



The Relay

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This month, you might think your M.W.S. is M.I.A. Not at all the case! I'll be taking the M.S.Y.G. to Cross June 14-19. From June 22-24, I'll Zoom 8-10hrs/day. At their 249th meeting, Salem elected me to be a T.E.C. to the 227th P.C. (U.S.A.) G.A. I was randomly assigned to the G.S.J.C. After we consider GEN 01-09, I'll get a short reprieve before flying DL from GSO to MIL on June 26 for 10 plenaries, where we'll vote on 93 B.&O.s

I imagine that, for most of you, that first paragraph might as well have been Lewis Carroll's *Jabberwocky* for all the sense it makes. What it actually means is this: I'll take our middle school students on their Cross Missions trip for a week; before serving as a commissioner to the Presbyterian Church's 227th General Assembly in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Presbyterians love a good acronym. They also love their polity.

"Presbyterians do things decently and in order" is practically a denominational catchphrase — perhaps one of the worst catchphrases in all of human history.

We pride ourselves on organization, fairness, and inclusion in the way we make decisions, and those are wonderful virtues. The downside is that bureaucracy, **Robert's Rules**, and cumbersome communication can

sometimes make those decisions feel distant and inaccessible. That's never supposed to be the case, but it can happen at every level of the church, from the session all the way up to the General Assembly.

Over the last month, I've learned more about the General Assembly than I ever thought there was to know. Since I'll spend 11 days serving as a commissioner this month, I thought I'd offer a short primer on it, completely free of acronyms and what I affectionately call "Presbyterical" insider language.

General Assembly is the highest governing body of the Presbyterian Church. Think of it a bit like Congress. In fact, the founders of the United States borrowed heavily from Presbyterian systems of representative government for the U.S. Constitution.

Presbyteries are regional governing bodies made up of local churches, somewhat similar to congressional districts. Each presbytery elects commissioners to attend General Assembly. (General Assembly used to meet annually, but now gathers every two years.)

What does General Assembly do? First, it worships. It connects Presbyterians from all across the country. It also discusses, debates, prays, and makes decisions about the denomination's constitution, policies, and mission.

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Alamance Night
at the Grasshoppers!

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Gates open at **6 p.m.**
Group ticket price: \$11.

Section 104
First National Bank Field
408 Bellemeade Street,
Greensboro 27401

It's \$2 Tuesday! Hot dogs and fountain drinks are only \$2.

Purchase tickets through the Giving tab on the website.
(www.alamancechurch.org)

Deadline to purchase tickets at the group rate is **July 1.**

June Birthdays

- 2 Kenn Monroe
- 3 Billy Starr
- 5 Robin Long
- 6 Thelma Greeson
- 7 Lou Gonzalez
- 8 Owen Smith, Michael Ward
- 12 Bobbie Black, Bob Dagenhart
- 14 Roger Blum, Sam Burgess
- 16 Barbara Garrett
- 17 Amos Roseman
- 19 Miranda Busby
- 21 Dianne Clapp, Richard Grubb
- 22 Sherry Starr
- 25 Marianne Cimino, Andrew Irwin
- 27 Ryan Garrett
- 29 Nick Roys



July Birthdays

- 2 Brian Forbis
- 5 Jackie Haines, Shannon Haynes, Jeff Vance
- 6 Frankie Forbis, Elizabeth Hadley
- 7 Bobby Jobe, Kathy Medder, Kirby Ward
- 8 Danny Church
- 10 Nathan Garrett
- 14 Susan Martin
- 17 Sydney Mills
- 19 Buddy Fields, Jan Smith
- 20 Katie Long
- 22 Edna May
- 23 Darren Hadley, Grant Smith
- 24 Van Whitesell
- 26 Kyle Goodman, Richard Sharpe
- 28 Shearer Bridges, Patty Staley
- 30 Harold Alexander, Lewis May, Laverne Vance
- 31 Nick Irwin, Marcia Lane

The business of General Assembly actually begins with local churches. A church session can draft an overture to the General Assembly. First, that overture becomes business before the presbytery. If the presbytery approves it, the overture is sent on to General Assembly for consideration.

In the past, another presbytery also had to concur before the overture could move forward. That requirement has now been removed.

