

Second Helpings

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Pastor's Page– Rev. Stephanie Hannah



Is it really September already? Fall is approaching quickly, but I have noticed that the hot temperatures have not changed at all. Fall has always been my favorite season with the fall festivals and craft shows going on all around, the beautiful color changes that happen everywhere, but especially the cooler temps that come with the change of the season. It has always been a time for change and new beginnings for me, and I am blessed to be able to experience this next season in ministry serving this community right beside each of you.

Beginning on October 1st, I will be leading a new six-week Study on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm based on the book “Jesus Revealed: The I Am Statements in the Gospel of John” by Rev. Matt Rawle. In this study we will look at the character of Jesus found in His “I Am” statements. We will talk about John’s use of symbols throughout and how they tell us who Jesus is and what each “I Am” statement means for us today. I pray each of you will consider joining us for this wonderful learning experience on Wednesday afternoons. Let JoAnn in the church office (706-234-6406) know if you would like to have a book ordered for you.

We will also be doing a four-week Advent study beginning the last Wednesday in November called “Experiencing Christmas: Christ in the Sights and Sounds of Advent.” I look forward to exploring Scripture and learning more about our Triune God alongside each of you.

Blessings,
Pastor Stephanie



September Sermon Scriptures

September 07	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Jeremiah 18:1-11 “God’s Work of Art” Communion
September 14	Psalm 119:169-176; Luke 15:1-10 “Are We Searching?”
September 21	Psalm 4; Luke 16:1-13 “Am I a Manager or a Steward?”
September 28	Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; Luke 16:19-31 “Searching for Lazarus”

Upper Room Available

September—October Upper Room devotionals are now available. If you need JoAnn to mail you a copy, please contact the church office at 706.234.6406 or 2ndave@bellsouth.net.

Sanctuary Flowers

Please stop by the bulletin board outside the church office to sign up for Sunday(s) in the coming months 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 Thomas at 706.234.6406 or 2ndAve@bellsouth.net. You may also give to the Flower Fund at any time by designating Flower Fund on your check.

Amazing Grace Offering on Sunday, September 21

With a focus on the whole family and 150 years of faith-centered service, Wellroot's programs are designed to keep families together whenever possible, provide short-term foster families when needed, and nurture and educate teens and young adults to break the cycle of trauma in their lives.

Saying "yes" to a contribution to the Amazing Grace Offering, enables Wellroot (formerly named The United Methodist Children's Home) to:

- Expand family support programs
- Equip foster families to meet the needs of the children they care for, and
- Support and house young adults transitioning out of foster care on their journey to adulthood.

September Mission Project: P.A.W.S. Animal Shelter

Furry friends in need of a home have found shelter at PAWS (Public Animal Welfare Services) in hopes that they will be adopted into a permanent and loving home. At this time, the shelter is most in need of:

Treats Toys Kitten Food Dry Dog Food Dry Cat Food

Collection bins are in the Fellowship Hall for any who wish to donate any of these items.

Persons of the Week

September 03: Vicki Thomason

165 Woodrow Wilson Way, Apt. 205
Rome, GA 30165

September 17: Garrette Jones

4049 Berwick Farm Drive
Duluth, GA 30096

September 10: Paula Brown

68 Fred Kelly Road
Rome, GA 30161-9131

September 24: Michael & Josi Gibson

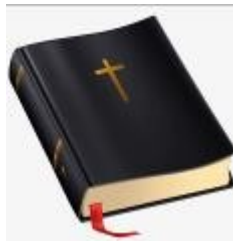
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Please remember these friends with cards, calls, visits, and prayers.

September Schedule

Liturgists:

09/07 Dennis Urquhart
09/14 Amy Astin
09/21 Greg Gaston
09/28 Susan Stroup



Flowers:

09/07
09/14 Boggs
09/21
09/28

Prayer List

Congregation

Genny Alexander
Donna Bledsoe
Lee Brock & Family
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 & Family
John & Beth Kennedy
Susan Kennedy
Ralph & Merinda
Magnicheri
Irene Martz
Bill & Cindy Pharr
Lib Rogers
Virginia Sanders
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
Lisa Crowder
Wendell Crowder
Ruth Day
Patrick Demirjian
Stephanie Dunn
Jimmy & Denise

Carol Gunter
Molly Horton
Hytowitz family
Jessie (foster child)
Kathy Jarvinan
Gloria Johnson
Garrett Jones
Matthew King
Faye Laney
Josh Laney
Ivy 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
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
Sue Thomason
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



September is here along with some most welcome fall-ish temperatures. We will resume our monthly United Women in Faith meetings on **Saturday, September 13, 2024**. We start with **brunch at 10:00 a.m. (cost is \$5.00 per person)** and will be finished by 11:30 a.m. so you can get on with your Saturday activities. The menu will include some favorites including spinach quiche, bacon, pumpkin coffee cake, fruit, juice, and coffee.



