

August 30, 2026

Pennies for Hunger: September 6
Special Missions Offering for August:
Diaper Bank of NC

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Vimeo live-streamed services may be accessed from www.alamancechurch.org.

APC SWAG ORDER: Starts **today!** See bulletin insert for details. Deadline for prepaid orders is **Sun., Sep. 27.**

BEER & HYMNS at Oden Brewery, **Sun., Aug. 30, 3-4:30p.** Offering partner is Backpack Beginnings. Features the musical stylings of Jacob Dishman, Kyle Goodman, Andrew & Katie Long, Rebecca Pugh, and Jim Rigel.

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED on Labor Day, **Mon., Sep. 7.**

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Annual Kirby Ward Missions Tournament at Forest Oaks Country Club is **Thurs., Sep. 10. 1p** “shotgun start.” Sponsorships available; cost for individual player is \$115. Benefits the APC Food Pantry.

TOUCH A TRUCK: Free event from **10a-1p on Sat., Sep. 19.** Come to the parking lots and explore a huge variety of fascinating vehicles. Greensboro Gargoyles hockey team mascot Doyle the Gargoyle will be there, too.

POTTERS HOUSE: Since 2004, APC has fed Greensboro Urban Ministry guests on the **third Sat. of each odd month. Sat., Sep. 19** is next date. Contact Dave Purvis to help (336-362-0584).

RALLY DAY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL is **Sun., Sep. 20, 8:30-9:50a** in Brown Fellowship Hall. Bring breakfast foods to share! Kids ROCK and Youth Groups start the 2026-27 school year on **Sep. 20**, too.

KIDS ROCK KICK-OFF: **Sun., Sep. 20, 5-7p!** Kids Reaching Out to Christ’s Kingdom is a fellowship group for 2nd-5th graders. Meets in the Kids ROCK room (top floor, Education building).

YOUTH GROUPS meet in the new Youth Room (top floor, Education Bldg.) on **Sun., Sep. 20, 5-7p.**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Deadline for the **October, 2026** issue of *The Relay* is **Fri., Sep. 25.**

A LOG COLLEGE AT ALAMANCE event, *APC Voices of the Past: A Living History Cemetery Walk!* will be held **Sat., Sept. 26 at 9a.** Sign up for one of several tours at this link: <https://signup.com/go/jRRuuqs>. (Some golf cart seats available, for the non-walkers among us.)

STATED SESSION MEETING: Session meets in person on the **fourth Sun. of each month at 2p**, in the Bible Seekers classroom — unless otherwise noted. Next meeting is at **2p on Sep. 27.**

MISSIONS POSSIBLE: *A Black & White Affair* is **6p, Sat., Oct. 3** at the Moose Lodge. Multitudinous details are sure to follow, as the date draws nearer. Tickets are on sale in the Thin Place, after worship each Sunday.

SENIORS & FRIENDS: Fellowship group meets and eats on **first Mon. of even months at 11:30a**, in the Coble House — unless otherwise noted. Next meal is **Mon., Oct. 5.**

SOUP & SALAD FUNDRAISER for Children and Youth ministries is **Sun., Nov. 8, immediately after worship**, in Brown Fellowship Hall.

FULLER CENTER MISSION TRIP TO WESTERN NC is **Nov. 8-14.** Stay in Montreat; work in Black Mountain/Swannanoa area. Register on-line at fullercenter.org/disaster-rebuilder. Questions or problems? Contact Tommy Causey (336-706-8007).

CHURCH NURSERY is in room #313 (top floor, Education Building). Sign up to help there at Children's Ministries Volunteer (Please contact Dana Adams for a background check: **you MUST have one** to work with children in this church. (dana@alamancechurch.org).

Congratulations to Lewis & Edna May, who married each other August 31, 1957.

Missions Possible:
A Black & White Affair
(a silent auction and dinner fundraiser) is **Saturday, October 3, 7-9 p.m.** at the Moose Lodge (5031 Blakeshire Road, Greensboro).

OPEN MEETING:
12-step recovery program (AA) meets **7p every Thursday** in the Gathering Place. All are welcome.

MEN’S GROUP meets on the **third Tuesday of each month**, at the home of Kirby Ward, unless otherwise noted. Next meeting is **Tues., Sep. 15.**

No one from the church will **EVER** email, phone, or message you to send gift cards. This form of request is a scam. **Do not respond to these sorts of requests.**

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Office hours: **8:30a-2:30p M-T-Th-F, 8:30a-12:30p on Wednesday**

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Food Pantry
August special collection: Canned pasta
The APC Food Pantry serves up to 30 families each week, all year long. Your donations make this vital local mission possible.
VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL. Sign up at https://signup.com/group/987658676044?utm_source=group-badge-volunteer-green.
Do, please, continue to donate clean, dry, plastic grocery bags.

