August 31, 2025

Pennies for Hunger: September 7

August Special Missions Offering: Local Schools

September Missions Offering: Backpack Beginnings

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Vimeo live-streamed services may be accessed from www.alamancechurch.org.

SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING in **August** is to support local public schools. **September's** special offering is for Backpack Beginnings.

FAMILY PHOTO for church directory: in the Music Room under the sanctuary **before** and **after worship** on **Sun., Sep. 14**.

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED for Labor Day on **Mon., Sep. 1.**

FALL MISSION TRIP to Western NC, with the Fuller Center, is **Nov. 2-8**. Tommy Causey advises that you sign up **today**: fees jump to $200 **Sep. 1.** (https://fullercenter.org/disaster/) Let him know you plan to join the work crew. Phone him: 336.706.8007. Email: tommyncausey@gmail.com.

RALLY DAY is **next Sun., Sep. 7**! Bring a breakfast dish with you to Brown Hall at **8:30a**. Kids R.O.C.K. and Youth Groups meet **5-6:15p** in the Picnic Pavilion, to kick off the new school year. Bring a drink and a sweet treat to share. (Kids Reaching Out to Christ's Kingdom is a fellowship group for 2nd-5th graders. Youth Groups are for middle and high schoolers.)

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE is **Fri., Sep. 12, 1:30-6P**; in Brown Fellowship Hall. Hydrate well, in preparation. See insert for details.

POTTERS HOUSE: Since 2004, APC has fed Greensboro Urban Ministry guests on the **third Sat. of each odd month**. **Sat**., **Sep. 20** is next date.

MUM SALE fundraiser for Children and Youth ministries: Pick up is **Sep. 27**.

MEETS meets: **Sat., Sep. 27**, local location yet to be decided. **Oct. 10-11**, NuWray Hotel, Burnsville. **Sat., Nov. 22:** location yet to be decided.

STATED SESSION MEETING is on the **fourth Sunday each month**, unless otherwise noted. Next meeting is **Sun., Sep. 28, 2p** in the Bible Seekers classroom.

SENIORS & FRIENDS: Fellowship group meets and eats on **first Mon.** of **even months** at **11:30a,** in the Coble House — unless otherwise noted. Next event: **Mon., Oct. 6.**

SILENT AUCTION at the Moose Lodge is **Sat., Nov. 1, 5-8p.** See insert for details about this church fundraiser.

ALAMANCE FIRE DEPARTMENT offers barbecue for $10 a container. All proceeds go to help Western NC. Pick up from the station anytime they answer the door (4108 Presbyterian Road).

CHURCH NURSERY is in room #313 (top floor, Education Building). Sign up at (Children's Ministries Volunteer). Or, use the insert in today's bulletin packet. Contact Dana Adams to request a background check, if not already passed. (dana@alamancechurch.org). Nursery workers are **always** needed, every single week of the year.

LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) invites women to join them **7p on the second Tues. of each month**, in the Coble House. Sherri Frazier is the contact for this small-group fellowship.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Labor Day is **Sep. 1.** Big Meeting is the **entire month of September.** Blood drive is **Sep. 12.** Potters House meal is **Sep. 20.** Golf tournament is **Sep. 25.** Seniors & Friends luncheon is **Oct. 6.** Silent auction fundraiser is **Nov. 1.** Cookies with Santa is **Dec. 6.**

Congratulations
to Lewis & Edna May,
who married each other
on August 31, 1957.

The Men's Group meets at **6:30p** on the **third Tuesday of each month** (unless otherwise noted)**.** Next meeting is on **Tues., Sep. 16**.

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

Presbyterian Women Circles meet:

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

Agapé: **Tues., Sep. 9;** meet at **11a** to go eat, at **12:30p** in Uffman classroom.

L.I.F.T.: **Tues., Sep. 9, 7p** in the Coble House.

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***.

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Questions & Answers with Kyle

This Sunday school class for adults, led by Pastor Kyle Goodman, meets **every Sunday at 9a** in the Parlor. You are welcome to join at any time.

See insert in **today's** bulletin for a list of upcoming topics.

