Second Helpings

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Pastor's Page– Rev. Stephanie Hannah

Dear Church Family and Friends,

As the autumn leaves fall and the air turns crisp, November invites us to slow down and notice the many gifts God has placed in our lives.

In a world that often rushes toward the next item on the calendar, Scripture calls us to a different rhythm. The Apostle Paul reminds us in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 to *"give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

Gratitude is more than a seasonal feeling—it is also a spiritual practice. When we pause to name our blessings, our perspective shifts. We begin to see God's hand not only in the triumphs, but also in the quiet, steady moments of daily grace.

What to Look Forward to This Month:

- **Thanksgiving Gathering:** Take time this Thanksgiving season to truly be grateful for those around you. As you spend time in fellowship together remember to thank God for all His blessings and His faithfulness in each of your lives.
- **Looking Ahead to Advent:** As November closes, our hearts will soon turn toward the hope and anticipation of the Christmas season. I will be leading an Advent Study by Adam Hamilton called *Incarnation* on Wednesdays at 1pm. We would love for you to join us this season as we study the importance of His birth and the meanings of the many names of Christ.

Thank you for your love, your prayers, and your faithful service to our church family. May your home be filled with peace, warmth, and a deep sense of God's gratitude this month.

In His grace,

Pastor Stephanie

November Liturgical Readings, Sermon Scriptures, and Sermons

Nov 1	Matthew 5:1-12	Isaiah 25:6-9	"Eternal Celebrations"
Nov 8	John 14:1-14	1 Peter 2:1-10	"We are a Living Stone"
Nov 15	1 Peter 4:7-14	Matthew 25:14-30	"Being All We Can Be for God"
Nov 22	1 John 4:11-21	Matthew 25:31-46	"Have You Seen Jesus Lately?"
Nov 29	Romans 5:1-5	Mark 13:24-37	"Hoping for Something Big"

Last Month: Keenagers

Keenagers had a blast fellowshipping and learning about the bridges of Rome with Beth Gibbons last month! There will not be a Keenagers program in November, but we look forward to seeing you all in December at our next meeting!



United Women in Faith



Our next United Women in Faith meeting is on **Saturday, November 14, 2026**. We start with **brunch at 10:00 a.m. (cost is $5.00 per person),** and we will be finished by 11:30 a.m. so you can get on with your Saturday activities. The menu will include some favorites like pumpkin spice, cranberry baked oatmeal, a sausage egg hashbrown casserole, fruit, juice, and coffee.

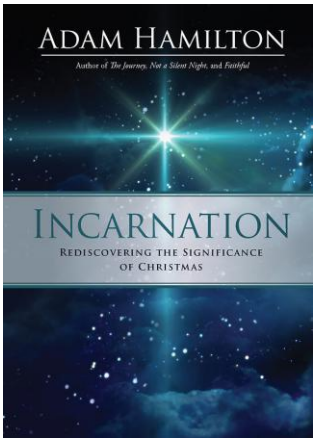
I was able to reschedule the program planned for October, so we will have a speaker coming from Hope4HeartsGA. Tonya Dean, founder of the organization, will talk to us about the important work this relatively new agency in Rome is doing to help single mothers in the community as they seek to raise their children. Through the kindness of donors, this organization has helped women with the following:

- rent & utilities
- food & clothing
- counseling services
- car expenses
- medical care
- Christmas gifts
- haircuts
- books and DVD's for children, highlighting character, integrity, virtue, etc.
- school supplies
- sports/activities equipment
- summer camps/activities

Please make a reservation with Cindy Smith (Call or text 706-346-0786 or email butlerjrt@gmail.com). I hope to see you on the 14th! Bring a guest!

Cindy K. Smith, president

Advent Bible Study



Pastor Stephanie will be hosting an advent Bible study on **Wednesdays at 1pm, December 2nd through the 23rd**. We will be using the book "Incarnation" by Adam Hamilton. Each book costs $15, and signups must be received by the second Sunday of November to receive them in time. Please let Jordan or Stephanie know if you are interested! Here's the book's summary:

His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels addressed him by other names. They called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh. In Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas, best-selling author Adam Hamilton examines the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of his birth. This four-week Advent study invites Christians of all ages to rediscover the Christ Child as a source of unity, healing, and light in uncertain times. This Advent season church families will come together to remember what's important. In the face of uncertainty and conflict, Christians reclaim the Christ Child who brings us together, heals our hearts, and calls us to bring light into the darkness. Now more than ever, we invite you to reflect upon the significance of the Christ-child for our lives and world today!



