



In lieu of flowers a donation has been made to the New Building Fund by Gary W. Cooper, which is given to the glory of God and in honor and memory of all Gary's fellow veterans, past and present, and to all who strive to preserve our freedoms we enjoy especially this 4th of July week. God bless Elon UCC!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Martha Spann	7/1
Richard Bragg	7/3
Artie Lewis	7/3
Betsy Stevens	7/4
Lori Watson	7/5
Mark Danielew	7/6
Lance Pinnix	7/7
John Long	7/7

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters: Gary Cooper
Ushers: Bob Abrahamson, Jean Lawton, Bob Lawton, Bill Blanchard
Acolyte: Jeremy Wood
Liturgist: Gretchen Bruesehoff-Wiles
Deacon on Call: Connie Martin
Communion Deacons: Russ Martin, Gretchen Bruesehoff-Wiles, Sam Fowler, Connie Martin

Elon Community Church Staff

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Rev. Randy Orwig
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Rev. Sharon Wheeler
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Lori Watson
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THIS WEEK AT ELON COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 7/1

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

Tuesday 7/3

5:30 pm Men's Fellowship

Wednesday 7/4

Independence Day—Office Closed
8:00 pm AA

Thursday 7/5

3:00 pm Farmers' Market

Friday 7/6

6:30 pm NA

Sunday 7/8

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

WEEKLY GIVING

Received Last Week: \$2,596.50
 Received to Date: \$258,737.00
 Expenses to Date: \$250,455.00
 NBF Last Week: \$2455.06
 NBF Loan Balance: \$573,543.00

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



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 email Sharon Wheeler at 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 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. 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 banishing stinky odors, sprinkle a few tablespoons into sneakers or an empty gym bag and leave overnight, then shake out excess. You can also pour a liberal amount into a kitchen trash can before putting in a new bag.

Prayer List

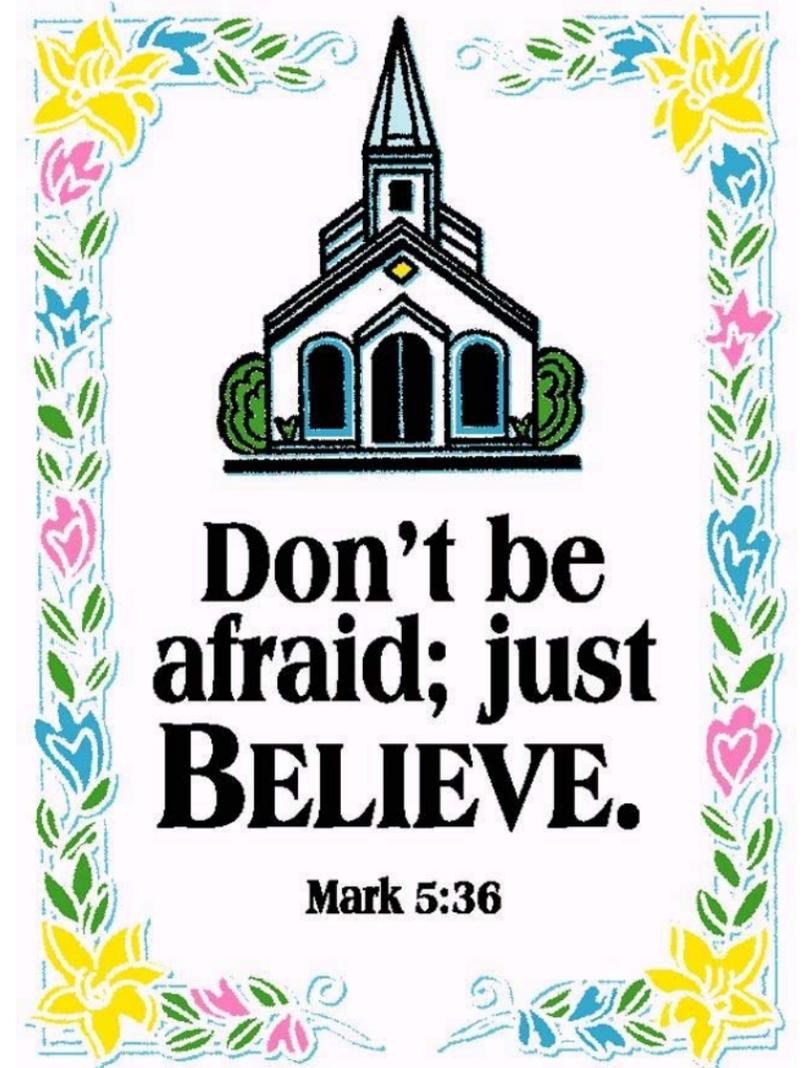
Lori Cole	Stuart Hoyle	Howard Welborn	Estelle Willard
Don and Shirley Judd	Bill Franklin	Victoria Hughes	Brittany Rogers
Dominick Lawrence	Carolyn Loritsch	Lynne Horne	Lee Emily
Terry Mitchell	Terry Merced	Bud Lippard	Beverly Huntington
Jennifer Price	Vicki Price	Myra Mayse	Flo Brown
Bill Price	Jerry 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
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.

