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The Relay

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Easter is coming! Easter is coming!

Easter is the Christian holiday that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The holiday concludes a series of events and holidays that begins with Lent — a 40-day period of fasting, prayer and sacrifice — and ends with Holy Week. Holy Week includes Maundy Thursday (the celebration of Jesus' Last Supper with his twelve Apostles), Good Friday (on which Jesus' crucifixion is observed), and Easter Sunday.

Easter falls on a different date each year. Easter Sunday and related celebrations, such as Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday, are considered "moveable feasts," although, in western Christianity (which follows the Gregorian calendar) Easter always falls on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25.

Despite its significance as a Christian holy day, many of the traditions and symbols that play a key role in Easter observances actually have roots in pagan celebrations, particularly the pagan goddess Eostre (or Ostara), the ancient Germanic goddess of spring; and also in the Jewish holiday of Passover.

The Last Supper was essentially a Passover feast. However, the New Testament describes it as being given new significance by Jesus: He identified the matzah (bread) he shared with his apostles as his "body" and the cup of wine they drank as his "blood." This ritual symbolized the sacrifice he was about to make in death; and became the basis for the Christian ritual of Holy Communion.

Jesus' arrest and execution were said to have occurred during the Jewish observance of Passover, and

the Easter holiday is often close to that celebration on the calendar.

There are many Easter-time traditions with roots that can be traced to non-Christian and even non-religious celebrations. Many non-Christians choose to observe these traditions while essentially ignoring the religious aspects of the celebration. Examples of non-religious Easter traditions include Easter eggs, and related games such as egg rolling and egg decorating.

Egg decorating may have become part of the Easter celebration in a nod to the religious significance of Easter, i.e., Jesus' resurrection or re-birth. Many people—mostly children—also participate in Easter egg "hunts," in which decorated eggs are hidden.

See pages 9-10 of this newsletter for information about an Easter egg hunt at Alamance Presbyterian Church — and page 7 for details about Holy Week celebrations scheduled for this year. Use the order form on page 7 to purchase an Easter lily to adorn the sanctuary on **Easter Sunday, April 21.**

Current Officers

The Session is the governing body of our congregation. Our officers are called "Elders." They serve a three-year term, called a "class."

Stated meeting is on the **fourth Sunday of each month, at 6 p.m.** in the Scott-Monroe-Anderson room — unless otherwise noted.

Class of 2019:

Harold Alexander
Allison Brown
Ken Carraway
Dana Smith
Tommie Lynn Sullivan

Class of 2020:

Clint Aydelette
Elizabeth Hadley
Lee Shores
Sara Strandberg
Kirby Ward

Class of 2021:

Pam Dixon
Randy Maness
Wendy Mills
Keith Morris
Gary Trull

Youth Elder:

Nick Purvis

Church offices

will be closed

Good Friday, April 19;

and Easter Monday,

April 22.

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Mayor of Alamance

Friends, it has been 32 years since this community elected a “mayor” of Alamance. The original contest was sponsored by the Alamance Lions Club, and pitted Charlie Holton against Lewis May. It was a close contest, but in the end, Lewis May, the Possom Party [sic] candidate, won the office of mayor.



Mayor May is proud that he fulfilled his initial promise to clear the streets of snow in only six months: the promise was made in January. By June, there was no more snow or ice on any local roadway.

Soon, Alamance Presbyterian Church will begin a special fundraiser to elect the next “Mayor of Alamance.” It is time for Mr. May to either defend his incumbency, or to step down from office.

Be alert for opportunities to place your name in the hat to run for Mayor of Alamance. Assemble your team, plan your campaign to buy votes — it is completely acceptable to bribe your way into office. Profits will be applied to the operating budget of the church.

Monthly mission offering

Missions Ministry Team meets on **third Wed. each month, at 5p**, in Scott-Monroe-Anderson room. The team designates recipients of special missions offerings.

You may use the little Missions envelope included in each week’s bulletin packet to make a donation to special missions. Or, you may simply designation your check that you want the money to go to that particular cause.

Designated missions (subject to change, as need arises):

- **April:** World Vision

M.E.E.T.S.

M.E.E.T.S. (Meet, Eat, Entertain, Travel, Socialize) is an ADULTS ONLY fellowship group — designed mainly for “empty nesters” but any adult may attend. Singles and couples welcome. Some outings require physical activity.

Next outing is scheduled for **Thursday, April 18;** to the Community Theater of Greensboro to see the musical *Jesus Christ Superstar* — a fitting show to see during Holy Week.

Tickets are \$15 each. The show runs from **7:30-9:30 p.m.** If you are interested in attending, you **MUST** sign up **and PAY** by **Sunday, March 31.**

M.E.E.T.S. will not be able to accept any reservations or money after that date. Tickets will be purchased only for those who have paid by the deadline.

Payment (cash preferred) can be given to Ken Carraway. Please be reminded that M.E.E.T.S. focuses on “empty nesters” (those who have sent their children off into the world and are not quite senior citizens), therefore all functions are for adults only.

