

**March 22, 2020 Announcements**

**Coins for Christ: April 5, 2020**

**Special missions collection for March: UKirk college ministry**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** We're glad you are not here. **Until further notice, Alamance Presbyterian Church is suspending all worship, fellowship, classes, and committee meetings;** under instruction from Salem Presbytery in light of the NC State of Emergency due to COVID-19.

We **WILL** continue to Livestream worship from our sanctuary **each Sunday** while strictures remain in place. See our website ([www.alamancechurch.org](http://www.alamancechurch.org)) for instructions on how to set up and use a Livestream account to view worship at APC.

**Bulletins** in PDF are posted on the website. You can follow along with the order of worship. (If you choose to print a bulletin, it is formatted for 11 x 17 paper. Songsheets are 8 1/2 x 11.)

Pastors and other staff members prepare and broadcast **inspirational videos** several days a week, to help us stay in contact with each other in our mutual adoration of the Divine. They post on the Alamance Presbyterian Church Facebook page AND on the website.

**NEW PLATFORM FOR ONLINE GIVING!** See insert on the Bulletins & Announcement page of website ([www.alamancechurch.org](http://www.alamancechurch.org)) for details of how to use electronic giving. (Current provider's services end on **March 31**.)

**MISSIONS OFFERING:** The **March** special missions offering is for UKirk, a PC(USA) college campus ministry. In **April**, we will support The Shepherd Center of Kigali, Uganda. APC Elder Tommie Lynn Sullivan has joined their board!

**KIDS R.O.C.K.:** No meeting tonight.

**YOUTH GROUP:** No meeting tonight.

**STATED SESSION MEETING:** No in-person meeting tonight.

**OPEN BOOK BIBLE STUDY:** No meeting Wed., Mar. 25.

**OPEN DOOR FELLOWSHIP:** No meeting Wed., Mar. 25.

**INFORMATION MEETING:** A real estate developer has plans for the land across the street. You are invited to an information meeting on **Wed., Mar. 25, 6-8p** in the Bible Seeker classroom (upper level, middle building) — **if public gatherings are allowed by then.**

**WANTED: TREATS TO FILL PLASTIC EGGS** for the **Sun., Apr. 5, 4-5:30p** Easter Egg Hunt — **if public gatherings are allowed by then.** Contact Joy Thomas, Dir. of Children's Ministries for more info([joy@alamancechurch.org](mailto:joy@alamancechurch.org)).

**NEW CHAPTER OF A.A.** to form. Will meet on **Thursday evenings** in the Parlor, begins **April 9** — **if public gatherings are allowed by then.**

**MEETS:** If all is back to normal by then, MEETS will be at Red Oak Brewery **Fri., Apr. 24, 6p** in their Lager Haus and Beirgarten. Food is on your own. RSVP to Kathy Fay ([kathyefay@gmail.com](mailto:kathyefay@gmail.com)) by **Apr. 10**.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM** moves its April meeting to **Sun., Apr. 19, at 12 noon** (regular meeting time would have been on Easter Sunday) — **if public gatherings are allowed by then.**

**FISH FRY** on **Sat., Apr. 25** — **if public gatherings are allowed by then..** Offer your service to the event by contacting Darren Hadley (336.402.0297).

***The flowers in the sanctuary today** are given for the glory of God and in memory of Carrie Hobbs, for her March 31 birthday; by Harold & Barbara Alexander.*

***Christian sympathy is expressed** to Laverne Vance, at the death of her brother-in-law, Dr. Mark Neil Feinglos, on March 14.*

**Presbyterian Women circles meet** — if public gatherings are allowed by then.

**Red Hat:** Check with moderator.

**JoAnn Camp:** Check with moderator.

**Agapé:** **Tues., Apr. 14 11a** to eat out, **12:30p** in Uffman classroom.

**L.I.F.T.:** **Class meets every Sunday, 9-9:50a** in Uffman classroom.

**Martha Brown:** **Wed., Apr. 15, 1p** at the Coble House (after Open Word Bible study).

**Mary, Martha, Lydia, & Ruth:** **Tues., Apr. 14; 11a** in the Parlor.

Contact Brenda Bayne about the Pres. Women of ACP ([brendajbayne@aol.com](mailto:brendajbayne@aol.com))

**Ministry Teams' stated meetings**

Nota bene: All stated meetings are subject to change!

