



# The Relay

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

We are an ecumenical congregation in a Presbyterian Church (USA) form.

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## There Are Many Ways to Serve

### Stephen Ministry

Those who regularly read *The Relay* know that Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Ministry leaders to offer care to people who are experiencing a difficult time.

This can be because of a multitude of circumstances, such as grief, job loss, divorce, and loneliness.

Being lonely is one of the most problematic. Some surveys say that 60% of people in the U.S. feel lonely on a regular basis. People weren't made to live in isolation.

Stephen Ministers meet one-to-one with a care-receiver once a week. By doing this, they can light up someone's life by showing someone listens, cares, is praying for them, and helping them get through their storm.

If you are lonely, for whatever reason, please contact Pastor Kyle Goodman, or Melinda White, Stephen Ministry leader. They are here to help. (Kyle Goodman, [kyle@alamancechurch.org](mailto:kyle@alamancechurch.org); Melinda White, [mmillerw@gmail.com](mailto:mmillerw@gmail.com).)

### The APC Food Pantry

The Food Pantry seeks to provide nutritious food that will last a family in need for 6 -7 days, for up to 30 families each week.

Pick up extra shelf-stable foods when you grocery shop. Donations may be put in the big box in the Gathering Room. A list of special collections each month is on page 3 of this newsletter.

Clean, dry, used, plastic grocery bags are always wanted. Put them in the same big box in the Gathering Room.

**NEEDED:** Volunteers to distribute groceries on Saturday mornings.

Use the link <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/795307800019/false#/invitation> to sign up as a helper in distributing food to our guests. Please take the time to schedule your help, rather than just showing up on a random Saturday.

### Ministry Teams

The Session of Alamance Presbyterian Church oversees the many ministry teams currently at work in the congregation. Volunteers and currently-serving Elders combine efforts to do God's work here.

The Administrative Ministry Team is concerned with finances and personnel matters. Buildings & Grounds covers the care and maintenance of the physical assets of the church.

The Christian Education Team provides support to the children's and youth ministries of Sunday school and fellowship; as well as adult Sunday school classes.

Congregational Care & Outreach assumes a whole host of duties, not least of which is assuring that shut-in members receive regular personal attention. The Fellowship Team plans and brings about all sorts of events that encourage people to gather outside of regular worship spaces and times.

The Mission Team promotes both local and global mission programs. Each month's Special Missions Offering is carefully chosen by the team. Worship Arts deals with the art of conducting worship.



## May Birthdays

- 1 Savannah Jones, Linda Reid
- 3 Pat Royal, Terry Schubert
- 9 Lou Sadie Hackett, Jason Long
- 10 Chris Fay
- 11 Norman Causey,  
Diane Hollingsworth, Albert Smith
- 12 Cayce Church
- 14 Cheryl Ward
- 17 Connie Hackett
- 18 Madison Forbis, Mason Forbis
- 20 Birdie Church,  
Joanna Whitesell
- 22 Shirley Hackett Johnson
- 23 Loretta Allred, Connor Roys,  
Michael Skerlak
- 24 Clint Aydelette
- 26 Eileen Hogan
- 27 Judy Uniatowski
- 29 Kennedy Dail



## June Birthdays

- 2 Kenn Monroe
- 3 Billy Starr
- 5 Robin Long
- 6 Thelma Greeson
- 7 Lou Gonzalez
- 8 Owen Smith, Michael Ward
- 12 Bobbie Black, Bob Dagenhart
- 14 Roger Blum, Sam Burgess
- 16 Barbara Garrett
- 17 Amos Roseman
- 19 Miranda Busby
- 21 Dianne Clapp, Richard Grubb
- 22 Sherry Starr
- 25 Marianne Cimino, Andrew Irwin
- 27 Ryan Garrett
- 29 Nick Roys

## Planning Ahead for Advent

The Presbyterian Women plan to develop an Advent Devotional Booklet for Christmas 2026. They ask all members — men and women — to think about Christmas experiences that you would like to share with fellow church members.

Maybe you read something recently that really impressed you, and you would like to comment on it. Maybe you just read the Christmas story again, and a new thought came to mind.

They need 23 essays to fill the booklet. If you have a thought but need reassurance, Jo Ann Camp (336-339-2470), Cathy Wray (336-202-6590), Sherri Frazier (336-339-2671), or Pastor Kyle Goodman (336-707-7556) will be happy to talk with you.

