

Second Helpings

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Pastor's Page– Rev. Stephanie Hannah

Dear Church Family,

Grace and peace to you as we turn the page toward a new season. September often brings a noticeable shift in the air. Summer vacations are wrapping up, school bells are ringing, and our daily routines seem to pick up speed. Here at Second Avenue UMC, September also marks a beautiful transition in the life of many of our ministries and groups. Handbell choir weekly practices resume, Keenagers get togethers resume, United Women in Faith monthly meetings resume, and our fellowship calendar seems to fill with new opportunities to connect and grow.



Change is definitely a constant part of life. As we step into this busy early autumn season, it is easy to feel overwhelmed by the fast pace. Yet Scripture reminds us that God is the author of all change, and He is walking with us through every new beginning and closing chapter in our life. This month, let us view the changing season not as a chore of busyness, but as an invitation to come together as brothers and sisters in Christ. Let us pray for open eyes to see the needs all around us, open hands to willingly serve our neighbors, and open hearts to both receive and give God's grace.

May this September be a time of renewed faith, deeper fellowship together, and great joy for our entire church and community.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Stephanie



September Sermon Scriptures

- Sept 06** Matthew 18:15-20; Romans 13:8-14 | "Our Debt to Pay"
Sept 13 Matthew 18:21-35; Romans 14:1-12 | "Can We Agree to Disagree?"
Sept 20 Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16 | "Is God Fair?"
Sept 27 Exodus 17:1-7; Matthew 21:23-32 | "Getting Water from a Rock"

New Office Secretary and Office Hours



We are excited to share the news that our Music Director, Jordan Walker, will also be taking on the role as Church Administrative Assistant beginning **Tuesday, September 1, 2026**. Jordan brings a heart for God, for this church and our members as she begins this new journey with us. She is looking forward to getting to know each of you better and learning how she can serve our church and congregation more. If you haven't had the opportunity to meet Jordan, don't hesitate to stop by the office.

The new church office hours will be 8am-2pm Monday-Thursday starting Tuesday, September 1, 2026.

Background Checks for Volunteers

As part of Second Avenue United Methodist Church's Safe Sanctuaries policies, we require all volunteers who work with the children and youth in our congregation to have a background check run. These background checks help us to protect our youngest disciples. There is no cost for the background check to the volunteers. Please see Pastor Stephanie for a form to fill out if you have not yet completed one.



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.



July-August Mission Project—Rome High School Students

For our July & August Mission, we collected 22 pairs of jeans/pants, 9 shirts, 1 jacket, 48 pairs of underwear, 5 hats, 3 pairs of shorts, 12 pairs of socks, and 2 pairs of pajamas for high school students in Rome City Schools. High School is a pivotal time for social development, and navigating it without the “right” resources can deeply impact a student’s self-esteem and academic focus. Your generous donation totaling \$3,470 will help to ensure that financial hardship doesn’t stand in the way of a student’s confidence or their sense of belonging. Through your donations we are helping to remove social barriers and give a teenager the confidence to walk down the hallways with pride, dignity, and inclusion. Thank you for all of your donations and for helping Rome City High School students feel like they belong.



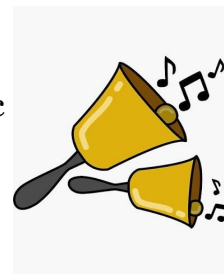
September Outreach—Armuchee Students

For almost 10 years Mary Beth Broxterman has been taking Armuchee Middle and High School students to conferences hosted by the Center for Civic Engagement. Students who participate get the opportunity to be a senator or representative for the duration of the conference or juniors and seniors have the option to choose a simulation involving a court case. Prior to the conference students write bills or legal briefs, prepare for debate, and learn how to follow Robert's Rules for parliamentary procedures or courtroom protocols. These conferences allow students to gain a better understanding of our legislative process or to gain insight into our court system. Mary Beth Broxterman is finding that there are increasing numbers of students who need financial aid to make attending these conferences a reality. Money collected will be used to enable students with financial limitations the opportunity to experience these conferences.

Joyful Ringers, Handbell Resumes Weekly Schedule

Our Handbell Choir will resume weekly practices beginning on Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 6pm. We still have vacant spots in the handbell choir that need to be filled. We are looking for people who can read music but church membership is not required.

Please contact Pam Mullins (404-375-7594)





United Women in Faith

September has arrived despite it still feeling like July or August with this heat! We will resume our monthly United Women in Faith meetings on **Saturday, September 12, 2026**, 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.



Our program will be "Stories of Grace: A Tapestry of a Faithful Life." We will also get to review the long history of United Methodist Women/United Women of Faith with some specific memories from Second Avenue United Methodist Women. Come and join us as we kick off a new year of fun, food, and Christian fellowship together.

