



# The Relay

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

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## Some Good News

Since the start of the new year, I've spent a lot of time thinking about the Christian virtue of Hope. I'm halfway through a sermon series about it. This past Sunday, January 30, I talked about the proverbial glass that's either half-empty or half-full.

I suggested that the better wisdom is simply to see a glass that is both: a glass that still has plenty to offer, and a glass that has plenty of room yet to be filled. As we begin this new year together, I am working hard on seeing things that way here at Alamance.

That has not been easy. I missed writing last month's *Relay* article because I had COVID. I missed a Sunday in the pulpit, too. The next Sundays would have all been affected by a wave of COVID cases, if they weren't already touched by the winter weather.

I have already shared with some of you that January has felt like a lost month on the heels of a lost year or two. Meanwhile, the new year has brought new struggles to Alamance. In the coming weeks, we will present to you an annual report for 2021; and the 2022 budget.

Last year was a strong one for our financial well-being. Through some very generous gifts in the last quarter, we were able overcome a budgeted deficit of more than \$35,000. We closed the year at a break even, with some in reserve to support our budget in 2022.

That is all very good news. The bad news is that our 2022 projections are not nearly as strong. We all know how many deaths we have had in our church over the last two years, and several of our members are not in a position to give what they once did. Again, look for a report that shares these numbers with you in much greater detail once our Session has finalized the budget.

For 2022, the glass is both half-empty and half-full. We have been blessed with some miracles that have sustained us through one of the more trying seasons of our church's 257-year history. Through Livestream services, the creativity and dedication of our staff, wise investments and tremendous generosity, and faithful service from our Session and ministry teams, our Stephen Ministers, our Food Pantry volunteers, Culinary Arts Team — and a host of others — we have kept things afloat in an impossible time. We should see the abundance we still have in our cup.

But we should also recognize and respond to the places that feel empty. We need volunteers, especially to serve on our Session and ministry teams. We need creativity and wisdom for the things we need to streamline and adapt for a world altogether different than it used to be. We need the resolve to remain steadfast and faithful; to be balanced by a willingness to let go, and to experience new things.

We need gifts that leave a legacy. We need commitment to attending and tuning in and reaching out and caring for this beautiful community of Jesus we all share in at Alamance. We need you!

And we need Hope, hope that comes from God, hope that outshines our malaise and despair, hope that is infectious, hope that keeps us going, and hope that shows us the way!

Half-empty and half-full, let's take the blinders off, stare into the uncertainty and difficulty of yet another year, count the ways we are blessed and fulfilled, and go about the hard work on being a blessing and filling the empty places with Faith, Hope, and Love that abide.

In Christ's Love and Light,

Kyle

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## February Birthdays

- 2 Bill Long
- 3 Burt Caveness, Joe Miller
- 6 Logan Forbis, Branson Linnens, Charlie Oliver
- 8 Geneva Boswell, Ken Carraway, Graham Dail
- 9 Pat Lovell
- 10 Kynsleigh Crompton
- 11 Tyler Trull
- 12 Teddi Irwin, Nick Purvis, Brenda Stevens Greene, Roger Wood
- 13 Clarence Oliver
- 16 Danny Thomas
- 17 Matthew Smith
- 19 Fay Haralson, Kai Ward
- 20 Phil Wadsworth
- 21 Joy Thomas
- 24 Nora Church, Dena Fail
- 26 Delaney Burns, Colton Strandberg
- 28 Andrew Burgess, Lou Walker



## March Birthdays

- 2 Nancy Michaels
- 3 Treva Caveness
- 8 Jared Gill, Zach Hobbs
- 9 Gerald Coble, Maelyn Goodman, Leta Pillion, Betty Sizemore, Tony Sizemore
- 10 Amni Carraway
- 12 J.P. Preston, McCartney Ward
- 14 Peggy Fields
- 17 Mike Ford, Kristin Hogan
- 18 Grace Dagenhart
- 19 Tina Garrett
- 21 Amanda Hogan
- 22 Barbara Dark
- 23 Floyd Fogleman
- 24 David McMurtrie
- 27 Brad Benton
- 31 Griffin Brown, Connie Fish

## Volunteers Sought

*Guardians ad Litem* works to help children move out of foster care and into safe, permanent situations. In our community, more than 100 children who have experienced abuse and/or neglect are waiting for a Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Volunteer Advocate to be their voice in the juvenile court system and to advocate for their individual needs.



