



The Relay

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More Than You Ever Wanted to Know about Pentecost

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**.

The term Pentecost comes from the Greek word *Pentēkostē*, meaning “fiftieth.” That word refers to the Jewish festival of Shavuot, which is celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover. Use of the term “Pentecost” in **Acts** is a reference to that Jewish festival. A well-defined, distinctly Christian celebration did not exist until years later, when Christians kept the name “Pentecost” but began to calculate the date of the feast based on Easter, rather than Passover.

The events of **Acts 2** are set against the backdrop of the celebration of Pentecost in Jerusalem. The narrative

evokes the symbolism of Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River — at the start of his ministry — by connecting the earlier prophecy of John the Baptist to the “baptism” of the disciples with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost.

Among features of the **Acts** Pentecost narrative is that the disciples of Jesus “were all together in one place” on the “day of Pentecost” (**Acts 2:1**). The verb used to indicate the arrival of the day of Pentecost carries a connotation of fulfillment. There is a “mighty rushing wind” (wind is a common symbol for the Holy Spirit) and “tongues as of fire” appear. (**Acts 2:3**)

The gathered disciples were “filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.” (**Acts 2:4**) In Christian tradition, this event represents fulfillment of the promise that Christ will baptize his followers with the Holy Spirit. (**Acts 1:5**)

The early Church dedicated Pentecost as the best date to celebrate baptism. In Northern Europe, Pentecost was preferred even over Easter for this rite: temperatures in late spring were more conducive to outdoor immersion in lakes and streams, as was then the practice.

Weirdly, In the Middle Ages, cathedrals and great churches throughout Western Europe were fitted with a peculiar architectural feature known as a *Holy Ghost hole*: a small circular opening in the roof that

symbolized the entrance of the Holy Spirit into the midst of the congregation. At Pentecost, these Holy Ghost holes were decorated with flowers. Sometimes a dove figure was lowered into the church while the Pentecost story was read.

Holy Communion (a sacrament also known as the Lord’s Supper, or Eucharist) is often a feature of the Protestant observance of Pentecost — one of the relatively few Sundays that some Reformed denominations offer the communion meal.

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.

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June Birthdays

- 2 Ken Monroe
- 3 Billy Starr
- 5 Robin Long
- 6 Thelma Greeson
- 7 Lou Gonzalez
- 8 Owen Smith, Michael Ward
- 9 Kevin Hogan
- 12 Bobbie Black, Bob Dagenhart,
Lars Nilsen
- 14 Roger Blum, Sam Burgess
- 15 Mike Bridges
- 16 Barbara Garrett
- 19 Miranda Busby
- 21 Richard Grubb
- 22 Geraldine Sharpe, Sherry Starr
- 25 Marianne Cimino, Bryan Hogan,
Andrew Irwin
- 27 Ryan Garrett
- 29 Nick Roys



July Birthdays

- 2 Brian Forbis
- 3 Tanner Hodgin, Jimmy Tew
- 4 Walker Sullivan
- 5 Jackie Haines, Shannon Haynes,
Jeff Vance
- 6 Frankie Forbis, Elizabeth Hadley
- 7 Bobby Jobe, Kathy Medder,
Kirby Ward
- 8 Danny Church
- 9 Jason Ward
- 10 Nathan Garrett
- 14 Susan Martin
- 17 Sydney Mills
- 19 Buddy Fields, Jan Smith
- 20 Katie Long
- 22 Edna May
- 23 Darren Hadley, Grant Smith
- 24 Van Whitesell
- 26 Kyle Goodman, Richard Sharpe
- 28 Shearer Bridges, Patty Staley
- 30 Harold Alexander, Edna Causey,
Lewis May, Laverne Vance
- 31 Peggy Busby, Nick Irwin,
Marcia Lane

An Invitation to the Congregation



Steve & Patty Starr send this message: "Join us as we celebrate Hannah Starr's newly acquired PhD! Hannah and her family will be at the Coble House on **Sunday, June 12, from 2-4 p.m.** Drop in to say hello, before she heads out to Indiana to start a new job as Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Purdue University in West Lafayette.

