

July 19, 2026

Pennies for Hunger: August 2

Special Missions Offering for July: Funding School Supplies

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

WE WELCOME AMY AUSTIN from Campus Life to worship today.

COVERED-DISH MEAL TO START THE WORK WEEK : **6p today, Sun., July 19**. Meet in Brown Fellowship Hall for a short supper and a time of worship as we reimagine how to use now-empty spaces in the church — and plan how best to make that vision possible.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Deadline for the **August, 2026** issue of *The Relay* is **Fri., July 24**.

MUSIC BINGO AT THE SE SWIM CLUB: **Fri., July 24, 7-9p** at 4301 SE School Rd. Kyle Goodman and Andrew Long host. Open to the community — admission for non-members is \$5. Trivia Night follows, on **Sat., Aug. 22**.

MEETS meets at Red Oak Brewery 6901 Konica Dr., Whitsett) at **5p on Sat., July 25**. No outside food allowed. On **Sat., Aug. 22**, MEETS meets **7-9p** at SESC for Trivia Night (\$5 entry fee for nonmembers). This adults-only fellowship group invites you to join them — if you are at least 21 years old. Let Kathy Fay know you plan to attend.

APC POOL PARTY at the SE Swim Club is at **8p on Sat., Aug. 8**. This event is for the APC family, though children are welcome to invite their friends. Let Joy Thomas know you plan to attend, so that she can hire enough lifeguards to keep everyone safe that night (joy@alamancechurch.org).

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS is during worship on **Sun., Aug. 23**. First day back to school is **Mon., Aug. 24!**

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

Otherwise noted: Next meeting is on **Sun., Aug. 23**.

SENIORS & FRIENDS: Fellowship group meets and eats on **first Mon. of even months** at **11:30a**, in the Coble House — unless otherwise noted. **Otherwise noted**: Next meal is **Mon., Aug. 24**.

GOLF TOURNAMENT is **Sat., Sep. 10**.

TOUCH A TRUCK: The Fellowship Team invites any and all to a free event from **10a-1p on Sat., Sep. 19**. Come to the parking lots and explore some fascinating vehicles — not the least of which will be a fire truck.

POTTERS HOUSE: Since 2004, APC has fed Greensboro Urban Ministry guests on the **third Sat. of each odd month. Sat., Sep. 19** is next date. Contact Dave Purvis to help (336-362-0584).

A LOG COLLEGE AT ALAMANCE event, *APC Voices of the Past: A Living History Cemetery Walk!* will be held on **Sat., Sept. 26**.

MISSIONS POSSIBLE: *A Black & White Affair* is **6p, Sat., Oct. 3** at the Moose Lodge. Multitudinous details are sure to follow, as the date draws nearer.

FULLER CENTER MISSION TRIP TO WESTERN NC is **Nov. 8-14**. Stay in Montreat; work in Black Mountain/Swannanoa area. Register on-line at fullercenter.org/disaster-rebuilder. Questions or problems? Contact Tommy Causey (336-706-8007).

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 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.clapp1970@alumni.unc.edu).

