



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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Montreat Youth Conference 2026

Nine APC youth and three adults enjoyed fellowship at Montreat Conference Center, the last week of July.



Our Kids ROCK Ministry Needs Your Help

For several years, the Kids Reaching Out to Christ's Kingdom ministry has been blessed by the faithful service of four dedicated volunteers who have poured their time, energy, and love into the lives of our children. Sadly, we recently lost our dear, sweet Mrs. Kathy. Soon we will also say goodbye to Harrison and Jenny, as they begin their new life together and move an hour-and-a-half away.

While we are excited for Jenny and Harrison and grateful for the years they have served, the reality is that our ministry cannot continue without additional volunteers.

I currently seek two caring adults to help serve our 2nd–5th grade children. You don't need to be a Bible expert or a teacher. You simply need a willing heart, and a desire to help children know that they are loved by God and by their church family.

Every time a child is baptized or confirmed in our congregation, we make a promise. We pledge to support, guide, and nurture them in their faith as members of Christ's Church. That promise belongs to all of us.

**Today, I am asking:
Can you help us keep that promise?**

Serving in Kids ROCK is an opportunity to build relationships, share God's love, and make a lasting impact on the faith journey of our children. Whether you can help weekly, occasionally, or in another supportive role, I would love to talk with you about that.

Please prayerfully consider whether God may be calling you to serve in this important ministry. Our children need faithful adults who will walk alongside them as they grow in faith.

Thank you for helping us nurture the next generation of disciples.

Joy Thomas,

Director of Children's Ministries

joy@alamancechurch.org



The church nursery is on the top floor of the Education Building. Sign up to help at Children's Ministries Volunteer — also accessible from the home page of www.alamancechurch.org. Look for the SignUp button.

Please contact Financial Coordinator Dana Adams for a background check: **you MUST have one** to work with children. (dana@alamancechurch.org). The background check is at no charge to you.

August Birthdays

- 2 Cameron Brooks
- 6 Susan Hodgins, Fields Oliver
- 8 Phyllis Gibbs
- 10 Nancy Durham, Barbara Reece
- 13 Hank Gill, Susan Marsh
- 14 Herman Dixon
- 15 Christin Fields
- 16 Milo Roseman, Dana Smith, Sawyer Ward
- 17 Jackie Fogleman, Sarah Holland
- 18 Thomas Pulliam
- 19 Chuck Jensen
- 21 Phyllis Monroe
- 22 Mary Ellen Shores
- 24 Jonah Brown, Mayla Ward
- 25 Vicki Sharpe
- 26 Ally Hobbs, Michelle Roys
- 27 Megan Gill, Barbara Tew
- 29 Patty Church, David Padgett
- 31 Grayson Gerringer, Janet Hartsell



September Birthdays

- 1 Dara Reece
- 2 Sandy Ford, Tami Holland
- 3 Matthew Gill, Willie Goncharow
- 5 Cathy Wray
- 6 Ron Medder
- 7 Gwen Coble, Laurie Fields, Glenda Goncharow
- 8 Sam Nelson, Cheryl Rigel
- 13 Carson Burgess, John Sullivan, Terri Busby
- 14 Gary Trull
- 16 Tom Black, Charlie Linnens
- 18 Beth Gentry, Catherine Holt, Amy Yow
- 20 Dana Adams
- 21 Jeanie Wyrick
- 24 Linda Causey, Mary Lou McAdams
- 26 Lisa Winslow
- 29 Chloe Mendenhall
- 30 Jerry Hartsell

Why Candles?

We light a candle in the sanctuary:

- As a way to remember God's presence with us
- To signal God's presence in our midst
- To signal God's reality in our midst
- To acknowledge that Christ is the light at the center of our community
- To recall the Light that illumines our minds when we listen to Scripture with hearts open to the Holy Spirit
- To offer a "prayer of illumination"
- To invite the Holy Spirit to illumine the mind and heart of each person
- To represent Christ in our midst, radiating from that center into all the room
- To represent our lives in Christ, shining with grace
- To represent Christ in our midst, who leads us from our current understanding and practice to more complete insight and communion in prayer
- To represent the inner light of grace that enables us to "see God"
- To acknowledge the true spiritual presence of Christ in our midst, who illumines and enlivens our sense of call throughout our lives
- To celebrate the presence of Christ, the Living Vine into whom we are grafted by our baptism
- To acknowledge that, as we abide in Christ, we have light to share
- To celebrate the presence of Christ our Lord, whose spirit is fertile in love and who wants to bestow his fruitfulness upon us
- To recall the illumination of mind and heart that comes when God reveals the gifts that the Holy Spirit gives to each believer for building up the body of Christ
- To proclaim and celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit, who bestows God's gifts on all believers

- Anonymous

Food Pantry Special Collections

The APC Food Pantry asks for specific food items each month:

- **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
- **June:** Macaroni-and-cheese
- **July:** Crackers

Deposit food in the big box in the Gathering Place, or contact Amy Yow directly to arrange a transfer directly to storage (336.706.3550).

