



The Relay

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Big Meeting and Rally Day, 2022

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Church Offices

will be

C - L - O - S - E - D

on Monday, September 5

for Labor Day.

Godly Play Sunday school class, Kids Reaching Out to Christ's Kingdom, and both youth groups took a summer hiatus through **September 11**.

All Sunday school classes — for children, youth, and adults — are invited to cancel their classes on **September 11**, to attend the Big Meeting potluck breakfast.

All of these fellowship groups resume their wonted weekly schedules beginning on Rally Day, **Sunday, September 11**. Godly Play classes resume meeting at **9 a.m.** on the *next* Sunday, **September 18**.

September Birthdays

- 1 Dara Reece
- 2 Sandy Ford, Tami Holland
- 3 Matthew Gill, Willie Goncharow
- 6 Ron Medder, Joel Shores
- 7 Gwen Coble, Laurie Fields, Glenda Goncharow
- 8 Sam Nelson
- 10 Betty Oakley
- 13 Carson Burgess, Terri Busby, John Sullivan
- 14 Sam Dyson, Gary Trull
- 16 Tom Black
- 18 Beth Gentry, Catherine Holt, John Marsh, Dylan Reece, Amy Yow
- 20 Dana Adams
- 21 Jeanie Wyrick
- 24 Linda Causey, Mary Lou McAdams
- 25 Evan Sharpe
- 26 Lisa Winslow
- 27 Ariel Shores
- 28 Gabriel Shores
- 29 Chloe Mendenhall
- 30 Jerry Hartsell

October Birthdays

- 1 Bill Hodgin
- 2 Olivia Brooks, Jonah Thomas
- 3 Jan Hobbs
- 4 Tim Hobbs
- 5 Lynn Barnes, Landon Ledford, Mary Beth Padgett, Dick Wells
- 7 J.D. Benton, Mason Benton
- 8 Tommy Causey
- 10 Todd Frazier
- 12 Isabella Hackett
- 13 Catherine Church
- 14 Lauren Skerlak
- 16 Carol Dail, Ginny Hanner, Ed Schubert
- 18 Margie Causey
- 19 Eddie Oliver
- 21 Carol Callahan
- 22 Linda Aydelette, Pierson Fields, Barbara Keeler
- 23 Tom Barnes
- 26 Sherri Frazier, David Michaels
- 27 Tom Cimino, Bob Forbis
- 29 Emma Forbis, Dodie Miller, Ada Nelson, Kendra Trull
- 31 Lucinda Gonzalez

The APC Food Pantry

The Food Pantry seeks to provide nutritious food that will last a family in need for 6 -7 days, for up to 30 families a week.

Pick up extra shelf-stable foods when you grocery shop! Donations may be put in the big gold box in the Gathering Room, or in the red bin outside Brown Fellowship Hall.

Clean, dry, used, plastic grocery bags are always wanted. Put the bags in the big gold box in the Gathering Room. We DO NOT need any more egg cartons this month.

Needed: a volunteer to accompany Doug Clapp to Second Harvest Food Bank on food collection runs. Contact Amy Yow (336-706-3550) to apply for this task.

Use the link <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/795307800019/false#/invitation> to sign up as a helper in distributing food to our guests, and/or to pick up weekly food donations from the Forest Oaks Food Lion.

Special Collections

The APC Food Pantry has designated specific food items to be donated each month. Here's a list of the specific items wanted:

- **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
- **June:** Macaroni-and-cheese
- **July:** Crackers
- **August:** Canned pasta

Potter's House

APC has served supper to hungry guests at the Greensboro Urban Ministry Potter's House since 2004; on the **third Saturday of odd-numbered months**. 2022 dates: **September 17**, and **November 19**.

The work is intense, but not long: Arrive at **6 p.m.** to set up; serve food from **7-7:45 p.m.**; clean up and zip out the door by **8:15 p.m.** most usually.

Let Darren Hadley know that you or your group want to help with the work at Potter's House (darren.hadley@triad.rr.com).

