

The Relay

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A Few Good Words

Reimagine → Reconnect → Reinvest

Ecclesia Reformata Semper Reformanda. That Latin phrase roughly translates, "The Reformed Church is always reforming." The famous twentieth century Swiss theologian Karl Barth popularized the phrase, but it predates him by hundreds of years.

The Reformed Church is really a family of denominations, including the Presbyterians, who trace their roots back to John Calvin and his contemporaries during the Protestant Reformation. The idea embodied in this important phrase is deeply theological and also quite practical. It assumes rightly that the Church is never perfect this side of heaven. It suggests that there is always room to grow and develop. And it reveals this deep truth: the only constant in this life is not the Church; it's change.

In the year 2020, change has certainly been constant! The people we were, back in February would hardly recognize the people we are, here in November — and not just because our faces are all behind masks! So much has changed about the ways that we have had to do ministry at Alamance. Live-stream only and outdoor services, constant Zoom meetings, temperature checks at the doors, the staff working remotely, uploading videos, phone calls instead of visits ... it's just all been too much change, too quickly!

This leaves us feeling as if right is left, up is down, and one step forward is two steps back. And now, of all things, it is time for Alamance to start its stewardship campaign, the one we used to hold in the spring! Your Session, at the recommendation of the Administrative

Ministry Team, has decided to realign our fiscal year with the calendar year. Going forward, our annual budget will now run January to December instead of July to June. This might turn out to be a welcome change, but it does mean our stewardship push will now happen at a different time of year.

The Stewardship Team has chosen as our theme for 2020: **Reimagine → Reconnect → Reinvest**. The reasons are simple. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we have had to reimagine the ways we do ministry at Alamance. This Reformed church has been reforming its ministry to meet brand new challenges, and we still have more reimagining to do. In the meantime, we know that many of our dear friends have felt isolated and cut off from the community. We want this stewardship season and the new year to be a time when we reconnect to each other and to God. And of course, we want this to be a time when we reinvest ourselves in Alamance.

What we have done these last eight months is far from perfect, and there is always more we could do. But I will say that I am proud of the ways that our church has met the changes and challenges of 2020. We have learned to reach out to each other in new ways. Many of us have tried new things we never thought we would. Some of us have worked tirelessly to help our neighbors, and the service to the community that is the hallmark of our congregation continues in whatever way it can. (continued on page 2)

Church Offices Reopened Nov. 2

Church offices are officially open. Staff members may still elect to work from home. Please call for an appointment to meet with any church staff member: to assure they'll be in, and for a code to enter the middle building door. **Use the breezeway door, NOT the main entrance.** The APC Child Development Center uses that entrance for staff and children.

Buildings will remain **closed** to other meetings and classes until Session rules that it is safe to re-open the church.

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Even though our building is often vacant, Alamance Presbyterian Church has never closed. ***Our mission statement is: We welcome all to the community of Jesus: to connect, to learn, to worship, to serve.*** We never stopped fulfilling that mission. But as always, our mission needs your investment of time, talent, and treasure in order to keep going strong.

In weeks to come, we will ask you to *reimagine* what your commitment to Alamance Presbyterian Church will be in 2021. We know that times are uncertain and the world has turned upside down, but we also know that you are faithful and you are brilliant. We are asking you to share your energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to help us move forward.

We will also ask you to *reconnect*. Our church flourishes because of the relationships we form here. The best way I can imagine to overcome any sense of loneliness and isolation is to be bold enough to reach out and get involved again. Stay current with worship. Find out about the meetings happening around our campus, in the Coble House or (while it's still warm) the Pavilion. Join us for a virtual meeting. If there just does not seem to be any place for you to connect, talk to me or Jess about it. We would love to help you with that!

And, in weeks to come, we will ask you to *reinvest*, to make a new pledge for 2021. Your pledge and your tithe are the things that will see our church through this difficult time. They will give us momentum for that fateful moment when the world opens up again. And your pledge and tithe will provide a long and fruitful future for this place, in the same way that previous generations provided it for you.

But more important than even these things, your investment in

Alamance helps us fulfill our mission and God's purpose for our church. Your investment fuels God's good work here on this hill and far beyond it.

So, reimagine, reconnect, and reinvest. Let these be the things that will move us forward into a new year and a new beginning. May they be the things that keep this old Reformed Church on the Hill ever reforming, for the glory of God and for our good.