Clean, dry, plastic grocery bags can also be deposited in that big box in the Gathering Place.

The Food Pantry can serve up to 30 families a week, when there is enough food on the shelves. Donations of fresh garden produce can be stored in its refrigerators: contact Amy Yow for instructions about how to donate.

Volunteers to help pack grocery carts are always appreciated. Volunteers to help put canned goods on shelves are always appreciated. Volunteers to pick up food purchased from Second Harvest Food Bank are always appreciated. Sign up at https://signup.com/group/987658676044?utm_source=group-badge-volunteer-green.

Your donations make this vital local mission possible. Thank you.

Touch-a-Truck

The Fellowship Ministry Team hosts **Touch-a-Truck** from **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** on **Saturday, September 19!**

Touch-a-Truck is a family-friendly community event where children (and adults) can get up close to examine large vehicles and equipment — even the APC bus! Doyle the Gargoyle, mascot of the Greensboro Gargoyles, will make a special appearance.



Doyle the Gargoyle
will be there!

This exciting, **free** event will be held on **September 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in the parking lot next to the Coble House.

More information about food, music and yard games will be available closer to the date of the event. Put this on your calendar, and spread the word abroad!

This is a great way to invite the wider community to enjoy the event and experience the warmth and friendliness of APC members; and to learn about upcoming fellowship events.

We ask for many volunteers to make this community event a success. Tasks include traffic control/parking, garbage collection, setting up tables, assisting in accessing bathrooms, and much more.

Think about where you would best fit as a volunteer, then reach out to Holly Causey Daas or Cathy Wray.

Fellowship Team Mission Statement: To create opportunities both within and beyond the church setting for folks to engage with one another in events that promote fun, friendship, welcome and Christian love.

Save the Dates!

You are cordially invited to join APC at any or all of these occasions:

- Trivia at SESC: **Aug. 22, 7-9 p.m.** (\$5 for swim club non-members)
- Touch a Truck: **Sep. 19, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.** (FREE)
- Living History Cemetery Walk: **Sep. 26** (FREE)
- Trunk or Treat: **Oct. 25, 4:30 p.m.** (FREE)
- Thanksgiving Covered-dish Luncheon: **Nov. 22, 12 p.m.** (FREE)
- Cookies with Santa: **Dec. 5, 2-4 p.m.** (FREE)

Big Meeting Is coming!

Big Meeting, an annual revival meeting, was first held on the grounds of Alamance Presbyterian Church in 1801. It was part of the Second Great Awakening, a major Protestant religious revival in the United States that lasted from roughly 1790 to 1840. The Second Great Awakening featured emotional camp meetings, and a focus on free will and personal salvation.

Big Meeting was originally a two-week revival that drew up to 10,000 people from across North Carolina and Virginia. Except for interruptions like the Civil War, the tradition has been kept alive more than 225 years.

The long and storied history of Alamance Presbyterian Church is a major component of Big Meeting. We continue to honor that history, even as we fill Big Meeting with activities to draw a new crowd to our campus. It has always been the mission of Jesus' church to go out into the world and spread the good news — news too good to keep to ourselves.

Events traditionally associated with Big Meeting, and some new events, are spread out over the entire month of September. See other pages in this newsletter for information about the Kirby Ward Missions Golf Tournament, Touch a Truck, Living History Cemetery Walk, and a Red Cross blood drive.

The Big Meeting speaker, at worship on **Sunday, September 27**, is the Rev. Joel Long, erstwhile Interim Pastor here in 2015-16. After worship, a true covered-dish luncheon will be enjoyed in Brown Fellowship Hall. Bring your best, to share.



Joel & Ann Long

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Renovate to Innovate

A few weeks ago, a motley group of novice painters, armchair electricians, unpaid plumbers, savory-sandwich makers, and furniture movers willing to risk back pain gathered in what we once called the Music Room under the sanctuary.

To honor the old use of that space, we sang *The Church's One Foundation* and *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*. We laid out a vision, made some plans together, and commissioned ourselves for a weeklong "mission trip at home."

Somewhat ironically, volunteers did most of the work in a different space, over the next five days. Professional painters showed up on Tuesday to spray the basement. Because of some moisture issues that need to be addressed with long-term solutions, we made the wise decision to leave *that* task to the experts.