JULY 1, 2018
10:30 AM
SIXTH 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 “America, the Beautiful” MATERNA

The Call

† CALL TO WORSHIP (*adapted from Psalm 30*)
Leader: Sing Praises to God, all you faithful ones
All: God hears us in our fear and our sorrow
Leader: Where there was no way
All: God leads us in a new way
Leader: Where there was no mercy
All: God surprises us with fresh mercy
Leader: Where there is weeping
All: God invites us to step into a new dance.

† HYMN America, The Beautiful Samuel A. Ward

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties, Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved, In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream, That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea!

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Leader: When we resist your call to open our hearts to allow the
freshness of your grace to enter:
All: God have mercy.
Leader: When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected
possibilities of healing and reconciliation.
All: Christ have mercy.
Leader: When we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what
we know instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and
justice:
All: God have mercy.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Leader: In Christ, God offers forgiving grace and welcome into a
communities of trust, abundance, and hope. Let us give thanks for
the mercy of God, and pass the peace of Christ in community
among us.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE
Leader: In hopes of peace that can be shared we declare: Peace be with
you.
All: And also with you.
Leader: Share that peace and hope with others.

† 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 God Bless America Irving Berlin
Morgan Shearon, soloist (1888-1989)

(The Congregation is asked to join on the refrain, which is to be sung twice.)

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer:

**God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home!**
(Repeat)

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Page 179 (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 5:21-43 Page 39 (NT)

HOMILY When Greatness Shows Randy Orwig

STATEMENT OF FAITH Apostle's Creed Hymnal Page 881

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 **Congregational Hymn** AMERICA
My Country 'Tis of Thee Samuel Francis Smith
(Composed in 1831)

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died; land of the pilgrims' pride;
From ev'ry mountainside let freedom ring!

My native country, thee, land of the noble free, Thy name I love.
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills.
My heart with rapture thrills like that above.

Let music swell the breeze and ring from all the trees, Sweet freedom's song.
Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks, their silence break, the sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, To thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light.
Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King!

† 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

The Table

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to God.
Leader: Let us thanks that God can be trusted.
All: It is right to give God Thanks and praise!
Leader: Gracious God of the feast, we give you thanks for all the blessings
we experience—
the freedom to worship you without fear,
the bounty and diversity of your creation,
and the precious gift of unexpected joy.
**All: You long for us to trust in your power to bring to life new
possibilities where there has been no hope. Meet us here
today as we recognize the ways of life and hope into
which you are leading us.**
Leader: Come to the Table. All are welcome.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*Please come forward as invited by the ushers. You may take a piece
of bread and then dip it into the cup, responding with the word "Amen."
There is a separate plate available for those with gluten allergies.*

COMMUNION Improvisation on Communion-Based Hymns

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Sending God's People

† HYMN 591 This Is My Song FINLANDIA

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE The Star Spangled Banner Francis Scott Key
(1779-1843)

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