

 In lieu of flowers a donation has been given to the choir fund by Dolores and Melinda Truitt, which is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John G. Truitt, Jr.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**  
Sam Fowler 6/1

**WEEKLY GIVING**  
Received Last Week: \$1,570.00  
Received to Date: \$217,333.67  
Expenses to Date: \$209,173.75  
NBF Last Week: \$142.00  
NBF Loan Balance: \$577,443.00

**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**  
**Greeters:** Dolores Truitt  
**Ushers:** Hunt Johnson, Jack Lynch, Jim McCauley, George Troxler  
**Acolyte:** Madison Keeney  
**Liturgist:** Susanne Doolittle  
**Deacon on Call:** Sam Fowler

**Elon Community Church Staff**  
**Senior Pastor**  
Rev. Randy Orwig  
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Rev. Sharon Wheeler  
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Monica F. Nicholson  
**Finance Director**  
Lori Watson  
**Organist and Choir Director**  
Dr. Mark Rumley  
**Bell Choirs Director**  
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**THIS WEEK AT ELON COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Sunday 5/27—Trinity Sunday**  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship Service

**Monday 5/28—Office Closed**  
7:00 pm Soaring High Book Club

**Tuesday 5/29**  
6:00 pm Men's Fellowship  
6:45 pm Chancel Ringers

**Wednesday 5/30**  
8:00 pm AA

**Thursday 5/31**  
3:00 pm Farmers' Market  
6:30 pm Girl Scouts

**Friday 6/1**  
6:30 pm NA

**Sunday 6/3**  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship Service

**Chat and Chow** will gather next at 5:30 pm on Friday, June 8, at Piedmont Ale House, located on St. Mark's Church Road in Burlington. Please sign up on the insert if you plan to attend. If you sign up and find you cannot make it, please let the church office know so the reservation can be adjusted. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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)  
  

**WE ARE GOING TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM IN GREENSBORO!** We will leave the church at 9:30 am on June 16, gathering at the museum at 10:00 am. With group rates for 10 or more, the cost is \$11 for adults, \$9 for seniors, students, and children 13-18. Children 6-12 are free. We plan to be at the museum for about 2 hours and go to lunch together for those who are able. This is a wonderful chance to learn and grow together around the issues of racism and prejudice around actual history and experience. Sign up on the insert if you plan to attend.

**The Soaring High Book Club** would like to invite anyone interested to attend our book club meeting on Monday evening, May 28, 2018 to hear a discussion of the book, *Founding Mothers: Women Who Raised Our Nation*, by Cokie Roberts. Memorial Day would be an appropriate time to learn more about the wives of our Founding Fathers and the vital role they played not only during the Revolution, but the days preceding and following as their husbands et al gathered together to form the New Nation and frame the Constitution. Ted Henson, former teacher and a real expert on this period of time will lead our discussion. You are welcome to come even if you have not read the book because you will learn so much from his presentation. We meet in the church library at 7:00 pm and follow the meeting with refreshments.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018:** We look forward to Vacation Bible School 2018. Our Kick Off Event will be Sunday afternoon, June 17 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 each evening.  
**Props Needed**—Budget runs a little tight for VBS and we love to decorate to get into the theme. The following items would be great to have if we may borrow: small boat rafts, small tents, Christmas Trees, a portable fire pit for Sunday night smores, camping backpacks, old vinyl table clothes that can be cut up. If you have any of these items let Sharon Wheeler know at [wheeler.sharon04@gmail.com](mailto:wheeler.sharon04@gmail.com) or call the church office.  
**Volunteers Needed**—We need folks to assist in leading our children in activities (science, crafts, and recreation), some extra hands with our preschoolers, some folks to lead the groups from one activities to another which we call "shepherds," nightly drama participants, and those to help in the kitchen with food prep and clean up. If you would like to help, please sign up on the bulletin insert. A successful VBS needs you!