Guardian ad Litem Volunteers help to ensure these children are placed in a safe, permanent home. Time spent as a GAL is flexible, built around the volunteer's schedule, and generally involves 8-12 hours per month.

Sally Beck, of the Guardians ad Litem of North Carolina, District 18, will speak to members of the public who are interested in exploring an opportunity for service. Community in Christ Presbyterian Church invites you to attend an investigative session on **Sunday,**

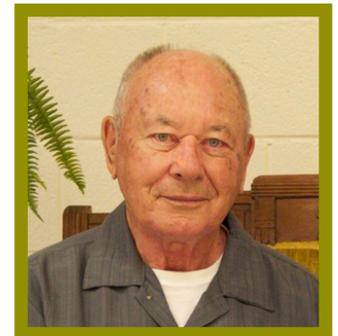
**February 6, 2022 at 1 p.m.,** at CIC (5401 Liberty Road, Greensboro).

R.S.V.P your intention to attend to [sabeck2013@gmail.com](mailto:sabeck2013@gmail.com). Register with Ms. Beck by providing her with your name, email, and telephone number.

## The End of an Era

This missive was received January 27, 2022:

To: Dr. Kyle Goodman, Rev. Jessica Rigel, and the congregation of Alamance Presbyterian Church.  
From: the Honorable Lewis K. May, Mayor of Alamance.



I find that I am unable to fulfill the duties of the office of Mayor of Alamance, due to my advanced age and recent illness.

Therefore it is with deep regret that I hereby tender my resignation, effective February 15, 2022.

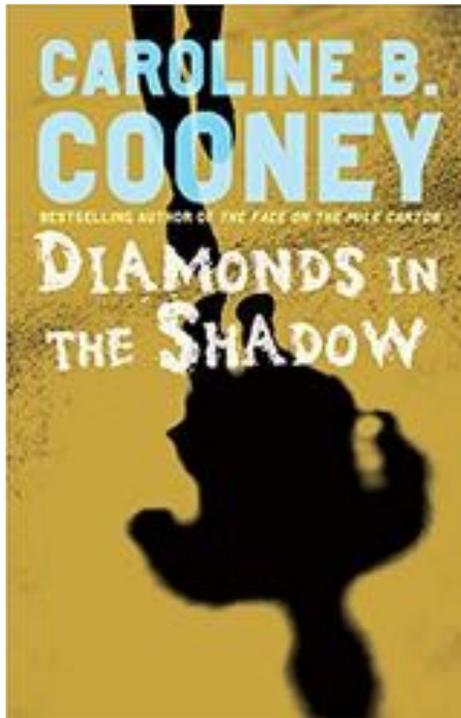
It has been both an honor and pleasure to have been elected and to serve as your mayor. I would like to thank the congregation for the support and kindnesses shown to me through the years.

Respectfully,  
*Lewis K. May*

Lewis May: The best mayor money can buy

Lewis May has been the unofficial Mayor of Alamance since 1987. Details of an election campaign fundraiser to replace him — “vote” with your dollars — are as yet unclear. Do you have the will, the drive, the impetus, the sheer naked ambition to strive for this honorary office? Start planning your campaign now. Remember that outside money is always welcome, as long as it is paid in legal U.S. tender. No bitcoin votes will be accepted.

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## Pastor Jess's Book Club

Tues., February 22  
@ 7 p.m.

email [jess@alamancechurch.org](mailto:jess@alamancechurch.org)  
for more info or to join up.



## B.A.E.: Body Acceptance and Enjoyment

A new fellowship group for middle-school girls had an excellent weekend retreat January 28-30. The girls and their advisors — Joy Thomas, Ciara Linnens, Katie Hensley, and Jess Rigel — spent two nights at the Coble House.

Games, discussion, and documentaries were crowned by a field trip to Homeland Creamery in Julian. Some delicious meals and snacks that the girls prepared themselves were eaten with great gusto, during the rest of the retreat.

