

In lieu of altar flowers a donation has been made by Jane Lane, given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Bill Lane.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Rachel Pool 1/26
 Phoebe Harrison 1/27
 Wayne Holmes 1/27
 Lori Birkett 1/27
 Larry Allred 1/27

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Liturgist: Emily and Matt Stimpson
Acolyte: Brielle Orwig
Ushers: Russ and Ellen Martin
Deacon on Call: Colleen Gutierrez

FINANCIAL UPDATES

Received Last Week: \$16,827.00
 Received to Date: \$22,010.25
 Expenses to Date: \$37,643.35

Elon Community Church Staff

Senior Pastor
 Rev. Randy Orwig
Associate Pastor
 Rev. Sharon Wheeler
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Finance Director
 Lori Watson
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Choir Director
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THIS WEEK AT ELON COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 1/22

9:00 pm Chancel Choir
 9:30 am Children's Sunday School
 9:30 am Seekers' Class
 9:30 am Senior Pastor's Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service
 12:00 pm Justice and Witness
 3:00 pm Children's Parent Summit
 3:00 pm Genesis Chimes and JuBELLation
 3:15 pm Youth Band
 3:40 pm Children's Choir
 4:00 pm Youth Choir
 4:15 pm Youth Parent Summit
 4:30 pm Young Ringer
 5:00 pm Catholic Mass
 5:15 pm Little Lights

Monday 1/23

1:00 pm Soaring High Book Club
 6:45 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday 1/25

5:30 pm Girl Scouts
 8:00 pm AA Meeting

Thursday 1/26

6:30 pm Chancel Ringers

Friday 1/27

6:30 pm NA Meeting

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UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 22—ANNUAL MEETING AND 2023 BUDGET APPROVAL

On January 22, we will plan to hold our first full POTLUCK LUNCHEON in a long time! Plan to bring an entrée and a side or dessert as we gather to receive our Annual Report, deal with a constitutional amendment regarding the Pastoral Relations Committee, and to approve our budget. Plan to attend this very important meeting.

Children and Youth Summit With Parents

On January 22 we would like to meet with the parents of our children and youth separately during bell time practice. The children's group Genesis and Jubilation parents and any parent of an elementary school child through 4th grade, we will meet from 3-4 pm at the church in the CLC classroom. We will discuss programming, Sunday School, and how you would like to see ECCUCC to help grow your child in their faith formation. The youth parents will meet from 4:15-5:30 pm and also discuss the programming of both youth and our Sunday School programming. We will hear from you what you would like to see at ECCUCC to help your child grow in their faith formation and how their church helps them mold their work in God's world. This is a first step in working toward our 2026 vision and goals we set forth in 2021.

Soaring High Book Club January Meeting

This month we are reading *Warm Socks, Life Lessons from My Father* and it is written by a local author, Edna Brown Mark. Several copies were made available for check out located in the library. We are excited to share that the author will be joining us on Monday, January 23 at 1:00 pm. (We meet on the 4th Monday of the month.) Please plan on joining us for the January meeting. Zoom accommodations will be provided and sent out several days before the meeting.

Chili Bingo Night Returns in February!

Chili Bingo is returning on Tuesday, February 7, at 6:30 pm in our Community Life Center for our church family and Elon students! Please join us for chili, bingo and a lot of fellowship and fun. We want you to bring your favorite chili or dessert to share. We ask that if you are not preparing chili or a dessert that you bring canned goods for the food pantry. Chili Bingo will be a lot of fun and we look forward to seeing you on February 7! Sign up on the insert if you plan to provide chili or a dessert.

CHANGES TO WINTERFAITH THIS YEAR

In concert with the Truitt Center of Elon University, we are departing from January Winterfaith meetings. With a highly attended Study Abroad program in full swing for students during Elon University's J term, it became apparent that to increase growth in our shared community project we had to make a change. Therefore we have decided to move Winterfaith to February during the beginning of the Spring term! The new dates and exciting opportunities are as follows:

Wed. Feb. 8, McBride Room of the Interfaith Center 12:30-1:45 pm

Wed. Feb. 15 in our Community Life Center 12:30-1:45 pm

Sat. Feb. 18 at the University, 6:30 pm, Dinner and Special Speaker

These changes will allow more students to take part along with a bigger cross-section of our congregation by adding the evening gathering. We are moving to panel groups with multiple faiths to bring a greater awareness to each faith and how we intersect and deal with issues of the day. This is going to be a truly exciting opportunity so set your calendar to take part in this new way to increase interfaith awareness and faithful action. More to come in our future communications!



Green Church Suggestion: Hold on to old t-shirts: Make your own zero-waste facial tissues. Cut a few soft t-shirts into squares and store in a clean mason jar. Get a separate jar, designated for dirty tissues, and then throw in the wash when full.



