

December 13, 2020

Announcements

Pennies for Hunger: Jan. 3, 2021

December special mission offering: Benevolence Farm of Graham

WELCOME TO LIVESTREAM WORSHIP! Today we celebrate Lessons of Carols, a worship service enriched by videos about favorite seasonal hymns. Our Advent worship services all include video portions, best broadcast from the sanctuary: no more Sunday in-person worship in 2020. Worship services are live-streamed each Sunday. Instructions to set up and use a Livestream account are on (www.alamancechurch.org).

DECEMBER MISSIONS OFFERING is for Benevolence Farm of Graham. See insert for details.

KIDS R.O.C.K.: today, Dec. 13, 5p in the Pavilion. Christmas ornaments! Games! Woo-hoo!

YOUTH GROUPS: Middle schoolers meet today, Dec. 13, 4p in the Picnic Pavilion. Note new time of day for winter meetings!

POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT: Plants are from Mindenhill Farms for Sun., Dec. 20. Use form in your bulletin packet to reserve one. Cost is \$14 — or make a donation to an APC fund instead, on the same form. Deadline to order is Dec. 14.

DRIVE-THRU MEALS at APC: Take-out only! Pick up between 5-7p outside Brown Fellowship Hall. Dec. 19 (Christmas meal), Jan. 23 (Brunswick stew). Profits go to APC Operating Fund. Order ahead, pay on-line, to offset food waste. (www.alamancechurch.org).

RED KETTLE DRIVE, the major fundraiser for The Salvation Army, is in full swing. Use this link to sign up for an interlude with the bell: https://signup.com/go/UpwuoCF

CHRISTMAS TREE on the lawn: Pick up components from blue bin on front porch of the yellow house, to make a weather-resistant ornament. Bring finished items to hang on tree.

CHRISTMAS EVE worship service is in-person, on the lawn, at 5:30p on Thurs., Dec. 24. Bring your own light source (non-flammable, please!) Service will be short but sweet. Y'all come now, y'hear?

CHURCH OFFICES will be CLOSED December 24-25, 2020 and January 1, 2021. A few staff will be in the office December 28-31. Please call for an appointment, if you need assistance that week.

FAITH AND FINANCE CLASS: Learn to organize finances to better reflect your faith and values. APC joins with Nicole Rule of The Greatest Worth in a 6-week course in 2021 to help you better manage your finances as part of Christian faith. To meet the needs of participants, we'd love your feedback: What information would be most helpful to YOU on your current financial journey? What resources and tools would help you attain the financial freedom you long for? What scares or excites you about budgeting? Where are you confused about managing your assets? Pastor Jess Rigel would love to hear from you! Email jess@alamancechurch.com with your responses ASAP, so we can design a meaningful course that helps you get the answers you crave.

Staff love offering will be collected during worship on Sunday, Dec. 13. You may mail or deliver your gift directly to the church office.

Christian sympathy is expressed to the friends and family of Elsie James Terrell, who died on December 6, 2020.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Geneva Boswell and family, at the death of her sister, Jonice Kunst.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Carol Dail and family, at the death of her brother, Frank Pratt.

Dec. 13 Christmas Joy Parade

Today, 5:30p!

Decorated cars gather at APC to form a motorcade of frivolity. Parade route is published on the home page of the website: www.alamancechurch.org.

Join the "crocodile," or follow the parade's progress on church Facebook page — step outside and enjoy the procession if we pass by your house!

Book Club's Next Chapter

The APC Book Club next focuses on Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved by Kate Bowler. We invite you to join weekly discussions beginning Tues., Jan. 5 from 7-8 p.m.

To participate, please: 1) Email Pastor Jess at jess@alamancechurch.org to get the Zoom link 2) Get yourself a copy of the book 3) Read the Preface in preparation for our first discussion on January 5!

ONLINE GIVING: See the Bulletins & Announcement page of website (www.alamancechurch.org) for details of how to use.

You will need to sign up with this service to access online giving.

To give by Text: text the word "give" to 336-396-6133. Then follow the simple prompts to set up your account and make donations.

CHURCH OFFICE

(336)-697-0488

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Phase 3 of NC's Safer at Home order is scheduled to end Jan. 8, 2021.

Church offices are open. Buildings will remain closed until Session rules that it is safe to re-open the church.

NC Safer at Home pandemic protocols: Phase 3 are now scheduled to end Friday, January 8, 2021.

Session will decide the safest course of action for our congregation, based on trending data relating to COVID-19 — particularly hospitalizations and ICU census numbers.

Data considered will be from reliable sources such as county and state departments of health, the Center for Disease Control, and the Cone Health System.

After a steady two week's downward trend in numbers, Session will consider re-opening buildings for public worship.

All groups that meet here MUST apply to Session for permission to meet.

Face masks are required at all public events.

Food Pantry

Special collection for December: Soup

We can always use clean, dry, plastic grocery bags — and clean, dry, empty egg cartons, to re-pack eggs from a weekly bulk egg donation.

VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL: Food Pantry Team needs you. Volunteer your service! Go here to sign up: http://signup.com/go/h2b6xy

Church Staff

Dr. Kyle Goodman, Lead Pastor
Rev. Jess Rigel, Discipleship Pastor
Andrew Long, Dir., Youth Ministries
Joy Thomas, Dir., Children's Ministries
Katie Long, Director of Music
Rebecca Oden, Accompanist
Jeanine Rossi, Finance Manager
Lynn Barnes, Administrative Assistant
Mary Ellen Shores Director, Child Development Center
Jane Preston Asst. Dir., CDC



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

Third Sunday of Advent: Lessons of Carols

December 13, 2020 10 a.m.



Gathering

Prelude

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming - arr. Thomas Keesecker

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Lighting the Candle of Joy

Angels We Have Heard on High

Silent Night

O, Holy Night

Pastoral Prayer

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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, even — and especially — in these times of anxiety. Please consider mailing contributions directly to the church, or using our online giving platform, available at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-giving>.

Offertory *Once in Royal David's City* - arr. Dan Forrest

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* - arr. Mark Hayes

The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible is used during worship.

Lectionary Year B Scripture for the Third Sunday of Advent, **Dec 13:**
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28.

Lectionary Year B Scripture for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, **Dec. 20:**
2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Luke 1:26-38, 46b-55; Romans 16:25-27



Year-end donations

To claim a tax-deductible charitable donation for 2020, donors must deliver or mail (and postmark) donations **on or before Dec. 31, 2020**. Checks written, mailed and postmarked in 2020 **will** be tax-deductible, even if not received until 2021. Checks hand-delivered after Jan. 1, 2021 **will not qualify** for 2020 tax deductions, even if dated 2020.

Church offices will be closed Dec. 24-25. Only a few staff will be in the offices **Dec. 28-31**. Any personally-delivered checks should be placed in Financial Manager Jeanine Rossi's workroom mailbox.



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