

September 18, 2022

Pennies for Hunger: October 2

**September mission:
Comfort Zone Camps**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Services are live-streamed **each week**, on www.alamancechurch.org.

SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING for **Sep.** is to Comfort Zone Camp: a three-day camp for children 7-17 who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling, friend, or primary caregiver. We want to sponsor at least two children (cost: \$1,200). Consider giving generously. (See insert.)

COOK-OUT to kick off Kids R.O.C.K. and youth groups is **tonight, 7-9p.**

LOW COUNTRY BOIL fundraiser is **Sat., Sep. 24.** <https://app.easytithes.com/App/Form/c9ed69dc-72ce-45a6-a377-a6744270ad54> goes directly to the website page to order and pay. **MUST PRE-ORDER YOUR MEAL by midnight tonight, Sun., Sep. 18.**

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH MEAL is **Wed., Sep. 21.** Sign up to help: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/1267005862041792064/false#/invitation> (No Open Door that night.)

KIDS R.O.C.K.: Kids Reaching Out to Christ's Kingdom is a fellowship group for 2nd-5th graders; meets **4:45-5:45p** on **Sun.**, in Kids R.O.C.K. room (upper level, Educational bldg.). **This week:** Cookout! **Next week, Sep. 25:** *Against the Ropes (James 4:7).*

YOUTH GROUPS: for middle school (**6-7p**) and high school (**7:15-8:15p**) meet on **Sundays**, in the Youth Room (lower level, sanctuary bldg.) **This week:** Cookout!

NEXT OPEN DOOR MEAL: **Wed., Sep. 28; 5:45-6:45p.** Note well: **No Open Door meals on Grace Church days.** (In **2023**, Grace Church will be on **third Wednesdays of even months.**)

PASTOR JESS'S BOOK CLUB: Meets on **last Tuesdays at 7p. Sep. 27** book is ***Native: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God*** by Kaitlin B. Curtice. Contact Jess Rigel for more info, or to join.

KNIT, PRAY, LOVE ministry meets **Tues., Sep. 27, 7-7:30p** in the Parlor.

FEED THE FALCONS: **Fri., Sep. 30.** Culinary Arts Team seeks four (4) helpers to cook meal *here*, transport to SEHS to feed football team *there*.

BELOVED ANNUAL FUNDRAISER, the Rock-a-Thon, is **Sat., Oct. 1, 11a-12p** in the Pavilion. Assemble your teams now. Theme: *Heroes*. Let the pastoral staff know you will "rock" the theme.

MAYOR OF ALAMANCE fundraiser campaign has begun. See Pastor Kyle to toss your hat in the ring. Deadline to nominate deadline is **Sat., Oct. 1.**

SENIORS & FRIENDS: Meets on **even months** in the Coble House for a meal and fellowship. Next meal: **Mon., Oct. 10, 11:30a.** Call church office to reserve your seat.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT: **Sun., Oct. 23, 4-6p** is a walk-through event, behind Brown Hall. Contact Joy Thomas (joy@alamancechurch.org) to register your trunk. APC is a Teal Pumpkin participant again this year.

POTTERS HOUSE MEALS: Supper at Greensboro Urban Ministry, on the **third Sat. of odd months.** Next time to serve: **Nov. 19.** Contact Darren Hadley (darren.hadley@triad.rr.com)

STEPSOULS EXERCISE CLASS meets **M-Th, 4:30-6p; Sat. 8:30-10a** in the Community Room under sanctuary. Details: APC website and Phyllis Monroe (phylmonroe@gmail.com).

Christian sympathy is expressed to the family and friends of Eric Hollingsworth, who died September 10, 2022.

Praise Jesus! After almost 2 1/2 years, *Knit, Pray, Love* ministry will gather IN PERSON!!! The first gathering since Feb., 2020 is **7-7:30p** on **Tues., Sep. 27** in the Parlor. As is tradition, bring yourself, your crochet/knitting projects (completed or in progress); and catch up! At the end of each gathering, KPL says a blessing over the completed creations, before those travel to people in need.

KPL is so excited, and hopes to see you there! If you have any inquiries, please contact Linda Aydelette, linda.aydelette@gmail.com.

Presbyterian Women Circles meet:

Martha Brown: Wed., Sep. 21, 1p in the Coble House.

