

In lieu of altar flowers a donation has been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Verona Daniele by her family.

THIS WEEK AT ELON COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 1/15

- 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
- 5:00 pm Catholic Mass

Monday 1/16—MLK Jr. Day

Office Closed

Tuesday 1/17

- 6:00 pm Girl Scouts

Wednesday 1/18

- 8:00 pm AA Meeting

Thursday 1/19

- 6:30 pm Chancel Ringers

Friday 1/20

- 6:30 pm NA Meeting

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

- Liturgist:** Joanne Lentz
- Acolyte:** Lincoln Ramsey
- Ushers:** Colleen Gutierrez and Ralph Waller

Deacon on Call: Bev Orwig

FINANCIAL UPDATES

Received Last Week: \$3,340.00
 Received to Date: \$5,125.00
 Expenses to Date: \$6,033.69

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: Light is important in the wintertime. The days are shorter, and many people's moods are affected by the lack of sunlight they absorb in the winter months. Don't deprive yourself of the light your body craves, but get it through efficient sources like LED light bulbs and lumen lights.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- Marianne Hart 1/15
- Elizabeth Boyd 1/16
- Bonnie Kirk 1/16
- Loraine Morris 1/18
- Ellen Martin 1/18
- Giuli Schacht 1/18
- Gene Ferrell 1/18
- Jeffrey Coker 1/19
- Dot Waller 1/19
- Joanne Merical 1/19
- Reese Kline 1/19
- Elizabeth Powell 1/20
- Emery Lewis 1/20

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

JANUARY 15, 2023

10:30 AM

SECOND 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

The Call

† CALL TO WORSHIP *(with gratitude to Ruth Moody and the Wailin' Jennys)*

Leader: There are no words for what this testimony means, only the wonder at how it feels like grace.

Assembly: We celebrate the prophets and visionaries; in story and song, we awaken to the sound of one voice.

Leader: There is no way to know what this following will take only the hope that it is leading us deeper into the heart of love.

Assembly: We cherish the risk-takers and the tide-turners; in prayer and praise, we witness to the sound of voices two.

Leader: There is no telling when the struggle will end, only the faith in a future we cannot yet behold.

Assembly: We become the movement and the liberation: in worship and wrestling, we create the sound of all of us.

† HYMN 593 Lift Every Voice and Sing LIFT EVERY VOICE

*Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the harsh past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.*

*Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not weary feet,
come to the place for which our people sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.*

*God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
God who has brought us thus far on the way;
God, who by your might, led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met you,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, forget you;
Shadowed beneath your hand, may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.*

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

To the revelation and the wonder, open us. With the vision and the possibility, convict us. For the recognizing and the following, equip us. In the struggle and the seeking, be with us. Holy One, manifest your love, make your justice known in and among us. 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.

Encountering the Sacred Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON I Corinthians 1: 1-9 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 John 1: 29-42 Page 90 (NT)

SERMON Testimony of Call 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 Just As I Am Charles Elliott/
William B. Bradbury
arr. Arnold B. Sherman

† 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
(with quotes from Remaining Awake through a Great Revolution by Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Acolyte: "All life is interrelated."
All: Praise!
 Acolyte: "We are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality."
All: Praise!
 Acolyte: "We are tied in a single garment of destiny."
All: Praise!
 Acolyte: Use our gifts to empower us to lean into this reality and this calling,
All: more and more fully, until we become the salvation we are dreaming of. May it be so. Amen.

Sending God's People

† HYMN 524 This Little Light of Mine THIS JOY

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine,
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine,
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

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