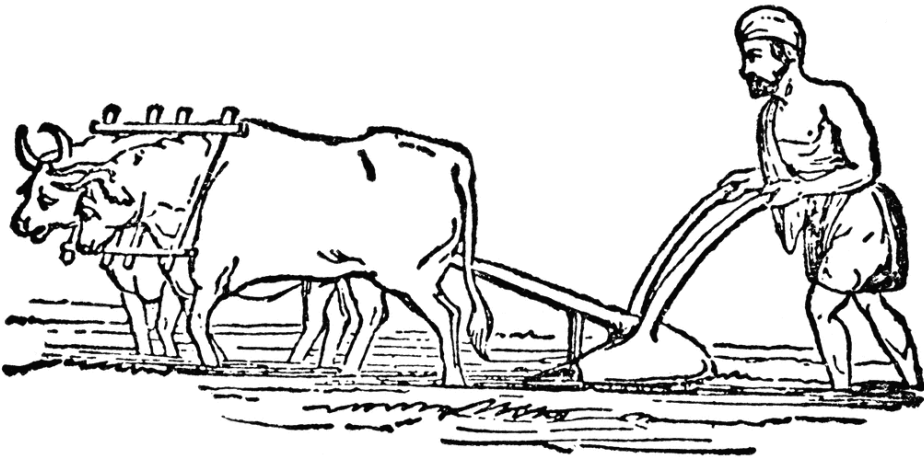
<u>SENIORS & FRIENDS</u>: Fellowship group meets and eats on first Mon. of even months at 11:30a, in the Coble House — unless otherwise noted. Otherwise noted: Next meal is Mon., Aug. 24.	Food Pantry July special collection: Crackers The APC Food Pantry serves up to 30 families each week, all year long. Your donations make this vital local mission possible. VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL. Sign up at https://signup.com/group/987658676044?utm_source=group-badge-volunteer-green. Do, please, continue to donate clean, dry, plastic grocery bags.
No one from the church will EVER email, phone, or message you to send gift cards. This form of request is a scam. Do not respond to these sorts of requests.	Presbyterian Women Circles meet: Red Hat: Mon., Aug. 10, 6:30p in the Coble House. Agapé: Tues., Aug. 11; 11a to go eat, 12p in Uffman room for Bible study. L.I.F.T.: Tues., Aug. 11, 7p in the Coble House.
<u>OPEN MEETING</u>: 12-step recovery program (AA) meets 7p every Thursday in the Gathering Place. All are welcome.	<i>Read the Bible in Two Years</i> 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: August 2.
<u>MEN'S GROUP</u> meets on the third Tuesday of each month, at the home of Kirby Ward, unless otherwise noted. Next meeting is Tues., July 21.	<u>ONLINE GIVING</u>: 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. 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)
336-697-0488 Office hours: 8:30a-2:30p M-T-Th-F, 8:30a-12:30p on Wednesday Church Staff Dr. Kyle Goodman, Lead Pastor kyle@alamancechurch.org Andrew Long, Audiovisual Technician andrew@alamancechurch.org Joy Thomas, Dir., Children's Ministries joy@alamancechurch.org Katie Long, Director of Music katie@alamancechurch.org Jacob Dishman, Pianist Dana Adams, Finance and Administration Coordinator dana@alamancechurch.org Lynn Barnes, Administrative Asst. lynn@alamancechurch.org	



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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2026 10 a.m.



Gathering

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements Lay Reader today is Jared Gill.

Centering Music

* Call to Worship

One: Come, all who are growing, unfinished, imperfect, still full of hope.

All: We come to worship the one in whom our lives are rooted and grounded.

One: Bring your faith and your doubts. Bring your generosity and your regrets. Bring your joys and your wounds.

All: We come to worship the one who has planted grace within us.

One: Come prepared to change, to flourish, to grow together into the kingdom God has imagined and sown.

All: We come to worship the God who will tend and prune.

One: Come, let us praise God together.

All: Let us worship God.

* Opening Hymn

Great God of Every Blessing

Song sheet

Confession and Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, too often we divide the world into the good and the bad, the faithful and the faithless, the worthy and the worthless. We judge our neighbors too quickly. We judge ourselves too harshly. We forget that each of us carries both generosity and selfishness, courage and fear, faithfulness and failure. Forgive us when we pull up what you are still growing. Teach us patience with one another. Teach us to be kinder to ourselves. Nurture within us the good seed you have planted, until your love and care bears fruit in our lives. 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 Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

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

Anthem We Plow the Fields - Matthias Claudias

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 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

Message Worrying over Weeds Rev. Dr. Kyle Goodman

Words of Reflection from Commentary on Romans - Martin Luther

“The saints in being righteous are at the same time sinners; they are righteous because they believe in Christ whose righteousness covers them and is imputed to them, but they are sinners because they do not fulfill the law and are not without sinful desires. They are like sick people in the care of a physician: they are really sick, but healthy only in the hope and insofar as they begin to be better, healed, i.e., they will become healthy. Nothing can harm them so much as the presumption that they are in fact healthy, for it will cause a bad relapse.”

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, Song sheet
from Whom All Blessings Flow

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending

* Sending Hymn Hymn of Promise 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.

* 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 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, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 19:
Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 86:11-17; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Isaiah 44:6-8; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.

Lectionary Year A, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 26: Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Psalm 119:129-136; Psalm 128; 1 Kings 3:5-12; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52.



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