In Christ's Light and Love,

Kyle

A limited number of 2020 APC Veterans Day booklets is available in the Gathering Place. Take time to peruse this informational booklet about the rich history of veterans here: The list extends over 250 years! Thank a veteran today for his or her service to God and our country. Visit our historical cemetery, look for the many veterans' graves, pause in quiet reflection, and give thanks.

November Birthdays

- 7 Dan Hogan, Sallie Ward
- 8 Keith Morris
- 9 Brent Frazier, Marie Hodgins, Beth McCall
- 11 Bill Sharpe
- 12 Kathy Fay, Angie Forbis
- 14 Frank McAdams
- 17 Ciara Linnens
- 19 Alanna Brown
- 21 Kenneth Clark, Kaylee Forbis, Presentacion Sorbito
- 23 John Irwin, Jess Rigel
- 26 Chris Strandberg
- 27 Madison Whitesell
- 30 Laura Wood



Live-streaming Worship Services

Look and listen to Sunday morning worship at Alamance live, on-line. A few steps before you start are simple to accomplish:

1. Go to our website, www.alamancechurch.org. Scroll down the homepage for the *Live Sunday Worship & Info* box. Choose that option, to go to the *Worship* page. (Or, get to *Worship* from the *Connect* drop down list.)
2. On the *Worship* page, the box for *Worship Live Streaming* is on the **top right** of your screen. It sends you to the Livestream page for Alamance Presbyterian Church (www.livestream.com).
3. ***Before you can access the live streaming service***, you must open an account with Livestream, either with your e-mail or your Facebook account. The Livestream site will send you an e-mail that will instruct you how to enter a password of your own choosing.
4. On www.alamancechurch.org, the *Worship Live Streaming* page has all the recorded services still available — and options for not-yet-happened services so you can log in on *those* Sundays at **10 a.m.**, in real time.

Sometimes, Livestream does not work as well as we expect it to work. Bear with us! With God's grace, we'll all get through this together.

We Care about our Community

The Congregational Care and Outreach team was honored to deliver treats to school staff members at Alamance Elementary, Erwin Elementary, Simkins, Southeast Middle, and Southeast High schools in September. Staff received either mini hand sanitizers or KIND energy bars. This was a small gesture of community and neighborhood care to all those wonderful folks who lead our children!



Rock-a-thon 2020 Raises \$4,498



On a bright day in October, a multi-generational aggregation of APC bottoms planted itself onto rocking chairs, to raise money for the church. This year's theme was *Board Games & Trivia*. Teams competed to raise the most money, and thus take possession of the coveted Golden Rocking Chair trophy for a year.

Winners this year were Lou Gonzalez' *Chinese Checkers* team, which raised \$1,765. They'll guard the trophy now.

The Garrett family, *Twister*, raised \$849. The Goodman family, *Candy Land*, hauled in \$643. The Church girls, *Clue*, raised \$505. Team Clapp/Forbis, *Chess*, raked in \$429.

Team Holt, *Checkers*, required onlookers to pay to play Catherine Holt in a game. Theoretically, you could win some money back if you beat her. They raised \$317.



Mission Update:

Submitted by Jesse & Erin Atkinson
Wycliffe Translators,
Oaxaca (wah-HAH-kah), Mexico

TIME TO CELEBRATE! GOD HAS DONE IT!

God has provided over 100% of our Wycliffe monthly ministry budget needs!!! We are amazed and SO thankful! your prayers for God's provision and partnership with our Wycliffe ministry played such a vital role in reaching this important milestone — THANK YOU!

Now, the last financial hurdle standing in between us and launching to Mexico is our start-up fund. These are one-time costs associated with getting to Mexico and getting established. So, the monthly budget keeps us there, but the start-up budget is what gets us there.

We are currently putting aside as much money as we can for our start-up costs, and God has generously provided a number of one-time donations for these needs! **We're over halfway there! Just as your prayers played a key role in God's provision before, we want to ask you to pray once more for God to provide.**

You may also recall that there's another major life event that needs to happen before we can to Mexico — **less than 2 months (or so!) until we meet our baby boy!** We're SO excited! (The new grandparents may be just a little excited, too!) we also still need to apply for our little guy's passport, our visas, and attend one final training before we head out.

