

 In lieu of flowers a donation has been made to the New Building Fund by Jim and Donna McCauley, which is given to the glory of God.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Jay Bateman	7/16
Fred Kircher	7/16
Joan Richardson	7/16
Cindy Hammond	7/16
Dillon Drummond	7/17
Sue Brown	7/20

**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

**Greeters:** Jim and Donna McCauley  
**Ushers:** Millard Gold, Bill Brown, Tom Powell, Ralph Waller  
**Acolyte:** Joshua Wood  
**Liturgist:** Sherry Scott  
**Deacon on Call:** Rosilyn Dudley

**WEEKLY GIVING**

Received Last Week: \$5,945.00  
 Received to Date: \$275,867.66  
 Expenses to Date: \$269,210.89  
 NBF Last Week: \$1,560.10  
 NBF Loan Balance: \$569,561.00

**Elon Community Church Staff**

**Senior Pastor**  
 Rev. Randy Orwig  
**Associate Pastor**  
 Rev. Sharon Wheeler  
**Office Manager**  
 Monica F. Nicholson  
**Finance Director**  
 Lori Watson  
**Organist and Choir Director**  
 Dr. Mark Rumley  
**Bell Choirs Director**  
 Eden Brown  
**Custodian**  
 Delinda Anderson



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**THIS WEEK AT ELON COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Sunday 7/15**

9:30 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Worship Service

**Tuesday 7/17**

8:00 am LIFT Exercise Class  
 7:00 pm PFLAG

**Wednesday 7/18**

5:15 pm QiGong  
 8:00 pm AA

**Thursday 7/19**

8:00 am LIFT Exercise Class  
 3:00 pm Farmers' Market  
 6:00 pm Overeaters Anon.

**Friday 7/20**

6:30 pm NA

**Sunday 7/22**

9:30 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Worship Service

**ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE!**

Click or scan the QR Code on the top right of our website, [eloncommunitychurch.org](http://eloncommunitychurch.org). Or look for the QR Code in the bulletin and Torch! From here you can use a credit card to fulfill pledge obligations or donate to various other funds. You can also go to the Finance Tab on our website to set up an account for regular giving!

**WE'RE ON THE WEB:**  
[eloncommunitychurch.org](http://eloncommunitychurch.org)  
  

**TORCH DEADLINE:** The deadline for the August issue of *The Torch* is on Thursday, July 19. Please submit any articles or photos you may have to the church office by this date. Thank you for your cooperation!

**ACTIVE AGING TO GO TO GREENSBORO HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** The Active Aging Group will head to Greensboro Historical Museum on Thursday, July 26. We will leave at 9:15 am and arrive at the museum around 10:00 am. While there you will see the new Dolly Madison Exhibit featuring a gown worn by the former First Lady; the Least We Forget – WWI through the Eyes of Nine Exhibit; The Second Generations – Asian Americans Exhibit and the Welcome to the Gate City Exhibit depicting Greensboro in the early 1900's. After touring the museum, the group will make a stop at the Carolina Field of Honor, a memorial to all the armed services of our nation. Lunch will be at the Moose Café at the Farmer's Market. We will meet at the church and carpool for this trip. Deadline for signing up is July 22. For more information contact Ted Henson.

**Carowinds Trip:** We are planning a trip to Carowinds on Wednesday, August 1. In order for us to receive group rates, we need at least 15 folks to go. The group rate per person is \$34.50. I have youth that are interested in going on that date, but I am also opening up to families that would like to make the trip. If you like to go, please sign-up on the insert, email Sharon Wheeler at [wheeler.sharon04@gmail.com](mailto:wheeler.sharon04@gmail.com) or call the church office and let us know how many in your family would like to attend!



**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR MUSIC CAMP 2018** which will be held **Monday, August 13—Friday, August 17, and Sunday, August 19**. Due to the growing popularity of Music Camp over the past few years, we will be implementing a cap on registration. This will allow us to ensure that we have the resources to provide a truly enriching and enjoyable experience for all children and youth involved. Please register ASAP to guarantee your child's spot at camp! You may register online at <https://tinyurl.com/ECCMusicCamp2018>. Please complete a separate form for each student that you are registering. Sign up today and share with a friend or family member! All are welcome! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Eden Brown by email at [ecbell@gmail.com](mailto:ecbell@gmail.com).

**CHAT AND CHOW** will meet next at 5:30 pm on Friday, August 10 at O'Charley's on Huffman Mill Road in Burlington. Please sign-up on the insert if you plan to attend. Please see Margaret McTaggart with any questions.