The deadline to turn in essays is **June 30, 2026**. You may submit them to the church office in person, or electronically — or deliver them to Jo Ann, Cathy, or Sherri.

- submitted by Jo Ann Camp

## Strawberry Fields Forever!!!

Knit, Pray, Love has been working diligently to make special strawberry-themed baby hats for Cone Women's and Children's Hospital.

The month of May will focus on the importance of strawberries (and not just because they are GOOD!). Strawberries are a source of folic acid, which helps provide babies with extra brain and spinal cord nutrients.

- submitted by Linda Aydelette



## APC at Applebee's Night

A big "thank you" to everyone who came out to Applebee's on April 28. We counted 45 people from APC.

This event raised \$337.56 for our church's ministry. No, it's not a huge amount of money: fundraising isn't really the point. The point is good conversation around the table. (That, and laughing when yet another person orders the hamburger cut-in-half and sticking out of a skillet filled with sizzling cheese. It is a surprising entrée.)

We'll do it again in the fall.



## Food Pantry Special Collections

The APC Food Pantry asks for specific food items each month:

- **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
- **February:** Canned pasta
- **March:** Peanut butter, jelly
- **April:** Canned fruits

Deposit food in the big box in the Gathering Place, or contact Amy Yow directly to arrange a transfer directly to storage (336.706.3550).

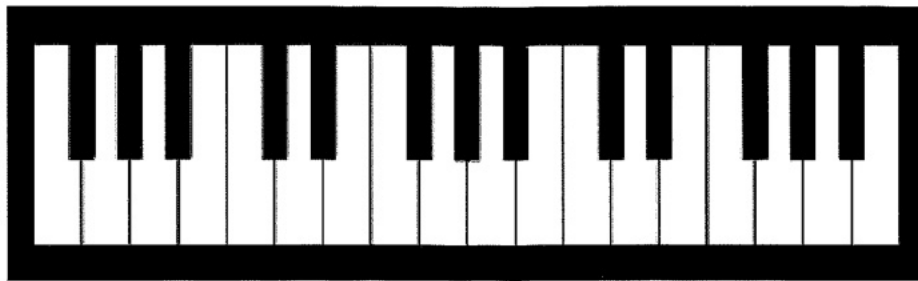
## MEETS Met

A right merry crew drove to the north side of Lake Thom-a-Lex on April 19, to enjoy an afternoon of camaraderie at the Old Homeplace Vineyard there.

*Camaraderie* is defined as “mutual trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together.”

MEETS (Meet, Eat, Entertain, Travel, Socialize) is a fellowship group for adults aged 21 and up. They schedule regular off-campus events, and welcome you to join them.

Kathy Fay is the contact for MEETS ([kathyefay@gmail.com](mailto:kathyefay@gmail.com)).



## How Many Keys Does a Piano Have?

Answer: 52 white keys and 36 black keys for a total of 88 keys.

The Worship Arts Committee is sponsoring a **key fundraiser** for our sanctuary piano repair.

**When:** Sunday, May 17, 2026 during our next Sunday Morning Holy Ghost Hymn Sing.

**What:** For a \$100 donation, you will:

- 1: Choose the “note” from the piano you wish to sponsor.
- 2: Have your name added to our “*Cardboard Keyboard*” display.
- 3: Receive a commemorative piano “key” showing the note you helped to repair.



**Come to worship to sing, praise God,  
and enjoy His beautiful music.**

**Two More Quick Notes:**

88 donations of \$100 per key will cover the entire cost of the piano repair. Smaller donations are also very welcome.

Those who donate \$5.00, \$10.00, or \$20.00 will still receive a keepsake “key.”



Missions Update:

Submitted by Jesse & Erin,  
Samuel, Amos, and Solomon Atkinson:  
Wycliffe Translators,  
Oaxaca (wah-HAH-kah), Mexico  
Serving the Zapotec people  
of San Dionisio

**SPECIAL OFFERING: THANK YOU!**

Wow, once again you have blown us away with your generosity! The total raised during the March Special Offering was \$3,320! We are amazed and thankful at God’s provision through you. Thank you so much for your partnership with our Wycliffe ministry!

**BACK AT IT!**

The past few weeks, we have been stepping back into ministry (after a brief time off after Solly’s arrival), beginning with some administrative meetings and reconnecting with the church in San Dionisio.