T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER — A SECOND CHANCE

If you missed our online T-shirt fundraiser back in Sept/Oct, you'll



get a second chance to get a shirt soon! (The fundraiser was hosted by *Fund the Nations* to benefit our start-up costs.) **Stay tuned for an announcement** about how to purchase them!



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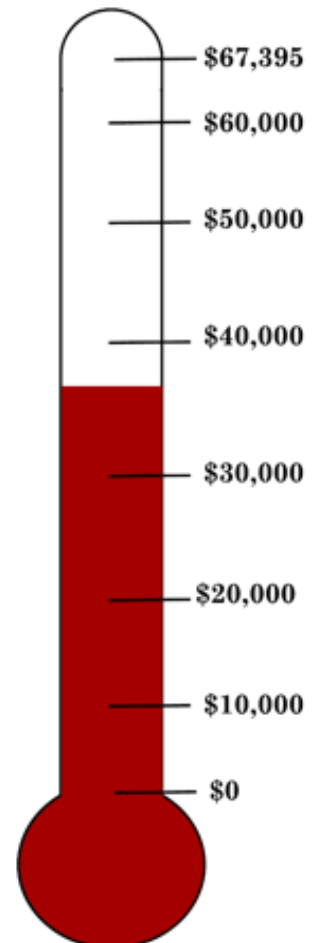
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START-UP COSTS



Designated Mission for November: The Shepherd Center of Uganda

submitted by Tommie Lynn Sullivan

The Mission Team has designated the Shepherd Center in Kabale, Uganda to receive the November Special Offering for Missions.

The Shepherd Center is a non-profit organization founded in 2007 by Patrick Tushabomwe, to rehabilitate street children in Kabale. Patrick was a street child himself. Patrick used money from his first job to provide food, clothing, and hygiene items to boys whose families cannot afford to provide basic care to them.

The Shepherd Center (TSC) serves 55 boys at present: 25 live in the Center and 30 live with family members. Those in the center receive shelter, food, education, clothing, medical care, and love. Those at home are provided education, clothing, food (as needed), and medical care — so that they can stay with their families who do not otherwise have financial means to support the children.

TSC works hand-in-hand with families and community after children are resettled. This raises awareness that these children exist and that they want a future that does not end on the streets.

TSC continues to organize outreaches in which other street children are counseled, encouraged, and given basic necessities like food and clothing. It is the prayer of TSC to expand so that children remaining on the streets are reached, loved, and provided for as Christ has called us to look after these little ones.

Christmas in Kabale

Every year, TSC holds a Christmas party for the boys and their families, and gives gifts to each boy. It is amazing how much \$48 can buy in Uganda!

Here is a list of items that each of the 55 boys will receive, and the cost in U.S. dollars:

1. Two t-shirts \$2.75
2. Two pairs of shorts \$7.25
3. Two pairs of jeans \$7.25
4. Two buttoned shirts \$3.55
5. One sweatshirt \$2.80
6. One pair of shoes \$6.15
7. One pair of sandals \$1.95
8. One belt \$1.10
9. Two pairs of socks \$1.10
10. Two pairs of underwear \$2.25
11. Two undershirts \$1.70
12. One handkerchief \$.30
13. Petroleum jelly \$1.15
14. Soap \$1.70
15. Pocket money \$2

The first six items are second-hand; all other items are purchased brand new. Cost for the party itself breaks down to about \$6 for each boy. \$48 per child pays for the gifts and the party.

Sending money so that TSC can purchase these items in Uganda is not only more cost-efficient than collecting and sending items ourselves, but it also helps small business owners in Kabale who were shut down during the pandemic.

COVID-19 in Uganda

When COVID-19 was just hitting and Uganda was under a very restricting lockdown, several generous donors sent funds to TSC specifically for COVID-19 relief. TSC used some of those funds to provide food supplements to families of boys who stay off-site. The gifts of rice, posho (corn flour that is a staple in the Ugandan diet), beans, etc. were a huge blessing to all who received them.

As those designated funds were used up, month by month, the staff decided to take a different approach with some of older boys who live with their families. They decided to use some of the funds as start-up capital for small businesses of some kind — so that the boys would have something to keep them occupied as they wait for schools to reopen, as well as help them contribute to their families financially.