Red Hat: Check with your moderator.

Agapé: Tues., Oct. 11, 11a to go eat lunch; **12:30p** Bible study in Uffman conference room.

L.I.F.T.: 9a every Sun., Uffman room.

Church Staff

Dr. Kyle Goodman, Lead Pastor

Rev. Jess Rigel, Discipleship Pastor

Andrew Long, Dir., Youth Ministries

Joy Thomas, Dir., Children's Ministries

Katie Long, Director of Music

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CHURCH OFFICE

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During normal business days,
the church office is open
8:30a-2:30p on **M-T-Th-F;**
8:30a-12:30p on **Wednesday**

HOOPSTER ALERT:

Pleasant Garden's Youth Basketball League is re-forming, post-COVID.

Check their website, www.pgbball.com,

for instant updates about how and when to sign up to play —

or contact Steve Starr or Gerald Coble (336.209.6426) for more information.



Food Pantry

NO MORE egg cartons — for now!

Special collection for September: Cereal, oatmeal

A large RED bin behind Brown Fellowship Hall is for shelf-stable food donations. A tall golden box in the Gathering Room is for shelf-stable food and clean, dry, plastic grocery bags. (We use these to distribute food to our guests.) **Contact the Food Pantry to donate fresh produce or meat.**

VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL: Food Pantry Team **needs** you. **Go here to sign up:** <https://signup.com/go/FLfKFNp>

Team needs: unpackers, shelvees, phone answerers, grocery cart fillers, takers of info from clients in their cars, putters-in-cars of each client's groceries, fetchers of weekly donations from Food Lion.

ONLINE GIVING:

www.alamancechurch.org has instructions to sign up with Easy Tithe for online giving.

To give by Text: text the word "give" to **336-396-6133.** Follow the prompts to set up an account and make donations.

It is physically impossible for our regular church phone numbers to accept text messages.

Need 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.

Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

September 18, 2022 10 a.m.



Gathering

Welcome and announcements

Lay Reader today is Maelyn Goodman.

Minute for Mission

Comfort Zone Camp

Centering Music

There Is A Balm in Gilead

- arr. John Carter

***Call to Worship**

One Voice: O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

All Voices: We come in celebration and song.

One: We come in gratitude for your inheritance.

All: We come as those who have received blessing upon blessing.

One: We hear the cry of the poor in the land, and ache to offer them relief.

All: We come to bring them blessing upon blessing, in Jesus' name.

One: O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

All: We come in celebration and song.

***Opening Hymn**

What Does the Lord Require of You?

Song sheet

Confession & Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, your people are suffering. There is woundedness, and we have neglected to bring healing; there is discouragement, and we have neglected to bring the power of new life and new opportunities. Forgive us, God. Help us to remake and renew our lives, to be a balm for all we encounter – whatever their need or circumstance. Turn us toward your love for justice and true worship, and grant us the courage to submit to your will for our lives. Amen.

A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

Passing of the Peace

We invite everyone to share Christ's peace with your neighbors in whatever way you can, 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 with us in person, we invite you to greet those near you.

One: The peace of the Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

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

The Word

First Scripture Reading *Amos 8:4-7*

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

Special Music Ed Gonzalez, pianist

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 *Luke 16:1-13*

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

Message Rev. Dr. Kyle Goodman

Thanksgiving & 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 your words differ from your neighbor's.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully make a donation to contribute to the continued life and work of our congregation. Please consider mailing contributions directly to the church, or using our online giving platform, available at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-giving>.

Offertory *Open Our Eyes / Be Thou My Vision* - arr. Mark Hayes

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, you heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending

* **Sending Hymn** *Let Justice Flow* Song sheet

* Charge and Benediction

Closing Music

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

After worship, the minister stands at the side door, the closest exit for those with special needs.

Citations for references used during worship are available upon request, from the ministers.

The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible is used during worship, *unless otherwise noted*.

A lectionary is a selection of Bible readings to be used for worship and study.

This congregation uses the Revised Common Lectionary, which follows the liturgical year in a three-year cycle. Its scriptural recommendations complement the current season of the liturgical year.

Lectionary Year C for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, **September 18:**

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9, Psalm 113; Amos 8:1-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13.

Lectionary Year C for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, **September 25:**

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; Psalm 146; Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31.



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