

# Second Helpings

SEPTEMBER 2021

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## From the Bishop

*"Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul." -3 John 1:2*

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We encourage you to continually review your plans for worship and discipleship and be open to adapting to current realities.

We, your bishop and cabinet, continue to give thanks for the ways you are caring for your community in the difficult and ever-changing circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We grieve the toll COVID-19 is taking on our communities. As we have shared for many months, we encourage you to continually review your plans for worship and discipleship and be open to adapting to current realities.

Last month the CDC updated its guidance to encourage mask-wearing indoors in public in areas of substantial or high transmission. Today every county in our Conference is in that category (<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>). Please factor this guidance into your ongoing leadership conversations and decisions. We urge churches to return to mask-wearing in indoor settings.

We give thanks for the many congregations offering vaccine clinics. According to the CDC, vaccination is the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. We thank you for your outreach to those with food insecurities, the care you are showing healthcare workers, and the ways you are supporting schools, to name just a few of the ministries making a difference in our Conference.

May these acts of care for our community be a witness to Christ's love.

— Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson and the Conference Cabinet

## UMCOR International Disaster Response

Please join us in praying for the people of Haiti after a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the western region of the country on August 14. UMCOR is also helping provide humanitarian relief and recovery to Afghans in need. North Georgia United Methodists can contribute financially to these urgent crises by making a gift to Second Avenue UMC marked "UMCOR - International Disaster Response."

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## Highlights from August in Pictures



**Family Game Night with 'The Quizard of Oz'**



**Bill Davies gave a testimony about the good work done at the Davies Shelter and the Ruth and Naomi House**



**Celebrating Betty Crymes being 92 years young!**



**August Handbell Workshop**

**Welcome back to Virginia Sanders after her months-long visit with her new grandson, Finnur Fotopulos**



## Persons of the Week

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**September 05: Laura Bledoe**

667 Compton Road, SE  
Silver Creek, GA 30173-2958

**September 19: Herb & Paula Brown**

68 Fred Kelly Road  
Rome, GA 30161-9131

**September 12: Erna Dobbs**

90 E 2nd Avenue, Apt. 312  
Rome, GA 30161

**September 26: Edith Swint**

418 East 8th Street  
Rome, GA 30161-3357

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

## Schedule Schedule

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**Acolytes:**

09/05 Leigh Kim-Soh  
09/12 Macy Davis  
09/19 Railey Davis  
09/26 Theo Kislal

**Liturgists:**

09/05 Susan Stroup  
09/12 Greg Gaston  
09/19 Thomas Kislal  
09/26 Amy Astin

**Flowers:**

09/05  
09/12 Farmer  
09/19 Kim-Soh  
09/26 Franssen

**Counters:**

09/05 Mike Colombo & Cindy Smith  
09/12 Mary Beth Broxterman & Greg Gaston  
09/19 Amy Astin & Dan Emerick  
09/26 Jane Franssen & Greg Gaston

## Prayer List

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**Congregation**

Betty Albers  
Carl Alexander  
Laura Bledsoe  
Helen Broom  
Herb Brown  
Mary Beth Broxterman  
Jim & Gerrie Burton  
Lynda Climer  
Barbara Cothran  
Nancy Davis  
Erna Dobbs  
Terry Duck  
Carolyn Garwood  
Bill & Julie Mathis

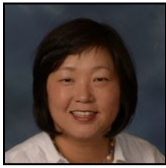
Bill Pharr  
Susan Stroup  
Edith Swint  
Vivian VanLandingham  
Carol Vogt  
Anne Westfield

**Friends & Family**

Reed Albers  
Mary Katherine Boggs  
Jim & Norma Cannon  
Rev. Dan Crawford  
Ruth Day  
Family of Kim Epperson  
Brooks Hesser

Garrette Jones  
Katie Lewis  
Ann Little  
Bobby Magnicheri  
Wayne Pierce  
JoAnn & John Thomas  
Jerry Watford

## Pastor's Page



I really enjoyed reading the Book of Acts together, and it really tickled me to think that when I read and studied it that you were doing the same! I hope we all have learned something through it together. Apostle Paul really was the first and foremost church planter and development guru, and I hope his faith, passion, and wisdom rub off on us a little (maybe a lot!).