According to the Psalmist in Psalm 71, "Even when I am old and gray...do not forsake me till I declare your power to the next generation."

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. I hope to see you on the 12th! Bring a guest if you'd like!



Keenagers resumes September 17th

Keenagers will resume on Thursday, September 17, 2026. We will share a covered dish meal at 12pm, so bring your favorite dish to share. We will also be driving to the ECO Center afterwards for a tour. If you are interested in going to the ECO Center, please sign up on the sheet outside of the church office. If you would like to make any suggestions for Keenagers' Programs contact Judy Myers or Shirley Dodson.

The Rome-Floyd E.C.O. Center exists to provide quality educational programs and events centered on Georgia's biodiversity and native wildlife. We are passionate about teaching the value and importance of natural resource leadership, stewardship, and conservation to all ages through a variety of opportunities. As a joint department of the City of Rome and Floyd County governments, our goal is provide our citizens and visitors with a fun and unique perspective on our ecological assets.



Friends & family,

Thank you so much for all of the love, prayers, phone calls, visits, cards, and meals that you have provided for me and my family during my recent diagnosis, surgery, and recovery from breast cancer.

Your love and support has helped all of us beyond measure. Most importantly, we cherish your continued prayers.

I love all of you,

Donna Bledsoe

New Upper Room Devotionals Now Available

August/September Upper Room daily devotionals are available at the church. Plan to pick yours up on Sunday or stop by the church during office hours. If you need a copy to be mailed to you (either Large Print or Regular size), please contact the church office at (706-234-6406) or email at 2ndave@bellsouth.net.



Persons of the Week

September 06:

Dan Emerick
3 Drexel Drive
Rome, GA 30165

September 20:

Judy Myers
18 Bent Oak Trail NW
Rome, GA 30165

September 13:

Shirley Dodson
197 Meadow Lakes Blvd.
Cedartown, GA 30125

September 27:

Kathy & Dennis Urquhart
40 Amberwood Trail
Rome, GA 30165

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

September Schedule

Liturgists:

09/06 Mike Colombo
09/13 Amy Astin
09/20 Dennis Urquhart
09/27 Greg Gaston



Acolytes:

09/06 Kevin Baleon-Ruiz
09/13
09/20
09/27

Prayer List

Congregation

Genny Alexander
Donna Bledsoe
Gerrie Burton
Rose Collum
Cindy Davis
Nancy Davis
Erna Dobbs
Sue & Terry Duck
Greg Gaston
Betty Hardy
Brooke & Avery Harris
John & Beth Kennedy
Bill & Cindy Pharr
Lib Rogers
Orlando Shaw
Jerry Waters
Wayne Wilkey

Friends & Family

Dusty Alexander
Justin Allen & Family
Madelyn Amerson
Katharine Ammons
Dana Andrews
Dr B

Tracy Baker
Anne Barker
Family of Mary Barton
Myra Bates
Xander Bickers
Jeannie Blunt
Rev. Jane & David
Brooks
Brooke Brown
Jimmy Brown
Chris Butler
Kathy Cason
Ruth Day
Stephanie Dunn
Sally Farmer
Roxanne Golden
Carol Gunter
Beckham Hutcheson &
family
Hytowitz family
Jessie (foster child)
Elissa Jacks
Kathy Jarvinan
Gloria Johnson
Garrette Jones
Matthew King

Ivy Law
Pat Law
Scot Leonard
Chad Lester
Angela Mackler
Sam Markin
Martha Martin
Family of Rev. Dr Gary
MacDonald
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

Margaret Rodela
Mallory Saville
Orlando Shaw
Peaches Shaw
Nancy Sims
Marissa Snow
Shirley Stanton
David Stevens
Susan Tate
Michael Thomason
Nadia Vagnerova
Esperanza Vail
Pavel Wagner
Lori Watters
Family of Jill Wells
Peggy White
Alice Wiener
Mitzi Wilburn
Autumn Wilkey
Kennedy Williams
Morgan Wilson
Jalen Wofford
Laura Beth Wright
Tommy Yarborough

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Our Vision:
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September Anniversaries

9/17 Ernie & Judy Myers

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

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

September Birthdays

9/2 Genny Alexander
9/6 Isaac Tucker
9/7 Paula Jones
9/12 Jane Franssen
9/13 Cindy Davis
9/15 Daniela Opraviilova
9/17 Erna Dobbs
9/18 Beverly Woodward
9/19 Barbara Cothran
9/20 Anna Brooks
9/20 Patty Jones