"The pleasure of your company is all that is desired: Good wishes make the best gifts."
Congratulations, Dr. Starr!



We Are the Easter People!

Grace Extended

Alamance Presbyterian Church now participates in a food-relief mission engagement, through Grace Community Church in southeast Greensboro. Friends in the Southeast Guilford community asked if APC could help prepare and serve a meal on the third Wednesday of each month. Our Missions Ministry Team said, "Yes."

Grace has a program, very similar to our Open Door, each Wednesday evening in the Glenwood neighborhood. They prepare and serve meals to the over 200 folks — many of whom are experiencing homelessness — who attend the weekly suppers.

Every third Wednesday, through August of 2022 (**June 15, July 20, August 17**), we will partner with 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.**

Needed: 4-6 volunteers to help prepare and transport food each month, and 5-10 volunteers to help plate and serve the food.

You can also participate by enjoying the worship experience that begins at **5:45**, and the meal that starts around **6:20**.

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

Questions? Want to volunteer for any Wednesday? Let Jess Rigel or Kyle Goodman know that you want to join in this partnership which engages us ecumenically in the wider community.



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Help Us Help Others

Join us as we return to Paducah, Kentucky!

WHEN: AUGUST 15-20

WHAT: AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE
THOSE AFFECTED BY THE TORNADOS
THAT RAVAGED THE STATE IN 2021

COST: \$230 per person

ALL AGES 16 & UP WELCOME!

QUESTIONS? WANT TO SIGN UP?

CONTACT JESS RIGEL: 336-697-0488 X 126



Missions Update:

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

Daily life and language learning are getting into a groove around here! Here's a glimpse of some of our new "rhythms" and also some that we're just beginning to implement!

LEARNING ZAPOTEC:

While we're still praying and searching for additional language tutors, we've been able to make good headway by working with the two wonderful Zapotec tutors that God has already provided! We meet with them weekly and get as much information as possible in our session, then spend the rest of the week working through the data we collected to learn and understand it.

We're also starting to do some of our shopping at the weekly market day in San Dionisio, when vendors set up booths with produce, crafts, and household items in the street by the main square. This has been a fun but challenging way to use Zapotec in real life and make new contacts. We get a lot of confused looks and smiles when we start speaking Zapotec to the vendors!

Thirdly, we've been starting to visit one of the two small churches in San Dionisio on Sundays. We hope to slowly build friendships and trust with our brothers and sisters there.

HOME LIFE:

There are lots of little details and routines that have been a real blessing lately:

- Going to the local market for produce and meat in the mornings, and starting

to build relationships with my (Erin's) more regular produce ladies.

- Buying fresh eggs and milk from a few local women. They are so yummy!
- Getting tacos as a small treat after we've gone to San Dionisio for language sessions or visits.
- Having neighbors or local contacts drop in to our house in the afternoons sometimes. This is one of the more challenging but also rewarding aspects of the culture for us!
- Finding a daily schedule that allows us to care for Samuel, take care of daily life needs (life seems to just take longer here!), and also keep working on ministry responsibilities. It's been fun to include Samuel in a lot of our language learning, as the culture here is very open to kids coming with parents on outings.

LOOKING FORWARD:

We're hoping to start renting an office at the workshop center here in Mitla. This will give us a space that is set apart, where Jesse can go and can really focus on our Zapotec work for longer chunks of time without distractions.

We're also still hoping to find a space to rent for an office in San Dionisio. This will really facilitate getting to know more people, getting the word out about literacy, and learning the language!

However, it's been very hard to find somewhere to rent. Almost everybody seems to just rent or borrow property from extended family, so there isn't a practice of listing properties for rent or putting up "For Rent" signs. Please continue to pray that the Lord will provide an office in the community!