Saturday Mornings at the Food Pantry

The Food Pantry always needs Saturday morning volunteers from **8:30-11 a.m.** to separate, pack, and deliver food to our clients. Pre-packed grocery carts of food are delivered to recipients in a car line — clients stay in their cars. Once their names are verified, volunteers load up the cars. This is an efficient method for clients to receive food.

Please sign up rather than just showing up! Kris Levine, Volunteer Coordinator, needs to know ahead of time how many are expected, to make this a good experience for volunteers as well as clients.

Call Kris at (336)-558-6759 — or use this link to schedule yourself onto the Food Pantry volunteer calendar: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/795307800019/false#/invitation>

Missions Update:

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

“On Thursdays, I feel good.”

At one of our recent language learning sessions with “Sandy,” we were talking about some of the exciting developments that have been happening in her sewing business. While her business has prospered from her high level of skill with embroidery and pattern design, it’s also been a popular place that people drop by to share their cares and get life advice. For Sandy, this has been a wonderful opportunity to share the Gospel and pray for the many non-believing members of her community.

Even with all this fruitful work, Sandy told us that she feels like Thursdays, the day we meet with her each week, is the day that is the most fruitful. **“On Thursdays, I feel good!” she told us. “I know that, on Thursdays, I’m doing God’s work.”**

While we’re convinced that all of Sandy’s work is part of God building his Kingdom in her community, it was still so encouraging to hear her conviction about the importance of making the Bible available in her language. We are so, so thankful to be laboring alongside this young woman and her amazing heart for her community and the Word!

-Jesse, Erin, & Samuel



PRAY WITH US:

- **PRAISE: Erin’s pregnancy-related fatigue and other symptoms have been easing up** as she’s been building in a little more rest to daily life. It’s an enormous blessing to have so many people praying for this new baby!
- **PRAY: For the orthography development process.** We’re getting close to submitting our “Tentative Orthography” soon, which is the first step in creating an established alphabet! It’s so important to have an alphabet that’s easy to use, compatible with the Spanish alphabet, and represents the language’s phonology well. **Even having all these in place is still no guarantee that the community will accept and use the alphabet,** however. We need God’s wisdom and guidance for this process!
- **PRAISE: We’ve been getting more rain, at last!** Thank you so much for praying about this. Crops are looking more lively and people are more hopeful about the harvest (though still worried).



Language learning often takes creativity to make it happen! For Erin, this is a typical scene these days: working on flashcards while watching Samuel (he was bringing her books to play with!) and baby #2 joining in from her belly!



We recently attended the wedding of a young couple from the small church in the community. It was such a good learning experience! Here, the couple is processing out after the ceremony, which was held in the groom’s family’s house.



Samuel is growing like crazy! His new favorite thing is to run on the trampoline at the workshop center here in Mitla and fall down in a fit of giggles!

STAY CONNECTED:

Our Wycliffe page/Giving: wycliffe.org/partner/JEAtkinson

Facebook Group: facebook.com/groups/AtkinsonAdventuresInOaxaca

Sign up for newsletters: jotform.com/form/92304614403144

Jesse’s email: jesse_atkinson@wycliffe.org

Erin’s email: erin_atkinson@wycliffe.org

Oaxaca (wah-HAH-kah), Mexico



Todd Luke's Cistern Ministry Update

Thank you for the prayers, gifts, and hands-on participation that made 2022 a very good year.

Built in 2022:

March: Four cisterns, in the village of Felipe Angeles — our first time building there.

May: Four, in Xpujil, for families who live beyond the town's waterworks system (that only delivers once a week at best). We hesitate to build cisterns in the county seat, but these families prove that they lack clean water as badly as those in other villages in the area.

June and early July: Twelve, in the village of Guillermo Prieto.

Late July and early August: Ten are planned for the village of Ley de Fomento. This community has formed a solid relationship with our local crew, over the years.

New Cistern Mold

Each mold has a lifespan of about four years. We cannot build without strong molds! Our newest mold was paid for with loan repayment funds provided by hundreds of satisfied cistern owners.



Thanks again for all you do to support our little clean water ministry. Please keep those prayers coming our way! May we see the Lord's daily blessings that fall like rain upon each of us.