TSC had individual meetings with the boys to discuss what business ideas could work for them and their families. They were all thrilled with the idea and happy to get started! In fact, some of our boys had already started doing something to earn some money, so we came alongside them to help improve or increase their capabilities.

Boys had a range of proposals including selling charcoal or potatoes, making street food, and even rearing animals. Each boy has a staff member assigned to him as an advisor. TSC believes this is a very beneficial exercise for all involved.

For more information about The Shepherd Center, check their website: <https://theshepherdcenteruganda.org>



Ministry Musings

Greetings Family,

How on earth did it get to be November already? Though in many ways it feels as though this pandemic has made time stand still, in others it seems as if the year has flown by! I can't believe we've already done Trunk or Treat and are gearing up for the rest of the holiday season.

This year, I am especially grateful for my health and the health of my family and APC community. But I know that as Thanksgiving and Christmas come closer, there is still so much need in our nation and in our world.

To meet an inkling of that need, and to continue to support agencies in our area (and one we're reading about in Los Angeles!) I hope you'll consider buying a gift this year from our APC Mission Team's *Digital Alternative Christmas Market*.

In weeks to come, keep your eyes out for information on our website and inserts in our bulletins highlighting seven agencies, (including our church) that offer special gifts this Christmas, gifts that not only contribute (mostly) to our local economy, but support folks in need at the same time.

Got a coffee lover in your life? Why not buy some brew from **Cafe Feminino**, an agency that supports women coffee growers around the world and roasts its beans in Raleigh? Or buy a mug from **A Special Blend**, a coffee shop that provides jobs for folks with disabilities.

You could buy locally sourced candles, lip balm, and hand lotion from the women of **Benevolence Farm**; or send a gift-basket of home baked goodies to out-of-town friends and family from **Homeboy Industries**. Each of those ministries offers guidance and job training for

folks who have been incarcerated, working to ensure an end to recidivism, and to reunite families.

Of course, you could always show some **APC** love by purchasing one of our new long sleeve tees or sweatshirts. Or buy a hand-felted, unique creche or tree ornament from our friends Jeff, Anne, Ben, and Jared up the road at **Peacehaven Community Farm**. Not only does Peacehaven help APC with our Food Pantry, providing up to 15 pounds of food a week for our clients; they also host housing, job training, and community life for friends living with disabilities in Gibsonville.

And don't forget your Honor Cards! Every year we sell special Christmas Cards created by local artist William Mangum to support the work of **Greensboro Urban Ministry**, where we also regularly serve meals through Potter's House. G.U.M. offers food, shelter, and stability for those experiencing homelessness throughout Greensboro. We love partnering with them to show our love of God through love of neighbor.

Of course, gifts aren't the only way we prepare to celebrate this most sacred season of our calendar year. Practicing gratitude and sharing kindness are free ways to spread the message of thanks and joy that permeate the next two months. Though we may not be able to meet indoors for some time, our faith is bigger than any building! And we certainly don't need to meet in a sanctuary to model Christ's love to the world through our actions everyday!

I miss you, church, and I long for the day when we all feel safe and comfortable enough to gather again; but until that day comes, I hope you each continue to creatively imagine how you might serve one another, and demonstrate your gratitude to the One who gave you life and sustains you through even the most trying of times.

Let us all practice a true and holy thanksgiving this year.

Until next month,
with love and light,

Pastor Jess

Xpujil Update from Todd Luke

Dear Friends,

I will be back in Xpujil to meet with all our cistern owner partners after Thanksgiving.

All over the Calakmul region, entire families work so hard, trying to survive. By God's grace, humans can work and bring in the harvest. Work is not a necessary evil. It's a valuable part of God's health plan for us and all of creation. We do well to be mindful of work's sacred origin. Whether we go to Xpujil in person or contribute a portion of the fruit of our labor so that others can work together for God's sake to build cisterns, God uses work to bring health to individuals, families, and communities.

COVID-19 in Mexico: Mexico's COVID alert system goes from Red (total lockdown), Orange (small-scale partial reopening), Yellow (medium scale reopening), to Green (back to normal).

Campeche is the only state in Mexico currently in phase Green. Churches are open for worship on Sundays. Folks wear masks inside stores. Xpujil is as busy as I've ever seen it. Businesses are open. The soccer field grass is green and well-manicured. Nevertheless, all sports leagues are suspended.