The girls came away with practical suggestions to deal with the sorts of negative criticisms that young women experience every day.

## Knit, Pray, Love Ministry

- submitted by Linda Aydelette

Hope you are all well, safe and warm. "Thank you" to all of you who continue to contribute and make lovely creations as part of KPL's long-standing APC outreach mission, for almost 17 years.

So much of my reporting is about the baby hats, which is wonderful! But we also still create — and deliver — prayer shawls to a lot of hurting people and their families. In the last six weeks, we have delivered 16 shawls. They have gone to as near as around the corner from the church, to New England.

Recipients are people who have just received news of end stages of cancer, sudden deaths of loved ones in car accidents, or learning that Alzheimer's and dementia are confirmed in their parents or other family members. Such is the case of "Chris" in the photo. Chris lives just outside of Boston. She is the aunt/godmother of my very close friend.

Chris' sister is her main caregiver and, as any of us who are caregivers know, is sometimes frustratingly overwhelmed. Chris received one of our prayer shawls last month and is absolutely loving it! Her sister tells us that it is her constant companion and has given them *both* great comfort.

Other shawls were delivered this week to the Brian Durham family. His wife died in a car accident last week. The Durhams are one of our Scout families, in Cub Scout Pack 368.

Just knowing that someone in NC has prayed over this shawl with God's love is powerful. When we are knitting or crocheting the shawls and the hats, or any other item, we rarely know who will receive them. However, we ALWAYS know that God's love goes with them to wrap them in his peace.

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might." - **Ecclesiastes 9:10**



Heart Hats  
for  
Happy  
Heads

## Missions Team Report

At its January meeting, the Missions ministry team proposed the Special Missions Offering for **February**: Mission trips for adults, either to Kentucky, in conjunction with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA); or to Puerto Rico, long-delayed from the summer of 2020.

**Kentucky:** From the PDA website: "As night fell on December 10, powerful tornadoes ripped across several states, ending the lives of more than 100 people and wreaking devastation across many communities by morning. In the wake of these catastrophic storms, it is the role of people of faith to shine as light in this bleakest of winters. We are called to be the hands and feet of God to help to rebuild the lives of those who have experienced significant loss. We are invited to stand with them — and to stand together — bearing witness by our gifts and prayers that God is indeed incarnate among us."

**Puerto Rico:** PDA remains committed to Puerto Rico through Hurricane Maria recovery efforts; in addition to the January, 2020 earthquakes. More than 3,000 PDA volunteers have worked towards rebuilding the island since 2017. *La Casona* is only accepting teams of 12 or less; all team members need to be fully vaccinated.

**Youth Mission Trip updates:** The High School youth voted to go on a mission trip this year instead of to Montreat Conference Center. We'd love to empower our youth to learn about construction and/or get experience building things.

## Missions Update:

Submitted by Jesse, Erin,  
and Samuel Atkinson  
Wycliffe Translators,  
Oaxaca (wah-HAH-kah), Mexico

### Thank You!

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generous giving to the January Special Offering! We are so grateful for God's provision through you, APC! The Special Offering is one of the primary ways in which APC partners with our Wycliffe ministry each year. Thank you for being part of what God is doing in Oaxaca!

### A New House

God has answered your prayers! We have officially moved into a house in Mitla (MEAT-la), Oaxaca. We're overwhelmed by God's kindness in his provision of this house. We've enjoyed learning about the different plumbing, electrical, and masonry systems used here as we settle in.

We're also really enjoying making it a home (especially Erin!). God has also already provided several opportunities to practice hospitality, which has been really fun.

God has also been really blessing us through our relationship with our landlord and his wife. We've been learning so much from them. Please pray that God continues to grow this new relationship!

### Zapotec, Here We Come!

Now that we've moved, it's time to start making more frequent trips to San Dionisio, the community where we serve. **Please pray that God would lead us to just the right people to teach us their language.** As we begin learning Zapotec, the language spoken in San Dionisio, we do so relationally. (There is no textbook or alphabet.) **Pray that God will open the doors to his Word in this community, and that he would stir a passion in people's hearts for their language and the Bible.**



Jesse, trying his hand at some masonry on our chimney



Samuel is getting so big! He's working hard on walking.