How to support this ministry:

The Outreach Foundation seeks gifts to support the mission and ministry of Todd Luke. All gifts of any size are welcome, to help with the cost of building cisterns. You may make a gift by sending a check to The Outreach Foundation (381 Riverside Dr., Suite 465, Franklin, TN 37064); or make an online gift

(www.theoutreachfoundation.org.)

If you'd like to receive electronic communications directly from The Outreach Foundation, let them know! Email them, and request to be added to their distribution list:

info@theoutreachfoundation.org.

Matthew 25

in the PC(USA)

Matthew 25:31-46 calls us all to actively engage in our communities and the world, so that our faith comes alive and we discover new ways to be fearless disciples.

Matthew 25 Presbyterians have committed to:

- Build congregational vitality
- Dismantle structural racism
- Eradicate systemic poverty

Both the 222nd and 223rd General Assemblies of the PC(USA) exhorted the denomination to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned, or poor.

A National Festival with Local Flavor

The North Carolina Folk Festival takes place each **September**. It features more than 300 artists, on multiple stages, with continuous performances.

The Festival attracts huge crowds of people to downtown Greensboro for a three-day celebration of cultural heritage through music, dance, handmade crafts, food, and family fun!

As one of the fastest-growing FREE festivals in the Southeast, the North Carolina Folk Festival features an exciting new lineup of global artists, American roots performers, and North Carolina flavors every year!

NC Folk Festival 2022

The NC Folk Festival is on **Saturday, September 10**.

APC has signed up to volunteer at the event, as a local mission, welcoming visitors to our wider community. We'll staff merchandise booths, and/or wander around the city with money collection buckets, to support this nationally-recognized cultural event.

Come to the NC Folk Festival, and plan to drop some money in the collection buckets that your APC friends thrust at you!



Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Our Sunday morning Coffee Hour is one of many ways we connect as a congregation, as in our mission statement: "We welcome all to the community of Jesus: to connect, to learn, to worship, to serve."

You are invited to "connect and serve" as a Coffee Hour host, on a Sunday of your choosing. Hosting requires setting up and cleaning up needed supplies in the Gathering Room, and brewing a few urns of coffee. A detailed description of the tasks is provided to hosts.

Coffee Hour has long been hosted by a dedicated group of volunteers. It's now time to change the quarter-year assignment schedule to a [monthly online](#) sign-up format. This scheduling change lets everyone in the congregation take a turn at this vital APC ministry. It also gives that dedicated group of long-term volunteers a much-needed break from hosting.



Seniors & Friends

This fellowship group meets on **even months** in the Coble House for a meal and fellowship. Next meal: **Monday, October 10, 11:30 a.m.** Please call or email the church office to let us know you want to attend this festive event: We need to let the cook know how much water to add to the soup, for as many people who show up with empty bellies.

Greeters and Offering Collectors

Are you of a cheerful disposition? Can you cope with short stacks of bulletin packets at the entrances to the sanctuary? Have you recently longed to pass a collection plate among the pews, then fling the takings into a combination safe and twist a dial to secure those tithes and offerings from theft? Do you yearn to be of service to this congregation on a once-a-month schedule?

Rejoice! You, too, can be an official Greeter or an Offering Collector for APC. Contact Robin Long (336.706.5141) or Terri Busby (336.509.7166) to join either of these merry crews of helpers.

Celebrations and Concerns

Each week, we publish a prayer list with celebrations and concerns of the congregation. A few hard copies are available in the sanctuary every Sunday — any leftovers are moved to the church office area after worship. An electronic copy of the list is posted on our church website every week.

This is an ephemeral publication: No copies of the *Celebrations and Concerns* sheets are stored away for reference. Some of the concerns expressed stay active for a long time; the documents themselves only endure for a week.

Electronic copies are consigned to the desktop trashcan on the church secretary's computer. Hard copies are plopped into the recycle bin in the office workroom.

Why are those "scraps of fabric" in the sanctuary?

Observing festivals and seasons of the Christian year, the Church celebrates significant events in the life of Christ. Keeping time in this way helps the church to be shaped by God's activity in worship and service.

Each season and holy day is traditionally marked by a particular color, used to decorate worship spaces. The colors most used are green, purple, white, and red.