What I learned during these months of reading Acts together.

1. **Servant-** This big shot in Christianity called himself a servant of Jesus Christ! If you think it is bad to call yourself “servant” now, it was worse then! And this was not just lip service! He lived his life as a servant of Jesus and at his service! Paul felt a great responsibility toward the churches he founded, and kept in contact with them through epistles (letters). In them he called himself “a servant of Jesus Christ” repeatedly and gave examples of his servanthood. At least thirteen of these letters are written by Paul in the New Testament.
2. **Grace-** A young man named Saul (Paul) was bent on murdering all the Christians. He was a Jew, a Pharisee, and a man of knowledge with great charisma. He was one of the leaders in the temple and led the movement in putting down this new sect/heresy of Judaism by actively arresting and killing them. Acts tells us that he was there when Stephen was stoned by Jews. Then, Jesus directly intervened. The risen Savior appeared to Saul on the road to Damascus, and it completely transformed him. Paul knew he was not worthy of Jesus and his salvation, and he knew that it was purely by the grace of God through Jesus Christ that he was saved. God even saves and uses a murderer and persecutor like him! Paul never took that for granted and extended God’s grace to everyone. His motto which Martin Luther later used later in his reformation of the church was, “Only by grace, only by faith!” Paul is the originator of that motto.
3. **Flexibility/Adaptability-** Most people think that Paul was chosen from the beginning to convert Gentiles, henceforth his title, “Preacher to the Gentiles” (Eph. 3:8-9). However, the Book of Acts tells us something different, that he was a traditional Jew and that he was pretty national and patriotic. But when his own people refused to receive the Good News of the Gospel, he did not stop. He certainly did not give up. He pivoted. He turned his channel to Gentiles! He was tenacious, persistent, and always had his end goal in mind. He used all methods he knew how; for example—worship, Bible study, storytelling, lectures, testimonies, debates, refutation, public speech, miracle work, entertainment, prison ministry, petitions, politics, etc. to win people for Jesus Christ!
4. **Hard Work-** Last but not least, he worked hard. He knew his time was limited. He wanted to do all things in Christ as best as he could with all that he had in his power.

Paul truly modeled how we should live in response to Christ’s life, death and resurrection. As Paul says in his letter to Philippians 1:20, “It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death.” Well I don’t know about you, but when I grow up, I want to be like Paul!

Your Pastor,  
Millie

## September Sermon Scriptures

<b>September 05</b>	Mark 7:24-37   “Crumbs On the Way”   Communion
<b>September 12</b>	Mark 8:27-38   “Who Is Jesus?”
<b>September 19</b>	Mark 9:30-37   “Who Is the Greatest?”
<b>September 26</b>	Rev. Dr. Gil Watson, preaching   Infant Baptism



## Blessings and Gratitude

To All the Ladies of 2nd Ave UMC,

Thank you so much for the lovely picture you sent. Briggs & I think of our church family so often and with much love. We are praying we find a church as welcoming and supportive as you all are.

I pray for each of you when Pastor Millie send notices of those that need extra prayers. Briggs & I are still well and doing fine.

Thank you again for the beautiful card and smiling faces.

Anne & Briggs Whitefileld

Millie,

Your timing was perfect. I had a bronchoscopy Friday and I had a rough time recovering. Your card certainly brightened my weekend!!!! ♥

I've got another procedure on Tuesday to open my airway further with a balloon. Hopefully the procedure will improve my likelihood of success when the surgeons attempt to repair my hiatal hernia. Please thank the congregation for their prayers and support. Thanks again!!

Yours in Christ,  
Bill

Thank you for all the cards you recently sent me. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Love,  
Jean Christian

## Ministries Cancelled

Due to resurgence of Covid at this time, the bi-weekly Bible Study at Heatherwood will not meet until further notice. Meals & More did not resume as planned and will not meet on September 7 as previously announced. Stay tuned for more details about when this valuable ministry will resume and when we will be responsible.