It's almost time for our annual visit to Immigration, too! We plan to renew our temporary residency visas in the next few weeks. Please pray for favor and a smooth renewal process!

All of these routines are constantly evolving, of course, and we still have lots of days when nothing seems to go the way that we anticipated! We often feel weak and inadequate for the task that God has given us, but He remains faithful and is our daily strength. Though routines and seasons may change, He is our constant.

Another constant is your faithful partnership! God strengthens us through you as we all work together for the Bibleless of Oaxaca. We are so blessed that you are part of our Wycliffe team!

**Did you catch our video update last month? Here's the link: <https://youtu.be/Af8XxhhuKR8>

Oaxaca (wah-HAH-kah), Mexico



STAY CONNECTED:

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

Facebook Group: [facebook.com/groups/](https://facebook.com/groups/AtkinsonAdventuresInOaxaca)

[AtkinsonAdventuresInOaxaca](https://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

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PICTURES:

Sunset from our rooftop. We're hoping to build a small patio area up here. (Perks of flat roofs!)



The view from above Mitla, where we live.

**PRAY WITH US:**

- **Praise:** Some friends and colleagues recently moved to the area with their kids, one of whom is almost exactly the same age as Samuel! It is such a blessing to have friends living close by and to be able to have "playdates!"
- **Pray:** For God to provide **just the right office space to rent in San Dionisio.**
- **Praise:** Jesse's parents came for a visit in May! We always love visitors, but it is particularly special to have family come see us! Samuel had a blast and we loved getting to share our life in Oaxaca with them.
- **Pray:** For stamina and steadfastness in our language learning efforts.

Special Missions Offering for June:

Our mission is to connect people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to the larger community through shared living and the work of a sustainable farm.

Our vision is to be a destination for learning and growth for people of all abilities.

Our core values are *community, relationships* and *growth*.

To live out these core values we focus on the practices of *compassion, sustainability* and *servant leadership*.

Peacehaven Community Farm
1458 NC Highway 61
Whitsett, NC 27377
336 - 449 - 9900



Some Good News: Gratitude is Good for the Heart

I just finished a book by theologian Diana Butler Bass called ***Grateful: the Transformative Power of Giving Thanks***. It has been a fascinating read in light of the grief I am feeling at my father's passing.

The only consistent positive feeling I've had through these last few weeks has been gratitude. I am so grateful for the love and care of so many friends, many of whom are in this congregation. I have received dozens of sympathy cards, messages, calls, and visits. I am grateful for the village that has embraced me and my family through this incredibly difficult time.

Dad likely passed from heart failure. He had a lot of trouble with his heart. These struggles seem to be hereditary in my family, so I am thinking a lot about my own heart health as well.

One of the things that Diana Butler Bass talks about in her book is how gratitude affects our hearts. It turns out that gratitude not only improves our emotional well-being, but it has a measurable impact on the heart's health too.

Those who report high levels of gratitude have less heart disease, recover more quickly from heart procedures; and sleep more soundly, experience less fatigue, and simply live longer. Gratitude is literally good for your heart.

Most of us passive about our gratitude. We wait for it to come to us. We respond in gratitude when something exceedingly good happens in our lives. But it doesn't have to be that way.

A few months back, when we were sharing spiritual practices with you during the season of Lent, I talked about the Ignatian Examen, the practice of reviewing the day's "consolations"

and "desolations," the things that bring us joy and peace along with that which causes us hurt or guilt.

Bass suggests something similar. She keeps a daily gratitude journal. Bass writes down and reflects on the things that she is grateful for every day. But just simply thanking God for all the day's blessings in prayer would work, too.

Focusing on gratitude doesn't have to be passive. It can be an active pursuit. It can be a part of your life's rhythm and routine.