Outside of Xpujil, agricultural activity is buzzing.

All schools are closed. There is no online schooling. Teachers send assignments to families in PDF files sent to cell phones. Students copy the assignments onto paper and then

do the homework. Every couple of weeks, students submit stacks of homework to those who will deliver it to teachers working from home — several hours away from Xpujil. The government installed free public access Wi-Fi hotspots in the villages to facilitate this process. Not every family has a cell phone in the Calakmul region.

If you feel a nudge to join or organize a work team with 3-5 people in 2021, let me know. We are forming teams for Monday-Sunday trips because so many families in Calakmul need a year-round reliable clean water source.

Please continue to pray for all of our partners in the US and Mexico.

Muchas Gracias.

Todd Luke
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Stephen Ministry at APC

The Stephen Ministry is a "distinctly Christian caregiving ministry." Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting — usually to one person at a time — meeting with that person once a week for about an hour. Twice monthly, the ministers meet with their leaders for supervision and continuing education.

Members of the APC Stephen Ministry are actively engaged with the Congregational Care and Outreach team to develop a reference tool for our congregation, that will connect users with local community resources for help in times of emergency or distress.

The first Stephen Ministers at Alamance Presbyterian Church in over a decade were commissioned on Sunday, August 2, 2020 during the Drive-in Church worship service: Becky Brinkley, Nancy Durham, Kathy Medder, Sam Nelson, Lee Shores, Judy Uniatowski, Kitty Wells, and Melinda White.

Contact APC Stephen Ministry Leaders with your questions (Becky Brinkley, 336.269.6096, ranb2005@gmail.com; Lee Shores, 336.202.8410, shoresr@gcsnc.com.)

Training Begins for the Next Class of Stephen Ministers

Please be in prayer for our Stephen Ministers as they begin their work in our congregation.

We also ask you to be in prayer for those whom God might be calling to this training next. We expect to begin training with a new group of Stephen Ministers in the weeks to come.

We would love to have you join this ministry. Our current Stephen Ministers will all attest that the spiritual growth and the small group support has been a tremendous blessing in their lives already.

As is true in most things, we cannot "outgive" God. To paraphrase St. Francis, it is in giving that we receive and in caring that we are cared for! To find out more about this new Stephen Ministry class, contact Kyle Goodman (kyle@alamancechurch.org), Lee Shores (rlshores88@gmail.com), or Becky Brinkley (ranb2005@gmail.com).

The Blessings of Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry multiplies blessings throughout the church and community.

- Congregations carry out Christ's commandment to "Love one another as I have loved you" (**John 15:12** RSV) in a powerful and practical way.
- Pastors have a team of gifted, trained, and committed lay caregivers ready to minister to hurting people.
- Lay people nurture and use their gifts in meaningful ministry, growing spiritually as they serve others.
- People who are hurting have a caring Christian presence to provide emotional and spiritual support.

In short, Stephen Ministry helps carry out the mission of the church.

Check their website, www.stephenministries.org, for more about this new/old venture at Alamance Presbyterian Church.

"It was a dark and stormy night" Well, it wasn't especially dark, but it was a wee bit stormy, Sunday afternoon, October 25.

This year's Trunk or Treat was a drive-through event. Organizers report that 22 costumed "trunkers" handed treats into the eager paws of an estimated 200 happy children.

The event was well-organized, well attended, the rain held off, and a good time was had by all. You can't say much better about a Halloween party than that!



Trunk or Treat 2020





Knit, Pray, Love Ministry Baby Items

- submitted by Linda Aydelette

APC KPL has an ongoing project for our congregation! We invite everyone (knitter, crocheter, seamstress, quilter) to create baby hats, receiving blankets, and burp cloths for Women's Hospital at Cone.

This project is NOT limited to KPL!!! We are so excited to help out the maternity and newborn departments which average 25 babies born every single day! Suggested patterns (not mandatory) are posted on Facebook. More info is in a video.

We know there is a myriad of talented folks in our congregation who can create beautiful things for these new little people arriving in the world! Is that someone YOU?!