## Handbell Practice Resumes

Weekly practices for handbell choir will resume on Thursday, September 9, at 6:00. For more details, please contact our Handbell Director, Pam Mullins, at [pam.mullins@icloud.com](mailto:pam.mullins@icloud.com). or just come to the church and join the fun.

## Sanctuary Flowers

Please stop by the bulletin board outside the church office to sign up for Sunday(s) in the coming year to provide flowers for the chancel area of the Sanctuary. Each week's flowers are **\$50**, and you may give them in recognition of a significant event in your life or in honor or memory of a loved one. For more info or sign up for a week, please contact JoAnn @ 706.234.6406 or [2ndAve@bellsouth.net](mailto:2ndAve@bellsouth.net). You may also give to the Flower Fund at any time by designating on your check.

## United Methodist Women Meet September 11



In **Ruth 1:16–17**, Ruth tells Naomi, her Israelite mother-in-law, "Where you go, I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. ... May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me."

An important theme of the book of Ruth is **loyalty**, which is shown in abundance by Ruth to her mother-in-law, Naomi, in the aftermath of her husband's death. Loyalty is about remaining at somebody's side through everything, and Ruth provides a perfect example of this.

**We are closely monitoring the current Covid outbreak in our community and will make a final decision about our September meeting closer to the time. Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 11, 10:00 -11:30 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. Devon Smyth from the Davies Shelters will be our speaker to tell us more about the work at Ruth and Naomi House for women and children. We will enjoy brunch; cost is \$5 per person. We will be taking your donations to missions through UMW, which we missed collecting in August (unless you sent check to Susan), as well as any extra offerings to the Ruth and Naomi House breakfast program. Checks need to be made out to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. UMW and given to Susan Stroup.**

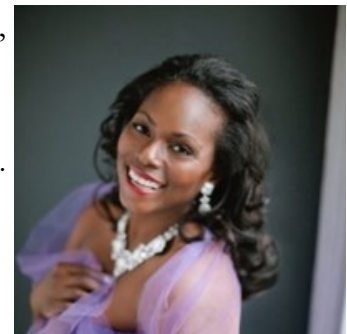
**ALL** ladies of the church are invited to come and be a part of United Methodist Women! We meet the **2nd Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m.** and are always finished by 11:30 a.m. so you can get on your way with weekend chores and activities. All you need to do is **let our reservationist, Betty Crymes, know that you are coming. Her number is 706-936-1218** or you can find her on the back pew closest to the door going to the Fellowship Hall every Sunday. Please come and enjoy good food, fun fellowship, and an inspiring program each month.

**Cindy Smith**  
**UMW President**

## Second Avenue Baptist Concert on September 19

The combined concert with Second Avenue Baptist featuring Indria Thomas, originally scheduled for March 2020, has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 19, at 4:00 p.m. in the Second Avenue Baptist Sanctuary.

No meal is planned and the event will not be publicized to the general public. Masks will be required. If there are any changes, we will announce via bulletins and/or email. Make plans to go enjoy some beautiful music.



## Vital Signs



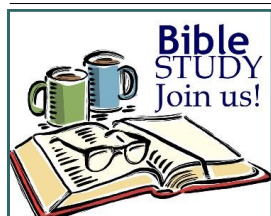
Budgeted amount needed as of August: \$161,931

Budgeted amount given as of August: \$144,916

Financial giving in August: \$17,513



## Psalms Bible Study on Zoom Moves to WEDNESDAYS



Psalms Bible Study via Zoom meets on Wednesdays at 6:00pm.

Zoom ID: 889 765 8908 (no password required)

Experience the Psalms with fresh connections to contemporary worship and devotional practices. Indulge in the Biblical study of the Psalms from a scholar and former pastor, Rev. Dr. Sandra Richter. You can purchase the study guide (Book of Psalms Study Guide by Sandra Richter) on Amazon or have JoAnn order for you.

