

May 11, 2025

Pennies for Hunger: June 1

May Special Missions Offering: Benevolence Farm

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

SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING in May is for Benevolence Farm, which offers formerly-incarcerated women secure housing while they acquire job skills on the 13-acre farm.

CIC AND APC BOOK SALE Sun., May 11 for one hour after worship.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES: If your child graduates from an educational institution this spring, let us know! We'd love to celebrate with you.

ALAMANCE FIRE DEPARTMENT offers barbecue for \$12 a container. All proceeds go to help Western NC. Pick up from the station anytime (4108 Presbyterian Road).

JUMP AHEAD LEARNING ACADEMY (JALA) is now enrolling. Call 336.500.8170 for information. Open House is Wed., May 14, 5-7p. You are invited to tour the facility, at this long-awaited event.

POTTERS HOUSE: Since 2004, APC has fed Greensboro Urban Ministry guests on the third Sat. of each odd month. Sat., May 17 is next date. Contact Dave Purvis to offer your assistance.

STATED SESSION MEETING is in the Bible Seekers classroom, on the fourth Sun. each month, at 2p — unless otherwise noted. Next meeting is Sun., May 25.

TAPS ACROSS AMERICA will be observed around the flagpole in the APC cemetery at 9 a.m. Memorial Day: Mon., May 26. Memorial Day is a federal holiday to honor and mourn military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. It is observed on the last Monday of May.

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED Mon., May 26, for Memorial Day.

MEETS Fish Fry: Sat., May 31, 5:30p at the Maness home (3609 Basington Rd.). Fish, french fries, hushpuppies, slaw, tea provided. Bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share — and a swim suit to wear in their pool, if you wish to dip yourself there. RSVP by Thurs., May 29 (kathyefay@gmail.com). This fellowship group is for adults only.

SENIORS & FRIENDS: Fellowship group meets and eats on first Mon. of even months at 11:30a, in the Coble House — unless otherwise noted. Next event: Mon., June 2.

UPCOMING EVENTS: JALA Open House is May 14. Seniors & Friends luncheon is June 2. Pentecost is June 8. Vacation Bible School is July 6-10.

FALL TRIP TO WESTERN CAROLINA with Fuller Center is in planning stages. Contact Tommy Causey (336.706.8007) to express your interest in going there to work on hurricane rebuilding projects.

CHURCH NURSERY is in room #313 (top floor, Education Building). Sign up at ([Children's Ministries Volunteer](#)). Contact Dana Adams to request a background check, if not already passed. (dana@alamancechurch.org). Nursery workers are always needed, every single week of the year,

LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) invites women to join them 7p on the second Tues. of each month, in the Coble House. This Presbyterian Women Circle is a small-group fellowship for women only, offering hospitality and uplifting others in the community. Sherri Frazier is contact for this group.

The flowers in the sanctuary today
are given to the glory of God by Sam & Ada Nelson: in honor of all the mothers at APC; in memory of Ada's mother, Sam Pickard; and in memory of Sam's mother, Lulabelle Nelson.

Special Missions Offering for April garnered \$1,345 for the Fuller Center for Housing! Thank you.

Questions & Answers with Kyle
This Sunday school class for adults, led by Pastor Kyle Goodman, meets every Sunday at 9a in the Parlor. You are welcome to join at any time.

Read the Bible in Two Years
This new Sunday school class meets in the Uffman classroom from 9-9:30a on the first Sunday of each month. Bobbie Black leads. Next class is on Sunday, June 1.

Food Pantry
May special collection: Canned vegetables
The APC Food Pantry serves up to 30 families a week. Your contributions of food, money, and volunteer hours make this vital mission to our local community possible. Thank you.
VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL: **ESPECIALLY DURING SUMMER MONTHS!!!!!!!!!!!!**
Sign up at https://signup.com/group/987658676044?utm_source=group-badge-volunteer-green.
Give us your clean, dry, plastic bags. Please, **no more egg cartons!** Please.

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)

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

Presbyterian Women Circles meet:
Red Hat: Mon., May 12, 6:30p in the Coble House.
Agapé: Tues., May 13, 11a go out and eat; **12:30p** in Uffman room for Bible study and business meeting.
L.I.F.T.: Tues., May 13, 7p in the Coble House.

The Men's Group meets at 6:30p on the third Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise noted). Next meeting is on Tues., May 20.

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

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

Mothers Day

May 11, 2025 10 a.m.



Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Lay Reader today is Andrew Clapp.

Centering Music

Cleansing Fountain

- Lani Smith

* Call to Worship

One Praise to the Lamb who is seated on the Throne of Heaven!
All: Praise be to God, who offers God's love to us!
One: Let us sing continually of God's wisdom, power, and might.
All: Let our voices be raised in joyful celebration!
One: Worthy is the Lamb to receive honor, and glory, and majesty.
All: Let our hearts rejoice at God's redeeming love for us.

*Opening Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Song sheet

Confession and Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in the presence of our enemies, we divide and demonize. When you face our enemies, you choose neither contempt nor punishment, but set a table and make provision for all. Our ways are not your ways, O Creator; and they are an affront to the work of your hands. Have mercy on us, O God, and heal us. Send our risen Lord among us again to repair relationship and restore humanity. Set us free to share the love of Christ Jesus, just as he does at his table. Amen.

A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of the Lord 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 *Psalm 23*

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

Anthem *Living Water* - Lloyd Larson

Children's Message Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders

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

Second Scripture Reading *Revelation 7:9-16*

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

Message *Counting Sheep* Dr. Kyle Goodman

Words of Reflection

The Lamb - William Blake (1757-1827)

Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life, & bid thee feed
By the stream & o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing, woolly, bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice?
Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee:
He is called by thy name,
For he calls himself a Lamb.
He is meek, & he is mild;
He became a little child.
I, a child, & thou a lamb,
We are called by his name.
Little Lamb, God bless thee!
Little Lamb, God bless thee!

Thanksgiving and Offering

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer King James Version

Our Father, which 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 *Safe in the Arms of Jesus* - Ron Loree

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

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending

* **Sending Hymn** *O Christ, Surround Me* 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. If your religious tradition includes crossing yourself, feel free to do that here. You may kneel on the steps to the pulpit platform, should you wish to take an attitude of deeper prayer.

* 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 on the long wall of the Thin Place Gallery.

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

Lectionary Year C, Fourth Sunday of Easter, **May 11: Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30.**

Lectionary Year C, Fifth Sunday of Easter, **May 18: Acts 11:1-14, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35**



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We are a **Matthew 25** Church.
We are a Hunger Action Congregation.
We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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