Studies suggest that gratitude is literally life-giving. I've got some work to do to improve my own heart health; I know that. Exercise and diet are no doubt key components. But it turns out that attending to emotional and spiritual health are

important keys to heart health too. I have more to do in all those areas. Perhaps you do, too.

I said it from the pulpit already, but I will tell you one more time: I am so grateful for you. I am grateful for the opportunity to be your pastor. I am grateful for the incredible ways you love and care for my family.

And I am grateful for the ways that you love and tend to one another. There is something special and unique about that here, and it makes a difference. Keep on living into that. Don't settle for being generous givers: Be receivers of the generous goodness of others. It's good for your heart — and for theirs.

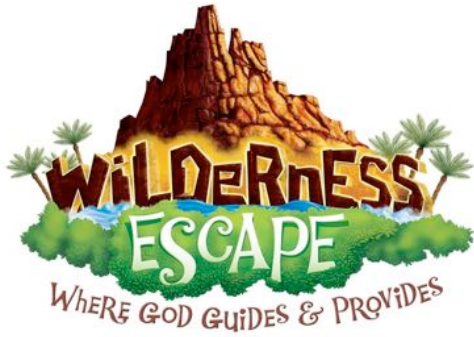
In Gratitude and Love,

Kyle



The Goodmans,
in June, 2022:
Kyle, Michelle, and
Maelyn

***This summer we're escaping with the Israelites as they leave Egypt.
You'll get to hang out with Moses as God leads this surprising adventure!***



Location: Alamance Presbyterian Church

The journey will last: Sunday, July 10 - Thursday, July 14

Each day the journey begins: Meal in Brown Hall @ **5:30 p.m.**,

Opening Celebration in sanctuary @ **6 p.m.**

The day's adventure ends at: 8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

For more information: www.alamancechurch.org

or joy@alamancechurch.org

Sign up to volunteer your services: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/a29838>.

Cam-Along and Join us!!



You are invited to help fulfill a
Vacation Bible School Wish List.

These items are on an Amazon list, easily accessed at

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/6KGKFYMS3P0W?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_1FnoOLCf6XpDe

Items can be purchased there, and will be sent directly unto the hands of our Director of Children's Ministries, Joy Thomas —

- 1246 PCS Self Adhesive Gems Stickers, Jewels Stickers with Multiple Colors and Assorted Shapes for Crafts, 14 Sheets Multiple Sizes Bling Rhinestone Stickers for Card Making Decorations \$9.99. **Need 1 (one).**



- Pepperell RX-153 Rexlace Plastic Lacing Cord, 450-Feet, Primary. \$7.74. **Need 3 (three).**



- Sharpie Fine Point Permanent Marker, Assorted Colors, 12-Count. \$9.27. **Need 4 (four)**



- Crayola Air Dry Clay, Natural White Modeling Clay, 5 Lb Bucket. \$12.99. **Need 1 (one)**
- Suwimut 200 Pieces 1 Inch Jingle Bells, 5 Colors Mixed Small Metal Craft Bells Bulk DIY Bells for Christmas, Party, Festival Decoration and Home Decoration. \$15.99. **Need 2 (two).**
- Hefty Slider Storage Bags, Gallon Size, 30 Count (3 Pack), 90 Total. \$13.99. **Need 2 (two).**



Anne Lewis Takes a Trip

It was a very eventful day when, on April 27, 2022, I arose before daybreak to prepare for a trip on the Triad Honor Flight.

The flight is an engrossing and fascinating experience to allow older veterans to visit the sites of veterans memorials around Washington DC. I had never visited the memorials, but had always wanted to.

The day began with a gathering of friends, family, and the general public to see more than 90 men and three women off on the flight from PTI airport. Chick-Fil-A provided breakfast sandwiches as we waited with our volunteer companions for the call to board.

The volunteers were gracious friends of the military who wanted to show their appreciation for the jobs we had done (whether in combat or not). Volunteers gave their time, and paid their own way, to help us throughout the day. The trip was free for the veterans.