Many churches use *paraments* (from the Latin, meaning "to prepare"). These pieces of cloth adorn sanctuary furniture such as communion tables and pulpits. *Vestments* are the robes and stoles worn by ministers.

The Christian year begins with the season of Advent, on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day. The color associated with Advent is purple.

Next comes Christmas: Its color is white. White cloths stay out until after Epiphany. After that, the church enters a stretch of time known as Ordinary.

Ordinary is in the sense of "counting," not "commonplace." Ordinary time marks the days between holy days and seasons. Ordinary time is green.

Lent is the period before Easter; devoted to fasting and prayer, in commemoration of Christ's fasting in the wilderness. Lent is purple.

The Easter season's color is white. Only one day in the Christian year uses red: Pentecost. Red honors the Gospel story of "tongues of fire" above disciples' heads on the day the Holy Spirit was given to the church.

After Pentecost, the church enters another long period of Ordinary time, until the last day of the year: Christ the King Sunday, whose color is white.

Some **Good** News

At a blistering 90 degrees, it hardly feels as if Fall is around the corner. But, in the church office, we have been furiously planning for the last third of the year at Alamance.

When we are not caught in the throes of a pandemic, Labor Day through Christmas is a marathon at APC. And the GOOD news is, soon we will be eating together again.

If you think about it, Jesus didn't worship or teach at the heart of his community of faith. To be sure, they worshipped together in the temple; and they spent a lot of time teaching, and discussing scripture and theology. But their common meal was at the center of it all.

That's what Jesus told them to do in remembrance of him. Our worship practice of Communion simply evolved from those early followers sharing an evening meal. I believe Alamance is at its best when it gathers around the table. We are a church of good food and good company — and we have SO much of that planned for you in the next four months!

It all starts with Big Meeting. We're having breakfast this this year. On Sunday, September 11, come to Brown Fellowship Hall at **9 a.m.** Bring a dish to share. During **10 a.m.** worship, we will celebrate Communion that morning, as well.

After church, we will take a whole-church photo out on the front steps. We do not want you to be left out.

That evening, our children and youth ministries kick off another school year with a cookout at the Lynwood Lakes picnic shelter.

Just two weeks later, on **Saturday, September 24**, we are having a Low Country Boil at the picnic pavilion. You'll be glad to hear that, even as costs skyrocket around us, our plates

are still just \$15. While we will have takeout plates, we'll fill the tables with shrimp, sausage, corn, and potatoes. (By the way, we're going to need homemade desserts for that meal, too. We'll charge \$1 per serving.)

Open Door starts back on **Wednesday, September 14**. Our meals are at **5:45 p.m. Definitely 5:45!** It's a potluck-style meal, but our Culinary Arts folks cook the entrée. Program starts promptly at **6:30**, so we can wrap up in time for choir practice.

Later this Fall, you can look forward to our Rock-a-thon, on **Saturday, October 1**. We are not serving a meal to ourselves; all funds donated will go to support the Food Pantry, which serves others.

Be thinking about who will be on your team. This year's theme is **HEROES**. We will leave that up to your interpretation.

Candy will be shared by the bucketful at our Trunk-or-Treat on **Sunday, October 23**. This year's event will NOT be drive-through.

In November, we will have our Thanksgiving dinner after worship on **Sunday, November 20** — the Sunday before the holiday.

An old adage says that a family who eats together stays together. I have often said the same is true for churches, as well. As we spend some time eating together, I encourage you to take the advice we heard in the Sunday, August 28 scripture reading.

Hebrews says, *"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so, you may have entertained angels without knowing it."* Strangers across the table can quickly become friends. As we eat together, sit with someone new, and be ready to be the better for it. It's time!

In Christ's Love and Light,

Kyle

The Session Report

Your APC Session met on Sunday, August 28 for their monthly Stated Meeting. Session approved four upcoming baptisms, and reactivated membership for two others.

The Session welcomed Tommy Causey from the Mission Team to share plans for our **Matthew 25** initiatives. Session endorsed making youth ministry "At the Table" events opportunities to gather more members of the church for intergenerational conversation. They also endorsed an initiative called "Ramp-It-Up," which would provide handicap ramps to people in our community with that need.

