

Today's altar flower arrangement is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edith Brannock for her 100th birthday, which would be May 31, by Martha and Drew Mayse, and Kay Elder.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Dee Bragg 5/21
 Carol Lehman 5/21
 Heidi Danieleley 5/22
 Bob Martin 5/23
 Estelle Willard 5/26

WEEKLY GIVING

Received Last Week: \$7,485.24
 Received to Date: \$212,569.67
 Expenses to Date: \$208,478.56
 NBF Last Week: \$780.00
 NBF Loan Balance: \$577,443.00

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters: Kay Elder
Ushers: Millard Gold, Bill Brown, Tom Powell, Ralph Waller
Acolyte: Grier Ingalls
Liturgist: Patty Welborn
Deacon on Call: Ray Pollard

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THIS WEEK AT ELON COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 5/20—Pentecost

9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Worship Service
 12:00 pm Pentecost Picnic
 5:15 pm Hospitality Meeting
 6:30 pm Church Night
 7:30 pm Church Council

Monday 5/21

5:15 pm HIIT
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts
 7:00 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday 5/22

6:00 pm Men's Fellowship
 6:45 pm Chancel Ringers
 7:00 pm Social Justice Fellowship

Wednesday 5/23

5:15 pm QiGong
 8:00 pm AA

Thursday 5/24

3:00 pm Farmers' Market
 6:30 pm Girl Scouts

Friday 5/25

6:30 pm NA

Sunday 5/27—Trinity Sunday

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

JUSTICE AND WITNESS

LEARNING GROUP

MAY 22 · 7:00 pm
 Meet the Author

The tough issues around women, sexuality, and how we see reproductive rights through the lens of faith is the subject of Elon Professor Toddie Peters NEW book, *Trust Women*. We will gather to meet the author and hear from her why this is such an important topic. Reading the book would be a big plus, and the books are available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble and where books are sold.

WE'RE ON THE WEB:

eloncommunitychurch.org



Pentecost Picnic: The Annual Pentecost Picnic will be held today immediately following worship at Beth Schmidt Park's Picnic Shelter near the playground. We will have hamburgers and hot dogs (Veggie burgers also) with the trimmings and sides for those who purchased tickets. Come out for a time of fellowship. If you have a lawn chair, bring it if you can because space under the shelter might run out!

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 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: Plant a tree. It's still the best way for most of us to improve the environment. But if it's good to plant one tree, it's far better to plant lots of them. Become a member of the Arbor Day Foundation for discounted tree prices, or simply look on its website (arborday.org) for a hardiness map that can tell you what tree will grow best in your area.

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 20, 2018
 10:30 AM
 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.



Confirmation Sunday

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
Capriccio Kevin McChesney
Chancel Ringers

The Call

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, it is in Christ that Salvation is given.
All: We believe and live.
Leader: When you send your Spirit,
All: We are created new and all of earth is renewed.
Leader: We will sing praise to you as long as we live.
All: Come Holy Spirit. Breathe on us. Breathe on us with life-giving energy. Amen!

† HYMN 272 On Pentecost They Gathered MUNICH

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND BLESSING THE CONFIRMANDS

Dear God, through the powerful wind of your Holy Spirit, breathe upon our confirmands this day and all the other days that you will give to them while they are upon earth. May the vows they express bind them to you and your church with gifts of faithful service, bold witness, and constant love. Bless, guide and direct Abby, Ethan, Will, and Josh; their families so that together we at Elon Community Church UCC may bless one another and others with life-giving ministry. Come, Holy Spirit. Be our guide. Amen.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the Peace of God be with you.
All: And also with you!
Leader: Share this peace Church!

† 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 I Will Sing with the Spirit John Rutter
(Based upon I Corinthians 14:15) (b. 1938)

I will sing with the Spirit,
I will sing with the Spirit.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

I will sing with the Spirit,
I will sing with the Spirit.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

And I will sing with the understanding also,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE PENTECOST ACCOUNT Acts 2:1-21 Page 116 (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.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY Romans 8:22-27 Page 154 (NT)

SERMON The Claiming of Faith Randy Orwig

CONFIRMATION HYMN 283 Spirit of the Living God IVERSON

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND THE AFFIRMATION RITE OF CONFIRMATION Hymnal Page 38
The Statement of Faith will be used from Hymnal Page #885

CONFIRMANDS:

*Abigail Marie Clifton
Ethan James Gryniewski
William Sanford Stimpson
Joshua Daniel Wood*

Responding to the Word

SHARING OF JOY AND CONCERNS

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

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 Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire VENI CREATOR
Tune and Theme Setting by Maurice Duruflé
(from *Theme and Variations on VENI CREATOR*) (1902-1986)

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.
Amen!

† 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 351 I Was There To Hear Your Borne Cry BORNING CRY

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE Reprisal from VENI CREATOR Maurice Duruflé

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

The Chancel Ringers are thrilled to welcome back our former director, Trinity Martin, and former member, Lauren Bourne, to share in worship this morning! We are also so blessed to welcome guest ringer, Laura Blanch, mother of Katie Melton, and conductor of the Queen City Ringers in Charlotte, NC! We hope that you enjoyed this morning's selection. Save the date for the Chancel Ringers Benefit Concert, Tuesday, October 30, 2018!