Questions? kathyefay@gmail.com

Fellowship Team members:

Ken Carraway, Jess Rigel, Phyllis Monroe, Marianne Cimino, Sara Strandberg, Sherri Frazier, Barbara Keeler, Jay Busby, Gary Trull, Kathy Fay



April Birthdays

- 6 Amarylis Allred, David White
- 14 Jim Carter
- 15 Becky Oliver
- 16 Dub Bridges
- 17 Becky Hall
- 19 Bain Allred
- 20 Daniel Church
- 21 Ed Gonzalez,
Jennifer McMurtrie
- 22 Blaine Mills, Cindy Morris
- 24 Chad Fields, Erica Lane
- 25 Mikey Donoho, Pat Greeson
- 28 Katrina Schubert
- 30 Angela Burgess, Naomi Church



Do tell

Tell the church office about important events in your life, in the life of the community, or in the life of the congregation (336.697.0488 ext. 121, info@alamancechurch.org). When you move, it is especially nice to let the church know, so we can send your giving statements to you.

Suggestions for topics are welcome — if yours won’t fit, there are other ways to spread the news. Guest articles written by, or submitted by, church members are subject to approval by senior staff members; and may be edited for space, content, and grammar.

Guest photographs are also welcome, if space is available, depending on what other church events are publicized each month.

Presbyterian Women of Alamance Presbyterian Church

Six circles of women meet regularly, as outlined below. Together, they form the Presbyterian Women of Alamance Presbyterian Church. All dates, times, and meeting places are subject to change, as needed.

Agapé: Meets on **second Tuesday** at **11 a.m.** to go out and eat; **12:30 p.m.** in the Uffman classroom.

JoAnn Camp (formerly Open Door): Meets at **6:30 p.m. on second Tuesdays**, usually in members' homes.

L.I.F.T. (Ladies in Fellowship Together): meets **every Sunday** as a Sunday school class, **9-9:50 a.m.**, in the Community Room. Second Sunday each month is a circle meeting.

Martha Brown: Meets at **1 p.m. on the second Wednesday** on weeks when the second Tuesday and second Wednesday happen in the same week, in the Coble House.

Mary, Martha, Lydia, and Ruth: Meets at **11 a.m. on the second Tuesday**, on weeks when the second Tuesday and second Wednesday happen in the same week, in the Parlor.

Red Hat: Group decides monthly where and when to meet.

Our Purpose

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, to support the mission of the church worldwide, to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

The website presbyterianwomen.org has more information — or contact Brenda Bayne (bjbusa@aol.com) with any questions about the Presbyterian Women of Alamance Presbyterian Church.



Dining for Women

<https://diningforwomen.org>

All women are invited to the monthly meetings of the *Dining For Women* APC chapter.

This is an opportunity to commune with other women of the church. Bring your sister, mother, daughter, friend, neighbor. Bring a dish to share, and a donation equivalent to what you would spend if you went out to eat. No donation is too small.

When: **Second Thursday of each month, at 7 p.m.**

Where: Coble House Center for Outreach.

What to bring: A covered dish to share, and a monetary donation to *Dining for Women*.

How it works: Women of all ages gather to break bread, to socialize, to learn about a different grantee being assisted each month, to make a donation equal to what you would have spent dining out (or whatever you feel comfortable giving), and to help women in extreme poverty to better themselves.

The group will hold meetings at Coble House instead of rotating among members' homes. Members will be expected to sign up to host: to be responsible for setting up for the meal, preparing beverages, etc. — everything you would do in your own home, except that you don't have to clean your house first.

For more about Dining for women, check their website: <https://diningforwomen.org>. Or, contact Kathy Fay with your questions (kathyefay@gmail.com).

Contact Brenda Bayne (bjbusa@aol.com) with any questions about the Presbyterian Women of Alamance Presbyterian Church.



Jan Smith asks for some fabric

Jan Smith invites you to give her a sample of fabric that has meaning to you. She wants to use it as part of a double-wedding ring quilt to give her daughter.

Here's a photo of the quilt her mother-in-law, Runell Smith, made for her, years ago.

Jan has asked her sister-in-law, Lou Gonzalez, to make the quilt.

A Few Good Words

“We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be clear this extraordinary power comes from God and not from us.”

- **2 Corinthians 4:7**

The next seven weeks will be extraordinary here at APC. On **Sunday, April 7**, we celebrate our confirmands, and welcome new members with a baptism and professions of faith. **April 14** is **Palm Sunday**, and our annual Easter egg hunt. We expect a large crowd of children — we’ll hide 3,500 Easter eggs and host a hot dog supper.

On **Wednesday, April 17**, we remember Jesus’ Last Supper with communion during Open Door. Our choir has a magnificent Good Friday Tenebrae Service planned for **April 19**; with a string quartet and guests from other churches joining them for *Light Shines in the Darkness*.

Easter Sunday, April 21, we join friends and neighbors on the Tabernacle UMC ball field across from the high school for a sunrise service at **6 a.m.** We will celebrate our own **10 a.m.** Easter service with great music, drama, and the flowering cross.

May 5 is **Youth Sunday**, themed “We Have This Hope.” Youth of our congregation design and lead the worship that Sunday.

Stewardship season

We kick off our annual stewardship season in **April**. (Our fiscal year runs from July 1-June 30.) The theme for 2019-20 is *Treasure in Clay Jars*.