Instead, we painted and cleaned several spaces on the Education building's upper hallway, including the nursery and middle school youth room. We tended to maintenance concerns all around our building, including those which arose after our first heavy rainfall in many months.

There is much more work to come! New floors, new fixtures and furniture, and new technology will accompany new ideas and new missions happening in the sanctuary basement and in the Education building classrooms. This summer, we are renovating to innovate.

As part of the Log College Educational Initiative, we are creating spaces for learning and meeting, for our church to invest in. We are making brighter, healthier spaces to invite our community to events like Vacation Bible School, Cookies with Santa, exercise classes — and ideas we are just beginning to dream up.

We are making space for more children and youth, because we are committed to bringing them to our church. We are renovating because that is the right investment in our church, for the right moment.

Our community is (begrudgingly) about to grow, in ways we cannot imagine. We are praying, and looking for the Holy Spirit to lead us to grow deep and wide, in ways are just beginning to dream of.

And this effort is just one of many! The new daycare renter is growing, in a space renovated last year. Volunteers of America is talking to surveyors and architects; and making contacts in the city, to lay the groundwork for a senior living community.

We have renters in both the Yellow House and the Brick House. Because of this rental income, because of savings from a vacant full-time staff position, because of your generous stewardship, and — quite frankly, — because of your hard, hard work, we are "in the black" for July. (We were budgeted to be \$88,000 "in the red" by this point in the year.)

We never know what tomorrow holds; and, with our aging property, we never know what will need repairing next. I hope when you read this article you will join me in giving thanks for what God has provided, and for what God is up to, in our midst.

I'll share one final thought: It does no good to *invent* if we don't *invite*. It does no good to *plan* if we don't *commit*. It's all for nothing if we put on a fresh coat of paint and keep doing things the same old way. We've made new spaces for the Holy Spirit to work. It's entirely up to us to invite people to "come and see." So, help us welcome. Invite your friends and neighbors, both old and new, to see what God is up to at APC.

In Christ's Love and Light,

Kyle

Welcome Back, Dylan Llewellyn!



Back by popular demand, Dylan rejoins our staff for the fall semester! You probably remember that Dylan is a seminary student at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. He's a part of Dubuque's online program.

One of Dylan's educational requirements is a supervised ministry internship in a local church. At the advice of the Personnel Team, your Session voted to offer Dylan the opportunity to fulfill that requirement at APC this fall.

Dylan will be with us 10-12 hours a week for about 14 weeks, beginning the day after Labor Day. He will be with us most, but not every, Sunday. Expect him to preach about four times through the fall season.

Dylan will also make pastoral care visits; and sit in on as many ministry opportunities as possible.

He will certainly help out with Kids ROCK and Youth Group on Sunday nights, (including both teaching and leading activities), but he is *not* stepping into the role of youth minister. Kyle and our great group of volunteers will continue to guide the youth program.

Dylan is so excited to be with us! He raved about the three weeks he spent with us this summer, and he cannot wait to dive into all that we do at APC.

I would encourage you to remember that he is a student. Value his pastoral

ministry among us, yet always keep in mind that he is learning how to do that, in real time. We are at our best when we take an extra minute to explain things he might not understand, when we answer the questions he may ask, and when we show him our patented APC warm welcome; with a generous helping of patience and grace.

Dylan's supervised ministry internship will end in 2026. Any further work among us with be determined at a much later time. Let's just plan on making the most of this fall season!

Dumpster Vigilance

Friends, you are probably aware that the church has two dumpsters on the property, behind Ben Brown Hall near the Picnic Pavilion. One is for recycling and one is for trash.

You may be aware that the blue recycling dumpster is **only** for paper and cardboard. There is a sign to that effect on the dumpster, but that sign can easily be overlooked.

What goes into that recycling dumpster has some real consequence. Last month, we were fined \$55 for a plastic bag that was left in that dumpster. A plastic bag!

Plastic bags are not supposed to be included in your recycling bins at home either, but that transgression typically does not come with a fine.

Worse, this is an escalating fine. The last time it happened, the bill was not this high. It will be higher the next time it happens, and higher still for each incident after that.

Recycling is an important ministry of our church. It's a very simple way to care for the earth. We are glad to pay the monthly bill for it. Recycling is good stewardship.

Paying fines is not good stewardship. If the fines continue to

escalate, we may not be able to afford this dumpster.

Please be mindful of what you put into both dumpsters. Please do not take advantage of our dumpsters for personal use, without checking first with the church office. (We are also fined if we fill the blue recycling dumpster beyond its capacity.)

Finally, remember that we recycle Styrofoam and cardboard in our lower parking lot. When possible, place these items in that trailer, instead. This ministry raises funds for Tiny Houses of Greensboro.

