

May 25, 2025

Pennies for Hunger: June 1

May Special Missions Offering:
Benevolence Farm

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

SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING in May is for Benevolence Farm, which offers formerly-incarcerated women secure housing while they acquire job skills on the 13-acre farm.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES: If your child graduates from an educational institution this spring, let us know! We'd love to celebrate with you.

ALAMANCE FIRE DEPARTMENT offers barbecue for \$12 a container. All proceeds go to help Western NC. Pick up from the station **anytime** (4108 Presbyterian Road).

TAPS ACROSS AMERICA will be observed around the flagpole in the APC cemetery at **9 a.m.** Memorial Day: **Mon., May 26.** Memorial Day is a federal holiday to honor and mourn military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. It is observed on the last Monday of May.

STATED SESSION MEETING is on the **fourth Sunday each month**, unless otherwise noted. *Otherwise noted:* The May meeting will be held **Sun., June 1, immediately after worship**; in the Bible Seekers classroom.

PENTECOST, the "birthday of the Church," is **Sun., June 8.** Plan now to wear something red for that worship service.

JUMP AHEAD LEARNING ACADEMY (JALA) is **now** enrolling. First day of class is **June 9.** Call 336.500.8170 for information.

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED **Mon., May 26**, for Memorial Day.

MEETS Fish Fry: **Sat., May 31, 5:30p** at the Maness home (3609 Basington Rd.). Fish, french fries, hushpuppies,

slaw, tea provided. Bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share — and a swim suit to wear in their pool, if you wish to dip yourself there. RSVP by **Thurs., May 29** (kathyefay@gmail.com). This fellowship group is adults only.

SENIORS & FRIENDS: Fellowship group meets and eats on **first Mon. of even months at 11:30a**, in the Coble House — unless otherwise noted. Next event: **Mon., June 2.** Addendum: The Fellowship Ministry team seeks 1-4 persons to plan and schedule quarterly outings for the group. Contact Kathy Fay to offer your services (kathyefay@gmail.com).

UPCOMING EVENTS: *Taps Across America* is **May 26.** MEETS meets on **May 31.** Seniors & Friends luncheon is **June 2.** Pentecost is **June 8.** Vacation Bible School is **July 6-10.** Christmas is **Dec. 25.**

POTTERS HOUSE: Since 2004, APC has fed Greensboro Urban Ministry guests on the **third Sat. of each odd month. Sat., July 19** is next date. Contact the church office to offer your assistance for the **July** meal.

FALL TRIP TO WESTERN CAROLINA with Fuller Center is **Nov. 2-8.** Contact Tommy Causey (336.706.8007) to express your interest in working on hurricane rebuilding projects there.

CHURCH NURSERY is in room #313 (top floor, Education Building). Sign up at ([Children's Ministries Volunteer](#)). Contact Dana Adams to request a background check, if not already passed. (dana@alamancechurch.org). Nursery workers are **always** needed, every single week of the year.

LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) invites women to join them **7p on the second Tues. of each month**, in the Coble House. This Presbyterian Women Circle is a small-group fellowship for women only, offering hospitality and uplifting others in the community. Sherri Frazier is contact for this group.

Questions & Answers with Kyle

This Sunday school class for adults, led by Pastor Kyle Goodman, meets **every Sunday at 9a** in the Parlor. You are welcome to join at any time.

Read the Bible in Two Years

This new Sunday school class meets in the Uffman classroom from **9-9:30a** on the **first Sunday of each month.** Bobbie Black leads. **Next class is on Sunday, June 1.**

Food Pantry
May special collection:
Canned vegetables

The APC Food Pantry serves up to 30 families a week. Your contributions of food, money, and volunteer hours make this vital mission to our local community possible. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL:
ESPECIALLY DURING SUMMER MONTHS!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sign up at https://signup.com/group/987658676044?utm_source=group-badge-volunteer-green.

Give us your clean, dry, plastic bags. Please, **no more egg cartons!** Please.

ONLINE GIVING:

Easy Tithe charges APC a monthly fee to accept online giving, *in addition* to a processing fee for each transaction. Easy Tithe recommends that donors use the ACH payment type with online donations: this significantly lowers processing fees.

To give by text: Text the word "give" to 336-396-6133. Follow prompts to set up an account and make donations. www.alamancechurch.org has instructions to sign up with Easy Tithe for online giving.

To make changes to your account, contact Dana Adams (336-697-0488 x 127, dana@alamancechurch.org)

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

Presbyterian Women Circles meet:

Red Hat: Mon., June 9, 6:30p in the Coble House.

Agapé: Tues., June 10, 11a go out and eat; **12:30p** in Uffman room for Bible study and business meeting.

L.I.F.T.: Tues., June 10, 7p in the Coble House.

The Men's Group meets at **6:30p** on the **third Tuesday of each month** (unless otherwise noted). Next meeting is on **Tues., June 17.**

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025 10 a.m.



Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Lay Reader today is Doug Clapp.

Centering Music

* Call to Worship

One O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
All: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the east and west, from the north and south.
One: Some sat in darkness and in gloom, prisoners in misery and in irons,
for they had rebelled against the words of God.
All: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress; and broke their bonds apart.
One: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.
For he shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two the bars of iron.
All: Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* Song sheet

Confession and Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Mighty Redeemer, Solid Rock, we confess the worry we hold in our hearts. We are anxious about so many things: our finances, relationships, politics, changes in our community, aging family members, and the world we are leaving to our youth. We are worried about our church. We are worried by every loss and every change. God, forgive us for our lack of faith in you. Grant us courage, that we might face life’s challenges without fear. Grant us peace by centering us on the presence of your Son. In Jesus’ name, amen.

A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of the Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

We invite everyone to share Christ’s peace with your neighbors, both now and after the service. If you are with us on-line, we invite you to send a message or make a call to share peace. If you are here in person, we invite you to greet those near you.

*** Sung Response** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* Song sheet

The Word Proclaimed

First Scripture Reading ***Acts 16:16-24***

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

Anthem *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* - arr. Tom Fetke

Children’s Message

Children from age 4-5th grade may now go to the Grace Space, at the front of the sanctuary.

Second Scripture Reading ***Acts 16:25-34***

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

Message *Non-anxious in an Anxious Generation* Dr. Kyle Goodman

Words of Reflection *Loosen* - Aly Halpert

Loosen, loosen, baby.
You don’t have to carry
the weight of the world in your muscles and bones.
Let go, let go, let go.

Holy breath, and holy name:
will you ease, will you ease this pain?

Holy breath (Loosen, loosen, baby)
and holy name (You don’t have to carry)
will you ease (the weight of the world in your muscles and bones)
will you ease this pain (Let go, let go, let go)

Thanksgiving and Offering

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer King James Version

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowéd be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you, even if they differ from your neighbor’s.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully donate to the continued life and work of our congregation. 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 Hymn** *Three Little Birds* 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.

You may kneel on the steps to the pulpit platform, should you wish to take an attitude of deeper prayer.

*** Charge and Benediction**

Closing Music

* One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

The nearest restrooms are out the sanctuary side door, through the breezeway, and into the alcove on the long wall of the Thin Place Gallery.

Citations for references used during worship are available from the ministers, upon request. The New Revised Standard Version (Updated Edition) of the Bible is used during worship, unless otherwise noted.

Lectionary Year C, Sixth Sunday of Easter, **May 25: *Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 5:1-9, 14:23-29.***

Lectionary Year C, Seventh Sunday of Easter, **June 1: *Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26.***



We are an ecumenical congregation in a Presbyterian Church, USA form. We are a **Matthew 25** Church. We are a Hunger Action Congregation. We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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