With all the wonderful things happening here at Alamance all the time, it is easy to see the **treasure**: faith development of our children, youth, and adults; awesome worship and music full of joyful praise; rich history and tradition; a variety of service and outreach ministries; devotion and care we

have for one another; and the impact we continue to make on this community. The power of God is at work! God is going great things among us and through us. God is up to something eternal here.

And yet, as **2 Corinthians 4:7** reminds us, the treasure is kept in **clay jars**. Nothing lasts forever in this life, including our bodies (some of us are feeling that lately), this building, and our congregation’s ministries.

Some things have run their course. Others are difficult to sustain. Our resources are often more finite than our energy and passions.

Our church building is a magnificent resource. It, too, is showing its age. We have faced significant challenges in the past year, between constantly-breaking HVAC units, plumbing problems, and hurricane damage.

This building is a brick-and-mortar “clay jar,” built to house and host the great treasure that is Alamance Presbyterian Church. Part of our calling is to keep it up.

This year, your Stewardship Team will invite you to examine what you treasure about this place, and how your gifts help sustain it.

We also challenge you to consider how you might sustain the church through a legacy gift. Remembering the church in your estate planning could help us provide for ministry in this place for decades to come.

Do you treasure our cemetery? It takes more than a fund to keep it up. It takes a vibrant church to care for it.

Do you treasure our children’s ministry? It takes a lot of candy and a lot of volunteers to stuff four thousand eggs!

Do you treasure our Food Pantry, and our service with Habitat, Potter’s House, and the Red Kettle drive? It takes an army of volunteers to do this good work.

Do you treasure our beautiful sanctuary and our weekly worship? It takes a whole team to preach, teach, lead music, and stream our service.

Do you treasure our rich history? It takes a strong and vital church in the present to curate the holy relics of our past.

Do you treasure the gathering of friends? The coffee and pastries are not free!

Do you treasure our youth? Your gift to the church helps us cultivate a new generation of churchgoers.

Like the hands of the potter on the wheel, God is forming and shaping this “clay jar” into something new, something that will continue to hold something precious.

God is the potter. We are the clay. Our part is to uphold the treasure we are given.

In Christ’s Love and Light,

Kyle



Messy family rooms

The churches of the Revelation show us that churches are not Victorian parlors where everything is always picked up and ready for guests. They are messy family rooms. Entering a person's house unexpectedly, we are sometimes met with a barrage of apologies. St. John does not apologize. Things are out of order, to be sure, but that is what happens to churches that are lived in. They are not show rooms. They are living rooms, and if the persons living in them are sinners, there are going to be clothes scattered about, handprints on the woodwork, and mud on the carpet. For as long as Jesus insists on calling sinners and not the righteous to repentance — and there is no indication as yet that he has changed his policy in that regard — churches are going to be an embarrassment to the fastidious and an affront to the upright. St. John sees them simply as *lampstands*; they are places, locations, where the light of Christ is shown. They are not themselves the light. There is nothing particularly glamorous about churches, nor, on the other hand, is there something particularly shameful about them. They simply are.

(from *Living the Message: Daily Reflections with Eugene H. Peterson*, 1996; pp. 71-2)



APC: *SPRING* into a healthy lifestyle!

Girl Scout Troop 41121 Kayla Miller's
Gold Award Project



Save these dates:

Saturday, April 6: Let's Save Lives!

- **When:** 1-4 p.m.
- **Where:** Brown Fellowship Hall
- **What:** Join Chief Bowers, from the Alamance Fire Department, as he leads an informative training session on CPR and first aid basics.

Register by March 29 at apchealthyiving@gmail.com

These events are family-friendly. Please be sure to let us know, when registering, how many and who will attend.

Saturday, May 4: Health Fair!

- **When:** 1-4 p.m.
- **Where:** Brown Fellowship Hall and outside environs, weather permitting.
- **What:** Join us for a day of fun; learn about various local health agencies and services available in our community!

Lent (2)

A poem by Tom Huey

After the ritualized magic is uttered and the heart grows dim
with tracing God's word ever darker in our mind, after we return
to the things of this world — the hullabaloo, the discord and mayhem

we find no release from — we may turn to the gospels and learn,
if we are so inclined, how Christ suffered as much and more, to give us
through his pain and temptation, his everlasting word

which is Glory, softly muttered, not even a voice but a silence,
not even a muttering (for these are our voices raised
in private hunger for ourselves), and we are finally aware

if only for the briefest time, of Christ's temptations and our own
shortcomings as we await his return and the Word is visited upon us again,
as it was in the beginning, when like the unborn or the newly born,

we were helpless in his arms and powerless but to do his bidding
even though he is gone from us a short while, no longer than a breath
or one heart beating in rhythm to the glory of his divine absence.

Questions

Who would I be?
If I were then?

Would I stand on the curb and watch him go by? Would I have knocked off for the afternoon to see what he had to say? Would I have raised my eyebrows and wondered what this was all about? Would I have stood with a few on the corner and wondered pettishly, when *were* the authorities going to put a stop to this thing before it got out of hand! Would I have drunk it all in, and been wide-eyed and wide-hearted with wonder? Would I have clinched my opinion as soon as I saw he was associating with some of “those” kinds of people? Would I have smiled benevolently at the stories of wonders and healings? Would I have wanted to get his autograph? Would I have stood aside and waited thoughtfully — oh so thoughtfully — for him to prove himself fact or fiction? Would I have slept soundly that Friday night, and the next night too?