In the meantime if you have questions, you can contact Linda Aydelette for any information at linda.aydelette@gmail.com. Thanks to Knit, Pray, Love and a bevy of other knitters and crocheters, we were able to deliver 90 cradle caps to the Women's and Children's Hospital at Cone Health already. Due to COVID-19, the Women's and Children's Hospital have received far fewer donations this year. The caps from APC have made a huge difference. If you would like more information about this ministry, contact Linda Aydelette or email the church office.

Linda dropped off almost 90 baby caps to the Cone Women's and Children's Hospital! To say they were beyond thrilled would be an understatement!! The



pumpkin hats were the first they have received this season and so, our APC pumpkin hats (29 total!) will be the ones that babies will have presented to them when they arrive on **10/31!**

You can still make pumpkin hats for November, but Ms Langley (the volunteer coordinator) would like turkey, football, etc as well. You can also begin on any Christmas-oriented hats as well. And of course, the traditional blue, pink, yellow, mint green are always appreciated.

She also noted that it's best NOT to add chin straps to these caps. The variety of sizes was good as pediatric patients also receive these hats.

A good, GOOD and BEAUTIFUL thing for God, y'all!! Continue and keep it up! Baby blankets are extremely needed as well — and don't forget to continue to create prayer shawls too.

THANK YOU all for your donations. Keep turning them in at the box on the porch of the little yellow house. Linda checks it weekly!!

Drive-through meals each month

Drive around behind the church to pick up a take-out meal — the Culinary Arts Team cooks some delicious food. They invite you to buy a meal to help support the Operating Fund of the church.

Suggested donation amount for each meal will be published after Session approves this monthly fundraiser.

November 14, 5-7 p.m.:

Turkey breasts — you take, you make

December 19, 5-7 p.m.: Christmas meal fixings — you take, you make

January 23, 2021, 5-7 p.m.:

Brunswick stew





"You're Gonna Be OK"

Each year, Artist William "Bill" Mangum designs and paints a wintry scene that becomes the image of the Honor Card for that year. His paintings have an underlying message of hope and support.

This year's theme is "You're Gonna Be OK." Donors underwrite the cost of the card, so all proceeds go directly to Greensboro Urban Ministry's programs that provide emergency shelter, food, utility and rent assistance, transitional housing and case management.

The Honor Card is a marvelous way to recognize a friend or family member; and at the same time, give a meaningful gift to someone in need.

With a donation of \$5 or more, you receive an Honor Card that you send to that individual, recognizing them and contributing to their honor.

Since its inception, more than 1,000,000 Honor Cards have been sent to a special friend or family member.

This holiday season, stand with G.U.M. to help our neighbors who are struggling, those who have faced hardships and are experiencing homelessness. The Honor Card is a great way to support the work of Greensboro Urban Ministry and share the message of need, by honoring a friend or family member by purchasing a card.

The Mission Team begins its *Digital Alternative Christmas Market* in mid November. See Pastor Jess Rigel's description of the market in her article on page 6 of this newsletter.

Honor your loved ones with a Habitat Greensboro Holiday Card

Honor family members, friends, and colleagues by sending them Habitat Greensboro's Holiday Honor Card.

Each card is a minimum of \$5. All proceeds help to build homes, communities, and hope in Greensboro.



APC Food Pantry Is Looking for Families!

The APC Food Pantry has continued to distribute food to families who need some assistance, on **each Saturday** throughout this long pandemic. If you have recently lost a job, been furloughed, or are having difficulties paying your bills, you may qualify to receive free food once per month. We do not ask about your circumstances — your privacy is maintained.

Family size, names and date of birth of all family members, and family income information is collected; per federal guidelines that we must follow. You can check the family income qualifications based on family size to determine your eligibility, in the table below.

Family Size	Annual Income	Monthly Income
1	\$24,984	\$2082
2	\$33,840	\$2820
3	\$42,672	\$3556
4	\$51,504	\$4292
5	\$60,360	\$5030
6	\$69,192	\$5766

It is easy to sign up to receive the free food. Call the church office (336-697-0488 ext. 111) on **Monday morning**, beginning at **8:30 a.m.**; and leave a message that you would like to receive food.

Someone from the Food Pantry will return your call to let you know if you are on the list for pick-up that coming Saturday. Food is distributed on a "first called, first served" basis. We can serve up to 30 families each week. Once the list is filled, we must turn families away and ask them to call again the following week.