Our recycling choices can either raise money for ministry, or cost us someone's pledge. Please help us all by being thoughtful and careful in your stewardship of these things. Thank you!



Please Shut the Door!

Guilford County Fire Marshal mandates that **all rooms not actively in use have closed doors**. This means every door, in all three buildings of our campus. Feel free to prop open any door while you or your group use a room, for convenience of movement in and out of the room.

When you leave the building after using a room, **turn off the lights and shut the door**. Make certain that the latch has caught, so that the door is securely closed.

The purpose? Closing doors impedes the progress of fire from room to room — and keeps cool air inside in summer, and warm air inside in winter.



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.

APC Stephen Ministry Leader Melinda White can answer your questions (mmillerw@gmail.com).

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**. Remaining 2026 dates: **September 19**, and **November 21**.

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 Dave Purvis know that you want to help at Potter's House.

Missions Update:

Submitted by Jesse & Erin,
Samuel, Amos, and Solomon
Atkinson:

Wycliffe Translators,
Oaxaca (wah-HAH-kah), Mexico
Serving the Zapotec people
of San Dionisio

“IT’S BEAUTIFUL.”

Together with the *jovenes* (youth and unmarried young adults) of the church, we have been hard at work preparing to host VBS in Zapotec in two weeks’ time! The theme is “People of Faith” and we will highlight a different person who had faith in the Bible each day: Moses’s mother, Rahab, Israel during the siege of Jericho, Peter walking on the water; and finally a brief summary of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus on day five.

Preparations started with exegesis of the five passages that we’re using, followed by drafting the passages together with the *jovenes* using an oral translation method. Back-translation and a few community checks followed, plus some revising. Now the *jovenes* are hard at work memorizing the oral stories; plus preparing a craft, a game, and other activities for each day. (When we get to full-time scripture translation, there will be many more rounds to checks and revising before publication; but because these are intended as oral stories, we simplified the process.)

Other church members will help provide a snack each day, and we hope to also teach the kids a praise song in Zapotec that Jesse composed. It’s going to be a busy week!

One day we were checking a few of the texts with Rufina, one of our Zapotec tutors, and her husband.

They seemed very surprised at how easy the stories were to understand — they are so used to trying to

muddle through archaic Spain-style Spanish that is difficult to understand! Their smiles grew as we went along. We kept asking if they had any feedback, and they kept responding that it was clear and easy to understand!

Finally, we got to the summary of Jesus’ life and resurrection. **As Rufina listened, tears filled her eyes. As the recording finished, she said, “It’s beautiful!”** Amen, sister!

Would you please pray for this VBS? We have so many hopes and aspirations, but want to rest in God’s control and purposes for this event.

Please pray for:

- The many **local children whom we hope will attend, and who have never heard the Gospel in their language.**
- The *jovenes* as they take on a lot of **responsibility and prepare for a lot of public speaking** in their language, which is daunting to many of them.
- **The church, to see via this VBS that a) oral Scripture translation is very feasible (it’s rather intimidating to them) and b) the power of the Gospel in their own language.**
- Jesse and me (Erin) to have wisdom in **knowing how best to support and encourage the VBS team.** We want to play a support role and empower them, rather than being in charge!

**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

To give online: wycliffe.org/partner/JEAtkinson

To give by mail: Make checks payable to Wycliffe Bible

Translators. Include a separate note saying, “Preference for the Wycliffe ministry of Jesse & Erin Atkinson, account #398700.” Send to Wycliffe Bible Translators, P.O. Box 628200, Orlando, FL 23862.

Wycliffe
Bible Translators

A whole host of volunteers joined in for the July 20-24 *Week of Work*, which we're calling a "local mission."

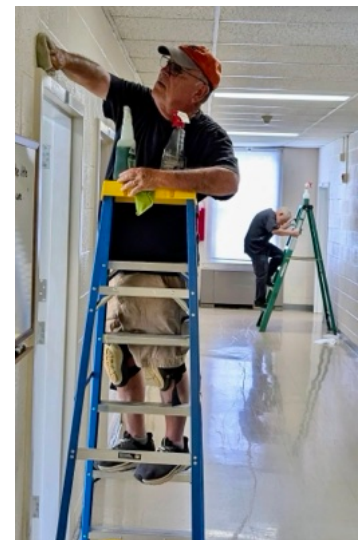
Just as in the many past mission trips at which Alamance members worked to repair and rebuild structures for others, the Week of Work benefited many spaces in our *own* church buildings. Their efforts are appreciated, and will not go either unsung or unseen. Thanks, y'all.

