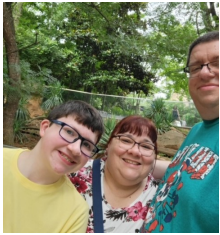

Second Helpings

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Pastor's Page– Rev. Stephanie Hannah

Dear Church Family,

As we embrace the final weeks of summer and look toward the fall, August brings a natural rhythm of transition. Whether your family is preparing for a new school year or simply finding time to rest, I pray this month offers you moments of peace, renewal, and joy.

As we gather for worship in August, we will be focusing on stepping into new opportunities and new beginnings with faith and courage. Life often brings unexpected turns, but our foundation remains rooted in Christ's unfailing love. This time of transition can be an opportunity for us to go bravely into the world and boldly spread God's Gospel and His love.

Let us continue to pray for our local students, teachers, and school staff as they prepare for the academic year ahead.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, and may His grace guide your path this month.

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Grace and peace,

Pastor Stephanie



August Sermon Scriptures

- Aug 02** 1 Peter 4:7-11; Matthew 14:13-21 | "Compassion is the Key"
- Aug 09** Proverbs 3:1-6; Matthew 14:22-33 | "What are We Afraid of?"
- Aug 16** 2 Corinthians 12:6-10; Matthew 15:21-28 | "Faith Found in Silence"
- Aug 23** Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20 | "Who Am I?"
- Aug 30** Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28 | "Are We Ready?"

Summer Bible Study

It is not too late to join our Summer Bible study of *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple* by Adam Hamilton. We meet on Wednesdays at 1pm. If you would like to join us, please let Pastor Stephanie know.

Joyful Ringers, Handbell Choir Summer Schedule

Our Handbell Choir has been pausing weekly rehearsals for Summer Break.

Their final Summer practice will be on **August 22** from 9am-1pm.

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.

United Women in Faith & Keenagers resume in September

United Women in Faith and Keenagers, have been on summer break June through August. We appreciate everyone's support, attendance and fellowship for these programs and look forward to continuing these activities in September. United Women in Faith will begin meeting again on Saturday **September 12, 2026** at 10am. If you would like to make any suggestions for UWF programs when we resume contact Cindy Smith.

We will have more information on upcoming Keenagers meetings soon. If you would like to make any suggestions for Keenagers' Programs contact Judy Myers or Shirley Dodson.

Church Office hours update

We are currently looking to hire a new church secretary/bookkeeper. Laura's last day was July 30th so please call the church office or Pastor Stephanie to ensure someone is there if you need anything. Stephanie will be in the office most days but there will be times when no one is in the office. If you know of anyone who might be interested in a part time job with secretarial/bookkeeping experience give them Stephanie's contact information.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

What a blessing to be able to ask for volunteers for the nursery on Sundays during worship. Baby Judah is coming almost every Sunday now and we are in prayer that more families will be joining our church soon. We need to get a rotation set to cover the nursery every Sunday. Please let Pastor Stephanie know if you are willing and able to help cover the nursery on Sundays.

August Mission—Rome City Schools

For our July & August Mission, we will be supporting high school children in Rome City Schools. Your generous donations will provide new clothing for students in need. We will also be accepting new age appropriate clothing, shoes, underwear and socks. Please remember High School students typically wear adult size clothing.

If you are interested in learning more about Rome City Schools and how you can help, please reach out to Nina Wheeler.

Luncheon for Pastor Stephanie



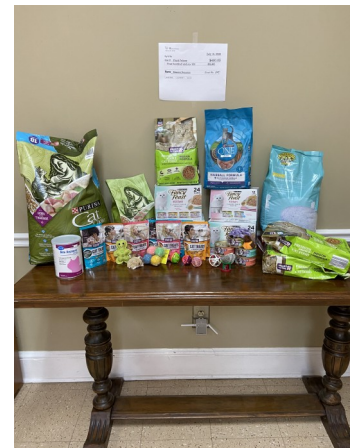
Pastor Stephanie was ordained as an Ordained Elder in Full Connection in the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church on June 18, 2026.

We had a wonderful time celebrating her accomplishment with her, David, Jake & family! There was special music sung by Man Lee accompanied by Daniela Opravilova. She received the Pearl Pin in Special Recognition of Service from the United Women in Faith. She received gifts from members of the congregation and a beautiful Advent stole from all of us at Second Avenue UMC.



June Mission—Floyd Felines

For our June Mission, we collected 84 cans of kitten food, 38 pounds of cat food plus 5 additional cans of cat food, 8 pouches of treats, a bag of cat toys, and a bag of special formula litter for Floyd Felines. Your generous donations totaled \$400 that was given to Floyd Felines to help them care for around 250 kittens and cats they are caring for at their main facility. They rely on kindhearted volunteers to help take good care of the kittens and cats until they are adopted or placed in foster homes. It is overwhelming to think of what is required to operate a place like that. They need so much and help and money to care for these animals waiting for their furever homes.



New Upper Room Devotionals Now Available

July/August 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

August 02:

Avery, Brooke & Judah Harris

550 John Ingram Road
Silver Creek, GA 30173

August 09:

Carol & Scottie Edwards

506 E. 9th Street
Rome, GA 30161

August 16:

Barbara & Terry Cothran

175 County Road 371
Centre, AL 35960

August 23:

Irene Martz

42 Chateau Drive, Apt 308
Rome, GA 30161

August 30:

Cindy Smith

301 Raymond Avenue NW
Rome, GA 30165

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

July Schedule

Liturgists:

08/02 Mike Colombo
08/09 Amy Astin
08/16 Susan Stroup
08/23 Dennis Urquhart
08/30 Greg Gaston



Acolytes:

08/02
08/09 Kevin Baleon-Ruiz
08/16 Theo Kislat
08/23
08/30

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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August Anniversaries

8/10 Patty and Phil Baker

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

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

August Birthdays

8/4 Patty Baker
8/6 Rose Collum
8/10 Matthew Gibbons
8/14 Irene Martz
8/18 Doug Meredith
8/29 Nina Wheeler
8/20 Jackie Payne
8/22 Joshua Columbo
8/23 Jerry Waters
8/23 Vicki Embree
8/25 Tom McElroy
8/29 Buffy Davis
8/29 Michelle Gibson
8/30 Juanita Underwood