My companion was Teresa Riggs of Kernersville. She kept me company, saw that I had everything I needed — and even pushed me in a wheelchair to monuments that required a long walk. I could walk on my own to some locations, and could get on and off the bus without assistance; but I was glad to have the assist when we waited or moved for long periods.

The veteran group was made up of two WWII veterans, twenty-three Korean War veterans, and the rest Vietnam-era vets (including myself).

We visited the Iwo Jima Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, the Air Force Memorial, the Korean Memorial, and finally the Vietnam Memorial. Luckily I did not see anyone I knew listed on The Wall.

We could not visit the Women's Memorial because it is currently closed for renovation. Knowing this, I was surprised when our bus stopped in the street in front of the memorial. A representative of the Women's Memorial boarded the bus and asked for me. She then presented me with a keepsake book with a photo of the memorial, and my picture and details of service.

Everyone on the bus applauded and one fellow Navy member gave me a bracelet he was wearing that he had made from navy and gold cord, and a Navy medallion.

In Arlington, we watched a Changing of the Guard for the Tombs of the Unknowns. This is a special place to pay tribute to those lost in service in the different wars. They have recently permitted women to try out for a guard position, and we saw one in action. It is a very moving ceremony conducted with the utmost respect.

We were provided with a bag lunch prepared by a local restaurant in Washington; and later, as we boarded the plane at Reagan International for our return trip, we chose sandwiches from Arby's. All the sponsors were very generous, including Hanes Inc.,

which provided the shirts, jackets, and caps we wore.

Prior to take off at each airport, we were accorded a salute in the form of water cannons, by fire departments.

Upon returning to PTI, we walked into the terminal and proceeded through a welcome-home gathering of well wishers as far as one could see. They waved, clapped, saluted, and joined in our celebration of the day. One small child presented carnations to us.

Some service groups spoke to some of us, and offered goody-bags and keepsakes. Channel 12 (WXII) television news interviewed me, and the segment aired on the news that night; along with the interview they did with the almost-100-year-old WWII vet.

My daughter, Lynda Hardin, and her husband, Rick, were there with the masses to greet me as I passed through the line. I think the vision of so many supporters was the most impressive thing I saw all day.

Our military goes along, day after day, doing their jobs with little recognition and relatively little pay. It is important to see examples of gratitude from the general public wherever we can find it.

Whether one believes in the cause of a particular engagement or not, everyone should recognize the need for a standing protection for our country. There is no question that some of our country's would-be enemies are held at bay by the respect they have for the talent and dedication of our armed forces. We live in safety every day because they are ready, willing, and able to defend us. I was proud to be one of them when I served in the US Navy from 1961-1965.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Lewis



Lights Out Initiative for Migratory Birds

Every year, billions of birds migrate north in the spring and south in the fall. The majority fly at night, navigating with the night sky. As they pass over big cities on their way, they can become disoriented by bright artificial lights and skyglow, and often collide with buildings or windows.

Those lights can throw birds off migration paths, but bird fatalities are more directly caused by energy wasted as birds fly around and call out in confusion. The exhaustion can leave them vulnerable to other urban threats. Audubon's *Lights Out* program is a national effort to reduce this problem.

The strategy is simple: convince building owners and managers to turn off excess lighting during the months migrating birds are flying, so they can find safe passage between their nesting and wintering grounds.

In the May issue of the Audubon Society's magazine, we learn how six students from UNC Asheville are creating a tool to help support *Lights Out* initiatives in North Carolina — and beyond.

One of the biggest challenges to getting *Lights Out* programs adopted into official city ordinances is a lack of data on light pollution and its effects. Paulina Jones, of UNC-Asheville's Audubon campus chapter, spoke about *Lights Out* to her ethics class.

That presentation sparked an idea in the mind of a fellow student, Katrina Schubert: Create a low-cost tool to accurately measure light pollution. That way, cities could get the data needed to create enforceable ordinances.