The co-moderators of the General Assembly organize committees, and each overture is assigned to one of those committees. Committee chairs and co-chairs are appointed; the remaining commissioners are randomly assigned.

I was randomly assigned to the Gender and Sexuality Justice Committee. I look forward to stepping outside my comfort zone as we debate and discern together on some challenging issues.

The committees will review the business, make recommendations or amendments; then the full assembly will gather to debate and vote. This year, we'll consider 93 overtures, in addition to electing co-moderators for the next assembly.

Again, all of this can feel quite distant from everyday congregational life. But General Assembly decisions shape much of what happens in our local churches. It's because of actions taken by past assemblies that women and youth can serve on sessions, pastors can receive pensions and quality health insurance, and ministers are held to strong educational and training standards.

General Assembly also supports mission partnerships around the world; and produces educational and discipleship resources used by congregations everywhere.

Of course, General Assembly can also make decisions that generate disagreement or controversy. But those decisions emerge through familiar democratic processes. Presbyterians

believe it is possible — even likely — that faithful, thoughtful, well-meaning Christians may disagree profoundly and still remain faithful to God and in fellowship with one another. They can still be friends.

Our nation's founders borrowed some of that idea from Presbyterianism as well. It disheartens me to see how far our political culture has drifted from it.

General Assembly will make for a whirlwind couple of weeks. Some debates and decisions will likely keep us working late into the night.

We try not to make our session meetings overly formal or complicated: General Assembly is very much the opposite. Their process is formal, structured, and demanding; but also important and worthwhile work.

I want you all to know how much I appreciate the opportunity to serve as a commissioner this year. Most pastors only have the chance to do so once or twice in a career. With everything happening at Alamance this year — operating short-staffed, leading two youth trips, preparing for the new daycare opening, investing in the Log College initiative, and planning for the senior housing community — the timing could certainly have been better.

There are only so many hours in a day! Following this General Assembly, I'll take a long break from Salem Presbytery service.

I do covet your prayers while I am away. I'm also grateful for the additional leadership we'll have from seminarian Dylan Lewellyn while I'm gone (see page 5). Dylan will preach for us on June 28. I ask two favors of you: Please support his leadership; and please show up for Vacation Bible School. Joy Thomas will need your help!

One final note: I will not be available **from June 22 through July 3**. These long G.A. planning sessions will limit my ability to respond to emails and to return phone calls. If any needs arise during that time, please reach out to

Lynn Barnes, Dana Adams, or Joy Thomas. They will work together with Dylan Llewellyn to ensure that everything is covered.

I look forward to sharing my experience with you when I return to the pulpit on **July 5**.

In Christ's love and light,

Kyle

What to Believe?

One item of business before General Assembly is a new faith statement for our Presbyterian Church's **Book of Confessions**. The **Book of Confessions** contains 12 statements of faith, from different eras of the Church.

The oldest confessions are the *Apostles' Creed* and the *Nicene Creed*. There are confessions written during the Protestant Reformation, and confessions written by Reformed theologians during tumultuous eras of the 20th century.

Two statements were written specifically for the Presbyterian Church: *The Confession of 1967* and *A Brief Statement of Faith*. At the 225th General Assembly, the Presbyterian Church (USA) voted to draft a new confession for the 21st century.

This new confession focuses on love and welcome at a time when tribalism and self-interest seem to dominate our culture, even in the Church.

At General Assembly we will vote on whether to send this new confession to the presbyteries for approval. If two-thirds of the presbyteries approve it, it will become the newest document in the **Book of Confessions**.

It is important that the whole Church articulates what it believes. The core of what we believe about

God remains the same from the days of the *Apostles' Creed*, but different eras bring new concerns and challenges. The confessions address those challenges. They are the products of their eras, to address the concerns of their day.

It is also important that individuals state what they believe. We do not all believe exactly the same things about the Trinity, salvation, heaven, the role of the church in our lives, and the role the church should play in the world. While we share many of the essentials, the specifics might differ from person to person.

I don't think that creates a conflict; it's a blessing. We can all learn from each other. Our confirmation class did this very thing together as the culminating activity of our time together. Ed Schubert, Cheryl Rigel, and I were blown away by what the boys wrote. If you were at worship on May 31, you had a chance to read their statements, in a bulletin insert.

