



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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Upcoming Events

Third Sunday of Advent:

December 11

Carolers go abroad, to sing joyful songs.

Fourth Sunday of Advent:

December 18

Christmas Cantata during regular **10 a.m.** worship.
Follow the Star from 5-7 p.m.

Christmas Eve: **December 24**

Candlelight Communion worship service in the sanctuary at **7 p.m.**
Reception follows worship, at the Coble House.

Christmas Day: **December 25**

“A Comfortable Christmas” worship service in the sanctuary at **10:30 a.m.**
Casual dress encouraged, for this child-friendly service.

Church offices close:

**December 26-30,
January 2**

Follow the Stew: January 7

Advent and Christmas and All Like That

The season of Advent began on November 27, the First Sunday of Advent. Liturgical colors changed to purple and blue for the season.

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, **December 18**, church musicians present a Christmas cantata during worship. Poinsettias will decorate the sanctuary. Later that day — **from 5-7 p.m.** — you are invited to enjoy the progressive Nativity play *Follow the Star*. Meet at the church parking lot to see the first act, then follow directions to drive to each of the next scenes. Ends with a live Nativity.

Christmas Eve, **December 24**, is celebrated at Alamance Presbyterian Church with a Candlelight Communion worship service in the sanctuary, at **7 p.m.** Stay afterward for a reception in the Coble House, if you'd like. Light refreshments will be served.

Come back the next morning at **10:30 a.m.** for a brief Christmas Day service. Casual dress is encouraged for this child-friendly time of worship. Do, please, note that worship begins at **10:30, not** at 10 a.m., on **Sunday, December 25**.

Church offices will be **closed** during the week after Christmas Day, **Dec. 26-30** — though some staff members will be in and out to attend to necessary functions (composing and printing bulletins, collecting year-end tithes and offerings, etc.) Phone before you drive all the way out here, to be sure a human is on duty to aid you in your mission.

The Special Missions Offering for December is to the Greensboro Urban Ministry. APC has long partnered with this ecumenical ministry to the Greensboro

community. It has been a mutually beneficial arrangement: APC provides funding and volunteers to help G.U.M. serve their clients; G.U.M. allows APC to help, so that programs are not duplicated and thus dilute the aid rendered to those who desperately need it. Each agency extends the breadth of its service, by relying on one another.

Follow the Star's little sister, *Follow the Stew*, is a January fundraiser. The excellent cooks of the APC Culinary Arts Ministry will cook up some big pots of a regional favorite, Brunswick stew; and offer it for sale by the quart on **Saturday, January 7**.



Christmas Card Mailbox

The Christmas card mailbox is now open for business, in the Thin Place. Bring Christmas cards for church members, marked with first and last names, and deliver them unto the correct box — alphabetized by their **LAST** name.

Retrieve cards delivered to YOU each week during the season. Visiting a friend or neighbor? Take their cards with you!

December Birthdays

- 1 Elaine Carlson, Anna Dimmick
- 2 Toby Jobe
- 3 Jack Oliver
- 4 Lillie Snider
- 5 Caroline Ransom
- 6 Ethel Allred, Kathy Kirkman
- 8 Jay Busby, Paul Camp
- 11 Mary Beard
- 12 Darren Stevens
- 13 Michael Holt, Carol Sharpe,
Sara Strandberg
- 14 JoAnn Camp
- 15 Gabby Brown, Avlynn Carraway,
Beth Dyson
- 17 Lisa Benton, Tommie Lynn Sullivan
- 18 Alex Ford
- 19 Walt Clark
- 20 Christopher Skerlak
- 22 Kelsey Ford, Wilma Grubb
- 23 Jake Rapp
- 24 Carol Huie
- 25 Kitty Wells
- 27 **Andrew Long**, Patsy Sharpe
- 28 Lee Shores
- 29 Zach Hadley, Morgan Haynes,
Heather Lane
- 30 Emma Holland

January Birthdays

- 1 Mikayla Stuart
- 6 Alaska Schubert
- 7 Marlie Sullivan
- 11 Becky Brinkley, Steve Starr
- 14 Phil Smith
- 15 Linda Maness
- 16 Barbara Alexander
- 23 Nancy Dyson, Jane Preston,
Patty Starr
- 25 Jon Garrett, Trip Gentry,
Jim Witherspoon
- 26 Brad Reece
- 28 Pat Murray
- 29 Ken Hollingsworth
- 30 Hailey Humble
- 31 Wendy Mills, Melinda White,
Buck Yow

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 a week.