Once confirmed that you are on the list for that week, you then drive around to Brown Fellowship Hall on **Saturday morning**, provide your name — and food is loaded into your car by volunteers. You do not need to exit your car; there is no contact with others. Food Pantry volunteers all wear face masks and use hand sanitizer.

The kind of food typically distributed includes some frozen meats, some fresh produce, breads and desserts, and canned and dry staple foods.

The amount of food distributed varies by family size and varies somewhat each week depending on what food we have on hand.

Typically, a family of four receives about 100 pounds of food.

Families are eligible to receive food once per month for six months as long as income level eligibility is maintained.

The APC Food Pantry is here to serve ALL in our community. If you could use a little extra help, or if you know a friend or neighbor who needs assistance, please pass on this information; so that we can connect people with free, nutritious food.

If you have any additional questions about APC Food Pantry eligibility, you may call Amy Yow at 336-706-3550.

From the APC Food Pantry Team:

"Each week we serve 30 hungry families — we have seen an increase, with more families in need of food, in the last couple of months.

"During the month of October, we served 139 different families in our community.

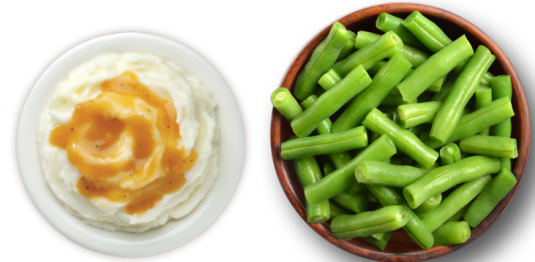
"This year, as we have done in the past, we plan to give turkeys to our 30 families on **Saturday, November 14**.

"The Food Pantry would appreciate your help in donating any of the following items that are also part of a traditional Thanksgiving meal: green beans (canned), candied yams (canned),

instant mashed potatoes, canned gravy or gravy mix, stuffing, cranberry sauce.

"There will be a container outside Brown Fellowship Hall for you to deposit your goodies. Members of the Food Pantry Team will schlep them into the building on your behalf — since the Child Development Center uses Brown Fellowship Hall as classroom space, entry to that space is not permitted on weekdays.

"If you have any questions (or if you need for your items to be picked up) please contact Amy Yow at (336) 706-3550."



Special Collections

Each month, the APC Food Pantry designates specific food items to be donated. Here's a list of the specific items wanted each month:

- **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
- **August:** Canned pasta
- **September:** Cereal, oatmeal
- **October:** Canned meats

Potter's House

Since July of 2004, APC has served supper to hungry guests at the Greensboro Urban Ministry's Potter's House on the **third Saturday of each odd-numbered month**. Remaining 2020 date: **November 21**.

This essential local hunger-relief ministry is allowed to operate during pandemic restrictions.

As of this writing, G.U.M. has implemented physical distancing measures in its dining room. Servers are required to wear masks and gloves. Guests are instructed to wash their hands before being seated (and are monitored as they do so).

The work is intense, but not long. Arrive at **6 p.m.** to set up for the meal. Serve food from **7-7:45 p.m.** We clean up and are out the door by **8:15 p.m.** most usually.

Your donation of home-made desserts are welcomed. (Cakes, bars, and cookies are the easiest to serve, and for guests to eat. Pies are tricky to serve, very messy to eat.)

Let Darren Hadley know that you or your group want to help serve a meal — or two, or three — at Potter's House. (darren.hadley@triad.rr.com).

APC Food Pantry Continues to Safely Distribute Food

APC will continue to operate the Food Pantry for the foreseeable future, unless required to stop by federal, state, or county government. Our pantry works under precautions recommended during COVID-19 restrictions, including pre-packing food bags and delivering them to clients in a car line.

Once each month, we pick up food from Second Harvest Food Bank in Winston-Salem. Every **Wednesday**, volunteers pack grocery bags and put them in carts for the week's guests.

Pandemic Procedures

Once the COVID-19 pandemic arrived, the APC Food Pantry team was in a quandary about how to continue to distribute food, when even more families would need it; while still keeping our volunteers safe.

Working with Second Harvest Food Bank, we developed new processes to do just that. One of the important changes is that — instead of having clients fill out paperwork in their cars — now a Food Pantry volunteer calls the clients to verify all needed information over the phone, earlier in the week.

