

 In lieu of flowers, a donation has been made to the New Building Fund by Bill and Linda Brown, which is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dena Brown and Lee Thompson.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Gene Lentz 6/24  
Ella Powell 6/26  
Hal Clifton 6/26  
Hunt Johnson 6/29

**WEEKLY GIVING**

Received Last Week: \$5,900.00  
Received to Date: \$255,784.11  
Expenses to Date: \$249,587.55  
NBF Last Week: \$3,847.24  
NBF Loan Balance: \$573,543.00

**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

**Greeters:** Bill and Linda Brown  
**Ushers:** Hunt Johnson, Jack Lynch, Jim McCauley, George Troxler  
**Acolyte:** Marisa Tang  
**Liturgist:** Carole Troxler  
**Deacon on Call:** Gretchen Brueshoff- Wiles

**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 6/24**

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

**Monday 6/25**

6:30 pm Cub Scouts  
7:00 pm Soaring High Book Club

**Tuesday 6/26**

5:30 pm Men's Fellowship  
7:00 pm Social Justice Fellowship

**Wednesday 6/27**

5:30 pm VBS  
8:00 pm AA

**Thursday 6/28**

3:00 pm Farmers' Market

**Friday 6/29**

6:30 pm NA

**Sunday 7/1**

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!

**SAVE THE DATE**



**Tomatofest  
Thursday  
July 12**

**WE'RE ON THE WEB:**

[eloncommunitychurch.org](http://eloncommunitychurch.org)



**BABY SHOWER!** Today 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! Jay's sister is carrying their child, a boy, and is due on July 4! Join us for a special time for gifts, cards, and loving wishes for this wonderful new child and beautiful family!



**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](mailto:eccbells@gmail.com).

**Chat and Chow** will gather next at Kimbers Restaurant in Gibsonville on Friday, July 13 at 5:30 pm. Please sign up on the insert if you plan to attend. If you sign up and find you will not make it, please remember to call the church office to cancel your reservation. Thank you!

**POTLUCK AND THE PIPELINE:** An extension to the Mountain Valley Pipeline has been proposed that will run through parts of our community. It will bring natural gas from the fracking fields of western Pennsylvania, through western Virginia, and into Rockingham and Alamance counties. More information is available at [www.nomvpsouthgate.org](http://www.nomvpsouthgate.org). What does this mean for us as residents? What are the risks? The moral and justice issues? What actions should we take? Bring a potluck dish and join us on Thursday, July 12, at 6:30 pm in the Community Life Center for a presentation and discussion about the MVP Southgate Pipeline. Vegetarian dishes are encouraged but not required. Our guest speaker will be Caroline Hansley of the Sierra Club. Sign up on the bulletin insert or call the church office to let us know that you plan to attend (336-584-0391).



**Green Church Suggestion:** For cleaning glass, use vinegar like store bought glass spray. For removing soap or hard-water buildup on chrome fixtures: Put tissues over the stained area; pour on vinegar. Let sit 30 minutes; scrub, rinse, and buff dry with a soft cloth.

**Prayer List**

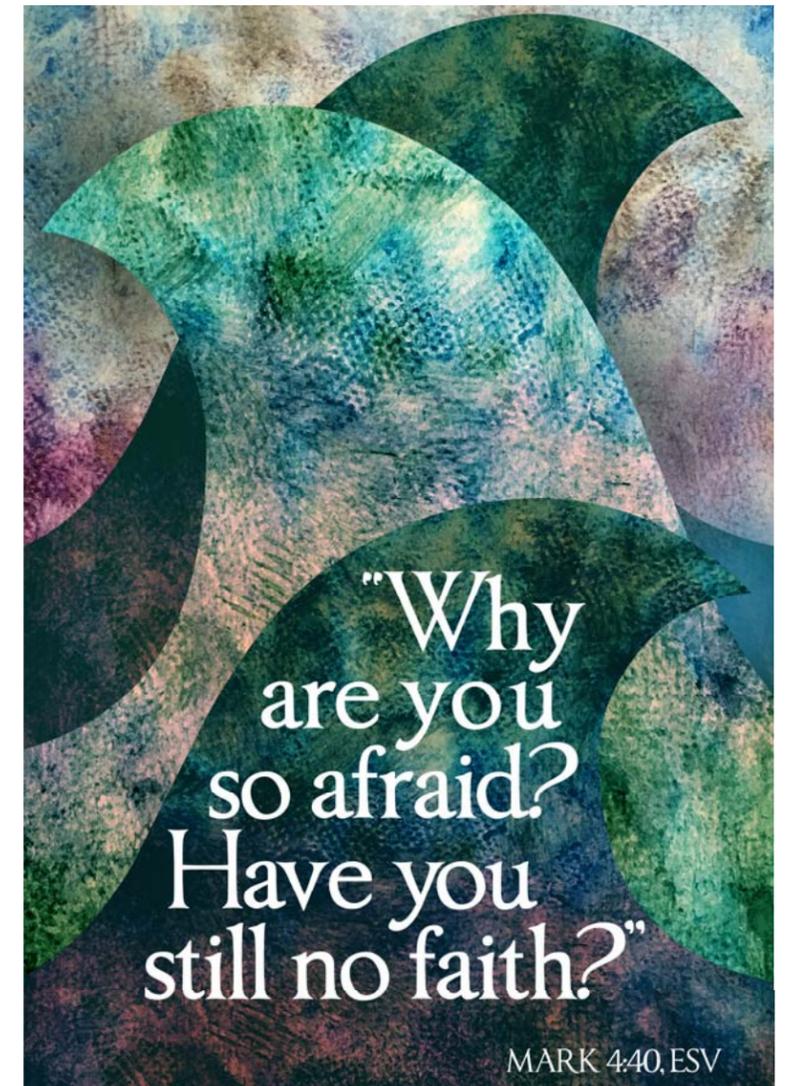
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|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Lori Cole             | Stuart Hoyle                 | Howard Welborn                      | Estelle Willard    |
| Don and Shirley 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      |
| Helmut 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.*

