

In lieu of altar flowers a donation has been made to the Good Samaritan Fund, given to the glory of God by Mac and Loudelle King.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Ken Harper	3/26
John Henderson	3/26
Lauren Bourne	3/28
Don Fisher	3/28
Holly Wroblewski	3/31
Grace Jones	3/31
Helen Fisher	4/1

FINANCIAL UPDATES

Received Last Week: \$2,104.60
 Received to Date: \$109,351.03
 Expenses to Date: \$132,022.09

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Liturgist: Bob Martin
Acolyte: Tessa Byerly
Deacon on Call: Colleen Gutierrez
Ushers: Russ and Ellen Martin
A/V Team: Helen Fisher and Gene Lentz

Elon Community Church Staff

Senior Pastor x. 102

Rev. Randy Orwig

Associate Pastor x. 103

Rev. Sharon Wheeler

Office Manager x. 101

Monica F. Nicholson

Finance Director x. 104

Lori Watson

Organist

Joy Rust

Choir Director

Dr. Stephen Futrell

Bell Choirs Director

Claire Jurs

Nursery Attendant

Priscilla Cotton

Custodian

Delinda Anderson



Office Hours & Contact Information

Hours: Monday—Thursday
10:00 am—4:00 pm
Address: 271 N. Williamson Ave.
PO Box 625
Elon, NC 27244
Phone: (336)584-0391
E-mail: eloncommunitychurch@gmail.com
<https://eloncommunitychurch.org>



Rev. Randy Orwig's contact information:
Cell: (336)365-9077
E-mail: RevRandyECC@att.net

THIS WEEK AT ELON COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 3/26

- 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 Genesis Chimes and JuBELLation
- 3:15 pm Youth Choir
- 3:40 pm Children's Choir
- 3:45 pm Youth Band
- 4:30 pm Young Ringers
- 5:00 pm Catholic Mass
- 6:00 pm Catholic Supper

Monday 3/27

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

Wednesday 3/29

- 5:30 pm Storyhealing Workshop
- 8:00 pm AA Meeting

Thursday 3/30

- 6:30 pm Chancel Ringers

Friday 3/31

- 6:30 pm NA Meeting

Sunday 4/2

- 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 Egg Hunt and Lunch
- 5:00 pm Catholic Mass

Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Hot Dog Lunch

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Hot Dog Lunch will be held following worship on Sunday, April 2. We invite our children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends to join us for lunch and our Easter Egg Hunt. What do we need from the congregation? Candy! If you will bring a bag of wrapped candy and drop the candy off in the boxes located in the atrium and narthex of the church, that would be super. Boxes will be placed during the month of March for the candy drop off. You are also invited to join us for lunch on April 2 after our Palm Sunday Service. If you plan to do so, sign up on the insert.

Community Storyhealing Workshop

March 29, Wednesday 5:30-8:30

Storyhealing towards intergenerational peace & empowerment w/ Camilo Romero

Conflict and its collective resolution applies to each of our families and all of our communities, especially in these times of pandemics and politics. Each of us carries trauma from our own lives and that of generations before us. Our workshop is an opportunity to explore creative and interactive methods of rage and reconciliation, resentment and resilience. Our workshop will center around community building through story-telling. We will begin with introductions of each participant and explain the origins of ReGeneración (www.regeneracion.co) as a movement for empowerment of those who have been invisibilized for generations. We will then discuss our children's book project and form small groups to act out "sociodramas", spontaneous performances that challenge us to utilize all parts of our selves to identify, confront, and resolve conflicts within our environment. Our workshop is meant to be collaborative as each of us are experts in our story. Welcome. Dinner included. This event is cosponsored by the Power and Place Collaborative, Geography, Peace and Conflict Studies, International and Global Studies, and Latin American Studies programs, and the Design Forge. Register at: <https://calendly.com/dlake/pre-forge-community-workshop?month=2023-03>

Join us for Passover Seder Dinner

We will spend Maundy Thursday in a different way this year! We will be in the Community Life Center at 5:30—7 pm with the Jewish Community of Elon University as we together observe Passover with a (shortened version) of the Seder Dinner which coincides with our Maundy Thursday this year. This is a rare opportunity to share in an interfaith setting and with students as we prayerfully gather for food and the traditional observance of the Haggadah, the telling of the liberation from Egypt. The cost of this fully provided meal is \$12 person if you can afford it, but cost is not a factor. Register with us by signing up on the next few Sundays or leave a message at the office, or email eloncommunitychurch@gmail.com to give us your name, any dietary restrictions, and you can pay online or check to the church with Seder Dinner in the memo. Sign-up as we do have a limit of 45 people for this event.

