November 9, 2025 Pennies for Hunger: December 7 November Missions Offering: The Shepherd Center of Uganda

<u>WELCOME TO WORSHIP!</u> Vimeo livestreamed services may be accessed from <u>www.alamancechurch.org</u>.

SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING in **November**: The Shepherd Center cares for street children of Kabale: theshepherdcenteruganda.org has excellent information.

EDNA JOBE HISTORICAL ROOM (lower level, sanctuary building) is open after worship through 12 noon, today, Sun., Nov. 9.

KIDS ROCK: **tonight, Nov. 9**: **5-6:15p,** in Kids ROCK room, for *Holding Nothing Back* (*Luke 7:36-50.*)

YOUTH GROUPS: **tonight,** YOCO meets at Westminster Pres.

<u>STATED SESSION MEETING</u> is on the **fourth Sunday each month**, unless otherwise noted. *Otherwise noted:* Session meets at **2p**, **Sun.**, **Nov. 16**.

<u>PICTORIAL DIRECTORY DRAFT</u> will soon be in your hands!

<u>POTTERS HOUSE</u>: Since 2004, APC has fed Greensboro Urban Ministry guests on the **third Sat. of each odd month**. **Sat.**. **Nov. 15** is next date.

APC BOOK CLUB meets Thurs., Nov. 18, 7p in the Book Nook. Currently reading *James*, by Percival Everett.

MEETS, a fellowship group is for adults aged 21+, meets **Sat., Nov. 22, 5p** at Joymongers in Greensboro.

THANKSGIVING MEAL in Brown Fellowship Hall is **immediately after worship on Sun., Nov. 23**. Turkey, dressing, and gravy provided: you share your favorite side dishes.

HANGING OF THE GREENS is in sanctuary immediately after the Thanksgiving meal on Sun., Nov. 23.

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED Thurs., Nov. 27 and Fri., Nov. 28.

CHRISTMAS HONOR CARDS from Greensboro Urban Ministry on sale for

\$5 each, on **Sun., Nov. 30, Dec. 7** and **14** in the Gathering Place; from **9:30-10a**, and then **after worship**.

POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY: order via the form included in this bulletin packet. **Deadline to order is Dec. 5**. Plants will be displayed on **Sun., Dec. 21**.

COOKIES WITH SANTA, a L.I.F.T. Circle (Ladies in Fellowship Together) event, is from **2-4p** on **Sat., Dec. 6** in the Music Room under the sanctuary. Photo ops plus light refreshments!

<u>WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA</u>, a project of the Col. Arthur Forbis Chapter of the DAR, is **Sat., Dec. 13**. More info is at <u>www.wreathsacrossamerica.org</u>.

SENIORS & FRIENDS: Fellowship group meets and eats on first Mon. of even months at 11:30a, in the Coble House — unless otherwise noted. Otherwise noted: the next event will be on Mon., Dec. 15.

<u>A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS</u> will be presented by church musicians during worship on **Sun., Dec. 21.**

<u>CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT</u>
<u>WORSHIP</u> is **Wed., Dec. 24, 7p** in the sanctuary.

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, to work with children in this church.

(dana@alamancechurch.org).

The October Special Missions

offering, for the Diaper Bank of NC, was \$1,420. Thank you!

The flowers in the sanctuary today

are given to the glory of God and in memory of Frances Dagenhart, by Bob & Grace Dagenhart, and Mitzi.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Ann Lewis, who died November 2. Looking to get new furniture for the holidays? Is an old couch or lounge chair you no longer need cluttering your space? The APC Youth Groups seek furniture for a potential new space — and would welcome your comfortable, gently-used, hand-me-downs!

If you have a piece to share, contact Pastor Jess for specifics

(jess@alamancechurch.org).

Food Pantry November special collection: Dry pasta, sauce

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, donate clean, dry, plastic grocery bags.

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**.

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, <u>dana@alamancechurch.org</u>)

Questions & Answers with Kyle is a Sunday school class for adults, led by Pastor Kyle Goodman. Class meets **most every Sunday at 9a** in the Parlor (middle building, middle

floor, beside the fire escape.) You are

welcome to join at any time.

Read the Bible in Two Years
This 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, December 7.

The Men's Group meets at 6:30p on the third Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise noted). Next meeting is on Tues., Nov. 18.

Presbyterian Women Circles meet:

Red Hat: Mon. Dec. 8, 6:30p in the Coble House.

Agapé: Tues., Nov. 11; meet at 11a to go eat, at 12:30p in Uffman room.
L.I.F.T.: Tues., Nov. 11, 7p in the Coble House.

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

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 9, 2025 10 a.m.



Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Lay Reader today is Lou Gonzalez.

Centering Music

* Call to Worship

One: The Lord is just and kind, near to all who call.

All: "Take courage, all you people, for I am with you," says the Lord.

One: The Lord has made known his victory; do not be quickly shaken or alarmed.

All: "Take courage, all you people, for I am with you," says the Lord.

One: Stand firm and hold fast to the traditions you were taught.

All: "Take courage, all you people, for I am with you," says the Lord.

One: And may our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father,

who loved us and, through grace, gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

All: "Take courage, all you people, for I am with you," says the Lord.

*Opening Hymn

Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet

Song sheet

Confession and Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Praver of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we are too easily influenced by peddlers of despair and alarm, too quick to sink into numbness and apathy, too tired to imagine another way. Our hopes have crumbled, and our hearts are faint. Breathe new life into us, we pray. Help us to be mindful of your promises, your faithfulness, and your presence as we face the challenges of our lives. Restore our vision and give us courage to live in your truth. Amen.

A Word of Forgiveness and Encouragement

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

This Little Light of Mine

Song sheet

The Word Proclaimed

First Scripture Reading Psalm 27:1-5

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

Anthem

The Lord Is My Light!

- John Carter

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 Haggai 1:15b-2:9

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

Message Shining Our Light Rev. Jess Rigel **Words of Reflection**

I keep trying to find a life

on my own apart from you

I despise my own behavior

I wanna be in the Light as You are in the Light

in the Heavens

Oh, Lord be my light and be my Salvation

I wanna shine like the stars

suspicions

This only serves to confirm my

I've got one for every selfish thing I do

Tell me what's going on inside of me

that I'm still a man in need of a Savior

'cause all I want is to be in the Light

I am the king of excuses

from the song *In the Light*

- DC Talk

This disease of self runs through my blood It's a cancer fatal to my soul Every attempt on my behalf has failed to bring this sickness under control

I wanna be in the Light as You are in the Light I wanna shine like the stars in the Heavens Oh, Lord be my light and be my Salvation 'cause all I want is to be in the Light Sending

* Sending Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

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.

* 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.

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, Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, **November 9**: Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 17:1-9, Psalm 98, Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Job 19:23-27a; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38.

Lectionary Year C, Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, **November 16**: Isaiah 12, Isaiah 65:17-25; Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19.

Thanksgiving and Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

King James Version

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed 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 and Dedication



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