

Second Helpings

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Pastor's Page– Rev. Stephanie Hannah



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving Day, I am reminded of the many blessings received throughout this year. Despite the challenges and hardships we may have faced, we still have a lot to be thankful for.

This Thanksgiving, I encourage you to take a moment to reflect on the goodness of God and the many ways in which he has blessed each of us. Let us give thanks for our families, our friends and our church community. Let us be mindful of those who are struggling and in need and offer our help and support.

As we gather around the table to share a meal with our loved ones, let us remember that we are all part of one family in Christ. Let us be grateful for the love and fellowship that we share and for the ways in which we support and care for one another.

I am thankful for each and every one of you and for the many ways in which you have contributed to the life and ministry of our church. Your prayers, your generosity and your commitment to Christ are a source of inspiration and encouragement to me every day.

May God bless you all this Thanksgiving, and may his grace and peace be with you always.

In Christ,

Pastor Stephanie



November Sermon Scriptures

November 02	Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 6:20-31 “What Makes a Saint” All Saints Sunday
November 09	Habakkuk 2:1-4; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 “Do Not Fear the End”
November 16	Colossians 1:9-20; Luke 23:33-43 “Accept That You Are Accepted”
November 23	Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:24-35 “Bread of Life”
November 30	First Sunday of Advent

Highlights from October in Pictures



The Helping Hands ladies celebrated Gerrie Burton's birthday.



The Choir celebrated Avery and Brooke Harris' recent wedding.



Congratulations to parents Michael & Josi, brother Sawyer, grandparents Cliff and Michelle, and great-grandmother Margaret on the birth of Weston Bryant Gibson on October 23.

MOTHERS
 ♥♥HOLD♥♥
 THEIR CHILDREN'S
HANDS
 FOR A SHORT WHILE
 BUT THEIR HEARTS
FOREVER

Persons of the Week

November 02: Dennis Urquhart
40 Amberwood Trail
Rome, GA 30165

November 23: John Kennedy
10 Vineland Drive
Rome, GA 30165

November 09: Faye Kesler
19 Maplewood Square
Rome, GA 30161-5929

November 30: Erna Dobbs & Orlando Shaw
90 E 2nd Ave, Apt 312
Rome, GA 30161

November 16: Irene Martz
42 Chateau Drive, Apt. 308
Rome, GA 30161

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

November Schedule

Liturgists:		Acolytes:	Flowers:
11/02	Amy Astin	11/02	11/02 Smith
11/09	Mike Colombo	11/09	11/09
11/16	Greg Gaston	11/16	11/16
11/23	Susan Stroup	11/23	11/23 Thanksgiving
11/30	Dennis Urquhart	11/30	11/30

Prayer List

Congregation

Genny Alexander
Donna Bledsoe
Laura Bledsoe
Paula Brown
Terry & Nancy Clift
Lynda Climer
Barbara & Terry Cothran
Nancy Davis
Erna Dobbs
Sue & Terry Duck
Randy & Vicki Embree
Rev. Stephanie
Hannah & Family
Betty Hardy
Patty Jones
Paula Jones
John & Beth Kennedy
Susan Kennedy
Irene Martz
Bill & Cindy Pharr
Lib Rogers
Orlando Shaw
Jerry Waters

Friends & Family

Dusty Alexander
Nancy Allison
Madelyn Amerson
Dana Andrews
Barry Barfield
Anne Barker
Jerry Branton
Brooke Brown
Jimmy Brown
Gwen Bullock
Chris Butler
Wayne Casey
Kathy Cason
Lisa Crowder
Wendell Crowder
Ruth Day
Patrick Demirjian
Stephanie Dunn
Jimmy & Denise
Carol Gunter
Elise & Parker Hendricks
Molly Horton
Hytowitz family
Jessie (foster child)

Kathy Jarvinan
Gloria Johnson
Garrette Jones
Matthew King
Faye Laney
Josh Laney
Ivy Law
Pat Law
Chad Lester
Angela Mackler
Martha Martin
Taylor Martin
Haley & Will McDonald
Tom & Cheri McElroy
Leisa McEntyre
Blakely Messer
Pam Mills
Raymond Millwood
Terri Minor
Lucie Mitchell
Posey Mitchell
Ali Morales
Paul Mullins
Lynette Murphy
Camil Nedela