Read the Bible in Two Years

This Sunday school class meets in the Uffman classroom from **9-9:30a** on the **first Sunday of each month**. Bobbie Black leads. **Next class is on Sunday, September 7.**

Food Pantry

September special collection: Cereal, oatmeal

The APC Food Pantry serves up to 30 families a week. Your contributions make this vital mission to our local community possible.

VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL.
Sign up at https://signup.com/group/987658676044?utm_source=group-badge-volunteer-green.

Do donate your clean, dry, plastic grocery bags, please and thank you.

ONLINE GIVING:

Easy Tithe charges APC a monthly fee to accept online giving, *in addition* to a processing fee for each transaction. Easy Tithe recommends that donors use the ACH payment type with online donations: this significantly lowers processing fees.

To give by text: Text the word "give" to 336-396-6133. Follow prompts to set up an account and make donations. www.alamancechurch.org has instructions to sign up with Easy Tithe for online giving.

To make changes to your account, contact Dana Adams (336-697-0488 x 127, dana@alamancechurch.org)

Alamance PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 31, 2025 10 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Lay Reader today is Maelyn Goodman.

Centering Music

*** Call to Worship**

One: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
All: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
One: Though the strong wind of judgment blows, all is not ended.
God will renew stubborn hearts and soften stiff necks,
All: for Jesus welcomed sinners and ate with them;
One: so we boldly come to make an offering of worship
to the God of mercy, who seeks and saves the lost.
All: Let us rejoice in the grace of our Lord!

***Opening Hymn** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Song sheet

Confession and Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, we find it difficult at times to place our trust in you. Too often we look at the world, and see only hopelessness and despair. Too often we rely on our own strength, rather than accepting your hand to hold us up. Forgive us, Holy One. Help us turn to you when we are lost, that we might find our way home. Help us navigate this world, and find direction through your grace, Help us to share the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus so well that it shines through our lives for all to see. Amen.

A Word of Forgiveness and Encouragement

Passing of the Peace

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

We invite everyone to share Christ's peace with your neighbors,
both now and after the service. If you are with us on-line,
we invite you to send a message or make a call to share peace.
If you are here in person, we invite you to greet those near you.

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

The Word Proclaimed

First Scripture Reading ***1 Timothy 1:12-17***

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

Anthem *With a Voice of Singing* - arr. Jerry Weseley Harris

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 15:1-10***

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

Message *99 Problems and an Elder Son* Dr. Kyle Goodman

Words of Reflection *The Lost Coin* - Dustin,
an inmate at Hutchins State Jail in Dallas, Texas

If you feel like a big disgrace;
Feel like you're lost and out of place;
Don't have any idea where you're going;
Feel like an old and discarded lost coin.

Do not fear what is around;
He will not give up until you are found.
He is eager and waiting for you to join;
He will never give up on the lost coin.

We celebrate the Savior, we celebrate the saved;
Like the coin that was lost but found today.
We run in the streets welcoming others to join;
To celebrate the finding of the lost coin.

We didn't deserve it;
But we received it that day.
For it is by grace through faith
That we have been saved.

He sacrificed Himself,
Not thinking the cost;
He gave us his life
For the coin that was lost.

Thanksgiving and Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer King James Version

Our Father who 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 they differ from your neighbor's.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully donate to the continued life and work
of our congregation. You may mail gifts directly to the church,
or use our online giving platform,
at https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-tithing.

Offertory

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

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Sending

*** Sending Hymn** *Just as I Am, without One Plea* Song sheet

Feel free to come forward during the closing song to light a candle,
as a public sign of an inward commitment to life in the light of Christ.
If your religious tradition includes crossing yourself, feel free to do that here.

*** Charge and Benediction**

Closing Music

One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

The nearest restrooms are out the sanctuary side door, through the breezeway, and into the alcove on the long wall of the Thin Place Gallery.

Citations for references used during worship are available from the ministers, upon request. The New Revised Standard Version (Updated Edition) of the Bible is used during worship, unless otherwise noted.

Lectionary Year C, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, **August 31**:
Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Psalm 112; Proverbs 25:6-7; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14.

Lectionary Year C, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, **September 7**:
Jeremiah 18:1-11, Psalm 1, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33.

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