Isn't it nice to be here,
now,
for we can't make *those* mistakes.

God have mercy on us.
God have mercy on us.

(*God Is No Fool*, Lois A. Cheney, 1969, Abingdon Press; pp. 18-19)



UKIRK Greensboro is a PC(USA) ministry of Salem Presbytery, that serves students at Greensboro College, Guilford College, Guilford Tech, and UNC-G. As a non-congregation-based ministry, UKIRK is led by a board of directors from congregations across the presbytery. APC holds two spots on the board, filled by Mary Ellen Shores and Dr. Kyle Goodman.

UKIRK GSO offices are in the Holderness House, on South Mendenhall St. It serves both as a ministry space, and as a residence for three students and a resident coordinator. The Rev. Katie Barrett Todd is Executive Director, and Campus Minister.

Weekly programming for UKIRK is on Monday mornings, Tuesday evenings, Wednesday at lunchtime, and — during Lent — on Thursday afternoons.

The **last Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.**, we gather for worship with communion in the sanctuary of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, All UKIRK worship services are open to the public.

UKIRK GSO is grateful to Alamance Presbyterian Church for the support we've given them, from board leadership, meals, pastoral participation, to program support.

To learn more about UKIRK GSO, visit www.ukirkgso.org or @ukirkgso on Instagram and Facebook.

Members of UKIRK GSO led worship at Alamance on Sunday, March 24.



Easter is coming!

The season of Lent, the period preceding Easter that in the Christian Church is devoted to fasting, abstinence, and penitence in commemoration of Christ's fasting in the wilderness, runs from Ash Wednesday to **Holy Saturday**.

The last week of Lent, Holy Week, begins with **Passion or Palm Sunday, April 14**. That evening, from **4-5:30 p.m.**, Kids R.O.C.K. hosts an Easter egg hunt for young children (See page 9).

AT Open Door fellowship on **Wednesday, April 17**, our weekly meal (**5:45 p.m.** in the Gathering Place) is followed by a Holy Wednesday worship service (**6:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary). Communion will be served.

On **Thursday, April 18**, Community In Christ, Presbyterian invites us to their **7 p.m.** Maundy Thursday worship service (5401 Liberty Road).

On **Good Friday, April 19**, we hold a **7 p.m.** tenebrae worship service, to remember the world's deep sorrow at the death of Jesus. The APC Choir performs the 2018 choral work *Light Shines in the Darkness*, by Michael John Trotta. See page 11 for details.

Sunday, April 21 is **Easter Sunday**, the holiest and happiest of days in the church year. There's a community Easter Sunrise service at **6 a.m.** at the Tabernacle UMC ballpark (at the corner of Woody Mill and Liberty roads). Worship here at APC is at **10 a.m.** Rejoice in the beauty of Easter lilies in the sanctuary, hear again the wonderful Easter message of hope, and celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

Bring flowers on Easter Sunday

During worship on **Easter Sunday, April 21**, we will decorate a cross in the sanctuary with fresh flowers. Easter falls relatively late in the calendar this year. It is probable that many of us will have garden blooms to bring to church.

Thanks for your gift of beauty to the congregation!

Easter lilies

**Easter Sunday,
April 21, 2019
(order deadline:
Friday, April 12)**



- Place this in the offering plate or take to church office -

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Person ordering: _____

Daytime phone #: _____

Person picking up flowers: _____

**My check in the amount of
\$13.50 per lily is attached
and made payable to
*Alamance Presbyterian Church.***

Easter lilies are from Mindenhill Farm, a local nursery.



APC Youth presents *Hotel Rwanda*

Sunday, April 7, 5-7:30 p.m.
in the Community room.

Hotel Rwanda is a powerful telling of the story of hotel manager Paul Rusesabagina, who provided sanctuary for hundreds of people during the 1994 Rwandan genocide.

The film was nominated for multiple awards, including Academy Award nominations for Best Actor, Best Supporting Actress, and Best Original Screenplay. The film also won a number of awards, including those from the Berlin and Toronto International Film Festivals.

This movie is rated PG-13 for violence, disturbing images, and brief strong language. Childcare will be provided, so that older teens and adults can view the film without worry that young children will be exposed to content that is too mature for them.

Youth Sunday

Youth Sunday is **May 5, 2019**.
Worship that morning will be led by youth of our church.

This annual event is always interesting, as we see how the years of faith formation of our children blossoms into the church leadership of our youth — and gives a foretaste of the full harvest of service to Christ and to the Church that these young people will surely grow into.



Children's worship and fellowship

Join us for one or all! ALL children are welcome, whether they attend church regularly, occasionally, or just stop by to check us out.

The APC Children's Ministry at Alamance Presbyterian Church strives to provide a safe and loving church community where children will learn who Jesus is, experience his love, and grow to become his followers.

Sunday school

All children from PreK-5th grade meet together from **9-9:50 a.m. each Sunday**. The curriculum is *Godly Play*. The Godly Play space is on the lower level of the Grant building.

