

In lieu of altar flowers a donation has been made to the Refugee Fund by Faye Daniele Conally and Tom Conally, given to the glory of God, and to commemorate their 80th birthdays this year.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Kay Elder	9/4
CJ Bateman	9/4
Nina Byerly	9/4
Millard Gold	9/5
Bev Orwig	9/5
Gertrude Liscum	9/6
Gail Orsvath	9/6
Vicki Price	9/6
Ann Vickers	9/9
Paul Byerly	9/9
Linda Vogg	9/10
Taylor Drummond	9/10
Philip Ramsey	9/10

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THIS WEEK AT ELON COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 9/4

- 9:00 am Seekers' Class ZOOM
- 9:30 am Sr. Pastor Bible Study
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 2:00 pm Evangelism Meeting
- 4:30 pm Missions Meeting
- 5:00 pm Catholic Mass
- 6:00 pm Catholic Supper
- 6:30 pm Deacons Meeting

Monday 9/5—Labor Day Office Closed

Wednesday 9/7

- 7:00 pm Christian Ed. Meeting
- 7:00 pm Voter Registration Info Session
- 8:00 pm AA Meeting

Thursday 9/8

- 2:30 pm Faith Walk
- 3:00 pm Farmers' Market

Friday 9/9

- 10:00 am Hospitality Meeting
- 6:30 pm NA Meeting

Sunday 9/11

- 9:00 am Seekers' Class ZOOM
- 9:30 am Sr. Pastor Bible Study
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 11:45 am Church Council
- 3:00 pm Dog Day Mixer
- 5:00 pm Catholic Mass

FINANCIAL UPDATES

Received Last Week: \$9,778.05
Received to Date: \$370,259.04
Expenses to Date: \$361,320.14

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Liturgist: Russ Martin
Ushers: John Henderson and Ralph Waller
Deacon on Call: Howard Welborn

WE'RE ON THE WEB:

eloncommunitychurch.org



Join Us in Song!

The Chancel Choir is gearing up to return to worship. Our first Sunday morning anthem will be September 11. If you would like to join the Chancel Choir, please email Stephen at sfutrell@elon.edu. The choir rehearses on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am beginning on September 11.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT TEAM UPDATE

Now is the opportunity to start donating special offerings to the REFUGEE FUND online or on your check memo line. We will need at least \$5,000 to support this family for the first 4 months. Probably with inflation, it will need to be closer to \$8,000 as a goal. We will keep you apprised of our expenditures. This is real and happening soon! Thank you in advance for all you do to make this a success!

Calling all 4th grade girls

The Elon community is welcoming a new Girl Scout Troop to the area for girls entering fourth grade. They will meet in the Fellowship Room at 6:00 pm every other Wednesday, starting September 21. Co-Leaders, Katie Snider and Linsey Guyette are very excited for this new venture and look forward to working with 4th graders in our area. If your child, grandchild or someone you know might be interested, please contact Katie at katherine.snider@gmail.com. No scouting experience is necessary!

ECCUCC TO THE ELON PHOENIX FOOTBALL GAME SEPTEMBER 17 AT 6 PM

With the excitement around Football Sunday, there was a request that we plan a trip to the Elon Football Game. We are making that happen! The Elon Phoenix take on Gardner Webb in their opening game on Saturday, September 17 at 6 pm in Rhodes Stadium. The cost for tickets will be \$10. Those who want may meet in the parking lot of the church at 5 pm. Bring your tailgate meal and walk over to the stadium together. Those who cannot walk that far, we will shuttle you over that evening. If you are interested in going, please let Sharon Wheeler know by signing up on the insert or emailing her at wheeler.sharon04@gmail.com.

Sunday School & Worship Ways Teachers

With church getting back to "normal" we are want to start offering Sunday School and Worship Ways, our Children's worship, to our families. If anyone is interested in helping with Sunday School and/or Worship Ways, please let Pastor Sharon know by signing up on the insert or e-mailing her at wheeler.sharon04@gmail.com.

DOG DAY MIXER WE NEED YOUR DOGS AND YOU!

Mark Your Calendars for SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 3 - 5 pm
We need you to employ your dogs for this festival of hot dogs, ice cream, music, and dogs that allow the students to mix, feel our welcome and help with early Fall Term transition. Make sure to leave this time open for fun and interaction with the newest students at Elon. Sponsored by the University Relations Committee.



Green Church Suggestion: Did you know that your furnace needs regular cleaning? Throughout the year, it collects lots of dust and debris, both of which can affect the furnace's performance and could even cause a fire. Clean out or replace your furnace filter regularly and get your furnace serviced by a professional before the cold weather calls.



Dedicated to spiritual renewal, we strive to be an accepting, thinking, and serving community of faith.

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

10:30 AM

THIRTEENTH 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 and leave it in the offering plate at either exit. Please join us at Meet and Greet immediately after worship for light refreshments and fellowship!

... carry the
CROSS
and follow me...

Luke 14:27, NRSV

Gathering God's People

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP—Please Sign In

PRELUDE The Ash Grove arr. G. Winston Cassler
(Welsh melody) (1906-1990)

The Call

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Like clay, we arrive at this time of worship:
All: Full of potential, we arrive.
Leader: Like clay, we prepare to consider change.
All: Stretched and twisted into formation, a new appearance is possible. Let us worship!

† HYMN 336 Here, O My Lord, I See You Face To Face MORECAMBE

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unlike clay, we actively resist the diverse ways you shape all of us into what the world needs. We frequently struggle to trust in your vision for who we could become. We anxiously avoid facing the heat that protects and sustains us. We humbly confess in this silent moment.

Moment of silence

† WORDS OF GRACE

Leader: God graciously chooses us despite our at times self-destructive ways. God repeatedly mends our broken places and unceasingly delivers us in forgiveness to wholeness.
All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of God be with you.
All: And also with you.
Leader: As a people forgiven and free, pass this peace now to one another!

Please let people know what you wish by waving, a fist out to bump, or if you are open to a handshake or even a hug.

† GLORIA PATRI

**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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 18: 1-11 Page 706 (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.**

GOSPEL Luke 14: 25-33 Page 76 (NT)

HOMILY Like Clay, A Builder, and A General? Randy Orwig

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 Symbolic Giving of Tithes and Offerings

OFFERTORY For My Soul Thirsteth for God from Psalm 42 F. Mendelssohn
(opus 42) (1809-1847)
Anna Katharine Ball, soprano

† 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: Give thanks to the Lord!
All: It is good and right to give God thanks!
Leader: In every place, in every moment, God is near.
All: With God, we come to the table to receive and to change.
Leader: Come let us strip away every pretense, that we may be made new in this communion. Draw us to a deeper place of love and spirit.
All: Christ is the bread of life. The feast is our community of faith of love. It is shared with all!
Leader: The feast is once again ready, all are welcome!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Please come forward and pick up a small cup holding the bread to partake, then choose a cup of juice to drink. There is a place to dispose of these before you return to your seat. The servers will be masked. There will be some traveling Deacons who can bring this communion to you or you can use the pre-packaged communion pack that you picked up when you came in.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Sending God's People

† HYMN 76 Sent Forth In God Blessing THE ASH GROVE

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE The Ash Grove arr. David Cherwien
(Welsh melody) (b. 1957)

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