- **Mission: First Sunday, 2p**, Uffman classroom.
- **Fellowship: First Monday, 6p**, Parlor.
- **Christian Education: Second Sunday, 2p**, Coble Center.
- **Congregational Care & Outreach: Second Wednesday, 5p**, Uffman classroom.
- **Worship Arts: Third Sunday, 2:30p**, Uffman classroom.
- **Administrative Ministry: Third Sunday, 5:30p**, Bible Seekers room.
- **Session: Fourth Sunday, 6p**, Uffman classroom.

**Church Staff**

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

**Food Pantry Volunteers**

**Special collection for March: Peanut butter, jelly**

**VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL:** Food Pantry Team **needs** you. Don't wait to be called: Take the initiative to volunteer your service!

**Go here to sign up: <http://signup.com/go/h2b6xy>**

**Coffee Hour hosts**

Donations for the food and drink we enjoy each week at Coffee Hour are used for the Food Pantry. **\*\*\*** When public gatherings are again allowed, and we can gather in fellowship together, remember to deposit a little money in the donation box, in gratitude to God and to the volunteers who set up and serve us during Coffee Hour.



**To give by Text:** Simply text the word "give" to **336-396-6133**. You will be asked to follow simple prompts to set up your account and make your donations. **Remember:** Our former electronic giving platform shall soon be no more! That provider's services end on **March 31**.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**(336)-697-0488**

During normal business days, the church office is open from **8:30a-2:30p** on **M-T-Th-F;** **8:30a-12:30p** on **Wednesday**.

Office hours for Finance Manager Jeanine Rossi

- **9a-4p** on **Monday**
- **9a-2:30p** on **Tuesday**
- **9a-5p** **Wednesday** and **Thursday**
- **9a-2:30p** on **Friday**



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020 10 a.m.



Ancient well at Beersheva

**Gathering**

**Candle Lighting**

As we light the candles on our communion table, we invite you to light a candle in your homes, as a reminder that Christ is with us, even in our darkest moments, illuminating us with hope for the future.

**Opening Music**

*Within Our Darkest Night*

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**Call to Worship**

One Voice: The world belongs to the Lord,  
**All Voices: the earth and all its people.**  
One: How good and how lovely it is  
**All: to live together in unity.**  
One: Love and faith come together;  
**All: justice and peace join hands.**  
One: If the Lord's disciples keep silent,  
**All: these stones would shout aloud.**  
One: Lord, open our lips  
**All: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

## Prayer of Confession

Holy God, Maker of all, have mercy on us. In the community of Christ's Church, and in the presence of all God's people, we confess to God that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved God, cared for God's world, or respected God's people as we should. We own our responsibility and pray for God's pardon. Let us now in silence remember our own faults and failings.

Moment for silent confession.

May God forgive us, Christ befriend us, and the Spirit renew and change our lives. Amen.

## \*Sung Assurance of Pardon

*Nothing Can Trouble*

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## The Word

## Scripture Reading

*John 4:5-42*

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

## Biblical Reflection

As you listen to the Scripture and to our pastoral reflections, we invite you to follow suit and hold your own discussions at home as a form of worship within your family. Below are some of the questions we responded to during our reflections.

*I wonder why this story was included in the Bible?*

*I wonder what questions this passage leads us to ask God, or each other?*

*I wonder who or where in our world today this reading reminds us of?*

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## Sung Response and Sharing of Offering

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

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We invite you to join us in song and 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 new online giving platform, available at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-giving>.

## Closing

One: This is the day the Lord has made.

**All: We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

One: We will not offer to God

**All: offerings that cost us nothing.**

One: Go in peace, and serve the Lord!

**All: We will seek peace and pursue it!**

One: Glory be to God who made us, and to Christ who saved us, and to the Holy Spirit who keeps us in faith,

**All: as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

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

Lectionary Year A Scripture for the Fourth Sunday in Lent, **March 22:**

**1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41.**

Lectionary Year A Scripture for the Fifth Sunday in Lent, **March 29:**

**Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45.**

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