When a client arrives to pick up food on a Saturday morning, they stay in the car and provide their name to a masked volunteer, who maintains a safe, six-foot distance. Once verified, masked volunteers load up the car with the food. There

is no physical contact with the clients.

In preparation for the food distribution, all volunteers wear masks and use hand sanitizer, before doing the prep work to divide up food and load up the shopping carts that are pushed out to clients' cars.

The team still gathers in a circle to pray before we begin distribution, but they do not hold hands, and they stay six feet apart from one another.

These well-thought-out policies have allowed this important ministry to continue to serve hungry families.

The Food Pantry can always use more **Saturday morning** volunteers to help with distribution (**9-11:30 a.m.**). If you would like to help, visit <http://signup.com/go/h2b6xy> to sign up for a date.

Sign up as often or as infrequently as you want, but do, please, sign up rather than just showing up. Kris Levine, our Volunteer Coordinator, needs to know how many volunteers are coming ahead of time, so she can reach out to others if there are not enough people. When people just show up, they may find there are too many people already helping, and not feel useful.

We want this to be a good experience for volunteers as well as clients! For help with the online sign-up process, or any questions, please call Kris Levine at 336-558-6759.



Little Free Food Pantry Now Open

The brand-new new *Little Free Food Pantry* (located by the Pavilion, behind Brown Fellowship Hall) is ready for use.

Through the generosity of Jim & Cheryl Rigel, Alamance Presbyterian Church now has a *Little Free Food Pantry* (LFFP).

"Give What You Can, Take What You Need."

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Memorials and Honoraria

To the Operating Fund: In memory of Laura Ward Fogleman by Brad & Barbara Reece, Laura S. Fogleman. In memory of Lacy R. Fogleman by Laura S. Fogleman.

To the Cemetery Care Fund: In memory of Ronald Allred Sr. by Darrell Parker.

To the Food Pantry Fund: In memory of Ronnie Allred by Jackie Fogleman.

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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 of each month, at 6 p.m.** in the upper conference room — unless otherwise noted (via Zoom during COVID-19).

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Sunday Morning Volunteers: When We Meet Indoors Again

Ushers/Greeters

1st Sunday

Jon Garrett, Patty Starr
Side Door: Pat Lovell

2nd Sunday

Ada Nelson, Patty and Cayce Church
Side Door: Birdie and Nora Church

3rd Sunday

Jackie Fogleman, Dianne Clapp

4th Sunday & 5th Sunday

Dena Fail, Leta Pillion
Side door: JoAnn Camp

Offering Collectors

1st Sunday

Graham Dail, Tina Garrett
Kathy Medder, Tommie Lynn Sullivan

2nd Sunday

Naomi Church, Pam Dixon,
Tony Sizemore, Gary Trull

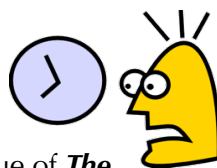
3rd Sunday

Nick Purvis, Albert Smith,
Steve Starr, Kirby Ward

4th Sunday & 5th Sunday

Harold Alexander, Bobby Jobe,
Willie Goncharow, Ed Gonzalez

Newsletter Deadline



Deadline for the **December, 2020** issue of *The Relay*, our church newsletter, is **Monday, Nov. 23**. Post your articles by "snail mail," by e-mail (lynn@alamancechurch.org), phone the office (697-0488 x 121) — or hitch up your goat cart and drive to the church to deliver it in person.

Connect with Us Electronically



"Like us" on Facebook We maintain several pages on the social media site Facebook. "Like" the pages to receive automatic notice on your own Facebook wall.

... and check our website!

The church website is found at www.alamancechurch.org.

Closed Until Further Notice

For the duration of strictures against public gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Session of Alamance Presbyterian Church mandates that the sanctuary and church buildings are CLOSED to the congregation. Phase 3 of NC's Safer at Home order is scheduled to end Nov. 13.

Church offices are open. Call first to make an appointment — staff members may still elect to work from home.

Outdoor, in-person worship will continue — weather permitting — until it becomes too cold to assemble outdoors on the lawn. Face coverings are required, personal physical distancing will be maintained.

You may still attend Sunday worship services through your electronic devices, via Livestream or YouTube postings on the church website or Facebook page; until we are again meet in the sanctuary.



Wear a face mask in public.
Wash your hands often. **Wait a safe distance apart from others.**

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