We studied the *Apostles' Creed* together, and you can definitely see its influence. We also talked a lot about what the church meant to them, and you can see that as well.

The boys didn't always reflect the insider language of the church. That made their statements richer and more relevant to today.

Their leaders also wrote *their* statements. I thought I might share mine with you here. I'd also like to challenge you to write yours.

Articulating what we believe is important. Also, recognize that as we grow and deepen our faith, we all might have new things to say.

So, this is my statement of faith, at least as it stood on May 14, 2026. It's rooted in some of my favorite scriptures, the confessions of the Presbyterian Church, and my own reflections on the doctrine of love in the Confirmation Class. There may or

may not be some allusions to the *Princess Bride* and U2.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. We are invited into Circle of Love expressed as Trinity.

Holy One, Wholly Three, Perfect Community.

Ineffable mystery has entered into history.

I believe in a God whose love compelled creativity, cultivation, and craft; In whimsy, the one who carved the cosmos and set it in motion and time, planted something extraordinary on this planet.

Improbable and imaginative, rhythmic and renewing, glorious and good, God grew an ecosystem of endless variety and remarkable ingenuity. The God who thought of the octopus and the platypus also thought of us. Fearfully and wonderfully were we made, embodied, inspired, and entrusted with creativity and determination all our own.

We were so very loved, and we had it good.

And then we got it wrong. We often do. We confused knowledge with wisdom. We were anxious. Doubtful. Arrogant. We were selfish.

We opened the proverbial can of worms:

Bigotry and hatred. Greed and Envy. Consumption and Contempt.

But God's love is bigger than what we can do to each other and to ourselves.

God is relentless to mend and restore. God makes promises. God picks leaders to be beacons of light.

God speaks through prophetic voices. God forgives us. So many times, God forgives us.

I believe God is not in the conflagrations and the conquests,

(continued)

the temptations and the tempests, the violations and the violence.
God is there in still small voices from the margins,
In people who speak truth to power,
Among those who suffer and struggle, the immigrant and the poor,
Among those who do not fit our skewed visions and limiting norms.
The image of God is in us all, not just in those with a passing resemblance.
Yet in all things, even in the worst things, God is there. God is at work for good.
I believe God gave us Jesus, God's own beloved child.
Awash with the Spirit at his baptism, Jesus came to make all things new.
He came telling stories and painting a different picture,
one of the world God intended.
Prisoners freed. The hungry fed. The homeless housed. The lost found.
Differences embraced. Judgments suspended. Doors opened.
All sinners welcomed.
Predictably, the rich and powerful hated that. Oh, how they hated him.
He undermined loyalty to a world built upon their backs.
He questioned a system set up only to line their pockets and protect their privilege.
So they arrested him on trumped up charges.
They rigged the courts. They made it political.
They brutalized him, tortured him.
They did everything in their power to break him.
But they couldn't even break his love for them.
For a sabbath, he lay in a tomb, but come Sunday morning, love overcame death.
Even death cannot stop true love. It can only delay it for a while.

So, the God of the Universe was born a man,

worked as a contractor, then a rabbi, and died a convicted felon.
But like the monarch breaking free and opening its wings,
He became something altogether new.
No one really understands this!
Resurrection is not resuscitation. It's new creation.
When he left this plane, Jesus did not leave us orphaned.
The Holy Spirit kindles in our hearts the flame of love that never ceases.
It enfolds us in our baptisms. It inspires our imagination and passion.
It is the glue in our relationship with the divine.
Through us, it demands justice, it shows loving kindness,
and it guides our discipleship, our humble walk with God.
Full of the Spirit, we love God with our all.
Moved by the spirit, we love our neighbors as ourselves.

The Holy Spirit gives rise to the Church.
The Church isn't perfect. It's no less sinful and broken than any other body.
But at its best, the Church tells the story of the Love of God
revealed in Jesus our Lord.
It claims and tends all God's children.
It spreads the welcome table until all are fed.
At its best, it gathers in joy, worships in awe,
makes a difference in local communities,
strives to make the world a better place,
and it reps the Kingdom of Heaven, the one Jesus was always talking about.
And when it's not at its best, still God is there.
Wherever two or more are gathered.
God is there.