**Green Church Suggestion:** Avoid buying toys or trinkets that may contain lead. Be suspicious of metal trinkets made in China, where lead is often used in manufacturing; they can cause serious health issues in kids. Test suspect items with a lead-test kit available at hardware stores.

Prayer List			
Lori Cole	Stuart Hoyle	Howard Welborn	Estelle Willard
Don and Shirley Judd	Bill Franklin	Victoria Hughes	Brittany Rogers
Dominick Lawrence	Carolyn Loritsch	Lynne Horne	Lee Emily
Terry Mitchell	Terry Merced	Bud Lippard	Beverly Huntington
Jennifer Price	Vicki Price	Myra Mayse	Flo Brown
Bill Price	Jerry Godwin	Hope Lackey	Michael Neal
E.J. Emerson	Marianne Hart	Anita Davis	Scott Dixon
Ponise Youngblood	Cathy Rose	Steven Brown	Curtis Foster
Nancy Wharton	Raymond and Deborah Beck	Beth Lockamy	Diane Halliday
Emma Brooks	Margaret Harrington & Family	Barbara Seigler	David Boseley
Helmuth and Linda Vogt	Heather Rodney	Craven Ford	Ken Caldwell
Sue Wilson	Mike and Linda Smith	Jonathan Clifton	Donna Glass
Marilee George	Phil and Melanie Del Gaizo	Revs. Jamie and Elizabeth Armstrong	

**ELON COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Dedicated to spiritual renewal, we strive to be an accepting, thinking, and serving community of faith.*

JULY 15, 2018

10:30 AM

**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

We welcome all guests and members who worship with us this morning. If you are a visitor, please take time to sign the visitor portion of the insert. Join us in the Community Life Center after worship for snacks & refreshments!

God decided in advance  
**TO ADOPT US**  
 into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.  
 EPHESIANS 1:5, NLT

*Large Print and Children's Bulletins are available. If you would prefer to have one of these, please ask an Usher.*

# Gathering God's People

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP—Please Sign In

PRELUDE Improvisation on BRADBURY  
("Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us")  
(The text may be found at Hymn # 252)

## The Call

† CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on 2 Samuel and Psalm 24*)  
Leader: Let us come into the House of the Holy One with Rejoicing!  
**All: We have come to worship our God, the Creator of heaven and earth.**  
Leader: We join the psalmist with songs of the glory of the God of Hosts.  
**All: Let us enter and follow in the ways of the Word. God will lavish Grace and Joy even here, even now!**

† HYMN 117 Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates TRURO

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**Holy God, we confess that too often we have not opened our hearts To all you offer to us. We let ourselves wander off into our own personal righteousness believing that there is a limit to what we can do. Too often we fail to see the harmony of your grace and the actions we take. Fill us with renewed vision that while we can never do enough, allow us to reach out knowing that with you in our midst, we can do more than we ever think possible. Clean our hearts, purify our hands and steady our feet that we might know and share your blessings as never before.**

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE  
Leader: The God of Hosts assures us that in the startling awareness of grace and hope, we can always find a way through our successes and the challenges we face. Today, receive the power of life and love that we have been given through Jesus the Christ.  
**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

† PASSING OF THE PEACE  
Leader: May the peace of God be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
Leader: Now share that peace with your neighbor.

† GLORIA PATRI (Traditional Version)  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end, Amen. Amen.**

## Encountering the Sacred Word

SOLO Amazing Grace NEW BRITAIN  
*Sharon Wheeler, soloist*  
(The text may be found at Hymn 547)

THE PSALTER Psalm 24 Hymnal Page 634  
**Liturgist reads the odd verses, congregation reads the even verses.**

CHILDREN'S TIME Little Children Come Unto Me SILER  
**Little children come unto me, Little children come unto me. You are made in God's image so perfectly. Little children come unto me.**

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY Ephesians 1:3-14 Page 188 (NT)

DIALOGUE SERMON Touching Lives and Reaching Out  
*Given today by Sherry Scott, Co-director of the Backpack Ministry for ECC and Rev. Randy Orwig*

## Responding to the Word

SHARING OF JOY AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison. "Forgive us our **trespasses...**")  
*Please address God in the way that is most comfortable to you: "Our Father," "Our Father and Mother," "Our God," etc.*

PRESENTING TO GOD OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

The Call to Give

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

OFFERTORY It Is Well with My Soul VILLE DU HAVRE  
*Carole W. Troxler, soloist*  
(The text may be found at Hymn 438)

† THE DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below!  
Sing your praises, Alleluia!  
Praise God above you heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

† OFFERTORY PRAYER

## Sending God's People

† HYMN 403 My Hope Is Built SOLID ROCK

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE Improvisation

† *You are invited to stand as able at these moments.*