I have asked Susan Lavigne to come and do our program entitled, "Positive and Thankful" as we kick off a new year of fun, food, and Christian fellowship together. There will be fun stories, songs, and tips for bringing a positive attitude and gratitude into your life. **Please make a reservation with Cindy Smith (Call or text 706-346-0786 or email butlerjrt@gmail.com).**

If you have not kept up with your monthly pledge to missions or support for Hospitality House, you can do that when we meet. We used some of our local mission funds to purchase 30 backpacks for the church mission project for Anna K Davie Elementary School. Some of these will also be shared with Main Elementary School.

I hope to see you on the 13th! Bring a guest if you'd like!
Cindy K. Smith, CWF President

Notes from the Music Ministry

Church member Jackie Payne has recently been hired as our Music Director. Please be sure to let Jackie know how happy we are that she has accepted this new role.

The new church organ, replacing the one damaged in the lightning strike, is scheduled to be installed this month and should provide many years of beautiful music for the church.

Vital Signs



Budgeted amount needed as of August: \$164,512

Budgeted amount given as of August 24: \$134,525

Financial giving in month of August thus far (Budget and Designated): \$16,268

Wednesday Night Supper and Game Night



Mark your calendar and plan to join us on Wednesday, September 17, at 6:00 p.m. for a supper and game night. Plan to come and bring a friend. Watch upcoming bulletins for more details.

Baby Shower for Michael & Josi Gibson

All are invited to attend a baby shower as Michael and Josi Gibson (son and daughter-in-law of Cliff and Michelle Gibson) celebrate the upcoming birth of their son. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 28, immediately after the Worship Service. A lunch of salads and sandwiches will be served - then we will celebrate Michael, Josi, son Sawyer and Baby Boy Gibson!

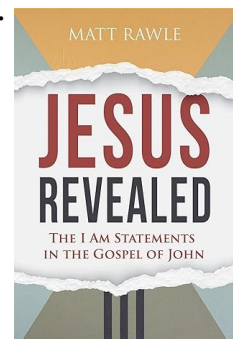
If you would like to help, please call Betty Albers (706) 232-2559.

New Bible Study Begins in October

Jesus Revealed: The I Am Statements in the Gospel of John by Matt Rawle

Please 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. Copies of the book may be ordered through the church office for **\$13** or through your preferred book retailer.

October 01	I Am the Bread of Life (John 6:48)
October 08	I Am the Light of the World (John 8:12)
October 15	I Am the Good Shepherd (John 10:11)
October 22	I Am the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)
October 29	I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6)
November 05	I Am the True Vine (John 15:1)



Charge Conference

This year's annual meeting with the District Superintendent, the Rev. Carolyn Stephens, will take place on Monday, October 13, at 5:30 p.m. Charge Conference is open to everyone who would like to attend.

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Our Vision:
"Knowing Christ & Making Christ Known"

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September Birthdays

02	Genny Alexander
06	Isaac Tucker
07	Paula Jones
12	Jane Franssen
13	Cindy Davis
14	Jayne Gauthreaux
15	Daniela Opravilova
17	Erna Dobbs
18	Beverly Woodward
19	Barbara Cothran
20	Anna Brooks
24	Doug Garwood, Jr.
28	Annisa Heinrich

September Anniversaries

17	Ernie & Judy Myers
29	Bill & Juanita Underwood



Birthdays & Anniversaries:

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

September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day--Church Office Closed	2 Genny Alexander 10:00am Helping Hands	3 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	4 6:00pm Handbell Choir	5	6 Isaac Tucker
7 Paula Jones 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	8	9 10:00am Helping Hands	10 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	11 6:00pm Handbell Choir	12 Jane Franssen	13 Cindy Davis 10:00am United Women in Faith Resumes
14 Jayme Gauthreaux 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	15 Daniela Opravilova	16 10:00am Helping Hands	17 Erna Dobbs Ernie & Judy Myers 6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper & Game Night 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	18 Beverly Woodward 6:00pm Handbell Choir	19 Barbara Cothran	20 Anna Brooks
21 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	22 Patty Jones	23 10:00am Helping Hands	24 Doug Garwood, Jr. 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	25 6:00pm Handbell Choir	26	27
28 Annisa Heinrich 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Gibson Baby Shower	29 Bill & Juanita Underwood	30 10:00am Helping Hands				