Clint Aydelette
Linda Aydelette
Tom Black
Becky Brinkley
Tommy Causey
Dianne Clapp
Doug Clapp
Chris Fay
Kathy Fay
Frank Forbis
Debbie Gill
Hank Gill
Jared Gill
Matthew Gill
Megan Gill
Willie Goncharow
Lou Gonzalez
Kyle Goodman
Jackie Haines
Wayne Henderson
David Hensley
Gay Hensley
Bill Hodgins
Randy Maness
Dave Purvis
Richard Sharpe
Vicki Sharpe
Billy Starr
Judy Uniatowski
Laverne Vance
Kirby Ward
Kitty Wells
Roger Wood
Cathy Wray
David Wray



These tasks were accomplished:

- Cleaned, prepped, and painted classrooms
- Replaced window blinds
- Repaired window trim in the Uffman Room
- Repaired plumbing
- Removed water fountains
- Installed parking signs
- Washed the Education Building hallway
- Replaced a door closer
- Painted furniture items
- Installed ceiling fans
- Moved furniture
- Dealt with leaks from a heavy rain
- Enjoyed homemade lunch and fellowship daily (this was not a difficult task for the volunteers)



After Hurricane Helene came ashore in Florida on September 26, 2024, it raced through western North Carolina; dumping torrential rainfall, resulting in devastating flooding and mudslides.

This church immediately sent help to areas affected by the storm. APC has continued to support rebuilding efforts, working with the Fuller Center.

Tommy Causey invites you to join a work crew in a Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders mission trip to western North Carolina, **November 8-14**. You'll stay in Montreat, to work in the Black Mountain and Swannanoa area.

Register on-line at fullercenter.org/disaster-rebuilder. Questions about the trip, or problems registering to serve? Contact Tommy Causey (336-706-8007).



Help Wanted

Special Missions Offering in August is for the Diaper Bank of North Carolina

Distributing dignity across North Carolina: providing essential products to help families thrive at all stages of life.

<https://www.ncdiaperbank.org>

Our vision: Every family in North Carolina will have access to basic necessities to support their dignity, health, and quality of life.

Most of us don't spend much time thinking about diapers. But if you are a parent, grandparent, or caregiver without enough diapers, that lack can become a major source of stress, guilt, and desperation.

Public safety nets such as the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps) **do not cover** the purchase of diapers. This often leaves families with the difficult decision between buying diapers or other necessities, with their limited funds.

For families in need, something as simple and small as a diaper can have a significant impact.

Donations from individuals power the work of the Diaper Bank of North Carolina. Every dollar helps vulnerable families.

DBNC's relationships with wholesalers and corporate donors make **your** donated dollars go further. For each diaper **you** buy at a store, DBNC can purchase **three**, through a wholesaler.

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1 in 2 families experience diaper need

0%

of safety-net programs like WIC and SNAP provide diaper assistance

89 cents

of every dollar raised goes directly to covering bottoms

76%

of families that receive diapers through DBNC are working 1-3 jobs.

9 out of 10

military families worry about how to afford diapers

7 out of 10

military families feel they do not always have enough diapers to change their child's diaper as often as they would like

7 out of 10

military families report having to make a choice in the past year between buying diapers or spending money on needs like food, clothing, rent, or utility bills.



DIAPER BANK
of North Carolina

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APC Voices of the Past: A Living History Cemetery Walk!

will be held **Saturday, September 26.**

Come watch your friends and neighbors play the parts of a few dearly departed souls, in the cemetery.

Stay tuned for details about tour times and how to sign up for this *Log College at Alamance* event.



The Rev. David Caldwell will be portrayed by current Lead Pastor Kyle Goodman — and Jared Gill will play the part of David Caldwell as a young man.

Other roles include Maggie McBride, the Rev. W.S. Milne, Col. John Paisley, Col. Arthur Forbis, Col. Edison Weatherly, the Rev. Eli Caruthers, the Rev. J.M. Millard, and Lula Belle Nelson.

Plan to wear good walking shoes that Saturday: the Alamance Presbyterian Church cemetery covers almost nine acres. Rest stops and pauses to imbibe water are included in the schedule for the tours. Pray for good weather.

Pool Party!

The APC pool party at the Southeast Swim Club (4301 Southeast School Road) is **8 p.m.-10 p.m.** on **Saturday, August 8.**

This event is for the whole APC family — children are welcome to invite their friends.

Let Director of Children's Ministries 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

Bring your children's school backpacks to be blessed **during worship on Sunday, August 23!**

The first day of the traditional school calendar for Guilford County public schools is **Monday, August 24, 2026.**

We Welcome All

Biking in Greensboro's annual Apple Pie Bike Rally was held on **Saturday, July 4.**

As a little welcoming gift from APC, the Congregational Care & Outreach Team offered great little reusable water bottles, adorned with an APC sticker, to BIG participants.