Earth Week Veggie Potluck and Movie

On Tuesday, April 18, at 6 pm, Green Church invites you to a vegetarian potluck supper in the CLC, followed by an engaging 37-minute film titled *Current Revolution*. In it, we see that because of climate change, economic factors, and national security concerns, America is on the brink of a transition from fossil fuels to electrification. What will that involve? How will it affect us and future generations? Can it be done in ways that are fair? Can it be done in time to avoid some climate catastrophes? Please join us and bring a vegetarian dish to share. We will provide drinks. As for covid concerns, we realize and are glad that most people have been able to get back to their normal lives. For those of us who want to come but still need to play it as safe as possible, there will be a dining section reserved for people who are willing to test the day of the event and test negative. Please sign up in the bulletin or call the church office at (336) 584-0391 if you plan to attend. That will help us with setup.

Green Church Suggestions: Put your sponge in the dishwasher to extend the use, or microwave it for one minute to sanitize it.



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

MARCH 26, 2023
10:30 AM
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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	Jesu, Jesu, Thou Art Mine Variations Variations I and II	J.S. Bach (1736) Alfred Fedak (b. 1953)
---------	--	--

The Call

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Breath of Life, you animate us.
All: We come before you are seeking revival from within.
 Leader: Holy One, when you speak, great things happen.
All: Your assurance is the source of our revival.
 Leader: Matchless One, you bring life and hope.
All: Life giver, come and revive us again and again!

† HYMN	Lord of the Dance	Sydney Carter
--------	-------------------	---------------

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
 And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
 And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
 At Bethlehem I had my birth.*

**Refrain: Dance then wherever you may be;
 I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
 And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
 And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

*I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
 But they would not dance and they would not follow me;
 I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
 They came with me and the dance went on. (R)*

*I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:
 The holy people said it was a shame.
 They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
 And they left me there on a cross to die. (R)*

*I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black,
 It's hard to dance with the devil on your back,
 They buried my body and they thought I'd gone.
 But I am the dance and I still go on. (R)*

*They cut me down and I leapt up high,
 I am the life that'll never, never die;
 I'll live in you if you'll live in me.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (R)*

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mender of Hearts, we confess that sometimes in our brokenness, we cause brokenness in others. Sometimes in our woundedness, we wound others. In these despairing moments, we need healing and restoration. We give thanks that we are never beyond your reach or grace.

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: God's mercy makes wholeness possible and our wholeness is rooted in becoming who we are meant to be. We are forgiven and set free!
All: Thanks Be to God! Amen.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of God be with you.
All: And also with you.
 Leader: Now share that peace with 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.*

† LENTEN RESPONSE	Give Me A Clean Heart	DOUROUX
-------------------	-----------------------	---------

**Give me a clean heart so I may serve you.
 God, fix my heart so that I may be used by you.
 For I'm not worthy of all these blessings.
 Give me a clean heart and I'll follow you.**

Encountering the Sacred Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Page 791 (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 READING	John 11:1-45	Page 102 (OT)
----------------	--------------	---------------

SERMON	A True Revival	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	Order My Steps	Glenn Burleigh
-----------	----------------	----------------

† THE DOXOLOGY		OLD ONE HUNDREDTH
----------------	--	-------------------

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below;
 Praise God above, you heavenly host:
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

† OFFERTORY PRAYER

Sending God's People

† HYMN	On a Hill Far Away	THE OLD RUGGED CROSS
--------	--------------------	----------------------

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
 The emblem of suffering and shame;
 And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
 For a world of lost sinners was slain.*

**Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
 Till my trophies at last I lay down;
 I will cling to the old rugged cross,
 And exchange it someday for a crown.**

*Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
 Has a wondrous attraction for me;
 For the dear Lamb of God left the glory of heaven
 To bear it to cold Calvary. (R)*

*In that old rugged cross, which bore Love so divine,
 A wondrous beauty I see,
 For upon that old cross Jesus suffered and died
 To pardon and sanctify me. (R)*

*To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
 Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
 When God calls me someday to my home far away,
 There God's glory forever I'll share.*

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE	Jesu, Jesu, Thou Art Mine Variations Variation III	J.S. Bach (1736) Alfred Fedak (b. 1953)
------------	--	--

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