I believe that I am not my own, that in life and in death, I belong to God.
In believe in the kingdom come, when all creation is one,

But I'm still searching. I'm still growing.
I'm still praying.
And I'm still failing.
But I believe in the center of who I am that the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.
God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning.
God is faithful still.

One More Thing

One more thing I want to share. It's a poem that Ed Schubert wrote in response to a question I asked the Confirmation Class. I was reflecting on love and its place in what we believe, and so I asked, "How long does it take to get to love?"

Ed's poem is not exactly a faith statement, but I love its humor, its questions, and its reflection on what love means. It was just too good not to share.

How Long Does It Take to Get to Love?
By Edmund Schubert

To get to love
you have to sleep in
and snuggle, and caress, and drift off
again
and wait for the sun to rise
higher and warmer in the air

Except when you wake up early
and load your tools into a very
important red wheelbarrow
because there's work to do
to prepare the ground
to pull the weeds and till the soil and
plant the seeds
and gray-mouse-nibble a few seeds if
you get hungry
because sometimes love comes up on
you
at first sight

Sometimes love lies down the bottom
of a long and blinding road
You have to fix yourself a roast beef
sandwich and pack a thermos of coffee

*Also, a map that folds along 17 crisp creases
(as if anyone knows how to fold a map anymore)
because a GPS won't get you there
The satellites will lie, telling you
you should have made that left turn at Albuquerque*

*Unless of course when the algorithm is inescapably correct
and love is delivered by an Uber driver right to your front door
direct from the cavernous warehouse where it had been stored, dusty and secure
nestled between Rosebud and the Ark of the Covenant
waiting for you to click and order it
Priority Prime
Free overnight
Tax included
How long does it take to get to love?
The answer is simple, and long
and short and salty, and far and nearly near
just around the bend, where that meandering creek feeds into the Hudson River*

*It's right there
Almost at the tippy top
of that impossibly tall mountain
just above the tree-line
to the left of that glittering patch of perfectly white snow*

*It's right there
where anyone with eyes can see it*

*How long does it take to get there?
Three, and fish pants, and nine, and forever*

If you do it right

Summer Substitute

Dylan Lewellyn was born in Summerfield, NC, and has lived around Greensboro for all his life. He was confirmed, baptized, and joined Guilford Park Presbyterian Church in 2009; where he served as Youth Elder in 2012.

Dylan graduated from Northwest Guilford High School in 2012; then attended UNC Greensboro, studying Computer Science. After graduating in 2016, he pursued a career in IT until discerning a call to ministry.

He is currently enrolled at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, and is an Inquirer with Salem Presbytery.

As revealed on page two of this newsletter, Dylan will preach for us on June 28. Kyle asks a big favor of us: "Please support his leadership!"



A Prayer by St. Columba (A.D. 521-597)

Kindle in our hearts, O God,
the flame of love
that never ceases,
that it may burn in us,
giving light to others.
May we shine
for ever in your temple,
set on fire
with your eternal light,
evejnyour Son Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Redeemer.
Amen.

Food Pantry

Special Collections

The APC Food Pantry asks for specific food items each month:

- **June:** Macaroni-and-cheese
- **July:** Crackers
- **August:** Canned pasta
- **September:** Cereal, oatmeal
- **October:** Canned meats
- **November:** Dry pasta, sauce
- **December:** Soups
- **January:** Canned beans
- **February:** Canned pasta
- **March:** Peanut butter, jelly
- **April:** Canned fruits
- **May:** Canned vegetables

Deposit food in the big box in the Gathering Place, or contact Amy Yow directly to arrange a transfer directly to storage (336.706.3550).

Key Players

Huzzah! The Keyboard Fundraiser, to raise funds for the repair of the sanctuary grand piano, has far surpassed the goal of \$8,800.

Thanks to the generosity of many, many people in the congregation and community, the total raised is somewhere north of \$13,667 at this writing.

All donations over-and-above the needed \$8,800 will be applied to the care and maintenance of that musical instrument, for years to come. Thank you, thank you, thank you.



Missions Update:

Submitted by Jesse & Erin,
Samuel, Amos, and Solomon Atkinson:
Wycliffe Translators,
Oaxaca (wah-HAH-kah), Mexico
Serving the Zapotec people
of San Dionisio

- **PRAY:** Today, we have an appointment to apply for Solly’s Mexican passport. This should be the last document we have to get for him. Please pray for favor — this is the trickiest of the four documents we have to get!

