

September 11, 2022

Pennies for Hunger: October 2

**September mission:
Comfort Zone Camps**

BIG MEETING SUNDAY 2022 is today!

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Byron Anthony Wade as our guest speaker today. He is the General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Western N.C.

Stay **after worship** for a group photo on the front steps of the sanctuary. We need your faces.

Services are live-streamed **each week**, on www.alamancechurch.org.

SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING for Sep. is to Comfort Zone Camp: a three-day camp for children 7-17 who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling, friend, or primary caregiver. We want to sponsor camp for at least two children, \$1,200. Consider giving generously, to support our kids in a new way! (See insert.)

MAYOR OF ALAMANCE campaign begins **today, Sun., Sep. 11.** Insert has fundraiser details.

FIRST OPEN DOOR MEAL of 2022-23 is **Wed., Sep. 14; 5:45-6:45p.** Bring a dish to share. See insert for details.

POTTERS HOUSE MEALS: Supper at Greensboro Urban Ministry, on the **third Sat. of odd months.** Next times: **Sept. 17, Nov. 19.** Contact Darren Hadley to serve. (darren.hadley@triad.rr.com).

LOW COUNTRY BOIL fundraiser is **Sat., Sep. 24.** <https://app.easytithe.com/App/Form/c9ed69dc-72ce-45a6-a377-a6744270ad54> gets you directly to our website page to order and pay for this meal. **MUST PRE-ORDER YOUR MEAL.** See insert for details.

PASTOR JESS'S BOOK CLUB: Meets on **last Tuesdays at 7p. Sep. 27** book is **Native: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God** by Kaitlin B. Curtice. Contact Jess Rigel for more info, or to join.

KNIT, PRAY, LOVE ministry meets **Tues., Sep. 27, 7-7:30p** in the Parlor.

FEED THE FALCONS: Fri., Sep. 30. Culinary Arts Team seeks four (4) helpers to cook meal at APC, transport it to SEHS to feed the football team there.

BELOVED ANNUAL FUNDRAISER, the Rock-a-Thon, is **Sat., Oct. 1, 11a-12p** in the Pavilion. Assemble your teams now. Theme: *Heroes*.

SENIORS & FRIENDS: Meets on **even months** in the Coble House for a meal and fellowship. Next meal: **Mon., Oct. 10, 11:30a.**

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH MEAL is **Wed., Oct. 19.** Sign up to help: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/1267005862041792064/false#/invitation>

STEPSOULS EXERCISE CLASS meets **M-Th, 4:30-6p; Sat. 8:30-10a** in the Community Room under sanctuary. Details: APC website and Phyllis Monroe (phylmonroe@gmail.com).

OPEN MEETING: 12-step recovery program (AA); **7p every Thurs.**, in the Gathering Place. All are welcome to join this group.

NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE: The color for non-holiday seasons in the Church — Ordinary Time — is green. That changes to purple on **Nov. 27**, the First Sunday of Advent. "Ordinary" means "counting," not "commonplace." Ordinary Time counts the days between holy days and seasons, on the church calendar.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. Ben "Uncle Ben" Parker, by Darrell Parker.

Christian sympathy is expressed to the family and friends of Doris Walsh, who died September 6, 2022.

Praise Jesus! After almost 2 1/2 years, *Knit, Pray, Love* ministry will gather IN PERSON!!! The first gathering since Feb., 2020 is **7-7:30p on Tues., Sep. 27** in the Parlor. As is tradition, bring yourself, your crochet/knitting projects (completed or in progress); and catch up! At the end of each gathering, KPL says a blessing over their completed creations, before those travel to people in need.

KPL is so excited, and hopes to see you there! If you have any inquiries, please contact Linda Aydelette, linda.aydelette@gmail.com.

Presbyterian Women Circles meet:

Martha Brown: Wed., Sep. 21, 1p in the Coble House.

Red Hat: Check with your moderator.

Agapé: Tues., Sep. 13, 11a to go eat lunch; **12:30p** Bible study in Uffman conference room.

L.I.F.T.: Check with your moderator.

Church Staff

Dr. Kyle Goodman, Lead Pastor

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During normal business days, the church office is open **8:30a-2:30p on M-T-Th-F;** **8:30a-12:30p on Wednesday**

HOOPSTER ALERT:

Pleasant Garden's Youth Basketball League is re-forming, post-COVID.

Check their website, www.pgbball.com,

for instant updates about how and when to sign up to play —

or contact Steve Starr or Gerald Coble (336.209.6426) for more information.



