

Today's altar flower arrangement is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dee Atkinson, by Mona Atkinson and family.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Ted Wheeler 6/17
 Wes Reynolds, Jr. 6/18
 Andy Feld 6/20
 Russell Martin 6/21
 Helmut Vogg 6/23

WEEKLY GIVING

Received Last Week: \$17,516.56
 Received to Date: \$249,654.29
 Expenses to Date: \$226,229.34
 NBF Last Week: \$1,240.00
 NBF Loan Balance: \$573,543.00

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters: Mona Atkinson
Ushers: Millard Gold, Bill Brown, Tom Powell, Ralph Waller
Acolyte: George Spivey
Liturgist: Hunt Johnson
Deacon on Call: Gary Weerts

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THIS WEEK AT ELON COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 6/17—Father's Day

9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Worship Service
 4:00 pm VBS

Monday 6/18

5:30 pm VBS

Tuesday 6/19

5:30 pm VBS

Wednesday 6/20

5:30 pm VBS
 8:00 pm AA

Thursday 6/21

3:00 pm Farmers' Market

Friday 6/22

6:30 pm NA

Sunday 6/24

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. 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!

SAVE THE DATE



**Tomatofest
 Thursday
 July 12**

WE'RE ON THE WEB:

eloncommunitychurch.org



BABY SHOWER! On June 24 following worship, you are invited to a baby shower for a new family affiliated with our church. Stephen Rayfield-Bates has been singing in our choir up until this year, because now he and his husband, Jay Rayfield-Bates, have a new baby on the way, have recently moved into a new house, and are getting settled as a family! Jays sister is carrying their child, a boy, and is due on July 4! We hope to have them just before the blessed event to receive a special time for gifts, cards, and loving wishes for this wonderful new child and beautiful family! Plan now to attend this special Meet & Greet in their honor. If you would like to bring a gift, the Rayfield-Bates family is registered at Buy Buy Baby (Chapel Hill store or online), either choosing a particular gift or you could give gift cards toward one. If you could also help by bringing some goodies to this shower, please let the office know by Wednesday, June 20. There is a chance this precious bundle could come early, so we hope it will work out that we can have some special time honoring this young family as we have others here. Hope you can be there!



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 eccbells@gmail.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018: We look forward to Vacation Bible School 2018. Our Kick Off Event is

TONIGHT with a cookout, games and activities centered around our Theme, "Rolling River Rampage." This will start at 4 pm in our Community Life Center. We will have some time of play, drama and story time, and end with an awesome cookout. We know it is father's day, but bring the whole family because this is a family event. On Monday through Wednesday we will start at 5:30 pm with a light supper and then proceed to our activities, wrapping up at 8:15 pm.



TORCH DEADLINE: The deadline for the July issue of *The Torch* is on Tuesday, June 19. Please submit any articles and photos you may have by this date. Thank you!



Green Church Suggestion: Recycle paper with staples, clips, or spirals intact—the metal will be filtered out by machines later. Don't include any paper with food stains, as they can contaminate a load.

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	Nita Skillman
Helmut and Linda Vogg	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.

JUNE 17, 2018

10:30 AM

FOURTH 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.

you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows



Mark 4:30-32

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 “Faith of Our Fathers”

The Call

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come and give thanks to God. Sing praises to God's holy name.

All: We rejoice that you are near. You are implanted into our hearts and lives.

Leader: God gives the growth in all we do.

All: Your presence reassures us, O God. We sing our praises of joy to you.

† HYMN 55 Rejoice, You Pure In Heart MARION

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, maker of all that is beautiful, Jesus gave us the seeds of your justice and peace. In this time together, touch us, teach us, and inspire us to sow those seeds so that all may grow in faith and love. Allow us to live in faith of all that awaits knowing that you provide the growth in the rich soil of our prayers and actions. It is in the name of Christ we pray. 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 Love Divine Setting by James V. Cobb, Jr.
Gretchen Bruesehoff Wiles, soprano (1928-2010)
(The text may be found at Hymn # 43)

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17 Page 177 (NT)

Leaders: Through this scripture God is still speaking.

All: And we are listening!

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.

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 4: 26-34 Page 38 (NT)

SERMON The Growth We Can Count On Randy Orwig

Responding to the Word

PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY

Loving God, You have been both Mother and Father to us. Abba, Father, we remember how Jesus called out to You on earth, recognizing that You are closer to us than our breathing. Your love and care for us are felt in the ways we are loved and cared for by others. We thank You for all the male figures in our lives who have shared Your love with us. We ask that You guide and nurture new fathers and fathers-to-be. We seek Your forgiveness for fathers who have fallen short, for models of fatherhood that were limiting rather than embracing, for that is not Your way. You are our ever-loving Parent, Father of us all. Grant Your wisdom to all fathers and fatherly figures to love their children as You have loved Your children. Finally, We thank You, O God, for fatherhood and motherhood, for the blessing of parents in our lives. Amen.

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 My Song Is Love Unknown LOVE UNKNOWN
Gretchen Bruesehoff Wiles, soprano
(The text may be found at Hymn # 222)

† 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 181 You Are The Salt Of The Earth, O People BRING FORTH

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE Improvisation

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