

August 10, 2025

Pennies for Hunger: August 3

Special Missions Offering:
Local Schools

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

SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING in August is to support local public schools and the teachers who teach at those schools.

MUM SALE fundraiser for Children and Youth ministries: Order up to and including **Sun., Aug. 24**. Delivery by **end of Sept.** Contact Joy Thomas, Michelle Goodman, or any Kids ROCK or youth group child to order. 8” pots = \$8. 10” pots = \$12. Colors: bronze, purple, red, white, yellow.

FAMILY PHOTO for a church directory: We are composing and printing one in-house this time! Stop by the designated spot here at the church **before or after worship on Sundays Aug. 24, or Sep. 14** and we’ll snap an informal portrait of your family. (One copy per family can be had at no charge, if you like the result.)

STATED SESSION MEETING is on the **fourth Sunday each month**, unless otherwise noted. Next meeting is **Sun., Aug. 24, 2p** in the Bible Seekers classroom.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE is **Fri., Sep. 12, 1:30-6P**; in Brown Fellowship Hall. Hydrate and take your vitamins, in preparation. See insert for details.

POTTERS HOUSE: Since 2004, APC has fed Greensboro Urban Ministry guests on the **third Sat. of each odd month. Sat., Sep. 20** is next date. Contact the church office to offer your assistance for the **September** meal.

SILENT AUCTION at the Moose Lodge is **Sat., Nov. 1, 5-8p**. See insert for details about this church fundraiser.

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., Oct. 6**.

ALAMANCE FIRE DEPARTMENT offers barbecue for \$10 a container. All proceeds go to help Western NC. Pick up from the station **anytime** (4108 Presbyterian Road).

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Mum Sale runs through **Aug. 24**. Big Meeting is the **entire month of September**. Blood drive is **Sep. 12**. Potters House meal is **Sep. 20**. Seniors & Friends luncheon is **Oct. 6**. Silent auction fundraiser is **Nov. 1**. Cookies with Santa is **Dec. 6**. Christmas is **Dec. 25**. Easter 2026 is **Apr. 5**.

Christian sympathy is expressed to the family and friends of Mary “Shelvie” Higgins,, who died on July 27, 2025.

The Men’s Group meets at **6:30p** on the **third Tuesday of each month** (unless otherwise noted). Next meeting is on **Tues., Aug. 19**.

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

Presbyterian Women Circles meet:
Red Hat: Mon. Aug. 11, 6:30p in the Coble House.
Agapé: Tues., Aug. 12; meet at **11a** to go eat, at **12:30p** in Uffman classroom.
L.I.F.T.: Tues., Aug. 12, 7p in the Coble House.

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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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 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, September 7**.

Food Pantry
August special collection: Canned Pasta

The APC Food Pantry serves up to 30 families a week. Your contributions make this vital mission to our local community possible.
VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL!!!!!!!!!!!!
Sign up at https://signup.com/group/987658676044?utm_source=group-badge-volunteer-green.
Do donate your clean, dry, plastic grocery bags, please and thank you.

Do not bring any more egg cartons, please and thank you.

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)



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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 10, 2025 10 a.m.



Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

The Lay Reader today is Tina Garrett.

Centering Music

* Call to Worship

One: They shall come from the Southeast:
All: from old family farms, neighborhoods, and new developments.
One: They shall come from the Northwest:
All: from all over the world to our little airport.
One: They shall come from the Southwest:
All: from furniture markets and interstate thoroughfares.
One: They shall come from the Northeast,
All: from old mill villages and new subdivisions.
One: They shall come, from near and far, local, global:
All: And ALL shall be welcome, in this place, at this hour, around this table.
One: For this place and this table are not ours.
All: They are the Lord’s. Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn

Gather Us In

Song sheet

Confession and Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, we confess that sometimes our belatedness leads to entitlement. We confuse your kindness with our righteousness. We construe your faithfulness as exceptionalism. We mix up your generosity wit our value and worth. We limit your radical welcome and acceptance to those who think like us, look like us, and act like us. God, do not hold our judgments against us; and teach us to lead always with forgiveness, hospitality, and love. In Jesus’ name, amen.

A Word of Forgiveness and Encouragement

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 *Luke 13:22-30*

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

Anthem *Plenty Good Room* - arr. John Horman

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 8:5-13*

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

Message *No Exceptionalism, No Exceptions* Dr. Kyle Goodman

Words of Reflection *Room at the Table* - Jan Richardson

Make room at the table,
there is enough for all.
The bread is breaking, the wine is pouring,
the welcome is wide,
and the hands that serve
are open and eager.

Make room at the table,
where the outsider finds a place,
where the lonely discover community,
and the stranger becomes friend.

Make room at the table,
for the hurting, the hopeful,
the weary and the joyful —
all are invited,
all are cherished,
all are loved.

Make room at the table,
where grace is abundant,
and no one sits alone.

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, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Song sheet

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Sending

*** Sending Hymn** *For Everyone Born* 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, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, **August 10:**
Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 33:12-22, Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Genesis 15:1-6; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12-32-40.

Lectionary Year C, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, **August 17: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-10; Psalm 82; Jeremiah 23:23-29; Hebrews 11: 29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56.**



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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