Our front patio at the house



Plants! We're beginning to grow a few flowers and veggies, a long-held dream of ours.

Oaxaca (wah-HAH-kah), Mexico



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### STAY CONNECTED:

- Our Wycliffe page/Giving:** [wycliffe.org/partner/JEAtkinson](http://wycliffe.org/partner/JEAtkinson)
- Facebook Group:** [facebook.com/groups/AtkinsonAdventuresInOaxaca](https://facebook.com/groups/AtkinsonAdventuresInOaxaca)
- Sign up for newsletters:** [jotform.com/form/92304614403144](http://jotform.com/form/92304614403144)
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## From the APC Food Pantry Team: “Feed my sheep.”

The Alamance Food Pantry strives to provide food for our community’s families who are in need. Our goal is to provide nutritious food that will last a family for 6 to 7 days.

Some weeks we receive fresh vegetables, and eggs, from our donors. Fresh food is a real treasure to our guests. Contact the Food Pantry to arrange for donations of fresh produce, please and thank you.

Our Food Pantry is a big blessing to so many. We are **always** in need of help on Saturdays to help separate, pack, and deliver food to give to our clients. If you feel you are being led to help with this, please sign up on the church webpage under Food Pantry ([www.alamancechurch.org](http://www.alamancechurch.org))

Please pick up extras when you grocery shop. **Always needed:** cereal, dry milk, pop tarts, spaghetti sauce, instant mashed potatoes, mac-and-cheese, and other such shelf-stable items. Food donations may be put in the big box in the Gathering Room, or in the red bin behind Brown Fellowship Hall.

Clean, dry, used plastic grocery bags are always wanted. We do NOT need any more egg cartons at the present time.

The Food Pantry seeks to serve up to 30 families a week. **They seek a volunteer to make reminder calls to clients, on Fridays.** Contact Amy Yow (336-706-3550) to apply.

Thanks,

Amy Yow



Happy to Help



## 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: **Mar. 19, May 21, July 16, Sept. 17, Nov. 19.**

The work is intense, but not long. Arrive at **6 p.m.** to set up for the meal. 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 at Potter’s House. ([darren.hadley@triad.rr.com](mailto:darren.hadley@triad.rr.com)).

## Special Collections

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

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

## Saturday mornings at the APC Food Pantry

Pre-packed food is delivered to recipients in a car line. When clients arrive on a Saturday morning for food pick-up, they stay in their cars. Once their name is verified, volunteers load up the car. This is the most efficient and convenient method for clients to receive food.

The Food Pantry can always use more Saturday morning volunteers to help with distribution (**9-11:30 a.m.**). Visit <http://signup.com/go/h2b6xy> to sign up to help. *Please* sign up rather than just showing up. Kris Levine, Volunteer Coordinator, needs to know ahead of time how many volunteers are expected, to make this a good experience for volunteers as well as clients! Questions? Please call Kris Levine at (336)-558-6759.

## Ministry Musings

Greetings, Family!

My whole life I have heard and repeated the adage from **Acts 20:35**: “it is more blessed to give than to receive.” In my experience, this statement is true. Giving is a blessing, and so I have often invested my time and energy in sharing what I have with others — through tithe, or through handing out homeless kits of food and socks, or volunteering to help clean up stream beds, resell used goods, build houses, teach literacy, work with young people, prepare hot meals, learn alongside others, and on and on and on.

There are so many ways to give, and generosity is a reflection of the abundance God has given us. But recently, I have had to learn the blessing of receiving.

As most of you know, in early December I was diagnosed with thyroid cancer; which is not an especially difficult diagnosis, though it does entail surgery and sometimes additional treatment. This is not something I would normally wish to share with a lot of people, but because it requires recovery time, I felt that I needed to share it with those I work with — which includes not only the APC staff, but all of you, as well as the committees I serve through the Presbytery. It turns out this is A LOT of people!

In a society that devalues vulnerability as weakness and that celebrates independence over interdependence, it is very difficult to even acknowledge when we need help, let alone to actually receive help. And because of this, we often don't even know what we need in a given situation!

