

Today's altar flower arrangement is given by Patricia Woody to the glory of God, in celebration of the life of her son, Rob Woody, and in loving memory of her parents, Walter Perry and Estelle Perry Willard.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Virginia Griffin	8/8
Grace Edwards	8/8
Gabrielle Edwards	8/8
Louise Barnett	8/9
Curtis Osborne	8/11
Nancy Luce	8/12
Katie Brown	8/13

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Liturgist: Football Sunday
Ushers: John Henderson and Ralph Waller
Deacon on Call: Derek Tang

FINANCIAL UPDATES

Received Last Week: \$9,735.00
 Received to Date: \$324,172.46
 Expenses to Date: \$316,794.17

Elon Community Church Staff

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Rev. Randy Orwig

Associate Pastor

Rev. Sharon Wheeler

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Monica F. Nicholson

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THIS WEEK AT ELON COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

Monday 8/8

10:00 am Personnel Meeting
 5:30 pm Music Camp

Tuesday 8/9

5:30 pm Music Camp
 7:00 pm PFLAG

Wednesday 8/10

5:30 pm Music Camp
 8:00 pm AA Meeting

Thursday 8/11

2:30 pm Faith Walk
 3:00 pm Farmers' Market
 5:30 pm Music Camp

Friday 8/12

6:30 pm NA Meeting

Sunday 8/14

9:00 am Seekers' Class ZOOM
 9:30 am Sr. Pastor Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service
 11:45 am Church Council

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!

MUSIC CAMP 2022

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

We are back with Music Camp open to the community with 80 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!** 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!

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!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BLESSING OF THE BACK PACKS

Children's Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am on Sunday, August 28. The Blessing of the Back Packs will also take place that day during our worship time. Bring your back packs to be blessed as the children go back to school.

COOL/EDGE/KICK BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

On August 28 we will have a back to school KICK off party for both our KICK and Youth COOL/EDGE groups. Please join us for a time of celebration and kicking off our new school year and our back to church activities!

DOG DAY MIXER WE NEED YOUR DOGS AND YOU!

Plan Ahead! 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.

Solar Panel Report: Our solar panels had another great month in July, producing 3.25 MWh of energy! Since they began producing in January 2019, they have produced 120 MWh. That has saved us \$12,740.30 and prevented 185,221.8 pounds of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere. That's equivalent to planting 1,400 trees!

WE'RE ON THE WEB:
eloncommunitychurch.org



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

AUGUST 7, 2022

10:30 AM

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Football Sunday

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.



Gathering God's People

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP—Please Sign In

PRELUDE Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ Mark Sedio (b. 1954)

The Call

† CALL TO WORSHIP Caleb Ogunmola, Wide Receiver

Leader: God resides in the midst of creation...calling us to community.
All: Praise to the Holy One, our help and shield.
Leader: The Spirit of the Living God greets us with fresh winds and new mercies.
All: You are our treasure, our strength, in worship we turn to you even now!

† HYMN 18 Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer CWM RHONDDA

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION Hal Capps, Coach

God of salvation, all the earth cries out for the beauty within us that comes from the covenant you made with creation. We, your flock of young and old, rich and poor, strong and weak, are not afraid, for it is your good pleasure to give us now a home on earth as in heaven. We have come: we are dressed for action and we are ready for a new dawn that brings the day of your glory. Amen.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE Shon Brown, Defensive Lineman

Leader: Passing the Peace is a practice of knowing that if God is with us, we not only have a peace from God, but peace with one another. So, I share this invitation now: May the Peace of God be with you.
All: And also with you.
Leader: Now share this peace with one another in a way you feel most comfortable.

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 Psalm 121 Page 560 (OT)
CJ Ford, Linebacker

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 12:32—40 Page 73 (NT)

SERMON Why A Blessing? Randy Orwig

Responding to the Word

INTRODUCTION OF THE ELON UNIVERISTY FOOTBALL TEAM AND THE HEAD COACH

BLESSING OF THE TEAM

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 Elon Alma Mater Stephen Futrell, soloist GAUDEAMUS IGITUR William D. Ellis

Sons of Elon, daughter too, bring your praise and homage true. In thy keeping there will be words and deeds to honor thee. Harken to the songs they're singing, and the loyalty they're bringing. Alma mater, they will cherish thee. Alma mater, they will cherish thee.

Proud the oak trees on thy hill offer shade and shadow still; Green the fields around thee lie, blue the Carolina sky. Stately rise thy halls of learning. Toward their portals we are turning. Alma mater, we will cherish thee. Alma mater, we will cherish thee.

Elon, ever lead us on to a bright and happy dawn. Teach us still to love and pray; guide us to a nobler day. Joyous music lies before us; memories to swell the chorus. Alma mater, we will cherish thee. Alma mater, we will cherish thee.

† 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 391 In the Midst of New Dimensions NEW DIMENSIONS

† BENEDICTION AND LUNCH BLESSING

† POSTLUDE The Trophy Francois Couperin (1668-1773) Setting by E. Power Biggs (1906-1977)

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