

In lieu of altar flowers, a donation has been made, given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Earl Danielely by his family.

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Lola Ayers	7/31
Ed Powell	8/1
Lucy Saconn	8/1
Mindi Truitt	8/2
Brad Wroblewski	8/3
Ralph Waller	8/4
Muriel Sherman	8/5

### SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

**Liturgist:** Ted Henson  
**Ushers:** Gene and Joanne Lentz  
**Deacon on Call:** Derek Tang

### FINANCIAL UPDATES

Received Last Week: \$10,314.45  
 Received to Date: \$314,437.46  
 Expenses to Date: \$312,519.52

### Elon Community Church Staff

#### Senior Pastor

Rev. Randy Orwig

#### Associate Pastor

Rev. Sharon Wheeler

#### Office Manager

Monica F. Nicholson

#### Finance Director

Lori Watson

#### Organist

Joy Rust

#### Choir Director

Dr. Stephen Futrell

#### Bell Choirs Director

Eden Brown

#### Nursery Attendant

Priscilla Cotton

#### Custodian

Delinda Anderson

#### Media Operator

David Sawyer



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### THIS WEEK AT ELON COMMUNITY CHURCH

#### Sunday 7/31

9:00 am Seekers' Class ZOOM  
 9:30 am Sr. Pastor Bible Study  
 10:30 am Worship Service  
 2:00 pm Evangelism Meeting  
 6:30 pm Deacons Meeting

#### Wednesday 8/3

8:00 pm AA Meeting

#### Thursday 8/4

3:00 pm Farmers' Market  
 6:00 pm Sock Puppets Game

#### Friday 8/5

6:30 pm NA Meeting

#### Sunday 8/7

9:00 am Seekers' Class ZOOM  
 9:30 am Sr. Pastor Bible Study  
 10:30 am Worship Service  
 1:00 pm Board of Christian Ed.  
 4:30 pm Mission and Outreach  
 5:00 pm Board of Trustees  
 5:30 pm Music Camp

### REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT TEAM UPDATE

We are no longer in the IF we get a refugee family but WHEN. And the when could be within about 2 weeks. 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!

## MUSIC CAMP 2022

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 – THURSDAY, AUGUST 11 • 5:30—8:45 PM

We are back with Music Camp back open to the community with 60 plus participants this year. Boards and Committees are going to be serving the meals with our first indoor Meet & Greet on **Music Camp Sunday, which will be August 14!** There is still a need for volunteers and helpers for this very important week of learning handbells, vocal music, art, drama, and fun! Make sure you pass the word and let's come together to make this one of the most successful years! Contact Eden Brown at [eccbells@gmail.com](mailto:eccbells@gmail.com) or Rev. Sharon Wheeler at [wheeler.sharon04@gmail.com](mailto:wheeler.sharon04@gmail.com) to get involved! This year is especially bittersweet with Eden Brown leading one last time as she moves to start her doctorate at Louisiana State University! Don't miss this event and our Music Camp Sunday!

## ECCUCC TO BURLINGTON SOCK PUPPETS GAME ON AUGUST 4

A summer tradition at ECCUCC has been to take a trip to the ballpark. We will be going to see our local team, Burlington Sock Puppets. The game starts at 6 pm. The cost is \$8 per ticket if we get in the covered area. Email [wheeler.sharon04@gmail.com](mailto:wheeler.sharon04@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending. If we have 20 there may be a group rate.

## FOOTBALL SUNDAY BLESSING THE ELON UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

### SUNDAY AUGUST 7 • WORSHIP 10:30 AM POT LUCK LUNCHEON FOLLOWS

We are expecting around 115 visitors to worship on Sunday, August 7, as the players and coaches will join us for a special time to build community and support for these student athletes. A special prayer of blessing will be given and our hospitality continues as we welcome them to the CLC for a luncheon that is a combination of our dishes to share and supplemental entrees for our rather large visitors.

This is an all hands on deck event! We need you to make homemade desserts and side dishes, even special entrees (pasta casseroles) if you like as we are building a small cadre of volunteers who will be serving Fried Chicken and other meats and potatoes to supplement our dinner so we have enough for our hungry team and all of us. One difference this year is that we will have tents set up outside on our patio to allow for us to be a bit more spread out. We hope you will feel safe and ready to share food and company. This has been a tradition since the 1970's and the team worked with the university and they felt it was safe as well. So, you can start signing up for food donations for this, our biggest potluck of the year!

### WE'RE ON THE WEB:

[eloncommunitychurch.org](http://eloncommunitychurch.org)



**Green Church Suggestion:** Worldwide meat production releases more greenhouse gas emissions than the entire transportation sector combined (Source: UN Environment Program). Start small by eliminating meat one day per week, or challenge yourself by taking a week-long vegetarian pledge.