- **PRAISE:** Thank you so much for praying for our trip to Mexico City! **God answered abundantly.** Though very tiring, it went incredibly smoothly and we were approved for Solly’s American documents! We should receive them in a few weeks, Lord willing.

- **PRAY:** We hope to meet with the two pastors from San Dionisio very soon to discuss plans for VBS, translation, and more. Please pray for God’s blessing over this meeting.

- **PRAY:** We need to spend some time (probably about 3 months) in the US



at some point this year to reconnect with family and raise support, but it’s currently unclear when would be the best time to do so. **Please pray for God to guide us about making plans.**

We’re also pressing on with completing the many linguistic reports required by our organization before we can begin translation and brainstorming a few other ideas for how we can serve the small Church in San Dionisio. **We covet your prayers during this busy time and as we continue to adjust to being a family of five in the midst of many ministry responsibilities!**



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Confirmation

Confirmation is defined in the **Book of Order: The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Part II**.

“When those who have been baptized as children are ready to make a public profession of faith and accept the responsibility of life in the church (sometimes called “confirmation”), the session shall provide an opportunity for them to do so. They are to be instructed in the faith, examined by the session, received as active members, and presented to the congregation in public worship. At this time, they reaffirm the vows of Baptism by renouncing evil and affirming their reliance on God’s grace, professing their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and declaring their intent to participate actively and responsibly in the worship, life, governance, and mission of the church. On such occasions it is fitting for all worshipers to reaffirm the baptismal covenant.”

(W-4.0203: Public Profession)

On Sunday, May 31, Alamance Presbyterian Church received three confirmands into full membership during worship: Matthew Gill, Carter Rojas, and Milo Roseman. Carter also received the Sacrament of Baptism.

The following statements of faith were written for this year’s final week of Confirmation class.

My Statement of Faith
By Carter Rojas

I believe God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, gave us his only Son Jesus. Jesus was born to the virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and he descended into death. On the third day, he rose and ascended into heaven.

I believe God loves you, no matter your situation. I believe God calls everyone to church for a reason, to get closer to

him, and just to be there. I believe God loves everyone equally. I think communion is a way to show your appreciation for Jesus. I also think baptism is a way to clear your sins and get closer to God. It is important to worship God, even when it’s hard. It’s a way to show your appreciation. I think reading the Bible is one of the most important things. It also shows your appreciation to God. I believe in God, even when it’s hard to. This is my statement of faith. Amen.

My Statement of Faith
By Milo Roseman

I believe that Christ Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary and conceived of the Holy Ghost, and that he died on the cross to forgive us of our sins, was resurrected three days later to continue to forgive us. I feel God’s grace and glory in my everyday life because God is omnipresent. God is with everyone, everywhere, all the time, helping, healing, and forgiving us all. I believe that scripture is something we all can look to and relate to. I believe that the Church’s purpose is to love those who need loving, welcome those who need welcoming, and treat those who need treating. I understand that baptism is to bring us into the church, and communion symbolizes Christ’s death, but it can be celebrated by anyone, because it is so simple. Worship, prayer, and fellowship all contribute to the Christian life by allowing us to create a tightly packed community with those around us, between every denomination, no matter our race, social status, or anything else.

My Statement of Faith
By Matthew Gill

I believe in God our Father who made us, who made everything for a reason

and designed us differently. He sent his one and only son who was born to the Virgin Mary. At a young age, he began his teaching of the Father. He taught all who believed or people who wanted to believe in the Holy Spirit. He set out and performed miracles, things no one would want to miss. As he taught, his destiny on earth was coming to an end. One of his disciples would betray him. Jesus Christ had to die on the cross, but he promised to forgive everyone’s sins. Jesus died on the cross and descended into death, but he rose from the dead and sits on the right hand of God our Father Almighty. From there, he made peace, a land where we have eternal freedom and never have to suffer again. Jesus made a kingdom and named it Heaven, a place we all can stay. In my life, I always wonder what my purpose is or why I was ever born, but I believe we all were made for a reason, to do God’s work. Our lives have a beginning and an end, but the end will not last forever.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, and how it can be passed along to others by praying, Bible school, Sunday school, and lots more. The Holy Spirit helps remind us of what we believe. It helps to lead us away from temptation and ask for forgiveness. It helps us not hate our enemies but love them.