Children's Church

Joy Thomas, Dir. of Children's Ministries, and helpers lead this worship. Children are ALWAYS welcome in the sanctuary — Children's Church is offered for children to stay through a children's message, then leave for a lesson of their own. They return after the sermon to continue worship.

Childcare is provided for infants through 3-year-olds, in a nursery in the Education Building, staffed by approved volunteers.

Kids R.O.C.K.

Kids Reaching Out to Christ's Kingdom is a fellowship group for 2nd-5th grades. Kids R.O.C.K. meets from **5-6:30 p.m. every Sunday** during the school year, for a simple meal and a program that explores Christian life from a child's perspective.

Parents: please fill out a permission form for each child. Sign up to provide a meal, if you want to help Kids R.O.C.K. in that way.

Dress your child to move and be active at Kids R.O.C.K.!

Kids J.A.M.

Kids, Jesus, Art, and Music, a worship arts ministry, meets in the Music Room on the lower level of the sanctuary building, **from 5:15-5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays** (before Open Door fellowship) during the school year. Kids J.A.M. is for ages K-5th grade, **free of cost**, and open to all children.

Adult volunteers and children come together to make friends, sing songs, play instruments, get moving, create art, have fun, and spread the love of Jesus out into the world.

Students at the Child Development Center can be picked up from their classrooms and escorted to the music room, and parents can pick up from there at **5:45!**

Contact Katie Hensley, Dir. of Music, or Joy Thomas, Dir. of Children's Ministries, to find out how to volunteer.



Alamance Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 14, 2019

4 p.m.: Dye Eggs

4:30: Egg Hunt begins

5 p.m.: Hotdog supper

ALL children (toddlers - 5th grade)

are welcome to participate. **PLEASE** either e-mail Joy Thomas (joy@alamancechurch.org), call the church office (336-697-0488 ext. 132), or sign up in the Gathering Room to let us know you are coming. We want to have plenty of eggs and food for everyone.

Remember to bring your own Easter Basket!!!



Please, please, please, could you donate stuffed plastic eggs and/or candy to stuff into plastic eggs? Director of Children's Ministries Joy Thomas wants to get a jump on stuffing the eggs we will need.

At present, we anticipate the need for 3,500+ eggs for this annual event.

Also, we need empty egg cartons, for dyeing eggs. Look for the giant collection box in the Gathering Place — don't confuse it with the Food Pantry box!

And, for those of you who sit at home, twiddling your thumbs, wishing you had something to do but at a complete loss what that thing might be, we offer the opportunity to help Joy stuff some of those 3,500 eggs.

Let Joy know you want to help, and she'll gladly put you to work.

Live streaming the Alamance experience

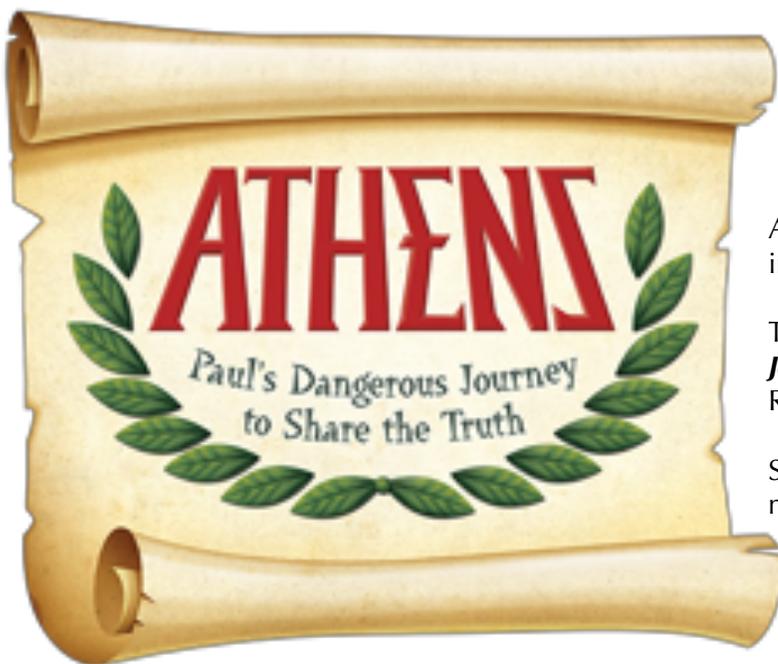
It's now possible to look and listen to Sunday morning worship at Alamance live, on-line. A few steps before you start your live streaming experience are simple to accomplish:

1. First, go to our website, www.alamancechurch.org. Scroll down the homepage for the *Live Sunday Worship & Info* box — and choose that option, to go to the *Worship* page. (Or, go to *Connect* at the **top** of the page, and choose *Worship* from the drop-down list.)

2. On the *Worship* page, the box for *Worship Live Streaming* is on the **top right** of your screen. Choose that option. It sends you to the Livestream page for Alamance Presbyterian Church (www.livestream.com).

3. ***Before you can access the live streaming service***, you'll be required to open an account with Livestream, either with your e-mail or your Facebook account. The Livestream site will prompt you to enter your e-mail. It will then send you an e-mail, and that e-mail will instruct you how to enter a password of your own choosing. After that, you'll get an e-mail thanking you for joining Livestream.