Katrina, a mechatronics engineering student, was the original project lead for the CubeSat, a miniature cube

satellite that takes photographs measuring light pollution. The design includes a gimbal that rotates along three axes, an adjustable shutter-speed camera, weather sensors, Raspberry Pi chipsets, insulation against inclement weather, and a parachute. All has to be precisely stabilized while tethered to a helium weather balloon.



Most currently-available light pollution data is taken from space, for a high-level view of what's going on. The students' goal was to bring that macro level view down to the micro view, to get much more localized data to the people who need it to create legislation.

The students' budget for the project was \$5,000. By their midterm presentation, the team had \$2,450 left over, for 'unexpected purchases.'

To keep prices down, they used tools that can be printed from 3D printers, and boards that can be easily purchased.

Outside groups are interested in the design, and want to expand this project to be used on a larger (much more expensive) scale, to be launched into space.

"All in all, we just wanted to create a tool that would be useful for organizations like the Audubon Society to present [light pollution] data to lawmakers to create change," says Schubert.

For the complete article, look at <https://www.audubon.org/news/students-north-carolina-tackle-light-pollution-cube-satellites>

Congratulations!

A loving tribute to Dana Boone Smith, from her husband, Phil:

"Let me tell you how proud I am of my beautiful wife- Dana Boone Smith ... who was recognized by the Moses Cone Health System with the Nursing Excellence Award! What an awesome honor!"

The rest of us are proud of her, too.



Dana Smith, BSN RN3



From the APC Food Pantry Team: “Feed my sheep.”

The Alamance Food Pantry’s goal is to provide nutritious food that will last a family in need for 6-7 days, for up to 30 families a week.

Fresh food is a real treasure! Contact the Food Pantry to arrange for your donations of fresh produce.

We always need help on Saturdays to help separate, pack, and deliver food to our clients. Please sign up at <https://signup.com/go/FLfKFNp>.

Pick up extras when you grocery shop! Always needed: cereal, dry milk, pop tarts, spaghetti sauce, instant mashed potatoes, mac-and-cheese, and other such shelf-stable items. Food donations may be put in the big box in the Gathering Room, or in the red bin outside of Brown Fellowship Hall.

Clean, dry, used plastic grocery bags are always wanted. **We DO NEED more egg cartons again!**

Needed: a volunteer to make reminder calls to clients, on Fridays. Contact Amy Yow (336-706-3550) to apply for this task.

Special Collections

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



- **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
- **May:** Canned vegetables

Into the Risky Unknown

Communion is not as much interested in using words to define meaning as to deepen mystery, to enter into the ambiguities, push past the safely known into the risky unknown. The Christian Eucharist uses the simplest of words — this is my body, this is my blood — to plunge us into the depths of love, to venture into what is not tied down, into love, into faith. These words do not describe; they reveal, they point, they teach.

I am the Bread — living Bread! — who came down out of heaven. Anyone who eats this Bread will live — and forever! The Bread that I present to the world so that it can eat and live is myself, this flesh-and-blood self.

- John 6:51.

(Living the Message: Daily Reflections with Eugene H. Peterson; HarperSanFrancisco, 1996; pp. 157-8.)

Saturday mornings at the APC Food Pantry

Pre-packed grocery carts of food are delivered to recipients in a car line — clients who arrive on a Saturday morning stay in their cars. Once the clients’ names are verified, volunteers load up the cars. This is an efficient and convenient method for clients to receive food.

The Food Pantry can always use more Saturday morning volunteers to help with distribution (**8:30-11 a.m.**). Visit <http://signup.com/go/h2b6xy> to sign up to help.

Please sign up rather than just showing up. Kris Levine, Volunteer Coordinator, needs to know ahead of time how many volunteers are expected, to make this a good experience for volunteers as well as clients! Questions? Call Kris Levine at (336)-558-6759.