The Admin. Team reported on finances. You may remember June was a strong month for the church. July was much less so: offering income was \$5,622.77 below budget.

We are currently tracking \$11,953.88 behind budgeted revenue for the year. **Some good news:** Even with several major repairs happening around the church in the last months, through July our expenses are \$879.15 below budget! This leaves a net total of budget (\$11,074.73).

The Admin. Team also reported on several property issues. Repairs to our automatic doors continue. We also continue to repair and replace HVAC units. With the help of the Alamance Fire Department, we have updated our fire response procedures and installed a "Knox Box" on the exterior of the building for their use.

The Admin. Team also provided updates on annual staff reviews, and the Fall stewardship campaign.

The Christian Education Team reported Fall plans for ministry with children and youth, including the format for this year's Trunk-or-Treat. Session approved a Christmas wreath fundraiser for later in the year.

The Child Development Center Board representatives reported on the recent hire of Ryan Gunn as Assistant Director. Jane Preston continues to work part-time for the CDC, as Finance Manager. Session also heard updates on the CDC's financial standing, and continuing search for teachers in the current employment market.

The Congregational Care and Outreach Team reported on teacher gifts given at the CDC and Simkins Elementary at the start of this new school year. The team will serve coffee and doughnuts to CDC parents on **September 6**. The team also discussed the upcoming Mayor of Alamance fundraiser, which begins on Big Meeting.

The Fellowship Team reported on plans for Big Meeting, the Low Country Boil, and the Rock-a-thon. They approved making the Boil an in-person meal in Brown Hall, at \$15 a plate.

The Worship and Arts Team reported on Communion procedures. They discussed their contribution to Big Meeting. They discussed plans for Advent and Christmas services. They also reflected with the Session on the hymn sing that morning; and the desire to be more expansive in the music we plan for Sunday mornings. The staff will cultivate a playlist of music we will include in worship. Suggestions are welcome.

The Session nominated Tim Hobbs, Pat Lovell, and Steve Starr to serve on the Nominating Committee to select Elders for the class of 2025. The Session discussed Dr. Kyle Goodman's plans for summer sabbatical leave in 2024. (More details about Kyle's sabbatical will be forthcoming.) The Session ended the meeting with prayer concerns.

Grace Extended

Alamance Presbyterian Church currently participates in a food-relief mission with the Grace Community Church in southeast Greensboro.

Grace's program is very similar to our Open Door. Each Wednesday evening they prepare and serve meals to over 200 folks in the Glenwood neighborhood — many of whom are experiencing homelessness.

We have agreed to work **every third Wednesday of the month**, through **December 21** at Grace Community Church (643 W. Gate City Blvd, Greensboro, NC 27403; in the old McIver School); for food service and worship from **5:15-7 p.m.**

Needed: 4-6 volunteers to help prepare and transport food each time we serve, and 5-10 volunteers to help plate and serve the food at Grace Church.

You can also participate by enjoying the worship experience that begins at **5:45**, and the meal that starts around **6:20**.

The Mission Team knows that to continue this ministry requires some missional funds. The team hopes that Alamance will walk by faith to support this shared ministry.

Questions? Want to volunteer for any Wednesday? Let Jess Rigel or Kyle Goodman know that you want to join this partnership which engages us ecumenically in the wider community. Sign yourself up to volunteer at this link: https://signup.com/group/987658676044?utm_source=group-badge-volunteer-green

Are we done yet?

Those of you who have already helped with the Grace Community Church suppers are invited to let Jess and Kyle know if you think that Alamance should maintain this partnership, for the foreseeable future. Your opinion is valuable to the Session, when it considers whether or not to continue supporting this local mission.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Stephen Ministry at APC

The Stephen Ministry is a "distinctly Christian caregiving ministry" that provides high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. Members of the APC Stephen Ministry actively engage with the Congregational Care and Outreach team to connect our congregation with local community resources for help in times of emergency or distress.

Training classes for new Stephen ministers are planned for this fall. Search your heart now, to discern if the Holy Spirit is calling you to this ministry.