Presbyterian Women Circles meet:
Red Hat: Mon., Sep 14, 6:30p in the Coble House.
Agapé: Tues., Sep. 8; 11a to go eat, **12p** in Uffman room for Bible study.
L.I.F.T.: Tues., Sep. 15, 7p in the Coble House.

Read the Bible in Two Years
Bobbie Black leads this Sunday school class in the Uffman classroom from **9-9:30a** on the **first Sunday each month**, unless otherwise noted. **Next meeting: September 6.**

ONLINE GIVING:
Easy Tithe charges APC a monthly fee to accept online giving, *in addition* to a processing fee for each transaction. Easy Tithe recommends that donors use the ACH payment type with online donations: this significantly lowers processing fees.
To give by text: Text the word “give” to 336-396-6133. Follow prompts to set up an account and make donations. www.alamancechurch.org has instructions to sign up with Easy Tithe for online giving.
To make changes to your account, contact Dana Adams (336-697-0488 x 127, dana@alamancechurch.org)



We welcome all to the community of Jesus: to connect, to learn, to worship, to serve.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 30, 2026 10 a.m.



Gathering

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Lay Reader today is Doug Clapp.

Centering Music

* Call to Worship

One: Come, not because you have everything together, but because God is always faithful.
All: We come to receive the grace of God.
One: Come with what you have to offer, and be bold to ask for what you need.
All: We come as people who need one another.
One: Come to worship the God who gives us more than we could ever ask for or imagine.
All: We come with open hearts.
One: Let us worship God.

* Opening Hymn *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* Song sheet

Confession and Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have given us everything we need: life, love, forgiveness, grace, friendship, and community. All that we have comes from you. Yet, we confess that we are often reluctant to receive all that life has to give. We tell ourselves that we do not want to be a burden. We insist that we can manage on our own. We offer help readily, but hesitate when help is offered to us. Forgive us when our pride disguises itself as humility, when our independence keeps us from community, and when our refusal to receive keeps others from giving. Teach us to receive your grace. Teach us to receive the love of others. Help us to see that we belong to one another. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

We invite everyone to share Christ’s peace with your neighbors, both now and after the service. If you are with us on-line, we invite you to send a message or make a call to share peace. If you are here in person, we invite you to greet those near you.

* **Sung Response** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* Song sheet

The Word Proclaimed

First Scripture Reading *John 13:3-17*

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *We Have One Faith* - Joseph Martin

Children’s Message

Children from age 4-5th grade may now go to the Grace Space, at the front of the sanctuary.

Second Scripture Reading *Acts 20:32-35*

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Message *It’s Blessed to Receive What Others Give*
Rev. Dr. Kyle Goodman

Words of Reflection *On Giving* - Kahlil Gibran

And what desert greater shall there be,
than that which lies in the courage and the confidence,
nay, the charity, of receiving.
And who are you that men should rend their bosom
and unveil their pride, that you may see their worth naked
and their pride unabashed?
See first that you yourself deserve to be a giver,
and an instrument of giving.
For in truth it is life that gives unto life —
while you, who deem yourself a giver, are but a witness.
And you receivers — and you are all receivers —
assume no weight of gratitude,
lest you lay a yoke upon yourself and upon him who gives.
Rather rise together with the giver on his gifts as on wings;
for to be over mindful of your debt is to doubt his generosity
who has the freehearted earth for mother, and God for father.

Thanksgiving and Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer King James version

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowéd be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you,
even if they differ from your neighbor’s.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully donate to the continued life and work of our congregation. You may mail gifts directly to the church, or use our online giving platform, at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-tithing>.

Offertory

* **Doxology** *Praise God,*
from Whom All Blessings Flow Song sheet

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Sending

* **Sending Hymn** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* Song sheet

Feel free to come forward during the closing song to light a candle, as a public sign of an inward commitment to life in the light of Christ.

*** Charge and Benediction**

Closing Music

*One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

The nearest restrooms are out the sanctuary side door, through the breezeway, and into the alcove of the Thin Place Gallery.

Assisted listening devices are available from the technician at the Audiovisual booth, which is at the back of the sanctuary.

Citations for references used during worship are available from the minister, upon request. The New Revised Standard Version (Updated Edition) of the Bible is used during worship, unless otherwise noted.

Lectionary Year A, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, **August 30:**
Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 26:1-8; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Jeremiah 15:15-21; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28.

Lectionary Year A, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, **September 6:**
Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 119:33-40, Psalm 149; Ezekiel 33:7-11; Romans 12:8-14; Matthew 18:15-30.



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We are a **Matthew 25** Church.
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