In May, we hope to pick back up some of the things we had to drop midway when Solomon made his early entrance into the world! We’re especially hoping to resume the focus



groups we had begun, where we invite congregation members to come and get a taste of oral Bible translation. Not only does this help us cast a vision for translation and help the congregation understand the work better, but it also will hopefully help identify who God might be calling to get more involved with the translation team!

Back in March, it was proving difficult to get congregation members to take time away from work and their normal daily routines to attend these focus groups. **Please pray for God’s blessing as we resume the focus groups, and that congregation members will attend enthusiastically.**

We are also **planning to meet with the two pastors of the church** to involve them more in planning for beginning translation.

On the secular side, we have been in contact with the local education superintendent about how we can serve the community with literacy. She has LOTS of ideas and is very excited — **please pray for wisdom in knowing which ideas to pursue and which to tactfully leave aside!** (Some of her ideas might really benefit the community, but are outside our wheelhouse, expertise, or bandwidth.)

We’re also pressing on with completing the many linguistic reports required by our organization before we can begin translation and brainstorming a few other ideas for how we can serve the small Church in San Dionisio. **We covet your prayers during this busy time and as we continue to adjust to being a family of five in the midst of many ministry responsibilities!**



**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)
- Jesse’s email:** [jesse\\_atkinson@wycliffe.org](mailto:jesse_atkinson@wycliffe.org)
- Erin’s email:** [erin\\_atkinson@wycliffe.org](mailto:erin_atkinson@wycliffe.org)

**To give online:** [wycliffe.org/partner/JEAtkinson](http://wycliffe.org/partner/JEAtkinson)

**To give by mail:** Make checks payable to Wycliffe Bible Translators. Include a separate note saying, “Preference for the Wycliffe ministry of Jesse & Erin Atkinson, account #398700.” Send to Wycliffe Bible Translators, P.O. Box 628200, Orlando, FL 23862.

## April 29 Update

God heard your prayers for our visit to the US embassy this morning. Solly is officially recognized as an American citizen!

The appointment went incredibly smoothly. We credit your prayers! Lord willing, we'll receive his American birth certificate and passport in a few weeks!



### The Potato Dropped

An estimated 40,000 potatoes gleaned from already-harvested fields in our region was deposited across the street from the main campus on April 22.

Local food banks and food pantries and hunger-relief agencies and congregation members — and anyone in the community who wanted to collect potatoes — came by to stick some spuds in a bag or box. There was no charge for the taters.

Volunteers from the APC congregation helped direct traffic and pack bags for those who come to collect tubers. At the end of the event, SoSA came back to collect any potatoes that were left, and clean up after themselves.

Photos of the Potato Drop are scattered throughout this newsletter. The potatoes themselves were not scattered.



### Winner, Winner, Potato Dinner!

This “conjoined twin” white potato was discovered in one of the big bales of spuds delivered to the APC lower parking lot by the Society of St. Andrew on Wednesday, April 22.

We’re not saying that there was a game of Hot Potato to see who’d end up with this specimen (the potato, not David Hensley), but the tater was admired by a gracious plenty of potato packing people.



## The Log College at Alamance

The next Log College at Alamance offering for Senior High Youth, *Leadership in Action*, is on **Sunday, May 17 from 3 - 6 p.m.** This event is open to youth in 9th-12th grades.

*Leadership in Action* is a highly interactive, experiential leadership learning opportunity, designed with both our previous leadership development graduates AND newcomers in mind. Senior Highs: If you didn't participate last fall, this is the perfect entry point into the Log College program.

Log College at Alamance Instructor and Development Coach Eileen Hogan leads the three-hour experience; which challenges young people to explore concepts in leadership through team building, problem solving, and reflection.

All Log College offerings for youth are free of cost to participants, and open to the whole community.

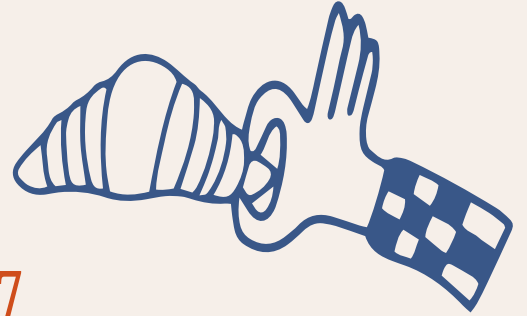
Contact Pastor Kyle Goodman to register for *Leadership in Action*.  
([kyle@alamancechurch.org](mailto:kyle@alamancechurch.org))

*Leadership*



THE RELAY: MAY, 2026

# COFFEE & CONNECT



sunday, may 17  
9-9:45  
the coble house  
*\*brick house across the street\**

Ever wondered what Alamance is up to outside of sunday service, what we believe, or how to find your way around without ending up in the choir room by accident? Come join us to discover what APC is all about.