**Green Church Suggestion:** Choose concentrated or "ultra" cleaning products, which use 50 to 60 percent less packaging than traditional formulas while cleaning just as thoroughly.

**Prayer List**

Lori Cole	Stuart Hoyle	Howard Welborn	Estelle Willard
Don and Shirley Judd	Bill Franklin	Victoria Hughes	Brittany Rogers
Dominick Lawrence	Carolyn Loritsch	Gene Franklin	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 Vogt	Heather Rodney	Craven Ford	Ken Caldwell
Sue Wilson	Mike and Linda Smith	Jonathan Clifton	Donna Glass
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.*

MAY 27, 2018  
10:30 AM  
TRINITY SUNDAY

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.



THREE IN ONE

*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

CHORAL PRELUDE      Come, Join the Dance of Trinity      KINGSFOLD  
*Professional and Student Soloists*

Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun-  
The interweaving of the three, the Father, Spirit, Son.  
The universe of space and time did not arise by chance,  
But as the Three, in love and hope, made room within their dance.

Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem;  
Then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem.  
The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone;  
When fear confines the dance in death, God rolls away the stone.

*Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame  
Set people free at Pentecost to tell the Savior's name.  
Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free,  
To shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.*

Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun-  
We sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.  
Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free,  
To shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.

## The Call

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come into this household of the living God, the Three in One.  
Gather in the wonder of the mystery that God has invited us to share in.

**All: We have come as the family of Christ, led by the Spirit of God.**

Leader: Ascribe to the Divine glory and strength; ascribe to God the glory that is due. Worship the Triune God in the Beauty of Holiness.  
*(Adapted from Psalm 29)*

**All: Our hope is that in this time of worship and learning, we might embrace what lies beyond our imagination and understanding.**

† HYMN 277      Holy, Holy Holy      NICAEA

### † PRAYER OF INVOCATION *(Isaiah 6:8b)*

**O God of Mystery, Within your very self you model the beloved community. You are the Wisdom within our hearts, The Word who dwells among us, The Spirit who calls us beyond ourselves. Let us know your presence here today in a new way, that we might celebrate your love and go forth rejoicing with the Prophet Isaiah, saying: "Here am I. Send me."**

### † PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Please pass the peace of Christ to your neighbors.

### † 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

ANTHEM      Praise Ye the Triune God      Harold DeCou  
(1932-2008)

Praise ye the Father, Praise ye the Son,  
Praise ye the Spirit, Praise ye the Triune God!

Praise ye the Father for his loving kindness,  
Tenderly cares he for his erring children;  
Praise him, ye angels; praise him in the heavens,  
Praise ye Jehovah!

Praise ye the Savior; great is his compassion.  
Graciously cares he for his chosen people;  
Young men and maidens, ye old men and children,  
Praise ye the Savior!

Praise ye the Spirit, Comforter of Israel,  
Sent of the Father and the Son to bless us;  
Praise ye the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
Praise ye the Triune God!

OLD TESTAMENT      Isaiah 6:1-8      Page 622 (OT)

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.**

EPISTLES READING      Romans 8:12-17      Page 154 (NT)

SERMON      Mysticism to Mission: God Needs Us      Sharon Wheeler

## Responding to the Word

SHARING OF JOY AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER      The Lord's Prayer      Albert Hay Malotte  
*Gretchen Bruesehoff Wiles, soloist*

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

PRESENTING TO GOD OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

The Call to Give

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

OFFERTORY      The Battle Hymn of the Republic      BATTLE HYMN  
*Owen Schumacher, soloist*      American Folk Song  
19<sup>th</sup> Century

(The congregation and choir are asked to sing the refrain after each verse.)

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord:  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:  
His truth is marching on.

**Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.**

I have seen him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps,  
They have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps;  
I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps:  
His day is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me:  
As he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,  
While God is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment-seat:  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on.

† 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      Here I Am, Lord

All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE      A Closing Sentence Improvisation

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