

May 19, 2024

Pennies for Hunger: June 2

May Special Missions Offering: Todd Luke's cistern ministry

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

TODAY IS PENTECOST, a time to celebrate the birthday of the Church Universal, when God sent the Holy Spirit to advocate for believers. The liturgical color for Pentecost is red, to represent the "tongues of fire" that rested on the apostles when the Holy Spirit first manifested among them.

MAY SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING is for a cistern ministry in the Mexican state of Campeche. See insert for details about our long-standing partnership with Todd Luke, through The Outreach Foundation of the Presbyterian church.

CHURCH OFFICES will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27.

TAPS ACROSS AMERICA event in the APC cemetery is Mon., May 27, at 3p.

BOOK CLUB: Jess Rigel leads. Tues., May 28, 7p: The Book of Longings, by Sue Monk Kidd. To sign up, contact Jess (jess@alamancechurch.org).

SABBATICAL SEND-OFF: Immediately after worship on Sun., June 2, head over to the Coble House to bid a fond farewell to Pastor Kyle — and to his family — as they head out on his summer sabbatical.

SENIORS & FRIENDS: Fellowship group meets and eats on first Mon. of even months at 11:30a, in the Coble House. Mon., June 3 is the next date for this pleasant time of togetherness.

ALAMANCE COMMUNITY LIONS CLUB invites you to the Moose Lodge (5031 Blakeshire Rd.) for an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast on Sat., June 8, 7-10a. Age 12 and under = \$5. Everyone else = \$10.

MEETS meets Thurs., June 13, 6p for a beach music festival at GSO Hoppers stadium (https://www.downtowngreensboro.org/events/beach-music/). Tkts. are \$15. RSVP: kathyefay@gmail.com.

GAMES NIGHT: Board games for ages 10 and up. Ed Schubert acts as Chief Games Wrangler. Next Games Night: Fri., June 14, 7-9p. (Meets on second Fri. each month, in Gathering Place.)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024 starts Sun., July 7; ends Thurs., July 11. Let Dir. of Children's Ministries Joy Thomas know that you'll help out (joy@alamancechurch.org).

PUERTO RICO TEAM feeds us and regales us about their recent mission trip. Sun., July 14, 12 noon, in Brown Fellowship Hall.

POTTER'S HOUSE: APC has served supper at Greensboro Urban Ministry's Potter's House since 2004; on the third Saturday of odd-numbered months. Next time to serve: July 20. Contact Darren Hadley to help (darren.hadley@triad.rr.com.)

APC CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER seeks substitutes, for when regular teachers are absent. Paid positions. Teaching experience preferred, background check required.

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

The Men's Group meets at 6:30p on the third Tuesday of each month. Next meeting is on May 21, at the home of Kirby Ward. There'll be eats.

ONLINE GIVING NEWS:

Easy Tithe now 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, since processing fees are significantly lower this way.

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)

No one from this 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 requests.

Special Missions Offerings

March Special Missions Offering was for Foam Trailer 2.0: Finishing the Funding. You donated enough — \$5,556 — to buy the trailer! It is now here, across the street, near the Coble House.

Remember: Only clean, dry, packaging materials are to be deposited into the trailer.

April Special Missions Offering — \$1,350 — was to World Central Kitchen and to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, for their hunger-relief efforts in Gaza.

The devotion of this congregation to support mission works is deeply appreciated.

Presbyterian Women Circles meet:

Red Hat: Tues., July 2, 6:30p in the Coble House.

Agapé: Tues., June 11, 11a: meet to go eat; 12:30p in Uffman classroom.

L.I.F.T.: Check with your moderator.

"Questions and Answers with Kyle"

Sunday school class "Questions and Answers with Kyle" meets Sundays at 9a in the Parlor (near the Gathering Room). Here are the questions currently under consideration:

May 26: What Happens after We Die?

June 2: What Happens after We Die?

Join them! Be there right on the dot of time: the pastor ends class promptly at 9:50a each week, so that he may arrive in the sanctuary to lead worship.

Food Pantry

May special collection: Canned vegetables

VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL: sign up at https://signup.com/group/987658676044?utm_source=group-badge-volunteer-green — please DO sign up ahead of time.

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

Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024 10 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Music Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart - arr. Lloyd Larson

*Call to Worship

One: Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire our hearts with your fiery presence!

All: Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action.

One: Come, Holy Spirit. Energize our lives to work for God.

All: Let your wind of hope swirl around us, lifting and moving us from complacency.

One: Come, Holy Spirit. Pour your blessing on us.

All: Let your presence challenge us to proclaim God's presence and love in everything we say and do.

*Opening Hymn Every Time I Feel the Spirit Song sheet

Confession and Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of power and God of glory, we confess that too often we rely on your grace, yet fail to share it with others. We miss out on the excitement of the proclamation and celebration of your Spirit's descent because we are too occupied with our own stressors and griefs. Knock us off our seats, O Lord! Forgive us of selfishness! Flame up our hearts! Help us to remember that you have given to us what we need to be your disciples, if we only have the courage to say an enthusiastic "Yes!" Mold us into a people ready to ignite the world with your healing and love. Amen.

A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

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 *Acts 2:1-13* Ed Gonzalez

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

Anthem *Let Us Come* - Karen Marrolli

Let us come to the table of God, for the banquet is spread:
Cup of Life, Living Bread. Let us come to the table of God.
Let us feast on the love of our God: Cup of Hope, Bread of Heaven,
peace restored, healing given. Let us feast on the love of our God.
Let us go to the people of God, granting love, granting grace,
in every time and place. Let us go to the people of God.

Recognition of Ministry Rocks of Children and Youth See insert

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 *Acts 2:14-21*

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

Message Dr. Kyle Goodman

Words for Reflection *A Pentecost Poem* - Cheryl Lawrie

come to think of it ...
actually, your spirit is not really like a flickering candle sitting on the altar,
which we've protected from scorching with a heat proof mat
you burn with irrepressible, ferocious passion.
in truth, your spirit has little in common with the gentle breeze from the
fan fluttering the bulletins as it rotates from the front pews during the
children's talk
we can barely stand upright in the face of your love.
luckily, your spirit barely resembles a helium filled red balloon, rising, just
out of reach, to taunt us as it rests against the church ceiling
you would subsume us in the unrelenting hold of your peace.
we think we have you nailed
in our fire resistant,
cyclone-proof,
red cloth swathed metaphors
thank god our inadequacy defining you has never stopped you yet.

Thanksgiving and Offering

Prayers of the People

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 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. Please consider mailing gifts directly to the church,
or use our online giving platform,
at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-giving>

Offertory *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* - arr. J.B. Taylor

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

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eucharist

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

We will receive communion by intinction. When instructed, come forward
from the left side of your pew. Receive the bread, dip it in the cup,
partake of the elements; then return to your pew by the opposite aisle.
Gluten-free bread is offered on the right side of the center section.
If you would prefer to be served at your seat, raise your hand:
servers will bring the elements to you.

Communion Hymns *One Bread, One Body* Song sheet

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Communion Prayer

Sending

*** Sending Hymn** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* Song sheet

* 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 B for Pentecost Sunday, **May 19: Acts 2:1-21; Ezekiel 37:1-14;
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27, John 16:4b-15.**

Lectionary Year B for Trinity Sunday, **May 26: Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29,
Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17.**



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