# A NEWCOMER GATHERING



One potato,  
two potatoes,  
three potatoes,  
four.  
Five potatoes,  
six potatoes,  
seven potatoes  
more.

# ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026 • 7AM - 11AM

MOOSE LODGE  
5031 BLAKESHIRE RD  
GREENSBORO, NC 27406

BENEFITING:



CHILDREN  
12 & UNDER  
**\$5**  
EVERYONE  
ELSE:  
**\$10**



HOSTED BY ALAMANCE COMMUNITY LIONS CLUB



The Society of St. Andrew brings people together to harvest and share healthy food, reduce food waste, and build caring communities by offering nourishment to hungry neighbors.

The “fruits” of their labor were parceled out by a whole host of volunteers, at the April 22 Potato Drop.



## Pentecost Beer & Hymns

May 24, 2026  
3:00-4:30 p.m.

Oden Brewing Co.

All are welcome!

Yes, it's Memorial Day Weekend.  
Sure, it's Pentecost.

So kick back with us and get fired up  
for Beer & Hymns at Oden!



Music Leader:  
Sam Perkins



Music Leader:  
Mason Todd

## Pentecost Is May 24

The Christian holiday of Pentecost is celebrated on the 50th day (the seventh Sunday) after Easter Sunday. Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in **Acts 2:1-31**.

Holy Communion (a sacrament also known as the Lord's Supper, or Eucharist) is often a feature of the Protestant observance of Pentecost.

The liturgical color of Pentecost is **red**. Sanctuary furnishings are decorated with this color, worship leaders' stoles (and sometimes their robes, as well) are red, and congregants are encouraged to wear red at worship services on Pentecost Sunday. Symbols of doves and flames are prominently displayed.

Pentecost 2026 is Sunday, May 24. Wear something **red** to church that day. Holy Communion will be served.



## **Blood Drive** **Alamance Presbyterian Church**

Brown Hall  
4000 Presbyterian Church Rd  
Greensboro, NC 27406

**Friday, June 5, 2026**  
**1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

To schedule your appointment, please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Sponsor Keyword: alamance.



Come to give blood 6/1-28 for a \$15 e-gift card + chance to win a \$75K prize! See [rcblood.org/June](https://rcblood.org/June).



## **Give Blood.**

1-800-RED CROSS | [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

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## Vacation Bible School 2026: *Snowball Mountain Challenge*



Children from Pre-K through rising 6th grade are invited to VBS **Sunday, June 28 - Thursday, July 2**. Each evening begins with a meal at **5:30 p.m.**, followed by programming from **6-8:30 p.m.**

Registration for *Snowball Mountain Challenge* is now open to APC families! Spaces are limited, so we are providing church families with an early registration window, before it opens to the general public.

You can register your child(ren) here: [APC VBS 2026 registration](#) (adult volunteer helpers can also register there).

Director of Children's Ministries Joy Thomas hopes to see you at Snowball Mountain this summer!



## A Good Time Was Had by All

The third annual *Ladies' Tea at APC* was sponsored by the LIFT Circle (Ladies in Fellowship Together).

The hard-working ladies planned the event, prepared food, decorated, hosted, waitressed, and cleaned up afterward. Each one brought different strengths to pull it all together.

LIFT offers a special thank you to Phyllis Monroe for assuming the leadership role this year, keeping the team organized and on task. Thanks also is expressed to Marianne Cimino, for spending the entire weekend — literally — at the tea, baking and trying to pass along her skills to all.

Honorable mentions: Cathy Wray, Laverne Vance, Mary Beth Padgett, Vicki Sharpe, Pat Lovell, Kathy Fay, Linda Causey, Holly Daas, and June Koklys.

The event raised \$2,455, to be used for some much-needed upgrades to the Coble House kitchen.

