

October 4, 2026:
World Communion Sunday

Pennies for Hunger: October 4
Special Missions Offering for
October: Backpack Beginnings

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

KIDS ROCK: Sun., Oct. 4, 5-6:15p.
Tonight's program: *Don't Worry. (Matt. 6:25-34)*. Kids Reaching Out to Christ's Kingdom is a fellowship group for 2nd-5th graders. Meets weekly in the Kids ROCK room (top floor, Education building).

YOUTH GROUPS, for both middle school and high school, meet in the **new** Youth Room (top floor, Education Bldg.) on Sun., Oct. 4, 5-6:15p.

STATED SESSION MEETING: Session meets in person on the **fourth Sun. of each month at 2p**, in the Bible Seekers classroom — unless otherwise noted. **Otherwise noted:** The September Stated Meeting is at **2p today, Oct. 4**.

SENIORS & FRIENDS: Fellowship group meets and eats on **first Mon. of even months at 11:30a**, in the Coble House — unless otherwise noted. Next meal is **tomorrow, Mon., Oct. 5**.

BOOK CLUB meets **Tues., Oct. 6, 7p** in the Book Nook (Middle building, top floor, level UF) to discuss Caitlyn Doughty's *Will My Cat Eat My Eyeballs*. Next meeting is Oct. 27, for *Morbidly Curious*, by Colton Scrivner.

COFFEE & CONNECT newcomers' fellowship is **Sun., Oct. 11, 9-9:45a** in the Coble House, across the street.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Deadline for the **November, 2026** issue of *The Relay* is **Fri., Oct. 23**.

HAUNTED TRAIL: A Scout fundraiser, is **Fri., Oct. 23 and Sat., Oct. 24, 6:30-10p** across the street. \$7 for one, 40 for \$25. Concessions available.

MEETS meets: **Sat., Oct. 24 at 2p.**; at the Steel String Brewery at Pluck Farm, Mebane. Meet, Eat, Entertain, Travel,

Socialize) is a fellowship group for adults aged 21+. Kathy Fay is contact.

TRUNK OR TREAT is **Sun., Oct. 25, 4-6p!** You know the drill: we ask for candy, candy, candy to use at the largest community event we host, each year. Collection bins are in the breezeway, and outside Joy Thomas' office. Contact her to volunteer a car trunk: joy@alamancechurch.org.

GENERAL ELECTION: The Guilford County Board of Elections uses Brown Fellowship Hall as the District JEF4 polling site, for the **Tues., Nov. 3** general election. (APC is **not** an early-voting site.) Remember your photo ID!

SOUP & SALAD FUNDRAISER for Children and Youth ministries is **Sun., Nov. 8, immediately after worship**, in Brown Fellowship Hall. Start planning now for a delicious soup to donate to the cause.

FULLER CENTER MISSION TRIP TO WESTERN NC is **Nov. 8-14**. Stay in Montreat; work in Black Mountain/Swannanoa area. Register on-line at fullercenter.org/disaster-rebuilder.

POTTERS HOUSE: Since 2004, APC has fed Greensboro Urban Ministry guests on the **third Sat. of each odd month. Sat., Nov. 21** is next date. Contact Dave Purvis to help (336-362-0584).

THANKSGIVING MEAL and HANGING OF THE GREENS is **after worship on Sun., Nov. 22**. Bring side dishes and desserts, meat will be provided. Stay to decorate the sanctuary for Advent.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA is **Sat., December 19**. See insert for details.

CHURCH NURSERY is in room #313 (top floor, Education Building). Sign up to help there at Children's Ministries Volunteer (Please contact Dana Adams for a background check: **you MUST have one** to work with children in this church. (dana@alamancechurch.org).

Christian sympathy is expressed at the death of Patsy Ray Royal, on October 1, 2026.

Questions with Kyle

This adult Sunday school class meets in the Parlor, **every Sunday from 9-9:50 a.m.**

Theme for this season's classes: "Why is *THAT* in the Bible?"

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

MEN'S GROUP meets on the **third Tuesday of each month**, at the home of Kirby Ward, unless otherwise noted. Next meeting is **Tues., Oct. 20**.

- The Scouts' Haunted Trail
- is across the street,
- on the walking trail,
- **6:30-10p on Fri., Oct. 23**
- and **Sat., Oct. 24**.
- Admission: **\$7**, or 4 for **\$25**.
- Concessions will be sold, too!

336-697-0488

Office hours: **8:30a-2:30p M-T-Th-F, 8:30a-12:30p on Wednesday**

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ONLINE GIVING: AN UPDATE!

The online giving app Easy Tithe is now called **Ministry Brands Amplify**. Only the name has changed: you **do not** need to make any updates to your giving profile!

The app charges APC a monthly fee to accept online giving, *in addition* to a processing fee for each transaction. Ministry Brands Amplify recommends that donors use the ACH payment type with online donations, to significantly lower 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 Ministry Brands Amplify for online giving.

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

Presbyterian Women Circles meet:
Red Hat: Mon., Oct. 12, 6:30p in the Coble House.

Agapé: Tues., Oct. 13; 11a to go eat, **12p** in Uffman room for Bible study.

L.I.F.T.: Tues., Oct. 13, 7p in the Coble House.

Food Pantry

October special collection:
Canned meats

The APC Food Pantry serves up to 30 families each week, all year long. Your donations make this vital local mission possible.

VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL.

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

Read the Bible in Two Years

Bobbie Black leads this Sunday school class in the Uffman classroom from **9-9:30a** on the **first Sunday each month**, unless otherwise noted. **Next meeting: November 1.**



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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time:
World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026 10 a.m.



Gathering

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Lay Reader today is Larry Kiser.

Centering Music

* Call to Worship

One: People will come from east and west,
All: from north and south,
One: from every country and place,
All: from every culture and time,
One: from the church invisible,
All: and from the Church Indivisible.
One: All will come together and eat in the kingdom of God.
All: Thanks be to God for welcoming us to the table.

* Opening Hymn

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Song sheet

Confession and Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession			Thanksgiving and Offering			Sending		
Gracious God, we are indebted to you and your generosity. But we fail to live as good stewards of all you have given us. We take what is not ours, we hoard more than what we need. We draw boundaries and exclude, we try to say who is and who is not welcome in your world. God, liberate us from our spiritual and moral bondage. Free our world for Jubilee. Reorder our priorities so all your nations and people may thrive. In the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.			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 Hymn Come to the Table of Grace 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 of the Thin Place Gallery. Assisted listening devices are available from the technician at the Audiovisual booth, which is at the back of the sanctuary. Citations for references used during worship are available from the minister, upon request. The New Revised Standard Version (Updated Edition) of the Bible is used during worship, unless otherwise noted. Lectionary Year A, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 4: <i>Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19, Psalm 80:7-15; Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46.</i> Lectionary Year A, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 11: <i>Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 23, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Isaiah 25:1-9; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14.</i>		
A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace Passing of the Peace One: The peace of Christ 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 Psalm 80:7-15 One: This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.								
Anthem Let Us Come - Karen Marrolli								
Children’s Message Children from age 4-5th grade may now go to Children’s Church, for a time of worship designed especially for them. They return to the sanctuary after the Message.								
Second Scripture Reading Matthew 21:33-46 One: This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.								
Message Whose Table Is It Anyway? Dr. Kyle Goodman								