4. On the Alamance Presbyterian Church website, the *Worship Live Streaming* page has all the recorded services still available; and options for services still to come. (The not-yet-happened ones are listed so you can log in on those Sundays at **10:15 a.m.** to experience worship with the rest of the congregation, as it unfolds in real time.)

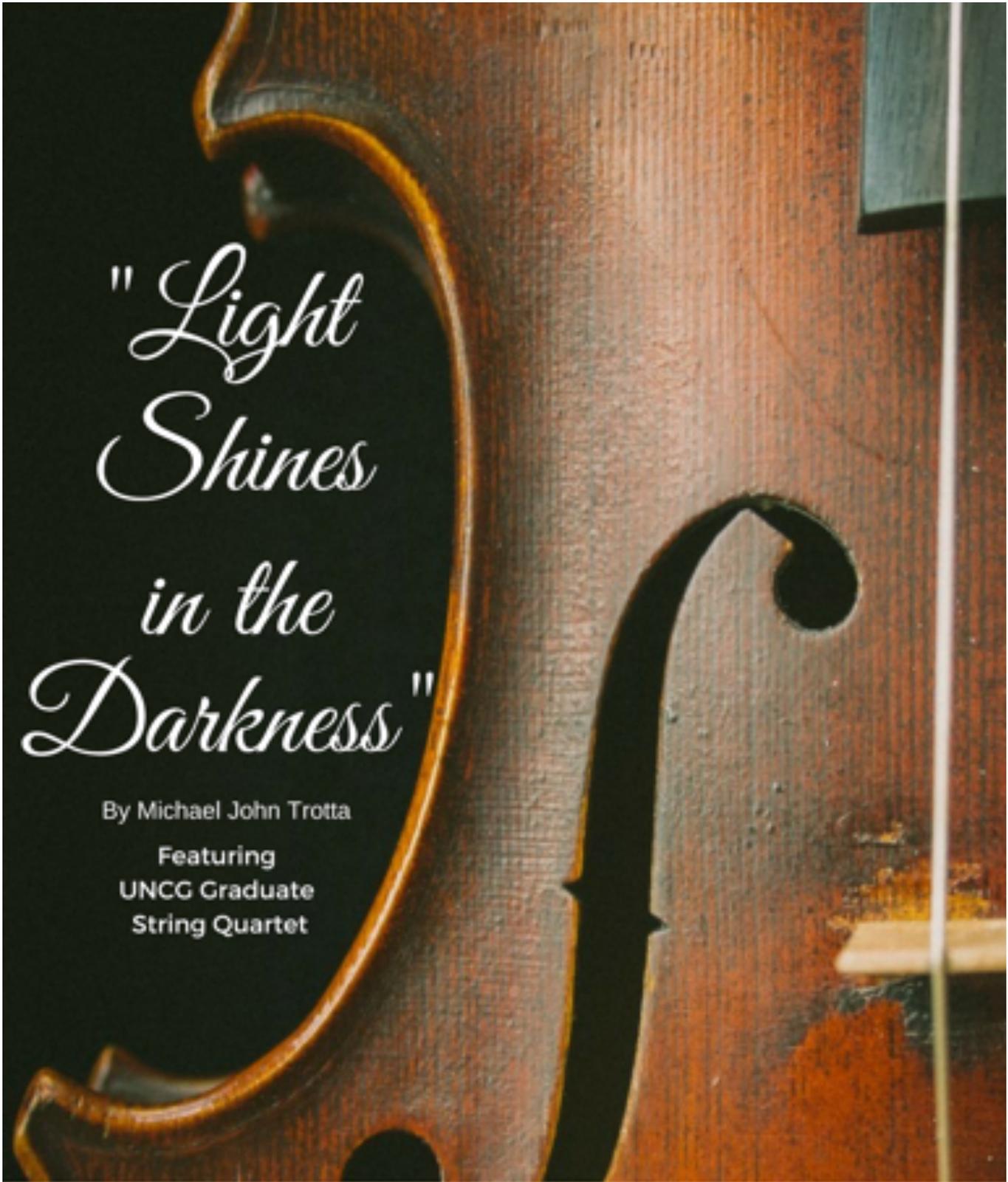


Save the dates for Vacation Bible School 2019!

Alamance Presbyterian Church's children's ministry invites you to travel with St. Paul, **July 7-12, 2019**.

The program this year is ***Athens: Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth***. Brush up on your Greek and Roman history, to get ready for the trip.

Stay tuned for more about VBS, and how you can help make it a success for children in our community.



*"Light
Shines
in the
Darkness"*

By Michael John Trotta

Featuring
UNCG Graduate
String Quartet

**A GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE
FRIDAY APRIL 19 7PM
ALAMANCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SANCTUARY**

Musically speaking ...

Adult Choir

The APC Adult Choir rehearses nearly every **Wednesday evening** of the year — unless otherwise noted — in the choir loft, from **7-8:30 p.m.** The choir is an enthusiastic group of singers who provide choral music during worship, by performing anthems and by leading the congregation in singing hymns and responses.

This musical ministry is open to anyone of high school age or older, to make a joyful noise during worship services. Ability to read music is helpful but not required. We help each other to be our best selves, in the choir loft.