- submitted by Kathy Fay



## Memorials and Honoraria

**To the Operating Fund:** In memory of Lee Shores by Clint & Linda Aydelette, Jackie Fogleman, the Bible Seekers Sunday school class, Nancy Durham. In memory of Joel Oakes by Willie & Glenda Goncharow. In memory of Chris Strandberg by Kathryn Edmondson, Brenda Sims, Willie & Glenda Goncharow, Hank & Debbie Gill, David & Cathy Wray, the Doug Edwards family.

**To the Music Fund:** In memory of Peggy Busby by Brad & Barbara Reece.

**To the Stephen Ministry Fund:** In memory of Lee Shores by Judy Uniatowski, Kathy Medder, Cindy Morris, David & Melinda White.

**To the Piano Restoration Fund:** In memory of Peggy Busby by Jackie Haines. In memory of Marie Hodgins by Jackie Haines.

**To the Lift Van Fund:** In memory of Lee Shores by Toby Jobe.

## Bereavement Teams

The APC Fellowship Ministry Team seeks persons to form a few Bereavement Teams. Members interested in assisting grieving families by joining a team would be responsible for preparing and serving refreshments — and cleaning up afterward.

Do you feel led toward this opportunity for fellowship? If so, please contact Fellowship Team members Phyllis Monroe (336-549-7178) or Cathy Wray (336-202-6590).

## Thank You Notes

Dear APC Church Family,

We would like to extend our heartfelt “thank you” for all the love, support and compassion shown to our family during Carol’s long and difficult illness with dementia and Alzheimer’s disease.

Your cards, calls, prayers, and support meant the world to us during this difficult time. Ours is indeed a congregation that expresses genuine love and support to others during periods of need and illness.

Thanks again to each of you, for sharing your compassion and concern with our family during our time of sorrow and grief.

Love,  
Graham, Rick & Sara,  
Geoff & Brandy Dail



## Youth Sunday

There was an insect infestation in the sanctuary on Sunday, April 26. Don’t panic! The hundreds of paper butterflies adorning the room represented the theme of worship that day. A butterfly starts out as a caterpillar, and takes all the time it needs to turn into an adult. You cannot hurry maturity. Each person needs to be given the grace to grow into who God intends them to be.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
IS INCLUSIVE, ECLECTIC,  
AND REFORMED.**

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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  
**Andrew Long**, Audiovisual Technician  
**Katie Long**, Director of Music  
**Jacob Dishman**, Pianist  
**Joy Thomas**, Dir., Children's Ministries  
**Dana Adams**, Financial and  
Administration Coordinator  
**Lynn Barnes**, Administrative Assistant

**Missionaries: Jesse & Erin Atkinson**,  
Linguists, Wycliffe Bible Translators

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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 each month, at 2 p.m.** in the Bible Seekers classroom (unless otherwise noted).

**Class of 2026:** Tommy Causey  
Frankie Forbis  
Hank Gill  
Eileen Hogan

**Class of 2027:** Nora Church

**Youth Elder:** Nora Church  
**Clerk of Session:** Beth McCall  
Beth Pulliam  
Steve Starr  
Tommy Lynn Sullivan  
David Wray

**Live-streaming Worship Services**

Look and listen to Sunday morning worship at Alamance live, on-line. Here's how:

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 Vimeo, either with your e-mail or your Facebook account.



What task are these people so diligently performing? See pages 5 and 7 of this newsletter for an explanation — and look for more photos throughout the issue.

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.

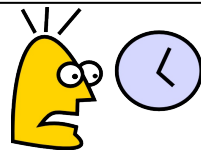
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To follow the adventures of Alamance on our Instagram page, just scan this QR code. You can also find us on Facebook, YouTube, and [www.alamancechurch.org](http://www.alamancechurch.org).



**Pray for Rain**

As of **May 1, 2026**, a statewide burn ban is in effect for all 100 counties of North Carolina. Much of the state is experiencing extreme drought conditions.



**Newsletter Deadline**

Deadline for the **June, 2026** issue of *The Relay* is **Friday, May 22**. The deadline is printed on the back page of each issue of the newsletter.

Post your articles by U.S. mail, by e-mail ([lynn@alamancechurch.org](mailto:lynn@alamancechurch.org)), hitch up your team of mules and deliver them in person (park the domestic equine hybrids in the back, please), or phone the office (336-697-0488 x 121) to deliver the news. Newsletter policy is posted on the church website.

**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 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.