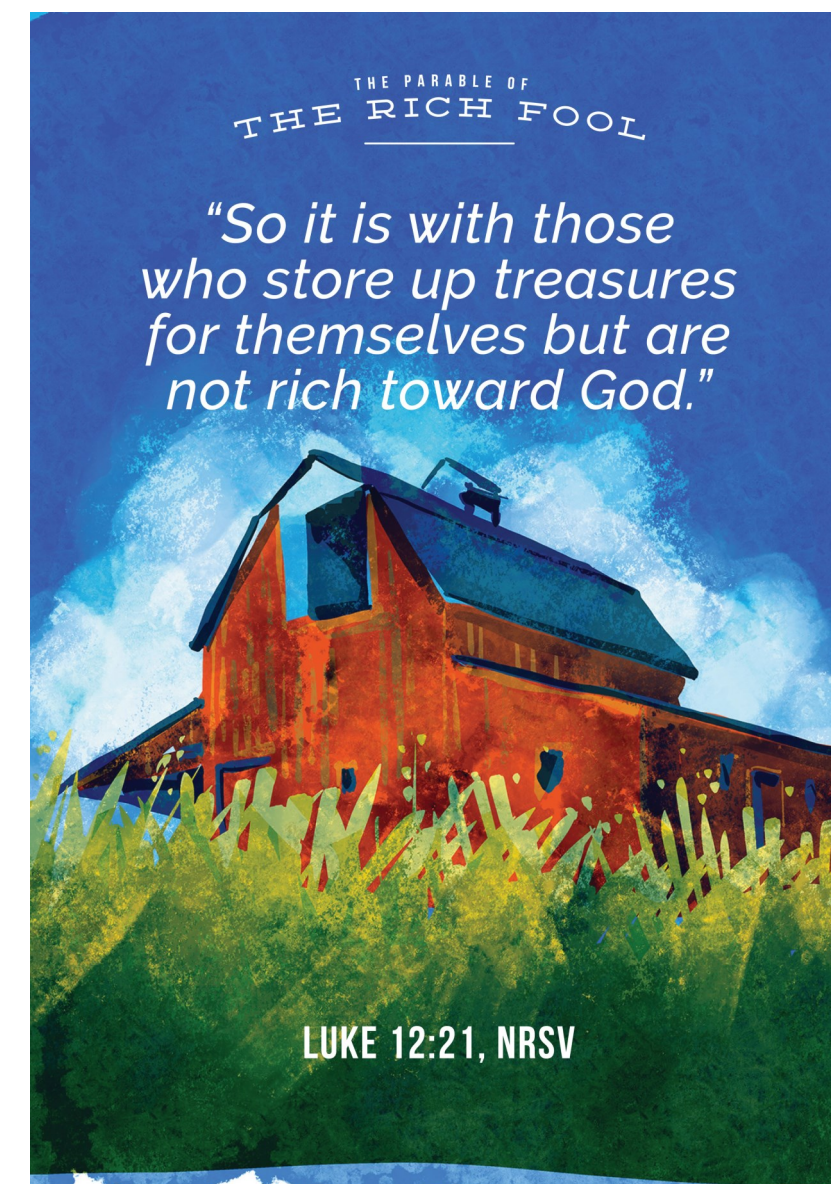
*Dedicated to spiritual renewal, we strive to be an accepting, thinking, and serving community of faith.*

JULY 31, 2022

10:30 AM

EIGHTH 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.



LUKE 12:21, NRSV

# Gathering God's People

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP—Please Sign In

PRELUDE Now Thank We All Our God J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

## The Call

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our Loving God gathers us from the east and the west, from the north and from the south.

**All: The Holy One is in our midst. Let us say so!**

Leader: We cried out to our God in the time of trouble and eased our distress.

**All: The Holy One is in our midst. God leads us on right paths.**

Leader: Our Provider satisfies our thirst and meets our needs.

**All: The Holy One is in our midst. Consider God's steadfast love!**

† HYMN 349 I Come with Joy DOVE OF PEACE

† PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

**Gracious One, you have knit us together wonderfully. You have promised your abiding presence in our lives and have guided us with love. We turn away from you and toward the path to destruction and discord. We judge our neighbor rather than love them and we fail to even honor ourselves as your beloved creation. Amen.**

† ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: The God of mercy bends toward their children with love and hope. The Holy One leads us when we wander onto divergent paths and nourishes our hunger for the newness of life. In God, grace abounds freely, abundantly, and extravagantly.

**All: Amen.**

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Share this peace with our world and all our 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.**

## Encountering the Sacred Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Hosea 11:1-11 Page 827 (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 12:13-21 Page 73 (NT)

SERMON A Shift in Attitude Sharon Wheeler

## 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 One Bread, One Body

† 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.**

† OFFERTORY PRAYER

# The Table

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Leader: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them up to God.**

Leader: We give thanks to God

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Leader: We have heard about God, who loved confusion into order and gave each creature a divine image, making the world.

**All: We have heard about Jesus, a poor man whose banquet feeds the world, a healer whose wounds give life, a teacher whose wisdom traces love's order in the world, finding the divine in each of us.**

Leader: We have heard how Jesus died, and how, for those who loved him, he rose again.

**All: We have heard about the Holy Spirit, who breaks the bonds of race and class, of gender and creed, to show God's love for everyone.**

Leader: And we have heard that love makes all things new. We come to this table asking for the bread of such blessings.

**All: These miracles begin with simple human gestures, bits of bread in a basket, tongues that talk, souls that yearn. And so we bring bread and wine, prayers and our own yearning, that the miraculous may begin in us today.**

Leader: All are welcome at the table. Come for all is ready

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 423 Great is Your Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE Break Forth into Joy J.S. Bach (1685-1750)  
from "The Christmas Oratorio"

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