A request: The APC Adult choir meets from **9-9:45 a.m.** in the sanctuary, **each Sunday**, to rehearse music for that day's worship service — and to hold devotions. This time serves as Sunday school for those who forgo a "regular" class in order to sing in the choir. Please, wait until **after 9:45** to enter the sanctuary. If you come into that space for a time of quiet personal prayer, please maintain silence so that the choir can enjoy their Sunday school just as you do.

APC Handbells

The APC Ringers, a handbell ensemble, sound out the news: They rehearse their art in the afternoon, on the **first and third Sundays of each month**, from **4-5:30 p.m.** They practice in the sanctuary. Because rehearsals are bi-monthly, there's not much time to dwell on teaching bell basics! At present, you must have some previous experience and a basic knowledge of technique to play with this group. Ability to read music is helpful. Ability to count is imperative.

The church owns four octaves of Schulmerich handbells and three octaves of chimes, donated about 30 years ago. The bells were recently refurbished; and new tables, pads, and covers have been obtained, thanks to generous contributions from the congregation.

APC Ringers currently to enhance worship with small ensembles of ringers, as well as accompanying anthems for both adult and children's choirs. The bells ring out on special occasions throughout the church year.

Each of the ringers considers their time and effort ringing to be a ministry to the church. Contact Katie Hensley at katie@alamancechurch.org for further information about the APC Bells.

Open Mic Night: a fundraiser for the Resident Artist Program

The Resident Artist program presented a night of food, fellowship, and festivity on March 22. Aren't you glad you were there? A jolly good chunk of change was raised for the RA program.

Our three resident artists, Jonathan Arp, Ali Garner-McGraw, and Mary Rosenberg; accompanist Rebecca Oden; and members of the congregation joined to present an evening of music. David Hensley emceed the event. Here are some photos:



Grant Smith



Doug Clapp



Audience members



Emcee David Hensley



Mary Rosenberg

Jonathan Arp



Mary Rosenberg



Nick Purvis

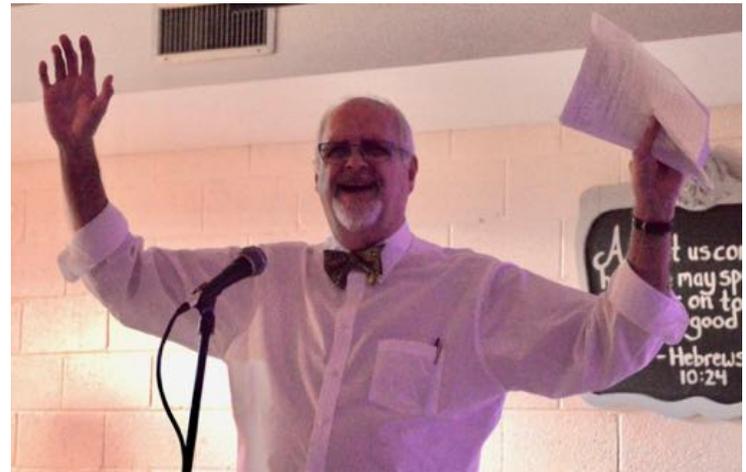


Jared Gill



Rebecca Oden

David Hensley:
happy to be here,
happy to be
part of the
program.



Katie Hensley

Ali Garner-McGraw



Ali Garner-McGraw



The Smith "Step" Sisters

APC Food Pantry

Since 2010, this church has offered groceries to up to 30 hungry families each week. Distribution is on **Saturday mornings, from 10:30-11:30**. Set-up starts well before that.

We need volunteers to help with distribution to our guests, each Saturday morning!

This mission has priority to use Brown Fellowship Hall. That's why we don't schedule events there on Saturday mornings.

The Southeast High School R.O.T.C. helps unload and shelve a monthly truckload of food from Second Harvest Food Bank in Winston-Salem, bought with your monetary donations. SE Middle School donates fresh produce from their garden. Nathaniel Greene Elementary School donates through the Food Bus program.

Ask Connie Fish how **you** can help with the work. You can now schedule your own workdays at <http://signup.com/go/h2b6xy>.

Food Pantry special collections

The Alamance Presbyterian Church Food Pantry started a monthly directed food collection in 2016. "What is a directed food collection?" you may well ask. Each month, the APC Food Pantry designates specific food items to be donated in the big box in the Gathering Place.

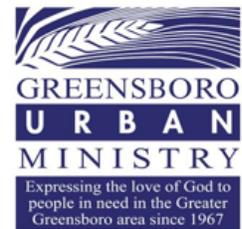
Here's a list of those specific items wanted for each month of the year.

- **April** Canned fruits
- **May** Canned vegetables
- **June** Macaroni-and-cheese
- **July** Crackers
- **August** Canned pasta
- **September** Cereal, oatmeal
- **October** Canned meats
- **November** Dry pasta, and spaghetti sauce
- **December:** Soups
- **January** Canned beans
- **February** Rice
- **March** Peanut butter, jelly

Potter's House

Since July of 2004, this church has served supper to hungry guests at Potter's House on the third Saturday of each odd-numbered month of the year. Remaining dates in **2019: May 18, July 20, September 21, November 16**.