JUNE 24, 2018  
10:30 AM  
FIFTH 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!



*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 “He Leadeth Me”

## The Call

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: It's awesome to live in faith together!

**All: When waters are rough, we hold each other tightly.**

Leader: God is faithful when there are looming waves.

**All: When the sea begins to swallow us, We hold each other tightly and call on God. God be praised always!**

† HYMN 32 God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale ROEDER

### † PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Ever-living God, you are like the sea: Powerful and endless, yet soothing and constant. Let us feel awe as well as your refreshing presence as we gather near your presence to wade in the possibilities of life that you offer us each day. 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 The Prayer Carole Sager  
Jennifer Gibbons, soloist David Foster

I pray you'll be our eyes, and watch us where we go,  
And help us to be wise, in times when we don't know.

Let this be our prayer as we go our way.  
Lead us to a place, guide us with your grace,  
To a place where we'll be safe.

I pray we'll find your light and hold it in our hearts  
When stars go out each night, remind us where you are.

Let this be our prayer when shadows fill our day  
Lead us to a place, guide us with your grace,  
Give us faith so we'll be safe.

We ask that life be kind and watch us from above.  
We hope each soul will find another soul to love.

Let this be our prayer just like every child,  
Needs to find a place. Guide us with your grace,  
Give us faith so we'll be safe.

Need to find a place, guide us with your grace.  
Give us faith so we'll be safe.

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13 Page 178 (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: 35-41 Page 38 (NT)

SERMON How Big is the Boat? Randy Orwig

### RENEWAL OF OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT

*On the last Sunday in June, ONA settings of the UCC are invited to renew their Covenant.*

Leader: On January 11, 2015, Elon Community Church UCC covenanted to live together as an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. Today we renew the promises we made then.

*All who are able please stand to read ONA Covenant together.*

**All: We, the members of Elon Community Church United Church of Christ, believing that everyone is created by God and that we are called as Christians to be an inclusive fellowship, declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation. We are many members with the right of private judgment and the liberty of conscience, and we celebrate that we are one body in Christ. We believe that God's love, Christ's church, and the Holy Spirit's power are for all people, regardless of their color, gender, age, ability, economic situation, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression - or any other distinction. We see these differences not as barriers, but as blessings, and we welcome all people into the full life and ministry of this church. We will, with God's help, live by this commitment in our actions as a faithful congregation.**

## 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 His Eye Is on the Sparrow Charles Gabriel  
Jennifer Gibbons, soloist

Why should I be discouraged, and why should the shadows fall?  
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home?  
When Jesus is my portion, my constant Friend is he,  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

***I sing because I'm happy; I sing because I'm free.***  
***His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.***

Let not your heart be troubled; these tender words I hear;  
And resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
For by the path he leadeth, but one step I may see;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise;  
When songs give place to sighing; when hope within me dies;  
I draw closer to him; from care he sets me free;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

† 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 284 Joys are Flowing Like A River BLESSED QUIETNESS

### † BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE Improvisation

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

**Open and Affirming (ONA)** is the designation for the United Church of Christ's (UCC) congregations, campus ministries, and other bodies in the UCC which make a public covenant of welcome into their full life and ministry to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. [http://www.ucc.org/lgbt\\_ona](http://www.ucc.org/lgbt_ona).