Pick up extra shelf-stable foods when you grocery shop. Donations may be put in the big box in the Gathering Room, or in the red bin outside Brown Fellowship Hall.

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

Needed: a volunteer to accompany Doug Clapp to Second Harvest Food Bank on food collection runs. Contact Amy Yow (336-706-3550) to apply.

Use the link <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/795307800019/false#/invitation> to sign up as a helper in distributing food to our guests, and/or to pick up weekly food donations from the Forest Oaks Food Lion.

Special Collections

The APC Food Pantry has designated specific food items to be donated each month. Here's a list of the specific items wanted:

- **December:** Soups
- **January:** Canned beans
- **February:** Canned pasta
- **March:** Peanut butter, jelly
- **April:** Canned fruits
- **May:** Canned vegetables
- **June:** Macaroni-and-cheese
- **July:** Crackers
- **August:** Canned pasta
- **September:** Cereal, oatmeal
- **October:** Canned meats
- **November:** Dry pasta, sauce

Saturday Mornings at the Food Pantry

Saturday morning volunteers work from **8:30-11 a.m.** to separate, pack, and deliver food. Pre-packed grocery carts of food are delivered to recipients in a car line — clients stay in their cars. Once their names are verified, volunteers load up the cars. This is an efficient method for clients to receive food.

Call Kris Levine at (336)-558-6759 — or use this link to schedule yourself onto the Food Pantry volunteer calendar: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/795307800019/false#/invitation>

Please sign up rather than just showing up!



The Food Pantry Team sends a big “Shout Out” of thanks to the Southeast High School Psychology Club for doing a food drive for us. The club donated 364 pounds of canned goods and other shelf-stable items — and \$257.

Well done, y'all.

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

One Brick at a Time

Many of you have been keeping up with the construction progress on our home here in Mitla. (In our September newsletter, we shared a few more details. We're partnering with our landlords to accommodate our growing family and ministry needs!) **We are so very grateful for how you're covering this process in prayer.** It's been a great learning process for us as we see how building is done in a new culture, and navigate the cultural and linguistic ins and outs of working alongside our indigenous landlords and mason.

We've been realizing how much of this process is an excellent metaphor for the process of learning Zapotec. As much as we wish we could just skip to the end of construction, that's not how it works! **Building only happens one brick at a time, each carefully laid and leveled by hand by the mason. Zapotec learning happens one day, one phrase, one word at a time.** As much as we'd love to be fluent already, we need to simply keep showing up faithfully, one day at a time, just as we rely on the workers to do the same!

Some weeks, it seems like we can't see much progress on the second floor. But then, all of a sudden, there is a burst of walls going up and concrete being poured, all because the rebar (which must be bent and tied into columns piece by piece, by hand) is now in place. With language learning, sometimes it seems we have to take

time to lay more groundwork (e.g. figuring out something with the grammar) before we can see the "visible" progress of growing our vocabulary or increasing in fluency.

Just as the end product of all this building will hopefully be a safe, functional, and beautiful home, **we're trusting that the long process of faithfully showing up for language learning will result in a fruitful ministry and, ultimately, God's beautiful and transformative Word being made available to the Zapotec people!** Thank you for being our partners in this process as we advance "one brick at a time." **Just as building takes a team of workers, each fulfilling their unique role, Bible translation takes a team of so many different people and churches to reach this end goal.** We are so glad to be on this team with you!

P.S.: Did you catch our video update last month? You can view it here: https://youtu.be/5v_OyRActEc

PRAY WITH US:

PRAY: For ministry opportunities in the month of December. Much of regular work and routines are suspended here during this next month. Instead, we anticipate lots of opportunities to fellowship and make new connections! Please pray for God's leading as we balance these opportunities with family needs and traditions, too.

