Bags for Etowah Landing Care and Rehabilitation Center Residents (809 South Broad Street).

Facial tissues	Deodorant	Chapstick
Lotion	Hairbrush (no combs)	Body Wash
Conditioner (no shampoo)	Body Spray	Socks
Pajamas ( <u>SIZES COMING SOON</u> )	Fingernail Polish	Fuzzy Blanket
Shaving Cream	Magazines (old or new)	Devotional Books
Puzzle-type Books	Candy	Chips
Misc. items: Notepads, Calendars, etc.	Lil Debbie Snack Cakes	Soft drinks

Etowah Landing is a 100-bed facility with 38 residents who have no family care.