We also offered them access to our restrooms, and to a cool spot to eat their lunches.

Special thanks goes to Geoff Staggs for the assist!



Knit, Pray, Love Ministry in the News

During July, APC's own KPL team and their good works were prominently featured in local media!

WFMY News 2's reporter Amber Lake featured Knit, Pray, Love's patriotic baby hats and the photo posted on the KPL Facebook page (if you aren't following us, do it now!).

What a surprise to have that news bite pop up! I reached out to Amber to thank her, and to offer a couple of special hats for her baby (a boy, due in August). She was thrilled and touched! I shipped two hats the next day — and then she featured *those* little creations as well.



That same week, Cone Women's and Children's Facebook page posted a video originally filmed in May for Strawberry Month. It was a health reminder to pregnant women about the importance of folic acid in their diets. Strawberries are an excellent source of folic acid.

During the video, I talked about this church's knitting ministry of over two decades — and the fact that we have delivered almost 4,000 baby hats since October, 2020. What a blessing this has been for those babies, their parents and our creative team of ladies!

Thank you, congregation, for always supporting us with your love and prayers; and, most importantly, praying for those sweet little humans arriving every day!

- submitted by Linda Aydelette



Next time to donate a pint of your precious life-fluid is **Friday, September 25, 1:30-6 p.m.**, at the Red Cross Blood drive in Brown Fellowship Hall.

Blood donations often drop during the summer, but patient needs don't. The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage. Your donation brings relief when it matters most. Your donation is needed now to help save lives.

Please consider signing up to donate blood on this **September 25!**



Annual Kirby Ward Missions Golf Tournament

Please circle sponsor or player participation level below

Registration Deadline Friday September 4th

***Fees include mulligans and door prize registrations**

Gold Sponsor \$560

Tee Box Signage, 4 Participants, Program Recognition

Silver Sponsor \$330

Tee Box Signage, 2 Participants, Program Recognition

Bronze Sponsor \$100

(Business partner/Honorarium/Memorial)

Name of Sponsor: _____

Tee Box Signage, No Participants

Individual Player \$115

Team Captain _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Golfer #1 _____ Handicap _____

Golfer #2 _____ Handicap _____

Golfer #3 _____ Handicap _____

Golfer #4 _____ Handicap _____

***EMAIL COMPLETED FORMS TO DARRENHADLEY23@GMAIL.COM**

DATE RECEIVED _____ REMITTANCE: CASH _____ CHECK # _____

CREDIT CARD VIA APC _____

Proceeds benefit

Alamance Presbyterian Church Food Pantry

Impacting 120 families each month

Thursday September 10, 2026

1:00 PM Shotgun Start

Forest Oaks Country Club

Captain's Choice

Door Prizes

Lunch Provided

**Sponsorship, Team, & Individual Player
Opportunities Available**

This year's Vacation Bible School theme was Snowball Mountain Challenge.

Director of Children's Ministries, Joy Thomas, is grateful to each and every one of the people who made VBS 2026 a rousing success. Here's a list of who did what:

Opening/Closing Ceremony

Joy Thomas

Youth Helpers:

Jonah Brown
Jared Gill
Reagan Goncharow
Maelyn Goodman
Carena Gamboa Mims
Grant Smith
Lucy Strickland
Jillian White
Kylie Wical
Tanner Wical

Registration

Debbie Gill
Cindy Morris

Kitchen Crew

Clint Aydelette
Pam Dixon
Frankie Forbis
Jon Garrett
Hank Gill
Matthew Gill
Toby Jobe
Kenn Monroe
Melinda White

Photography

Linda Aydelette

Audiovisual Team

Dylan Lewellyn
Andrew Long
Milo Roseman

Crafts

Angie Forbis
Lou Gonzalez
Shannon Haynes
Kathy Medder
Phyl Monroe
Cindy Morris

Bible Story

David Hensley
Gay Hensley

Recreation

Chris Rojas
Keri Rojas
Danny Thomas
Youth helpers

Science

Becky Brinkley
Terri Busby
Naomi Church
Michelle Goodman
John Roseman

Mission

Dianne Clapp
Doug Clapp

Puppet

Jonah Brown

Prep/Decorations

Linda Aydelette
Alanna Brown
Janna Brown
Jonah Brown
Angie Forbis
Frankie Forbis
Lou Gonzalez
David Hensley
Gay Hensley
Jane Preston
Cheryl Rigel
Keri Rojas

Floaters (to help where needed)