PRAY: For the small church in San Dionisio, which recently celebrated its 18th anniversary! Pray that God would raise wise, faithful leaders and mature believers in this community; and that he would also work through the Body to share the Good News.

PRAISE: We're in the home stretch of this pregnancy! Praise the Lord for a healthy baby and mama so far. Erin is due Feb. 1. We covet your continued prayers for a healthy birth, and also the postpartum period, and transition to being a family of four.

- Jesse, Erin, & Samuel



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PICTURES:

1 & 2. Construction is progressing! Please pray for a consistent work crew that shows up faithfully, so that the basic structure can be complete before Christmas!

3. Samuel with one of his favorite "aunties" from San Dionisio. They are best buds!

STAY CONNECTED:

Our Wycliffe page/Giving: wycliffe.org/partner/JEAtkinson

Facebook Group: facebook.com/groups/AtkinsonAdventuresInOaxaca

Sign up for newsletters: jotform.com/form/92304614403144

Jesse's email: jesse_atkinson@wycliffe.org

Erin's email: erin_atkinson@wycliffe.org

Oaxaca (wah-HAH-kah), Mexico



Year-end donations

To claim a charitable contribution donation for 2022, donors must **deliver** or **mail (and postmark)** checks on or before **December 31, 2022**. Checks personally delivered to the office **after December 31** will not qualify for deductions for 2022 — even if the check is dated 2022.

Checks **written, mailed and postmarked** in 2022 will be deductible, even if they are not received until 2023.

The church offices will be closed **Monday, Dec. 26, 2022 - Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023**. Any personally delivered checks during this time should be placed in Financial Coordinator Dana Adams’s mailbox in the workroom.

Pledges Still Wanted

If you missed Commitment Sunday in November and have not yet turned in your pledge for 2023, it is not too late.

You can return your pledge to the church office, or put your pledge in an envelope and place it in the offering plate on Sunday — or you may even email your pledge information to Financial Coordinator Dana Adams (dana@alamancechurch.org).

If pledges are not received **by the middle of December**, Dana will contact you personally, by phone or email. It is really important that we receive your pledges for 2023: it helps with our planning and budgeting for the upcoming year.

A great big thank you goes to those who have already turned in pledges!

Ladies in Fellowship Together hosted another edition of *A Visit with Santa*. A good time was had by all.

Preliminary reports are that 35 families brought their dear little ones to eat cookies and tell Santa Claus a thing or two.

The Mayor of Alamance

The election is over, and the fix is in: Nick Purvis is the new Mayor of Alamance! It was a close finish: barely \$250 separated the front-runner from the rest of the pack.

Mayor Purvis received a giant, useless, wooden key to mark his term in office. He will serve indefinitely: either until he tires of the duties entailed, or until the Administrative Ministry Team of the Session of Alamance Presbyterian Church decides that it is time for another election.

Mini-Mayor Maelyn Goodman ran unopposed for an electoral office she invented. She won her election, in a landslide. There will be no recount. Mini-Mayor Goodman received a miniature, useless, wooden key to mark her term in office.

In an afterthought, and to “reward” them for their sterling efforts to raise money for the church, Linda Aydelette and Lou Gonzalez were named Countess of Big Meeting and Viscountess of Rock-a-thon, respectively. These titles are lifelong but non-

hereditary. The two also-rans got sashes, suitable to wear at any local parade or community event.

Among them, the four candidates raised \$12,584.40 with this crowd-favorite fundraiser. Thank you, all who donated lucre to the coffers.



They are all winners: Maelyn Goodman, Lou Gonzalez, Nick Purvis, and Linda Aydelette

A Visit with Santa



Matthew 25

in the PC(USA)

Matthew 25:31-46 calls us all to actively engage in our communities and the world, so that our faith comes alive and we discover new ways to be fearless disciples.

Matthew 25 Presbyterians have committed to:

- Build congregational vitality
- Dismantle structural racism
- Eradicate systemic poverty

Both the 222nd and 223rd General Assemblies of the PC(USA) exhorted the denomination to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned, or poor.

Stephen Ministry at APC

The Stephen Ministry is a "distinctly Christian caregiving ministry" that provides high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. Members of the APC Stephen Ministry actively engage with the Congregational Care and Outreach team to connect our congregation with local community resources for help in times of emergency or distress.