In this church, we are a community, we help others, welcome new people, and we even go on trips like Cross Missions. Whether it is youth or adults going, we all help other communities. At the end, when all is done, when all God’s work is done, we all come back together as one, but as one stronger community. At the end, when we all fulfill our destiny, we all will be able to connect again in the kingdom that awaits everyone. Amen.

Planning Ahead for Advent

The Presbyterian Women plan to develop an Advent Devotional Booklet for Christmas 2026. They ask all members — men and women — to think about Christmas experiences that you would like to share with fellow church members.

Maybe you read something recently that really impressed you, and you would like to comment on it. Maybe you just read the Christmas story again, and a new thought came to mind.

They need 23 essays to fill the booklet. If you have a thought but need reassurance, Jo Ann Camp (336-339-2470), Cathy Wray (336-202-6590), Sherri Frazier (336-339-2671), or Pastor Kyle Goodman (336-707-7556) will be happy to talk with you.

The deadline to turn in essays is **June 30, 2026**. You may submit them to the church office in person, or electronically — or deliver them to Jo Ann, Cathy, or Sherri.

- submitted by Jo Ann Camp

MEETS Meets

Camaraderie is defined as “mutual trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together.”

MEETS (Meet, Eat, Entertain, Travel, Socialize) is a fellowship group for adults aged 21 and up. They schedule regular off-campus events, and welcome you to join them.

Their next planned event is a fish fry at the home of Randy & Linda Maness, on **Saturday, June 13**.

Kathy Fay is the contact for MEETS (kathyefay@gmail.com).



Blood Drive Alamance Presbyterian Church

Brown Hall
4000 Presbyterian Church Rd
Greensboro, NC 27406

**Friday, June 5, 2026
1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

To schedule your appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Keyword: alamance.



Come to give blood 6/1-28 for a \$15 e-gift card + chance to win a \$7.5K prize! See rcblood.org/june.



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Congregational Care & Outreach Team Delivers Again

Staff appreciation gifts were delivered to Simkins Elementary School on Tuesday morning, May 5. Staff was given a “Chip Chip Hooray” for all their hard work!





Vacation Bible School 2026: *Snowball Mountain Challenge*



Children from Pre-K through rising 6th grade are invited to VBS **Sunday, June 28 - Thursday, July 2**. Each evening begins with a meal at **5:30 p.m.**, followed by programming from **6-8:30 p.m.**

Registration for *Snowball Mountain Challenge* is now open! Spaces are limited, so register soon.

You can register your child(ren) here: [APC VBS 2026 registration](#) (adult volunteer helpers can also register there).

Director of Children's Ministries Joy Thomas hopes to see you at Snowball Mountain this summer!



Train Them Up in the Way They Should Go

Every summer, Director of Children's Ministries Joy Thomas invites children from Alamance Presbyterian Church to attend Passport Camp. This spring, that long association led Passport to invite Alamance to partner with them in field testing resources that incorporate children in worship leadership.

On Sunday, May 17, a group of Kids R.O.C.K. and Sunday school regulars very ably led the congregation in a prayer experience called "Fill My Cup."

Joy — and Pastor Kyle — invite you to contact them with specific feedback about these resources, as they are employed in worship here.



APC honored Laverne Vance for her many years of service to the congregation.

For more than 25 years, Laverne led Confirmation Class for the youth of this church. It is thanks to her that so many under-50s in this congregation know about the Church Universal, and the Presbyterian Church (USA), and this congregation in particular.

Well done, thou good and faithful servant! Well done.

All Dolled Up for Pentecost

The Worship Arts Team made sure that the sanctuary was decorated for the high holy day of Pentecost.

Brand-new "flames" burned in all the windows, and at both sides of the pulpit platform. Large doves that hovered above the flames were also new. You can thank Lou Gonzalez and crew for them!

Older-but-seldom-used beribboned flames were swirled above congregants heads by youngsters who processed into the sanctuary at the beginning of worship. Paraments — the fabrics on the pulpit and communion table — were red. The preacher wore a red stole.