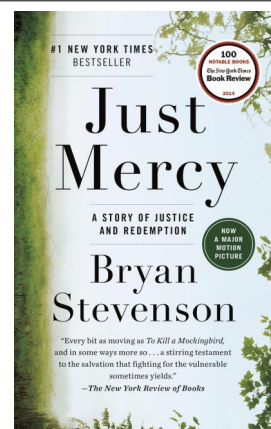
## Trinity UMC Fall Book Club for Everyone

Everyone is invited to participate in a new Book Club hosted by Trinity UMC on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, September 9th - December 9th. Highlights include:

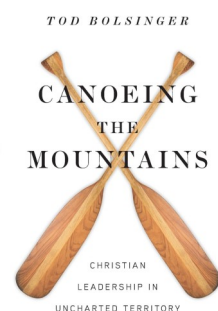
- Watch the movie together
- Read the book together
- Discuss important issues
- Field trip to Equal Justice Center
- Field trip to lynching sites in Floyd County
- Thanksgiving day service project
- Special speakers

Program Leaders: Robin Holt, Susan Babb, Rev. Nanci Hicks  
Trinity UMC Rome, 606 Turner McCall Blvd, Rome, GA 30165

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4bada62da2fac52-fall>



## Canoeing the Mountains Leadership Study



Leading today. Preparing for tomorrow.

Monday evenings September 20th - November 1st  
7:00-8:00 pm, in person & online at Trinity UMC, Mobley Hall.

They have several copies of the book at Trinity still if anyone wants to utilize those.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4bada62da2fac52-canoeing#:~:text=your%20sign%20up-,Available%20Slot,-I%20want%20to>

## Note From Trustees

Trustees are planning to clean out downstairs. We have accumulated "stuff" that people have donated in the last couple of years, but we do not have a plan to do a yard sale anytime soon. If you know of anyone in need or if you need something for your family, come to church and take it. All the rest will be donated to the Salvation Army at the end of September.

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Making Christ Known'

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### September Birthdays

- 01 Anne Westfield
- 02 Genny Alexander
- 06 Isaac Tucker
- 07 Paula Jones
- 12 Ronnie Farmer,  
Jane Franssen  
Tommy Jones
- 13 Cindy Davis
- 14 Jayme Gauthreaux
- 17 Erna Dobbs
- 18 Beverly Woodward
- 19 Barbara Cothran  
Leigh Kim-Soh
- 20 Anna Brooks
- 24 Doug Garwood, Jr.
- 28 Annisa Heinrich

### Birthdays & Anniversaries:

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

### September Anniversaries

- 04 Herb & Paula Brown
- 16 Bill & Julie Mathis
- 17 Ernie & Judy Myers
- 29 Bill & Juanita Underwood



## September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Anne Westfield 6:00pm Psalms Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>2</b> Genny Alexander	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Herb & Paula Brown
<b>5</b> 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>6</b> Isaac Tucker	<b>7</b> Paula Jones 10:00am Helping Hands	<b>8</b> 6:00pm Psalms Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>9</b> 6:00pm Handbell Choir resumes	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 11:00am United Methodist Women Meeting
<b>12</b> Jane Franssen Ronnie Farmer Tommy Jones 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>13</b> Cindy Davis	<b>14</b> Jayme Gauthreaux 10:00am Helping Hands	<b>15</b> 6:00pm Psalms Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>16</b> Bill & Julie Mathis 6:00pm Handbell Choir	<b>17</b> Erna Dobbs Ernie & Judy Myers	<b>18</b> Beverly Woodward
<b>19</b> Barbara Cothran Leigh Kim-Soh 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 4:00pm Indria Thomas Concert at Second Avenue Baptist	<b>20</b> Anna Brooks	<b>21</b> 10:00am Helping Hands	<b>22</b> 6:00pm Psalms Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>23</b> 6:00pm Handbell Choir	<b>24</b> Doug Garwood, Jr.	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 4:00pm One Board Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Annisa Heinrich 10:00am Helping Hands	<b>29</b> Bill & Juanita Underwood 6:00pm Psalms Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>30</b> 6:00pm Handbell Choir		