Training classes for new Stephen ministers are already underway. Search your heart now, to discern if the Holy Spirit is calling *you* to this ministry. Another class is planned for Spring of 2023.

APC Stephen Ministry Leader Becky Brinkley can answer your questions (336.269.6096,



Grace Extended

Alamance Presbyterian Church currently participates in a food-relief mission with the Grace Community Church in southeast Greensboro. Each Wednesday evening, they prepare and serve meals to over 200 folks in the Glenwood neighborhood — many of whom are experiencing homelessness.

In **2023**, we will work on the **third Wednesday of every even month** at Grace Community Church (643 W. Gate City Blvd, Greensboro, NC 27403; in the old McIver School); for food service and worship from **5:15-7 p.m.** Open Door fellowship will NOT meet on the days we serve at Grace.

The Mission Team knows that to continue this ministry requires some missional funds. The team hopes that Alamance will walk by faith to support this shared ministry.

Questions? Want to volunteer? Let Jess Rigel or Kyle Goodman know that you want to join this partnership which engages us ecumenically in the wider community. Sign yourself up to volunteer at this link: https://signup.com/group/987658676044?utm_source=group-badge-volunteer-green

A Limited Clothing Drive

In addition, APC will collect specific items of clothing, in adult sizes, for these guests of Grace Community Church. Wanted: Clean, gently worn coats and/or blankets; brand-new, still-in-the-package underwear and/or socks. Bring any such items you want to donate to the front pew of the sanctuary, **from Dec. 18-January 10**. The clothing will be distributed through Grace Church, in time for the coldest winter weather.

Follow the Star

Join us on a journey through the Nativity story as you find your way to the Christ child. *Follow the Star* happens on **Sunday, December 18**. Start at APC at **5 p.m.**, for the opening act. Receive instructions for where to drive next. Look out for wandering wise men, stupefied shepherds, and irritable innkeepers — among other dubious characters.

At the end, there's celebration aplenty for the wonderful news of the Messiah's birth.

This production is our first post-COVID version. We usually mount the play every other year, but it's been three years since the last one.

Stay tuned for details about *Follow the Stew*: a Brunswick stew fundraiser on **Saturday, January 7**.



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Decorations in the Sanctuary: or, Why Are the Curtains Purple This Month?

Who decides how the sanctuary is decorated for each liturgical season and special Sunday worship service? The answer lies in ***The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Part 2: The Book of Order***. We are instructed by our denomination's constitution that any and all items of sanctuary furnishings are subject to the approval of Session.

“Because God created the world and called it good, we use material gifts in worship. The Old Testament tells of various things that were used in the worship of God: the ark, linens and vessels, oil and incense, musical instruments, grain, fruit, and animals. At the same time, the prophets warned of the danger of idolatry: mistaking physical objects for divine presence.” (*Book of Order*, W-1.0204a)

“In a particular congregation, ruling elders shall provide for the church's worship and encourage the people's participation. Specifically, when serving together on the session, ruling elders and ministers of the Word and Sacrament: make provision for the regular preaching of the Word and celebration of the Sacraments, corporate prayer, and the offering of praise to God in song; oversee and approve all public worship in the congregation, with the exception of responsibilities reserved for the minister of the Word and Sacrament; determine occasions, days, times, and places for worship; and have responsibility for the arrangement of worship space, the use of special appointments (flowers, candles, banners, paraments, and other

objects), and the ministries of music, drama, dance, and visual arts.” (*Book of Order*, W-2.0303b)

“Ministers of the Word and Sacrament (also called teaching elders) are called to proclaim the Word, preside at the Sacraments, and equip the people for ministry in Jesus' name. Specifically, ministers of the Word and Sacrament are responsible for: the selection of Scriptures to be read, the preparation of the sermon, the prayers to be offered, the selection music to be sung, printed worship aids or media presentations for a given service, and the use of drama, dance, and other art forms in a particular service of worship.” (*Book of Order*, W-2.0304).

“In a particular congregation, the order of worship is the responsibility of the minister of the Word and Sacrament with the concurrence of the session. The selection of hymnals, service books, Bibles, and other more permanent worship resources is the responsibility of the session with the concurrence of the minister of the Word and Sacrament, and in consultation with church musicians and educators.” (*Book of Order*, W-2.0304, W-2.0305).