In this environment, where being a blessing is too often also associated

with power, control, and responsibility, it is intimidating to have to accept blessings from others.

Receiving somehow implies that we have failed, or that we are incapable of making meaningful contributions to our communities. In our worship of the strong man, we have undermined our own human need. And this is devastating to our spirituality; because receiving, too, is a blessing.

In the past few months, I have been overwhelmed by your support and your willingness to give to me and my family. Through statements of care, encouraging texts and phone calls and emails, cards cheering me on, folks volunteering to take me to doctors' appointments or get me groceries or make me meals or watch my dog, and most especially, through prayers; you all as a community of faith have shown up for me when I needed it most.

In some cases, I had to ask for additional help, and people came through. And not only did they come through, they thanked me for the opportunity to be helpful! *They* thanked ME!

Receiving has made me humble, has increased my gratitude, and has shown me firsthand that there is no shame — ever — in asking for help and allowing people to help you when you need it.

Though Paul cites Jesus as making the statement I referred to in my opening sentence, we actually have no record in Scripture that Christ said those words. Christ models giving — repeatedly — but he also takes time away to pray, he lets others wash his feet and shower him with perfume, he receives meals and hospitality when he travels. Christ is able to give because he is also able to receive — not only from his fellow human beings, but from God.

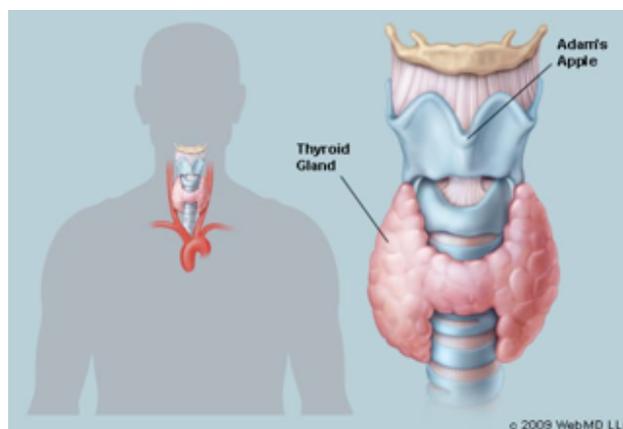
As Lent fast approaches, I encourage you to practice the blessing of receiving as often as you do of giving. I pray that this experience draws you closer to the good and gracious Giver of all.

In love and light,

*Pastor Jess*

The thyroid is a brownish-red, butterfly-shaped gland that sits low on the front of the neck. A thyroid lies below the “Adam’s apple,” along the front of the windpipe. When the thyroid is its normal size, you can’t feel it.

Nerves important for voice quality pass through the thyroid. The thyroid secretes several hormones. Thyroid hormones act throughout the body, influencing metabolism, growth and development, and body temperature.



During infancy and childhood, adequate thyroid hormone is crucial for brain development.

This overview of an important body part is brought to you from WebMD ([www.webmd.com](http://www.webmd.com))



## Seniors & Friends Went on a Toot

Who are these masked people? Why, they are your friends and neighbors — and possibly your relatives — who betook themselves to the Carolina Theater on January 30 to hear a concert of Big Band music performed by the Glenn Miller Orchestra.

Reportedly, a good time was had by all; and all in attendance behaved themselves beautifully.

These photographs were shot by the Rev. Jess Rigel on her cellphone, then taken to the nth degree of overexposure by Lynn Barnes. Lighting was dim in the theater that day.



## Seniors & Friends Luncheon is February 7

Call the church office to put your name on the list for lunch in the Coble House on **Monday, February 7**. A hot meal of chili and baked potatoes was mentioned by the cooks. They might have changed their minds since that tidbit was overheard by the church secretary. Whatever is served is sure to be delicious.

Bi-monthly meals and quarterly excursions are in the works for the coming year. The Fellowship Ministry Team is delighted to oversee fellowship events for this group in the congregation. Anyone who identifies as either a senior or a friend of seniors is welcome to join.



Here's a photo of a senior and two friends. Have fun guessing who is which.