With the giant bouquets of red flowers, and the many red dresses, blouses, trousers, and shirts of worshipers, the whole place glowed with the traditional color of Pentecost. This is the only Sunday in the



Memorials and Honoraria

To the Operating Fund: In memory of Nancy Bare by Kirby & Cheryl Ward. In memory of Jean Rentz by Kirby & Cheryl Ward. In memory of Frank McAdams by the Pleasant Garden High School Class of 1956, Jackie Fogleman, Deane C. O'Connor, Clint & Linda Aydelette. In memory of Lee Shores by Kirby & Cheryl Ward. Happy Mothers Day Geneva Boswell by Mike & Lisa Winslow.

To the Food Pantry: In memory of Frank McAdams by the ORE 4th-grade team.

To the Minister's Discretionary Fund: In memory of Frank McAdams by Loretta Allred, Floyd Fogleman.

To the Piano Restoration Fund: In memory of Frank McAdams by Toby Jobe. In memory of Billie Reece by Shannon Haynes.

To the Stephen Ministry Fund: In memory of Lee Shores by Kitty Wells.

To the Lift Van Fund: In memory of Frank McAdams by Nancy Durham.

To the Sanctuary Ramp Fund: In memory of Frank McAdams by Tommy & Linda Causey.

Bereavement Teams

The APC Fellowship Ministry Team seeks to form a few Bereavement Teams. Members interested in assisting grieving families by joining a team would be responsible for preparing and serving refreshments — and cleaning up afterward.

Do you feel led toward this opportunity for fellowship? If so, please contact Fellowship Team members Phyllis Monroe (336-549-7178) or Cathy Wray (336-202-6590).

Patriots' Graves Marked

You are cordially invited to a Patriot Grave Marker Ceremony, to be held in the Alamance Presbyterian Church cemetery at **9 a.m. on Saturday, July 11, 2026**.

Both the Alamance Battleground Chapter and the Raleigh Chapter of the North Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will place markers on the graves of these veterans of the War of Independence:

Arthur Forbis
Nathaniel Kerr
Sampson Stewart
John Thom
John Paisley



Taps Across America

Memorial Day 2026 was observed at Alamance Presbyterian Church as Pastor Kyle Goodman joined trumpeters across the United States as they played "Taps" in their respective cemeteries.

Because it rained on Monday, May 25, participants honored the US flag by keeping it dry, on the front porch of the sanctuary building.

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CHURCH STAFF

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Current Officers

The Session is the governing body of our congregation. Officers are called Elders. Each “class” serves a three-year term. Stated Meeting is on the **fourth Sunday each month, at 2 p.m.** in the Bible Seekers classroom (unless otherwise noted).

Class of 2028:

Class of 2026: Tommy Causey
Becky Brinkley Frankie Forbis
Naomi Church Hank Gill
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Kitty Wells

Youth Elder:

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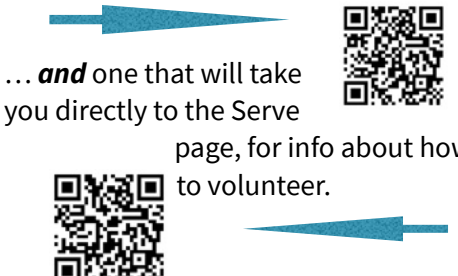
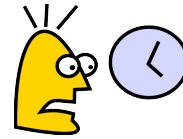
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APC has a QR code to connect you quickly to our website ...

... **and** one that will take you directly to the Serve page, for info about how to volunteer.

**Newsletter
Deadline**

Deadline for the **July, 2026** issue of *The Relay* is **Friday, June 26**. The deadline is printed on the back page of each issue of the newsletter.

Post your articles by U.S. mail, by e-mail (lynn@alamancechurch.org), dispatch a messenger to the top floor of the middle building, or phone the office (336-697-0488 x 121) to deliver the news. Newsletter policy is posted on the church website.

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.

Live-streaming Worship Services

Look and listen to Sunday morning worship at Alamance live, on-line. Here’s how:

1. Go to our website, www.alamancechurch.org. At the top of the page, choose *Livestream*. That option takes you directly to the latest worship service, and any prior recorded services that are still available for you to view.

2. **Before you can access the live streaming service**, you must open an account with Vimeo, either with your e-mail or your Facebook account.