The Session of Alamance Presbyterian Church, our governing body, works with our pastors/preachers/ministers and the church staff to provide Christian worship that gives all glory and honor, praise and thanksgiving to the holy, triune God; to send them out in service to glorify the same God who is present and active in the world; and to educate the congregation about the church's worship.

In practice, the Session appoints church members to various ministry teams to accomplish these tasks.

The Worship Arts Team is most immediately concerned with actual worship, and all the appurtenances

thereunto. The Director of Music works closely with both pastors to design an order of worship. Lay members of the team (who serve for an indeterminate length of time, typically three years) are those persons who: cook bread for communion services, assure that candles adorn the sanctuary, change paraments to match the liturgical season, arrange furniture on the pulpit platform, commission and install special items such as banners, Christmas tree skirts, and various other decorations. All of this (and more) is done to enhance the congregation's enjoyment of God through worship.

Are you moved to donate a substantial piece of worship furniture (pulpit, communion table, baptismal font, piano, pew, stained glass window)? It is necessary to consult Session first. Indeed, most everything in the life of the congregation is overseen by Session: baptisms, marriages, fundraisers, building use, mission trips, the cemetery, heating and air conditioning, parking lots, and shrubbery are all under their aegis.

A nominating team has been named, to recruit officers for the Class of 2025. Officers serve for a term of three (3) years. They are nominated by the Session, but elected by the congregation. The Elders agree to take care of the congregation. The congregation agrees to abide by their guidance.

This system is *presbyterianism*: a form of Protestant Church government in which the Church is administered locally by the minister with a group of elected elders of equal rank; and regionally and nationally by representative courts of ministers and elders.

Memorials and Honoraria

To the Operating Fund: In memory of Carol Foust Sharpe by Wayne & Joyce Fogleman; Brian, Sandy, Heather, Cassidy and Brooklyn Sharpe; Sam & Ada Nelson; Sheila Hurlbert. In memory of LaVerne White Starr by Nancy Dyson. In memory of Claude Church by Nancy Dyson. In memory of Lester Dyson by Nancy Dyson. In honor of Marie Hodgins by Nancy Dyson. In honor of Hazel Aydelette by Nancy Dyson. In honor of Catherine Church by Nancy Dyson. In honor of Phyllis Monroe by Nancy Dyson. In honor of Bobby Jobe by Nancy Dyson. In honor of Thelma Greeson by Nancy Dyson. In honor of Sam Nelson by Nancy Dyson. In honor of Marianne Cimino by Nancy Dyson.

To the Children's Ministry: In memory of Doris Walsh by Nancy Dyson. In memory of Logan Forbis by Nancy Dyson.

To the Food Pantry In memory of Carol Foust Sharpe by the Floyd Fogleman family.

To the Music Fund: In memory of Carol Foust Sharpe by Thelma Greeson.

To the Lift Van Fund: In memory of Logan Forbis by Brad, Barbara, Dylan and Dara Reece. In memory of LaVerne White Starr by Brad, Barbara, Dylan and Dara Reece. In memory of Barry Grubb by Brad, Barbara, Dylan and Dara Reece.

To the Knit, Pray, Love Ministry: In memory of Logan Forbis by Brad, Barbara, Dylan and Dara Reece. In

memory of LaVerne White Starr by Brad, Barbara, Dylan and Dara Reece. In memory of Barry Grubb by Brad, Barbara, Dylan and Dara Reece.

To the Cemetery Care Fund: In memory of Carol Foust Sharpe by Stephen Sharpe, Bill & Lois Sharpe.

Thank You Note

The members of Vandalia Presbyterian Church would like to sincerely thank you for your generous donation to our Food Pantry ministry. Thanks to you, we are able to continue and grow operations, as well as make the necessary property changes to better secure our ministry, going forward.

Your generosity allowed us to serve more people through the drive-through food pantry this past week than we had ever served before. Many of them were also served by the clothing closet during their time here.