Potter’s House

APC has served supper to hungry guests at the Greensboro Urban Ministry Potter’s House since 2004; on the **third Saturday of odd-numbered months**. 2022 dates: **July 16, September 17, and November 19.**

The work is intense, but not long: Arrive at **6 p.m.** to set up; serve food from **7-7:45 p.m.**; clean up and zip out the door by **8:15 p.m.** most usually.

Let Darren Hadley know that you or your group want to help at Potter’s House (darren.hadley@triad.rr.com).

Body Acceptance and Enjoyment, 2022

Alamance celebrates its first-ever graduating class from B.A.E. (Body Acceptance and Enjoyment). These beautiful children of God surprised their leaders with T-shirts at their last class together.

We believe the witness that everyone is wonderfully made in God's image, and we are so proud of the ways that these young people reflect the image of God in the world.

The Church is fond of saying that we are "children of God and made in God's own image." Rarely do we commit to helping people live into the depth of that truth. A big thank you goes to Joy Thomas, Katie Long, Ciara Linnens, Jess Rigel, and Kaci Oliver for creating such an amazing program for our youth.

We will do it again!



Thank You Note

Dear Alamance Church family,

I simply lack adequate words to share my gratitude for all you have done to care for my family during this incredibly difficult time for us. From the gorgeous flower arrangement, to your messages, cards, and prayers; your love for us is so evident and truly felt.

You all certainly know how to love and care for your pastor, and our family is just blessed and lucky to have all of you.

With love,

*Kyle, Michelle, Maelyn,
and the Goodman family*

Memorials and Honoraria

To the Lift Van Fund: In memory of John Goodman by Buck & Amy Yow. In memory of Laura Fogleman by Darrell Parker.

To the Children's Ministries and the Youth Ministries: In memory of John Goodman by Joe & Dodie Miller.

To the Operating Fund: In memory of Alma Hudgins, Helen Seawright, and Thelma Hicks on Mothers' Day by Jack Cole.

To the Coble House: In memory of J. Howard Coble by Darrell Parker.

To the Special Missions Fund for Todd Luke's Cistern Ministry: In memory of Tookie Starr by Nancy Dyson. In memory of Catherine Allred by Nancy Dyson.

To the Special Missions Fund for Peacehaven Community Farm: In honor of Doug & Dianne Clapp by Fay Haralson.

To the Cemetery Care Fund: In memory of Garland & Martha Jobe by Darrell Parker.



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.

APC Stephen Ministry Leader Becky Brinkley can answer your Stephen Ministry questions (336.269.6096, ranb2005@gmail.com).

ALAMANCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS INCLUSIVE, ECLECTIC, AND REFORMED.

We are an ecumenical congregation 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

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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 6 p.m.** in Brown Fellowship Hall (unless otherwise noted).

Class of 2022:

Barbara Alexander
Tom Cimino
Scott Mendenhall
Steve Starr
David White

Class of 2024:

Kris Burns
Terry Busby
Graham Dail
Willie Goncharow
Pat Lovell

Class of 2023:

Connie Fish
Darren Hadley
Tim Hobbs
Kathy Medder
Judy Uniatowski

Youth Elder:

Nathan Garrett

Clerk of Session:

Graham Dail

Live-streaming Worship Services

Look and listen to Sunday morning worship at Alamance live, on-line. This is a nice option all the time, and is a vital resource during the current pandemic.

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.



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Our mission statement:

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

We are a **Matthew 25** Church.

We are a Hunger Action congregation.

We have a Stephen Ministry.

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the **July, 2022** issue of **The Relay** is **Monday, June 27**. Post your articles by "snail mail," by e-mail (lynn@alamancechurch.org), strap on your high heels and hobble here in person, or phone the office (697-0488 x 121) to deliver your news.



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"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 newly redesigned website! Updated weekly.
www.alamancechurch.org.

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.