## Youth Group Flag Football Game



491st (or so) annual Super Bowl event. **Sunday, Feb. 13, 1:30-3 p.m.** in the upper cemetery field. Family and friends are welcome to come and play or cheer.

**No regular meeting on Feb. 13.**

## Boy Scout Chili Sale

Once upon a time, Boy Scout Troop 368 competed in a chili cook-off, with other troops of the Old North State Council. Troop 368's chili won first prize!

Since then, they've proudly offered it to the congregation of Alamance Presbyterian Church each Boy Scout Sunday. This year, COVID-19 protocols restrict them to selling containers only. We will miss eating together in the fellowship hall for another year, sigh.

Yet, we can venture into that room to pick up quart containers of the precious stuff. Pre-order your chili, \$8 per quart, by **Sunday, February 6**. You can do that on the church website or by phoning the church office.

Come on down to Brown Fellowship Hall in the lower regions of the Education building after worship on **Sunday, February 13**. From **11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.** thou mayest pick up the quarts of chili that you've **pre-ordered** by **Sunday, February 6**. Poke it in your freezer for later consumption or eat it in the car as you drive home, if you can't wait.

**Deadline to order is Sunday, February 6.** Checks, cash, Easy Tithe, loose gemstones, the odd gold ingot, etc., will all be cheerfully accepted in payment. Use the link on the homepage of our website under Upcoming Events to order ([www.alamancechurch.org](http://www.alamancechurch.org)) or phone the church office (336.697.0488 ext. 121).

These Scouts do a great deal of good in our community, and for our church buildings and grounds. Many Eagle projects have benefited APC over the past decades. We thank those Scouts for their efforts; and encourage other Eagle Scout aspirants to consider how *they* can improve this community center and house of worship for the future.



## The Session Briefing

The Session of Alamance Presbyterian Church met via Zoom on January 30. They shared in a discussion about hope and resilience, for the devotion.

They elected Judy Unatowski and Graham Dail (Clerk of Session) to be representatives to the Salem Presbytery meeting on February 15. Anyone interested in attending that meeting as a guest should speak with one of the pastors. That presbytery meeting will be held by Zoom.

The financial report included some good news. Due to generous end-of-year contributions and resources from a large gift in October, the church overcame a \$35,000 budgeted deficit; and closed the year at a break-even. Even so, the church faces significant challenges in the year to come.

The Session considered a motion from the Administrative Ministry Team that a strategic planning group be appointed to address the church's long-term goals and challenges. They will vote on the motion when the new class of elders is elected.

Session set a congregational meeting to elect new officers to the Session on **February 20, 2022, immediately following worship.** If

Session approved outdoor worship last summer, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

necessary, the meeting will be continued on **Sunday, March 6, 2022.**

A full annual report, including the 2022 challenge budget, will be presented to the congregation at a later time.

The Worship & Arts Team shared a report from our piano tuner on the condition of the sanctuary piano. Humidity fluctuations in the sanctuary have caused a significant issue with keeping the piano in tune. A repair, and the installation of a humidifier, are in the works to address the problems.

The Session heard reports about fundraising efforts and potential mission trip opportunities for youth and adults this year. They heard an update on the Congregational Care and Outreach Team's plan to revise our church rolls; and they learned about progress on our updated website.

The Session discussed the timetable for Nathan Garrett's Eagle Scout project: the installation of a digital sign on our roadside.

The Session made tentative plans for a retreat on **February 26-27.** Session concluded the meeting with reports on the activities of our pastors, and prayer concerns.



## What Is a "Session"?

The **Book of Order**: Part 2 of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) defines a Session as the group of ruling elders who are called to nurture the common life of the people of God through their gifts of discernment and governance. They should also cultivate an ability to teach the Word when called upon to do so. When appropriately prepared and commissioned by the presbytery, ruling elders may proclaim the Word and administer the Sacraments in a particular congregation.

