

May 3, 2026

Pennies for Hunger: May 3

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

STATED SESSION MEETING: Sun., May 24 at 2p; Bible Seekers' classroom (top floor, Education Bldg.).

KIDS ROCK AND YOUTH GROUPS: Last meeting of the school year cook-out is today at 5p; in the Picnic Pavilion.

CROCHET CLASS: Learn the basics or refresh your skills, in a four-week class (May 14, 21, 28; June 4) from 7-8p in the Uffman room. Lou Gonzalez leads the class (336-301-9191).

POTTERS HOUSE: Since 2004, APC has fed Greensboro Urban Ministry guests on the third Sat. of each odd month. Sat., May 16 is next date. Contact Dave Purvis to help (336-362-0584).

COFFEE & CONNECT: A Newcomer Gathering. Come find out what APC is all about! Sun., May 17, 9-9:45a in the Coble House. Beth Pulliam is contact.

HOLY GHOST HYMN SING is during the 10a worship service on Sun., May 17. That's also the day we feature the Key Fundraiser, for the grand piano.

LOG COLLEGE AT ALAMANCE Leadership in Action class is Sun., May 17, 3-6p. Open to youth in grades 9-12; led by Eileen Hogan. See insert for more about this exciting opportunity.

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 newsletter.

STATED SESSION MEETING is Sun., May 24, at 2p in the Bible Seekers classroom. Session meets in person on the fourth Sun. of each month, unless noted otherwise.

GREENSBORO BEER & HYMNS at Oden Brewing Company (802 W. Gate City Blvd.) is an ecumenical event on 3-4:30p on Pentecost Sun., May 24.

APC BOOK CLUB meets Tues., May 26, 7p in the Book Nook (middle building, level UF). Currently reading The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain. Contact Beth McCall (336-601-6029) for more info.

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 Mon., June 1.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE in Brown Fellowship Hall is from 1:30-6p on Fri., June 5. Get thee to their website (www.RedCrossBlood.org) and sign up to donate a pint of your life-fluid. Use the code word "Alamance." Terri Busby is the contact for the event.

VBS, VBS, VBS! VBS! Snowball Mountain Challenge is coming. Sun., June 28- Thurs., July 2. Meal at 5:30p, program 6-8:30p. Pre-K - rising 6th graders are all welcome at Vacation Bible School. Register children here: APC VBS 2026 registration. Adult volunteer helpers can also register there.

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).

LAY READERS: Those interested in assisting with weekly liturgy (reading responsive prayers and Scripture aloud in front of the congregation) should contact Doug Clapp, and ask to be put into regular rotation on the Lay Reader list (doug.clapp@triad.rr.com).

PRAY FOR RAIN, as extreme drought conditions continue. Remember that a statewide burn ban remains in effect for all 100 counties in North Carolina due to ongoing wildfire risks, dry conditions, and limited rainfall.

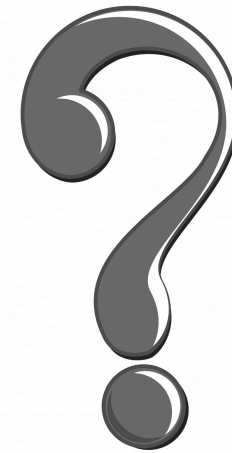
<p>The Ladies' Tea raised \$2,455 for the Coble House kitchen!</p> <p>Applebee's Night raised everyone's spirits and \$337.56.</p>	<p><i>Questions & Answers with Kyle</i> is a Sunday school class for adults, led by Pastor Kyle Goodman. Class meets most Sundays at 9a in the Parlor (middle building, middle floor). Join them there anytime.</p> <p>Class wrestles with the question "Does the Bible really say that?" — a continuation of the last conversations on the topic.</p> <p><i>Read the Bible in Two Years</i></p> <p>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: June 7.</p>
<p>Food Pantry</p> <p>May special collection: Canned vegetables</p> <p>The APC Food Pantry serves up to 30 families each week, all year long. Your donations make this vital local mission possible.</p> <p>VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL.</p> <p>Sign up at https://signup.com/group/987658676044?utm_source=group-badge-volunteer-green.</p> <p>Do, please, continue to donate clean, dry, plastic grocery bags.</p>	<p>OPEN MEETING:</p> <p>12-step recovery program (AA) meets 7p every Thursday in the Gathering Place. All are welcome.</p>
<p>MEN'S GROUP meets on the third Tuesday of each month, at the home of Kirby Ward, unless otherwise noted. Next meeting is Tues., May 19.</p>	<p>Presbyterian Women Circles meet:</p> <p>Red Hat: Mon., May 4, 6:30p in the Coble House.</p> <p>Agapé: Tues., May 5; 11a to go eat, 12p in Uffman room for Bible study.</p> <p>L.I.F.T.: Check with your moderator.</p>
<p>336-697-0488</p> <p>Office hours: 8:30a-2:30p M-T-Th-F, 8:30a-12:30p on Wednesday</p> <p>Church Staff</p> <p>Dr. Kyle Goodman, Lead Pastor kyle@alamancechurch.org</p> <p>Andrew Long, Audiovisual Technician andrew@alamancechurch.org</p> <p>Joy Thomas, Dir., Children's Ministries joy@alamancechurch.org</p> <p>Katie Long, Director of Music katie@alamancechurch.org</p> <p>Jacob Dishman, Pianist</p> <p>Dana Adams, Finance and Administration Coordinator dana@alamancechurch.org</p> <p>Lynn Barnes, Administrative Asst. lynn@alamancechurch.org</p>	<p>ONLINE GIVING:</p> <p>Easy Tithe charges APC a monthly fee to accept online giving, <i>in addition</i> 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>To make changes to your account, contact Dana Adams (336-697-0488 x 127, dana@alamancechurch.org)</p>



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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026 10 a.m.



Gathering

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements Lay Reader today is Lou Gonzalez.

Centering Music

* Call to Worship

One: We come today unsure. We come carrying questions: about who we are, what we're worth, about whether we are enough.

All: Still, God calls us here.

One: We come with hesitation, unsure of our place, unsure of our voice, wondering if we belong.

All: Still, Christ welcomes us.

One: Not because we have it all together, not because we have no doubts,

All: but because God's grace meets us as we are.

One: So come, not with certainty, but with openness; not with confidence, but with trust.

All: Let us worship the God who calls, claims, redeems, and sends.

* Opening Hymn Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

See screens

Confession and Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Lord, even when you call us by name, we are slow to follow. We doubt ourselves. We question our worth. We wonder how you could possibly use us. We favor safe routines, familiar failures, old identities that feel easier to inhabit than the new life you offer. And in that doubt, we turn away from your call: not in defiance, but in uncertainty; not in rebellion, but in fear. Forgive us, O God. Forgive us for the ways we shrink back from the life you have given us to live. Forgive us for measuring ourselves by our past instead of by your promise. Meet us again right where we are. Call to us in our weariness, and feed us with your grace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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 *John 21:1-14*

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

Anthem *Lamb of God* - Twila Paris

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 *John 21:15-19*

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

Message *God Calls, but I Have My Doubts* Dr. Kyle Goodman

* **Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* 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 located at the back of the sanctuary.

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 A, Fifth Sunday of Easter, **May 3: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14.**

Lectionary Year A, Sixth Sunday of Easter, **May 10: Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21.**



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