Youth helpers

Youth Helpers

Alanna Brown (guide)
Jonah Brown (puppet/guide)
Birdie Church (guide)
Nora Church (guide)
Jared Gill (dancer/guide)
Matthew Gill (kitchen/recreation)
Reagan Goncharow (dancer/science)
Maelyn Goodman (dancer/crafts)

Carena Gamboa Mims (dancer/guide)
Carter Rojas (recreation)
Amos Roseman (recreation)
John Roseman (science)
Milo Roseman (audiovisual)
Grant Smith (guide)
Lucy Strickland (dancer/recreation)
Jillian White (dancer/recreation)
Kylie Wical (dancer/guide)
Tanner Wical (dancer/guide)

Group Guides

Pre-K & Kindergarten (11 children)
Nora Church
Keven Cockrell
Jared Gill
Michelle Griffin
Kendra Trull
Kylie Wical

1st & 2nd Grades (15 children)

Alanna Brown
Linda Causey
Birdie Church
Tina Garrett
Grant Smith

3rd & 4th Grades (15 children)

Janna Brown
Jonah Brown
Jackie Haines
Beth Pulliam
Tanner Wical

5th & 6th Grades (9 children)

Melanie Church
Serena Gamboa Mims
Laura Roseman





Newsletter Policy

The Session of Alamance Presbyterian Church adopted a formal policy for *The Relay*, at its stated meeting on September 22, 2019. Policy points are based on an article in the April 2004 issue of *The Newsletter Newsletter*.

Editorial policy of *The Relay*

Our newsletter:

- Will always seek to reflect the spirit of Christ.
- Will seek to portray the congregation in a positive light, without exaggeration.
- Will not report matters that would expose members to ridicule or embarrassment.
- Will not fuel controversies. However, when controversial issues must be reported, the newsletter will report both sides in an unbiased manner.
- Will not include opinions in *news* articles. Opinions will be reserved for articles clearly identified as *opinion* pieces: the pastor's column, letters to the editor, open letters to the congregation, etc.
- Will not print material deemed inappropriate by the editor or pastoral staff.
- Will always strive for accuracy. When appropriate and useful to readers, errors will be acknowledged and corrected as soon as possible. A respectful hearing will be given to anyone bringing errors to the staff's attention. Extra effort will be used to verify the accuracy of all information, especially about individuals.

- Will not publish copyrighted material without the permission of the copyright holder.
- Reserves the right to edit any submitted material for length, style, and content.
- Will not accept submissions after the stated due date.
- Will not use language that is derogatory toward any person or group on the basis of appearance, gender, race, religion, political affiliation, or national origin.
- Will follow the strictures of the HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996), a United States legislation that provides data privacy and security provisions for safeguarding medical information.

Advice Worth Repeating

Alamance Presbyterian Church encourages citizens to actively engage in the government of the United States, of North Carolina, and of Guilford County and surrounding counties.

The church will not endorse any particular candidate, position, local issue, or political party. That would endanger both our status within the PC(USA) and as a tax exempt entity within the United States of America.

The display of any campaign literature at the church can also jeopardize the tax exempt status of other groups, such as the Scouts.

(From the **Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Legal Resource Manual**; "Political Activity Guidelines for PC(USA) Organizations: Permissible Activities for Churches and Other Entities, Especially During Election Years," Oct., 2008)

MEETS

Invites You to Play

- submitted by Kathy Fay

MEETS (Meet Eat Entertain Travel Socialize) is a social/fellowship group that meets at various locations for a variety of activities. MEETS has had a picnic, a pool party, bowling outings, an Oktoberfest party, visited wineries to hear live music, gathered at breweries, participated in Ales for ALS, attended a performance at the Community Theater of Greensboro, the Chinese Lantern Festival, Sunday Evening in the Park concerts, and a brewery tour followed by a pizza dinner.

MEETS has also held social events at Coble House, such as a post-BBQ ice cream social, a Christmas party, and other gatherings.

Most events offer more than one area of interest. All gatherings offer great company and cheerful conversation.

Geared mainly to the interests of people in the "empty nest" stage of life (and those of us who pretend we aren't really senior citizens), we welcome all adults, 21 years of age and up. The group is for singles and couples. Friends, neighbors, community members and adult offspring are welcome.

Join us as we form new friendships and strengthen existing ones, to create bonds to carry us through hard times and into the next phase of life.

There is no membership requirement, no minimum attendance requirement, no dues. MEETS does not have a budget, so attendees are responsible for any costs associated with each event. Information is shared via online invitations, the Sunday bulletin, *The Relay*, Facebook, and Instagram.