Ruling elders shall provide for the church's worship and encourage the people's participation. Specifically, when serving together on the Session, ruling elders and ministers of the Word and Sacrament: make provisions or the regular preaching of the Word and celebration of the Sacraments, corporate prayer, and the offering of praise to God in song; oversee and approve all public worship in the congregation, with the exception of responsibilities reserved for the minister of the Word and Sacrament; determine occasions, days, times, and places for worship; and have responsibility for the arrangement of worship space, the use of special appointments (flowers, candles, banners, paraments, and other objects), and the ministries of music, drama, dance, and visual arts. (W-2.0303)

## Notice:

This congregation adheres to all federal, NC state, and Guilford County recommendations and mandates for safe behavior during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Guilford County Board of Commissioners, serving in the role of the County Board of Health, issued a COVID-19 mask mandate that went into place at 6:30 p.m., January 13, 2022. The mandate applies to all Guilford County residents, regardless of vaccination status; it requires that masks be worn at all businesses, establishments, and public places.

Face masks continue to be **required** in the Church Child Development Center. Masks are now **strongly recommended** at indoor worship and fellowship events.

## Memorials and Honoraria

**To the Youth Fund:** In honor of first responders at APC (nurses, PAs, EMTs) by Harold & Barbara Alexander.

**To the Food Pantry:** In memory of William Jones by Harold & Barbara Alexander.

**To the Lift Van Fund:** In memory of Elsie Jobe by Bobby Jobe. In memory of Bobby Wyrick by Bobby Jobe

## Notice:

A congregational meeting will be held immediately after worship on **Sunday, February 20, 2022.**

Purpose of the meeting: To hear the report of the Nominating Committee; and to nominate and elect officers for the Class of 2024.

If necessary, the meeting will be continued immediately after worship on **Sunday, March 6, 2022.**

Please mark any donations to the Children's Ministry Fund as #8135; and to the High School/Middle School Ministry Fund as #8125. This greatly simplifies our accounting.

The Hand that shaped the rose hath wrought the crystal of the snow.

- Frances Whitmarsh Wile, 1912





## 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](http://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.

Sometimes, Livestream does not work as well as we expect it to work. Bear with us! With God's grace we'll all get through this together.

### ALAMANCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS INCLUSIVE, ECLECTIC, AND REFORMED.

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**, Dir., Youth Ministries  
**Katie Long**, Director of Music  
**Rebecca Oden**, Pianist  
**Joy Thomas**, Dir., Children's Ministries  
**Dana Adams**, Financial Coordinator  
**Lynn Barnes**, Administrative Assistant  
**Mary Ellen Shores**, Director,  
Child Development Center  
**Jane Preston**, Asst. Director, CDC

**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 6 p.m.** in Brown Fellowship Hall (unless otherwise noted).

#### Class of 2023:

Connie Fish  
Darren Hadley  
Tim Hobbs  
Kathy Medder  
Judy Uniatowski

#### Class of 2021:

Pam Dixon  
Randy Maness  
Wendy Mills  
Keith Morris  
Gary Trull

#### Class of 2022:

Barbara Alexander  
Tom Cimino  
Scott Mendenhall  
Steve Starr  
David White

#### Youth Elder:

Nathan Garrett

#### Clerk of Session:

Graham Dail



### Connect with Us Electronically

**"Like us" on Facebook** We maintain several pages on the social media site Facebook. "Like" the pages to receive automatic notice on your own Facebook wall.

### ... and check our newly redesigned website!

[www.alamancechurch.org](http://www.alamancechurch.org).

**QR** stands for "Quick Response." QR codes store lots of data. Scan with the camera function on a smart phone to access information instantly.

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

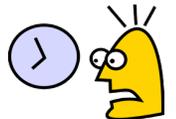


**and** one that will take



you directly to the Serve page, for info about how to volunteer.

### Newsletter Deadline



Deadline for the **March, 2022** issue of **The Relay** is **Monday, February 21**. Post your articles by "snail mail," by e-mail ([lynn@alamancechurch.org](mailto:lynn@alamancechurch.org)), or phone the office (697-0488 x 121) to deliver your news.

### Notice:

A congregational meeting will be held immediately after worship on **Sunday, February 20, 2022**. Purpose of the meeting: To hear the report of the Nominating Committee; and to nominate and elect officers for the Class of 2024.

If necessary, the meeting will be continued immediately after worship on **Sunday, March 6, 2022**.

We are a **Matthew 25** Church.

We are a Hunger Action congregation.

We have a Stephen Ministry.