Joyful Ringers Handbell Choir Performs in Worship

Our Handbell Choir had a wonderful performance in church on October 18th! They are always looking for new ringers. If you can read music, come give it a try on **Thursdays from 6-7pm** in the fellowship hall. Church membership is not required. Please contact Pam Mullins for more information. (404-375-7594).



Christmas Decorating!

We will decorate the church for the advent season on November 22nd (time TBA). Please let Cindy Smith know if you are willing and able to help. Time to be announced.

All Saints Day 2026

On November 1st, we celebrate All Saints Day. This is a Christian holiday celebrated to honor all the saints of the church, including both known and unknown individuals who have reached heaven. On the first Sunday in November, we light candles to honor church members that have passed since last All Saint's Day. This year we will honor:



Nancy Evelyn Clift
10/24/1946 – 10/28/2025
Survived by husband: Terry Clift and her three children: Michelle R. Crane (Barry), Kellie D. Hoke (Rick), and Chad W. Clift (Tori)



William Thomas Collum
1/20/1952 – 3/27/2026
Survived by wife: Rose Collum

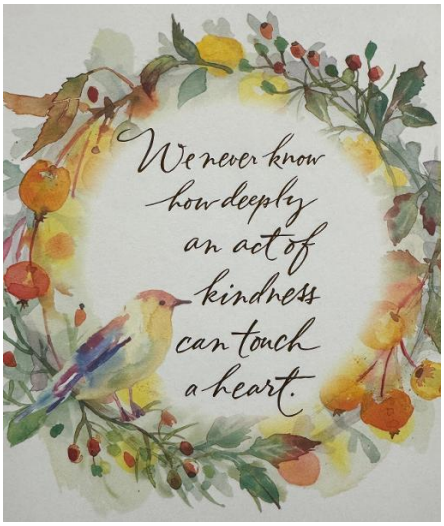


Jerry Faye Jacks Waters
08/23/1934 – 07/30/2026
Survived by 2 sons: James Randall Waters (Laurel), and Richard Franklin Waters

Preschool Sunday School Teachers Needed

If you are passionate about planting seeds of faith in young hearts, we have a wonderful opportunity for you. We are looking for enthusiastic, patient and dependable teachers to lead a new Preschool Sunday School class. Help us to help our littlest disciples discover God's love through storytelling, play, and creative activities. If you are willing and able to serve in this ministry, let Pastor Stephanie know.





Erna's Love Offering

In September, we collected money towards a love offering for Erna Dobbs to fix her wheelchairs. She sent us a thank you card!

This church has always been a blessing to us in any and every way. This time, you were the help with the chair repairs. Thank you all!

Erna & Orlando

Leadership Board Updates for 2027

At the charge conference on October 12th, we officially voted in our new leadership for the 2027 church year. Check out the updated list:

Leadership Board Second Avenue UMC 2027

Pastor: Stephanie Hannah
Chairperson: Mike Colombo
Lay Leader: Mike Colombo

2027	2028	2029
Virginia Sanders	Mike Colombo (LM)	Dennis Urquhart
Jane Franssen (SPR)	Lee Upshaw	Cindy Smith
Faye Kesler	Mary Beth Broxterman	Shannon Kislat

Youth Representative at Large – Theo Kislat
Recording Secretary to be chosen at first meeting in 2027

[The nine-member leadership board conducts all trustee, finance, and staff-parish relations responsibilities of the church. Members must be 18 years old or older to vote on trustee business. The leadership board chairperson serves as the lay leader (LL) and may serve as the lay member of annual conference (LM). Additional designations are: trustee chair (T), recording secretary (RS) and staff-parish relations chair (SPR).]