APC Stephen Ministry Leader Becky Brinkley can answer your questions (336.269.6096, ranb2005@gmail.com).



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4000 Presbyterian Rd.
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September 24, 2022
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Back in Brown Hall!

Low Country Boil: Only \$15!
Chicken Tender Plates: \$7
Homemade Desserts: \$1
Takeout Boxes Available

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2022 Golf Tournament Results

On Saturday, August 27, 33 teams of golfers gathered at Forest Oaks Country Club to play a round of charity golf. Monies raised will benefit the APC Lift Van — and contribute toward a project to provide shelter for the whole fleet of buses and vans.

The outreach missions and ministries of Alamance Presbyterian Church provide resources for the southeast Guilford and Greensboro communities. As part of APC's fleet of vehicles, a rear-access mobility Dodge Grand Caravan is available for use by individuals who require specialized transportation.

Here's a list of winners for the day:

First place overall, gross score

Matt McGee, Alex Magid,
Phet Vongsavangh, David Wall

First Flight: 1st Place, net

Danny Hilton, Tyler Moretto,
Marty Reddens Sr., Marty Reddens Jr.

First Flight: 2nd Place, net

Susan Newsom, Richie Rhew,
Jim Williams, Tim Williams

First Flight: 3rd Place, net

Troy Dudich, Josh Ryan, Steve
Sharpe, Jamie Strickland

Second Flight : 1st Place, net

Greer Ducker, Alan Jones, Jake Taylor,
David Wilhoit

Second Flight: 2nd Place, net

Melody Aydelette, Ty Hall,
Will McDonald, Keith Thomas

Second Flight: 3rd place, net

J.D. Benton, Daniel Church,
Dylan Reece, Tyler Trull

Closest to Pin #3

J. Harmston

Closest to Pin #13

Chris Doss

Long Drive: Men, #6

Roger Anderson

Long Drive: Women, #11

Melody Aydelette

“Most Congeniality” Team

Chris Gerringer
Randy Maness
Blaine Mills
Keith Morris

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Most Special-est Thanks

goes to the Forest Oaks Country Club; and to Eric Uffman, Chef.



Special Missions Offering for September: Comfort Zone Camp



When You Meet Someone Deep in Grief

- by Patricia McKernon Runkle

Slip off your needs
and set them by the door.

Enter barefoot
this darkened chapel

hollowed by loss
hallowed by sorrow

its gray stone walls
and floor.

You, congregation
of one

are here to listen
not to sing.

Kneel in the back pew.
Make no sound,

let the candles
speak.

Comfort Zone Camp is a fun, safe, free, three-day camp for children ages 7-17 who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling, friend, or a primary caregiver.

In addition to traditional camp experiences (like games, hiking, and eating s'mores), campers hear other kids' stories and — through peer support, mentorship, grief counseling, and activities to build self-esteem and coping skills — share their own grief stories.

We hope to sponsor camp experiences for at least two children, at a total cost of \$1,200. Consider giving generously, to support our kids in a new way!



CZC offers free, child-focused grief and resilience training programs that provide children with:

- A strong, supportive network of peers who personally understand their loss experience.
- Age-appropriate coping skills that will help them manage grief in their day-to-day lives.
- Age-appropriate grief counseling, administered by trained grief professionals.
- A volunteer mentor (Big Buddy) who attends camp with each child; and who has been extensively screened and matched to support a child's individual strengths and needs.

- Self-esteem building and confidence-building activities, games, songs, skits, and other opportunities to have fun, play, laugh, and connect with their peers.
- The ability to return to camp every year until they graduate from high school.
- The opportunity to volunteer as a junior counselor, after the age of 15.

Your Support Makes It Possible

An estimated 1 out of 14 children in the U.S. will experience the death of a parent or sibling before they reach the age of 18. Over 5.2 million children are bereaved — the number more than doubles by age 25, to 13.2 million.

Comfort Zone gives these children a place where they can be around other kids and adults who “get it,” while learning valuable coping skills to use in their everyday lives.

Death often also brings a financial burden, which is why CZC provides camps, support groups, and travel scholarships free of charge. Your generous donations make this possible.