Holli Nix
Jeremy Peace
Harry Petersmarck
Beth Pitt
Aimee Rank
Roger Ramey
Margaret Rodela
Mallory Saville
Peaches Shaw
Karen Stanley
Shirley Stanton
David Stevens
Susan Tate
Nadia Vagnerova
Esperanza Vail
Pavel Wagner
Lori Watters
Ray Waters
Alice Wiener
Mitzi Wilburn
Kennedy Williams
Morgan Wilson
Jalen Wofford
Laura Beth Wright
Tommy Yarborough

United Women in Faith on November 8



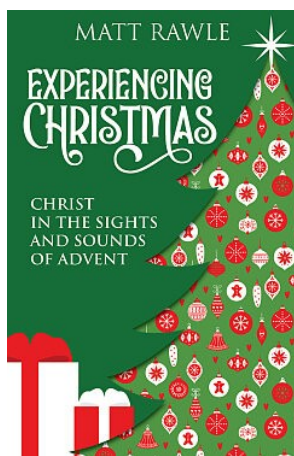
The next meeting for United Women in Faith will be on **Saturday, November 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** Iris Petersmarck will be coming to talk to us about a local “Bed Ministry” mission project in Polk County in which she is involved. I know you will be interested to hear what she has to say and the ideas she will share about possible local ministries that impact women and children. We will have brunch at 10:00 a.m. followed by Iris’s talk, and then for the business part of the meeting, we will be assembling the Thanksgiving baskets for East Central families that we voted to do at our October meeting.

Come and hear about and participate in local ministries going on right now in the community. It is a time of great need for many families as the holidays approach. Let Cindy Smith know if you will be able to attend. Email butlerjrt@gmail.com or text 706-346-0786. I look forward to seeing you, and I invite you to bring a friend or someone who has been inactive!

Cindy Smith, President UWF



Advent Bible Study Begins November 26



Experiencing Christmas: Christ in the Sights and Sounds of Advent by Matt Rawle. We hope you will plan to participate in this six-week Bible Study on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall, led by Pastor Stephanie.

“Discover how everything changed when God was born. Everything seems different at the end of the year. We put lights on our houses to dispel the growing darkness, Christmas music floods local radio stations, apple cider and cranberry sauce are again on the menu, and wrapping paper and tape are always ready. Things just look, smell, and taste differently during the Advent and Christmas season, and these differences are a sign to us that God is about to do something radical and different. Christmas is when God surrounded the divine with senses of his own.”

Upper Room

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).

Blessings and Gratitude

To all of my church family who have been so kind and caring to pray for me, send cards, bring meals that have been awesome, and call, I am eternally grateful. I am truly blessed to be a part of this church and to feel that you all are family and to have such a loving Savior who has been right beside me as I have been recovering. I hope to be back soon. God bless you all and may He keep you safe and well.

Many thanks and much love,
Paula Brown

Dear Church Family,

Thank you all so much for giving us such a special baby shower. We felt so loved and supported, and we're truly grateful for every gift, every kind word, and every prayer.

I've been blessed to grow up in this church, and it means a lot knowing that the same church family that has loved me since I was born will now get to love on our son too. We can't wait for him to grow up surrounded by all of you.

We appreciate you more than we can say!

With love,
Mchael & Josi Gibson

All Saints Service on Sunday, November 2

Sunday, November 2, is the first Sunday following All Saints Day, when we remember all the generations of believers who have gone before us and have entered by death into God's glorious Kingdom. We especially remember those saints of the Lord who died this past year and were members of Second Avenue United Methodist Church. The family and friends of these loved ones are especially welcome to this service of celebration and remembrance.



Vivian
VanLandingham



Bob Baker



Jesse Barton



Mary Sue Gilleland



Mardelle Lynch



Carolyn Prater



Anne Westfield



Bill Underwood

Daylight Savings Time Ends on November 2

Don't forget to turn back the clock on Saturday night, November 1, to be on time for worship on Sunday, November 2!