Positions Outside of the Leadership Board:

Treasurer	Greg Gaston
Lay Memb. Of Annual Conference	Mike Colombo
Lay Memb. of Annual Conf., Reserve	Dan Emerick

Nominations and Leadership Development Committee

Pastor: Stephanie Hannah
Lay Leader: Mike Colombo

2027	2028	2029
Mike Colombo	Shirley Dodson	Vicki Thomason
Kathy Urqhuart	Judy Myers	Rhonda Upshaw

Persons of the Week

November 1:
Nina Wheeler
12 Club View Drive
Rome, GA 30161

November 8:
Laura Bledsoe
667 Compton Road SE
Silver Creek, GA 30173-2958

November 15:
Bill & Cindy Pharr
4 Ridgepoint Drive SE
Rome, GA 30161-8519

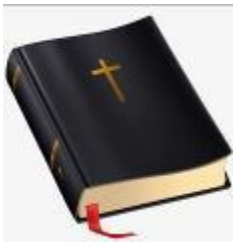
November 22:
Diane Minshew
3126 Cedartown Hwy SW, Apt. 1337
Rome, GA 30161

November 29:
Harry & Iris Petersmarck
1216 Adams Road
Cedartown, GA 30125

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

November Schedule

Liturgists:	Acolytes:
11/1 Mike Colombo	11/1
11/8 Susan Stroup	11/8 Jake Hannah
11/15 Amy Astin	11/15 Kevin Baleon-Ruiz
11/22 Dennis Urquhart	11/22 Theo Kislat
11/29 Greg Gaston	11/29



Prayer List

Congregation
Genny Alexander
Donna Bledsoe
Laura Bledsoe
Anna Brooks & Family
Gerrie Burton
Cindy Davis
Nancy Davis
Erna Dobbs
Shirley Dodson
Sue & Terry Duck
Carol & Scottie Edwards
Jane Franssen
Betty Hardy
John & Beth Kennedy
Harry Petersmarck
Bill & Cindy Pharr
Lib Rogers
Pam Wilkey
Wayne Wilkey

Friends & Family
Dusty Alexander
Justin Allen & Family
Madelyn Amerson
Dana Andrews
Tracy Baker
Anne Barker
Elsie Bates
Myra Bates
Xander Bickers
Jeannie Blunt
Rev. Jane & David Brooks
Brooke Brown
Jimmy Brown
Chris Butler
Kathy Cason
Ruth Day
Davis Donahue
Stephanie Dunn
Cory Eads
Sally Farmer
Terry Ferguson
Roxanne Golden
Carol Gunter
Tom Hardman & Friends
Bill Hembree
Beckham Hutcheson & Family
Hytowitz Family
Elissa Jacks
Kathy Jaryinan
Gloria Johnson
Garrette Jones
Henry Kennedy
Matthew King
Ivy Law
Pat Law
Scot Leonard
Chad Lester
Angela Mackler
Sam Markin
Martha Martin
Haley & Will McDonald
Tom & Cheri McElroy
Blakely Messer
Pam Mills
Raymond Millwood
Terri Minor
Lucie Mitchell
Posey Mitchell
Ali Morales
Lynette Murphy
Camil Nedela
Holli Nix
Bo Payne
Jeremy Peace
Beth Pitt
Aimee Rank
Roger Ramey
Jane Reimers
Margaret Rodela
Mike Sarver
Mallory Saville
Orlando Shaw
Peaches Shaw
Nancy Sims
Mariss Snow
Ashley Spires
Shirley Stanton
David Stevens
Susan Tate
Michael Thomason
Nadia Vagnerova
Esperanza Vail
Pavel Wagner
Lori Watters
Peggy White
Alice Wiener
Mitzi Wilburn
Autumn Wilkey
Kennedy Williams
Morgan Wilson
Jalen Wofford
Lara Beth Wright
Tommy Yarborough

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Our Vision:
"Knowing Christ & Making Christ Known"

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Birthdays & Anniversaries:

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

November Anniversaries

Nov 13 - Doug & Laura Meredith
Nov 14 - Beverly & Charles Gauthreaux
Nov 22 - Mary Beth & Terence Broxterman

November Birthdays

3 - Dawn Broderick
3 - Mary Beth Broxterman
7 - Megan Meade
9 - Katie Flanery
10 - Gretchen Dodson
11 - Allen Ables
11 - Noah Tucker
16 - Laura Bledsoe
17 - Michael Colombo
21 - Jordan Walker
22 - Terence Broxterman
27 - David Gresham
29 - Rhonda Eichenberger