Dear friends at Alamance Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for investing in second chances here at Benevolence Farm! Your gift ensures that we can continue to offer safe, secure housing to formerly incarcerated women here in Alamance County. Your generous contribution will empower current and future residents in their re-entry journeys. We send our most heartfelt thanks to your congregation!

With gratitude,

Cassie Hanson

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Core Members, staff, and volunteers of Peacehaven Community Farm, we would like to thank you for your gift of \$2,845. At a time when everything feels uncertain, we find comfort and encouragement that you care about our mission. With your gift, you are helping Peacehaven reimagine what a safe community-living model will look like; AND continue to grow bountiful and healthy produce. We are lucky to have donors like you! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary Lang McDade,
Development Director



Peacehaven
Community Farm

www.alamancechurch.org

Memorials and Honoraria

To the Operating Fund: In memory of Logan Forbis by Loretta Allred; Floyd, Tony, and Craig Fogleman; Jackie Fogleman; Marie Hodgkin; Clint & Linda Aydelette; Sam & Ada Nelson. In memory of LaVerne White Starr by Nancy Durham, Jackie Fogleman, Marie Hodgkin. In memory of Harvey & LaVerne Starr by Bobby Jobe. In memory of John Goodman by Jackie Fogleman.

To the Children's Ministry: In memory of Logan Forbis by Thelma Greeson.

To the Lift Van Fund: In memory of LaVerne White Starr by the Sherlie Andrew's Sunday school class, Steve & Patty Starr. In memory of Harvey & Tookie Starr by Steve & Patty Starr.



To the Cemetery Care Fund: In memory of Barry Grubb by Carol Causey Gonet. In memory of Claude Church by Carol Causey Gonet.

Thank You Notes



On behalf of the children in APC's Child Development Center, I want to thank you, the congregation, for your generous donations which enabled us to purchase a sun shade for the playground.

We were able to receive a big discount by paying the invoice upon placing the order. As it turned out, with COVID-related supply delays, and then staffing issues, the company was not able to fulfill our order and install the shade until July, 2022.

But there it is — a beautiful blue sail-like structure in a corner of the playground, which gives our children much-needed shade.

Thank you. Thank you.

Kitty Wells,

President of the Board of Directors,
Alamance Presbyterian Church
Child Development Center



Live-streaming Worship Services

Look and listen to Sunday morning worship at Alamance live, on-line. This is a nice option all the time, and is a vital resource during the current pandemic.

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 Livestream, either with your e-mail or your Facebook account. The Livestream site will send you an e-mail that will instruct you how to enter a password of your own choosing.

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We are an ecumenical congregation in a Presbyterian Church (USA) form.
 We are a **Matthew 25** church.
 We are a Stephen Ministry church.
 We are a Hunger Action congregation.

CHURCH STAFF

- Rev. Dr. Kyle Goodman**, Lead Pastor
Rev. Jessica Rigel, Discipleship Pastor
Andrew Long, Youth Director
Katie Long, Director of Music
Rebecca Oden, Pianist
Joy Thomas, Dir., Children's Ministries
Dana Adams, Financial Coordinator
Lynn Barnes, Secretary
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 Child Development Center
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- Missionaries: Jesse & Erin Atkinson**,
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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 of each month, at 2 p.m.** in the Uffman classroom (unless otherwise noted).

Class of 2022:	Class of 2024:
Barbara Alexander	Kris Burns
Tom Cimino	Terry Busby
Scott Mendenhall	Graham Dail
Steve Starr	Willie Goncharow
David White	Pat Lovell
Class of 2023:	Youth Elder:
Darren Hadley	Nathan Garrett
Tim Hobbs	
Kathy Medder	Clerk of Session:
Judy Uniatowski	Graham Dail

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Our mission statement:

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

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We are a Hunger Action congregation.

We have a Stephen Ministry.

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the **September, 2022** issue of **The Relay** is **Friday, August 26**. Post your articles by "snail mail," by e-mail (lynn@alamancechurch.org), strap on your high heeled boots and hobble here in person, or phone the office (336-697-0488 x 121) to deliver the news.