Food Pantry

NO MORE egg cartons — for now!

Special collection for September: Cereal, oatmeal

A large RED bin behind Brown Fellowship Hall is for shelf-stable food donations. A tall golden box in the Gathering Room is for shelf-stable food and clean, dry, plastic grocery bags. (We use these to distribute food to our guests.) **Contact the Food Pantry to donate fresh produce or meat.**

VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL: Food Pantry Team **needs** you. **Go here to sign up:** <https://signup.com/go/FLfKFNp>

Team needs: unpackers, shelvers, phone answerers, grocery cart fillers, takers of info from clients in their cars, putters-in-cars of each client's groceries, fetchers of weekly donations from Food Lion.

ONLINE GIVING:

www.alamancechurch.org has instructions to sign up with Easy Tithe for online giving.

To give by Text: text the word "give" to **336-396-6133.** Follow the prompts to set up an account and make donations.

It is physically impossible for our regular church phone numbers to accept text messages.

Need to make changes to your account? Contact Dana Adams: 336.697.0488 x 127, dana@alamancechurch.org.



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

Big Meeting Sunday

September 11, 2022 10 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Gathering

Welcome and announcements

Centering Music

Take My Life and Let It Be

- arr. Rebecca Oden

***Call to Worship**

One Voice: We gather on this hill,
where the Spirit has long led hearts to revival.

**All Voices: We still gather on this hill,
where the Spirit is up to something new.**

One: We come together from near and far.

All: We come together with friends new and old.

One: We carry on traditions, remembering where we have been.

All: We carry on, knowing God is not finished with us yet.

One: As we gather together on this hill,
may our light shine brightly before others.

**All: As we gather again as the Body of Christ,
may our worship declare God's praise.**

***Opening Hymn**

Here I Am, Lord

Song sheet

Confession & Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, sometimes we forget how amazing you are. You are bigger than infinity, more all-knowing than Google, and more powerful than we could possibly comprehend. Forgive us when we try to fit you into molds of our own devising. Forgive us for ever thinking we know your mind, or pretending that our own will is yours. Give us openness, humility, and courage: the tools we need for change. Show us, God, what it means to live your way — the path that leads to life. Amen.

A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

We will not pass the peace during our worship service today.
Children from age 4-5th grade are invited to go to the Grace Space
as we sing *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*.

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

The Word

First Scripture Reading *Isaiah 44:1-8*

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

Anthem *This Is the Day* - Dan Forrest

Second Scripture Reading *Matthew 9:35-38*

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

Message *Don't Be a Scaredy Cat!*
Rev. Dr. Byron Anthony Wade

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* Song sheet

Communion Prayer

Thanksgiving & 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 your words differ from your neighbor's.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully make a donation to contribute to the continued life and work of our congregation. Please consider mailing contributions directly to the church, or using our online giving platform, available at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-giving>.

Offertory *Beach Spring* - arr. Rebecca Oden

*** Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Song sheet

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, you heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending

*** Sending Hymn** *I'm Gonna Live So* Song sheet

* Charge and Benediction

At the conclusion of worship, we ask everyone to make your way to the front steps of the church, for our all-church photograph.

After the photo, we encourage you to pass the peace,
and greet one another, on the lawn.

Closing Music

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

After worship, the minister stands at the side door, the closest exit for those with special needs.

Citations for references used during worship are available upon request, from the ministers.

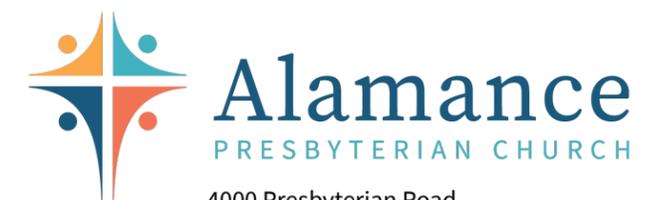
The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible is used during worship, *unless otherwise noted*.

A lectionary is a selection of Bible readings to be used for worship and study.

This congregation uses the Revised Common Lectionary, which follows the liturgical year in a three-year cycle. Its scriptural recommendations complement the current season of the liturgical year.

Lectionary Year C for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, **September 11:**
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; Psalm 51:1-10; Exodus 32:7-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10.

Lectionary Year C for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, **September 18:**
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9, Psalm 113; Amos 8:1-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13.



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We are a **Matthew 25** Church.

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

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