The work is intense while it lasts. Arrive at **6 p.m.** to set up for the meal. Food is served from **7-7:45 p.m.** We are cleaned up and out the door by **8:15 p.m.**



Open Door fellowship

Most **Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m.**, a covered-dish meal (entrée provided, you bring sides and desserts) is shared by all, in the Gathering Place. After the meal, we meet in the sanctuary at **6:30** for devotions. This year, our focus of study is on the gifts of the Spirit. **April = Gentleness.**

All are welcome at the table. Any who come early to set up, or stay after to help clean up, are doubly welcome.

Entrées during Lent are to be meatless. It's a fasting thing.

- **April 3:** Vegetarian lasagna
- **April 10:** Shrimp-fried rice
- **April 17:** Pinto beans and macaroni-and-cheese.
- **April 24:** No Open Door
- **May 1:** Chicken & waffles
- **May 8:** Asian meatballs
- **May 16:** Taco bar
- **May 22:** Pot roast
- **May 29:** Last Open Door for the season. Cook-out, weather permitting.

CAT went to Pollockville

The Culinary Arts Team (CAT) drove ten people and a big load of food to Pollockville, NC (on the banks of the mighty Trent River, near New Bern) on March 23. CAT set up and served over 250 box lunches — for townfolk, and for hurricane relief workers still repairing damage done by two major hurricanes, Florence and Michael.



Memorials and honoraria

To the Operating Fund: In memory of Virginia Parrish Andrews by Bob & Grace Dagenhart, Dick & Pat Royal, Rachel Pringle McKaughan. In honor of Thelma Greeson, for her decades of service and love by Clint & Linda Aydelette.

To the Youth Fund: In memory of Lula Belle Nelson by Clint & Linda Aydelette.

To the Building Improvement Fund: In memory of Virginia Parrish Andrews by Bryce & Pat Greeson.

To the Music Fund: In memory of Rosalee Brewer by Thelma Greeson. In memory of Virginia Parrish Andrews by Thelma Greeson. In memory of Kris Keeler by Thelma Greeson.

To the Food Pantry: In memory of Rosalee Brewer by Jackie Fogleman.

To the Cemetery Care Fund: In memory of W. Jay & Lucille Fogleman by Linda Jones.

Cemetery notes

Google Maps tells us that the Alamance Presbyterian cemetery is 8.73 acres of treeless, windswept hillside. It's a very exposed acreage. In the best of weathers our cemetery is buffeted by breezes from all directions, most days.

In good weather, flowers left in the path of mowers are moved out of the way of the machines. When storms happen, floral arrangements left on gravestones fly away on the gale, unless they are securely fastened. (Duct tape is **not** a secure fastener for this purpose.)

Storms tend to dump flying debris of all sorts into the ditches along Presbyterian Road. That includes unsecured floral arrangements. When those lost flowers are collected from the ditch, they are deposited behind the brown shed near the dumpsters. You can search for them there, to replace them on the graves.



American Red Cross blood drive

A blood drive in memory of Michael Martin is **Thursday, May 16, 2-7 p.m.** in Brown Fellowship Hall. Contact Frankie Forbis (336.202.1741; bbqnc@aol.com) or Susan Martin (336.404.5026; smart4303@gmail.com) to sign up to donate a portion of your precious hemoglobin and plasma.



Daniel Ritchie spoke in worship March 17

"I was born without arms and spent the majority of my life being told that I was a hopeless mistake and woefully insufficient to lead a full life.[...] I now spend my time traveling, preaching & speaking at churches, conferences and youth events in the United States and abroad."

For more, check out his website: www.danielritchie.org



Personal self-defense class

A six-week class, offered by the APC Safety Team, meets on Wednesdays through May 1, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., in Brown Fellowship Hall.

Cost is \$35. Contact David White to register, and for more information about the class. (davidwhite1955@hotmail.com; 336.580.8683).



Newsletter deadline

Deadline for the **May, 2019** issue of **The Relay**, our church newsletter, is **Friday, April 26**. Post your articles by "snail mail," by e-mail (lynn@alamancechurch.org), phone the office (697-0488 x 121) — or hitch up your wagon and drive to the church to deliver it in person.



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"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.

Coffee hour volunteers

- April 7: Irwin**
- April 14: McMurtrie**
- April 21: Monroe**
- April 28: Alexander**



Sunday morning volunteers

Ushers/Greeters

1st Sunday

Jon Garrett, Patty Starr
Side Door: Pat Lovell

2nd Sunday & 5th Sunday

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

3rd Sunday

Jackie Fogleman, Telia Carroll
Side door: Jean Poe

4th Sunday

Dena Fail, Leta Pillion
Side door: JoAnn Camp

Offering Collectors

1st Sunday

Graham Dail, Tina Garrett
Lee Shores Tommie Lynn Sullivan

2nd Sunday & 5th Sunday

Naomi Church, Erica Lane,
Marcia Lane, Tony Sizemore

3rd Sunday

Nick Purvis, Albert Smith,
Steve Starr, Kirby Ward

4th Sunday

Harold Alexander, Bobby Jobe,
Willie Goncharow, Ed Gonzalez

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Jonathan Arp, Resident Artist

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Church offices

will be closed

on Good Friday, April 19;

and on Easter Monday, April 22.