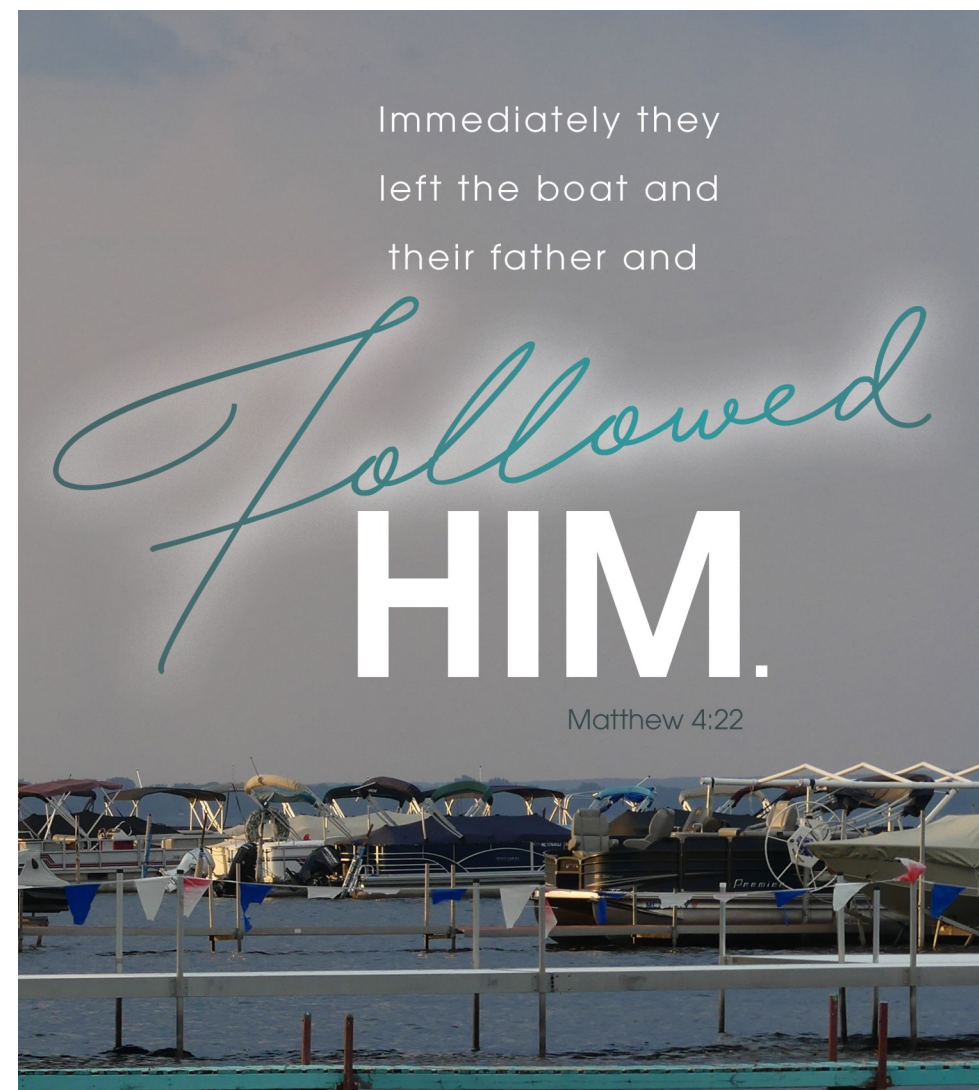
Dedicated to spiritual renewal, we strive to be an accepting, thinking, and serving community of faith.

JANUARY 22, 2023

10:30 AM

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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!



Gathering God's People

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP—Please Sign In

PRELUDE Trumpet Voluntary John Stanley

The Call

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our ever-present God dwells with us Through Jesus the Christ!

All: Behold the greatness of the Holy One in the expansiveness of these sacred spaces.

Leader: We seek and serve Christ through worship, ministry, and presence.

All: We Live in the presence of the Holy One all the days of our lives.

Leader: We call out for God's grace, strength, and guidance through the church.

All: Allow your spirit to flow through us as we worship upon this great foundation of love!

† HYMN 386 The Church's One Foundation

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
We are Christ's new creation by water and the word;
From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;
With precious blood Christ bought us for all eternity.*

*Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
One charter of salvation, one God, one faith, one birth,
One name together blessing, one holy food we share,
To one hope we are pressing, at one in work and prayer.*

*'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
We wait the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious, our longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.*

*Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three-in-One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! God, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.*

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Great God, we acknowledge your presence among us and the ways you connect us as a community through Christ. Make us receptive to your voice and instruments of your love in the world. Thrill us with your grace and inspire us with your humility. We rejoice in this gathering as we bless your Holy Name in the assembly, gathered across time and space as your people. We seek you. We're grateful to find you. 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 neighbors.

*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.**

INSTALLATION OF 2023 OFFICERS

(2023 Board, Committee, and Council officers are asked to stand.)

Leader: These people have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of Elon Community Church UCC, to serve among us. They have accepted their call and stand with us in witness to their willingness to serve. Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is a solemn honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the Church, whether gathered or scattered. Having prayer fully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

Officers: I am.

Leader: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

Officers: I do, relying on God's grace.

Leader: Members of the household of faith, you have heard the promises of your brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are able rise and witness to the commitment we now make?

All: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you, that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

Encountering the Sacred Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON I Corinthians 1: 10-18 Page 162 (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 READING Matthew 4: 12-23 Page 3 (NT)

SERMON What Unites Us? 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 Lord of the Dance S. Carter/J. Brackett
arr. John Ferguson

† 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 173 You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore PESCADOR DE
HOMBRES

*You have come down to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
But only asking for me to follow.*

**Refrain: Jesus, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you I will seek other seas.**

*You know full well my possessions.
Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
Just these my fishnets and will for working. (R)*

*You need my hands, my exhaustion,
working love for the rest of the weary—
A love that's willing to go on loving. (R)*

*You who have fished other waters; you,
the longing of souls that are yearning:
As loving Friend, you have come to call me. (R)*

† BENEDICTION AND BLESSING FOR LUNCH

† POSTLUDE Allegro G.F. Handel

We will go directly to the Community Life Center for our Lunch and Annual Meeting!

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