At a time when we were at an emotional low, your love and support for us and our ministry gave us the strength and energy to meet the challenges of the day, and to look optimistically to the future. While we are a very small, elderly congregation, we are confident that God has a plan for us; and we are striving to fulfill it.

We live in a world too full of suffering, loss, injustice, violence, and greed. Please pray that God continues to use this congregation to be a light in the darkness for people in need.

In Christ,

Vandalia Presbyterian Church
Dr. Paul Ridolfi, Minister

Special Missions Offering for December: Greensboro Urban Ministry

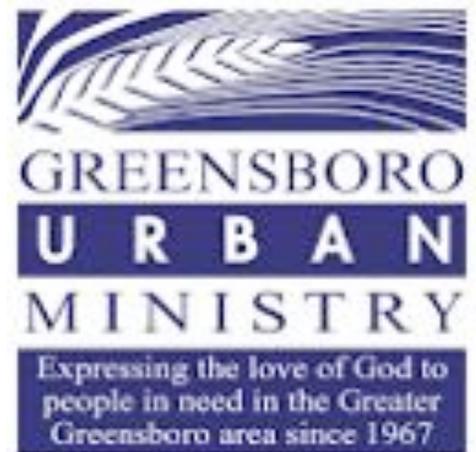
The mission of Greensboro Urban Ministry is to express the love of God to our neighbors in need by offering food, shelter, and solutions; empowering our neighbors to gain stability.

G.U.M. is a 501(c)3 charitable organization; tax i.d. 56-0890545. Donations to G.U.M. are tax-deductible. For information on how to donate — and what to donate — check <https://www.greensborourbanministry.org>.

G.U.M. offers lots of ways to get involved. They share a belief in one person's power to make a difference. Give your time to make a tangible difference for those in need. Volunteering at their special events, or completing a group volunteer project, are great ways to give back to the community and support the mission, with no long-term commitment or prior experience necessary.

G.U.M.'s long-term volunteers share their time and talents with the staff, serve G.U.M. guests, and provide support for GUM's operations.

The volunteer page at <https://www.greensborourbanministry.org> is easy to navigate, and very informative.





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We are a Stephen Ministry church.
We are a Hunger Action congregation.

CHURCH STAFF

- Rev. Dr. Kyle Goodman**, Lead Pastor
- Rev. Jessica Rigel**, Discipleship Pastor
- Andrew Long**, Youth Director
- Katie Long**, Director of Music
- Rebecca Oden**, Pianist
- Joy Thomas**, Dir., Children’s Ministries
- Dana Adams**, Financial Coordinator
- Lynn Barnes**, Secretary
- Mary Ellen Shores**, Director,
Child Development Center
- Ryian Gunn**, Asst. Director, CDC
- 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 of each month, at 2 p.m.** in the Uffman classroom (unless otherwise noted).

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| Class of 2022: | Class of 2024: |
| Barbara Alexander | Kris Burns |
| Tom Cimino | Terry Busby |
| Scott Mendenhall | Graham Dail |
| Steve Starr | Willie Goncharow |
| David White | Pat Lovell |
| Class of 2023: | Youth Elder: |
| Darren Hadley | Nathan Garrett |
| Tim Hobbs | |
| Kathy Medder | Clerk of Session: |
| Judy Uniatowski | Graham Dail |

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. 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 Livestream, either with your e-mail or your Facebook account. The Livestream site will send you an e-mail that will instruct you how to enter a password of your own choosing.

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 now 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.



**Connect with Us
Electronically**

“Like us” on Facebook! We maintain several pages on Facebook. “Like” the pages to receive automatic notice on your own Facebook wall.

**... and check the website!
It’s updated weekly.**

www.alamancechurch.org.

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- We are a Hunger Action congregation.
- We have a Stephen Ministry.

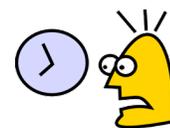
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**Newsletter
Deadline**



Deadline for the **January, 2023** issue of **The Relay** is **Monday, December 19**. Post your articles by “snail mail,” by e-mail (lynn@alamancechurch.org), hitch your sleigh to a reindeer and drive yourself here in person, or phone the office (336-697-0488 x 121) to deliver the news. Newsletter policy is posted on our website, www.alamancechurch.org.