Memorials and Honoraria

To the Operating Fund: In memory of Kevin Holt by Buddy & Peggy Fields. In memory of Mark Andrews by the Lilly family: Linda Lilly Aydelette, Kay Lilly Dixon, and Jerry D. Lilly. In memory of John Michael Gidley by Jerry & Nadine Hamilton and family.

To the Minister's Discretionary Fund: In memory of Kevin Holt by Chad & Laurie Fields. In honor of Kyle Goodman by Buddy & Peggy Fields.

To the Cemetery Care Fund: In memory of Kevin Holt by Larry & Denise Holt. In memory of Mark Andrews by Floyd Fogleman. In honor of Bill Hodgin by Buddy & Peggy Fields.



Seniors & Friends Luncheon is August 24

Call the church office to put your name on the list for lunch in the Coble House on **Monday, August 24**. The meal is sure to be delicious, and most likely nutritious.

The Fellowship Ministry Team delightedly oversees fellowship events for this group. Anyone who identifies as either a senior or as a friend of seniors is welcome.

Donations to help cover the cost of food are collected at each meal.

Patriots' Graves Marked

- Submitted by Linda Aydelette,
Church Historian

As part of America250 — the official, nonpartisan, congressionally-mandated initiative commemorating the 250th anniversary of the United States — the Sons of the American Revolution sponsored a Patriot Marker Ceremony in the Alamance Presbyterian Church cemetery at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 11, 2026.

On a day with clear skies, a nice breeze and cool shade, over 200 guests attended; to honor Colonel Arthur Forbis, Nathaniel Greene Kerr, Colonel John Paisley, Sampson Stewart, and John Thom.

This ceremony was sponsored by the National SAR Congress. Members from all over the United States gathered, many in period attire. Their uniforms made a beautiful array of color against the backdrop of our vast cemetery.

NCSAR Treasurer, Samuel Powell, was Master of Ceremonies. He did a phenomenal job of presenting.

He also gave many kudos to our congregation and the ancestors who, in 1762, started this “place of worship on the hill.” Alamance Presbyterian Church and its founding members were prominent in the War of Independence, and our freedom. The Reverend David Caldwell led us (and Buffalo Church) in worship and in patriotism.

All in attendance were complimentary of our church and its hospitality; and the upkeep of our cemetery. Doves of folks walked the cemetery before and after the ceremony. They were impressed with its maintenance, and the old markers dating to the 1760s.

This beautiful cemetery is available to walk through anytime! Just think, it's like a history lesson right here in our own backyard.



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

Rev. Dr. Kyle Goodman, Lead Pastor
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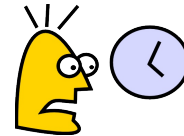
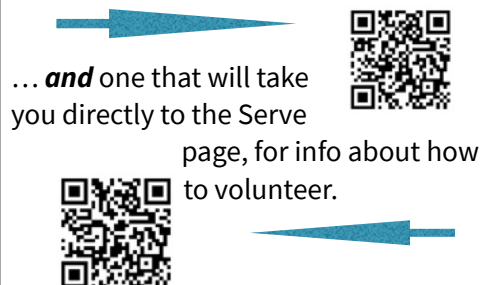
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codes store lots of data. Scan with the
camera function on a smart phone to
access information instantly.

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quickly to our website ...



Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the **September, 2026**
issue of *The Relay* is **Monday, August 24**.
The deadline is printed on the back page
of each issue of the newsletter.

Post your articles by U.S. mail, by e-
mail (lynn@alamancechurch.org),
dispatch a messenger to the top floor of
the middle building, or phone the office
(336-697-0488 x 121) to deliver the news.
Newsletter policy is posted on the church
website.

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.

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 Vimeo, either with your e-mail or your Facebook account.



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**
each month, at **2 p.m.** in the Bible
Seekers classroom (unless otherwise
noted).

Class of 2028:

Class of 2026:

Becky Brinkley
Naomi Church
Beth McCall
Kitty Wells

Tommy Causey
Frankie Forbis
Hank Gill
Eileen Hogan

Youth Elder:

Nora Church

Class of 2027:

Beth Pulliam
Steve Starr
Tommy Lynn Sullivan
David Wray

Clerk of Session:
Beth McCall

You are invited to Missions Possible: A **Black-and-White** Affair A Dinner and Silent Auction

6 - 9 p.m. on Saturday, October 3, 2026
at the Moose Lodge (5031 Blakeshire Road, Greensboro, 27406)

You are encouraged to wear black-and-white. Formal dress is not required.

Tickets for the meal:
\$25 for adults, \$10 for children
Purchase through the church office, or
in the Thin Place after Sunday worship

Tickets are not required to attend
the silent auction portion of the evening.