Keenagers Thanksgiving Lunch on November 20

Plan to join the Keenagers on Thursday, November 20, at noon for a covered dish lunch. Everyone is invited to participate in this fun event as we celebrate Thanksgiving together.

Please contact Judy Myers for more details (706-346-8993).

Charge Conference on November 23

This year's annual meeting with the District Superintendent, the Rev. Carolyn Stephens, will take place on Sunday, November 23, at 3:00 p.m. Charge Conference is open to everyone who would like to attend.

Vases Needed

After we enjoy the flowers in worship, JoAnn arranges them and Pastor Stephanie takes them to church members in need of a sign of our prayers and love.

We currently need more vases! If you have any to donate, please bring them to the church office. Please note that plastic vases are welcome as some nursing homes and memory care facilities prefer non-breakable containers.

Annual Coat Drive

Please bring in any of these items to help our neighbors in need:

Coats Jackets Sweaters Scarves Gloves

We will distribute donated items to local ministries.



Vital Signs



Budgeted amount needed as of October: \$205,640

Budgeted amount given as of October: \$165,075

Financial giving in month of October (Budget and Designated): \$12,865

Advent Candle Lighters Needed in December

The Season of Advent, the time of waiting for the Christ Child, begins on Sunday, November 30. We are asking for volunteers to light the Advent Candles each Sunday morning. Would you please consider performing this important act of worship?

We need volunteers for November 30, December 7, 14, 21 and Christmas Eve, so please let Pastor Stephanie know!



Time to Plan for December



Christmas is just around the corner, and we will have our annual **Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 13 at 11:00 a.m.** This is a fun time to celebrate Christmas with your church family and guests. Provino's will cater the lunch, and we will have assorted homemade desserts from which to choose. **Cost will be \$15 per person.**

EVERYONE is invited, and I hope you will plan to come and bring guests! More details about reservations and the program to follow. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 11:00 A.M.**

Cindy Smith, President UWF

Choir Cantata on Sunday, December 14

Our choir will perform this year's cantata on Sunday, December 14, during the morning worship service. Please contact Jackie Payne (706-978-1722) if you'd like to join the choir. Practices are on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Angel Tree Gifts for Murphy-Harpst Children's Center

Each year Second Avenue partners with Murphy Harpst Children's Center to provide Christmas gifts for the children. This year we will again have an Amazon link through which gifts can be purchased— <https://a.co/8uGeSIH> . The link will direct you to the Second Avenue UMC shopping page for Murphy Harpst. It helps the MH staff with sorting if you include a gift note on Amazon with the child's name on it.

If you don't do Amazon or on-line shopping but still want to pay for a gift, make your check to the church designated Angel Tree or give a donation directly to Susan Stroup, who will have a gift list with her you can choose from.

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Our Vision:
"Knowing Christ & Making Christ Known"

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November Birthdays

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

November Anniversaries

11/13 Doug Meredith & Laura Bledsoe

celebrate!

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

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

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 All Saints Day
2 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship All Saints Sunday	3 Dawn Broderick Mary Beth Broxterman	4 10:00am Helping Hands	5 1:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	6 6:00pm Handbell Choir	7 Megan Cordle Meade	8 10:00am United Women in Faith Meeting
9 Katie Flanery 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	10 Gretchen Dodson	11 Allen Ables Noah Tucker 10:00am Helping Hands	12 1:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	13 Doug Meredith & Laura Bledsoe 6:00pm Handbell Choir	14 Beverly & Charles Gauthreaux	15
16 Laura Bledsoe 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	17 Michael Colombo	18 10:00am Helping Hands	19 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	20 6:00pm Handbell Choir	21	22 Terrence & Mary Beth Broxterman
23 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 3:00pm Charge Conference	24	25 10:00am Helping Hands	26 1:00pm Advent Study begins	27 Church Office Closed David Gresham Thanksgiving Day	28	29
30 First Sunday of Advent 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship						