



Denbigh United Presbyterian Church AUGUST 2025

Fall Upward Soccer—Register Now!

Welcome to Upward Soccer at Denbigh United Presbyterian Church!

Our goal is to share the hope and love of Jesus Christ with families through Upward Soccer and to help children in our community to grow socially, athletically, and most importantly, spiritually.

Practices will be every THURSDAY, starting on August 21.

One practice each week for an hour.

K5-1st grade: 5:30 - 6:30pm

2nd-8th grade: 6:30 - 7:30pm

Games are each Saturday morning beginning September 13.

We need volunteers to help make this season a success!

Register as a participant or volunteer on our website:

www.denbighunitedpres.org



DUPC

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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

[Click here for online giving](#)

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Soccer Clinic for Coaches and Players



Register at www.denbighunitedpres.org.



Church Staff

Senior Pastor

The Reverend Deborah Dail

Associate Pastor

The Reverend Boone Clayton

Office Manager

Kimberly A. Garriott, CAP, VS

Director of Music Ministries

Jane Martin

Accompanist/Organist

Al Buchanan

Sexton

Shelly Hooper

Preschool Director

Nancy Kerns

Church Accountant

Jeff Dawson

Session Meetings Summary for July 2025

- Approved DUPC financial report through June 30, 2025
- Approved Stated Session Meeting minutes of June 12, 2025
- Approved Called Session Meeting minutes of June 19, 2025
- Received Chris Kochersperger and Sandra Kochersperger as members of DUPC
- Approved the review of the DUPP financial records by the Treasurer
- Received committee reports

FINANCE REPORT THROUGH June 2025	
Total Income:	\$201,989.30
Total Expenses:	<u>\$210,289.77</u>
Difference:	(8,300.47)
% of Pledge Received	59.9%



In-Person and Facebook Live Worship					
Attendance	6/29	7/6	7/13 VBS Sunday	7/20	7/27
Worship (in-person)	86	78	113	67	79
Staff/Choir/Volunteers	13	5	5	4	6
Nursery (+ helpers)	4	4	3	5	3
Facebook Live	244	142	197	135	164
YouTube	15	24	48	25	16
TOTALS (as of 7/29/25)	362	253	366	236	268
Join us Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. live on YouTube and Facebook.					



Fall Worship Series “What Disciples Do”

Beginning September 7, we will embark on a new worship series that examines how disciples of Jesus are to demonstrate their faith. We will study practical and relatable faith practices. This series will run through November 23. Below are the scripture and topics for September. Let's start the new academic year together worshipping and growing in faith.

September 7	Disciples Take Faith Seriously	Luke 14:25-33
September 14	Disciples Seek People	Luke 15:1-10
September 21	Disciples Resist Greed	Luke 16:1-13
September 28	Disciples Practice Generosity	1 Timothy 6:6-19

Agents of Grace—October 19

We will worship and serve in our church and community on Sunday, October 19. Please mark your calendars now and plan to participate in a variety of mission projects after church.

If you would like to be a part of the Agents of Grace planning team, please contact Deborah at 757-817-7758. If you have a project idea, please contact Deborah.

World Communion Sunday—Help Needed

On October 5th we're celebrating our global unity in Christ!

Want to read Scripture, pray, or greet in another language?

Sign up by September 28.

Contact: Kristi Spivey (kristi.spivey@me.com) or call/text 757-814-9538

1 Cor. 10:17—“We are one body.”

Sunday's August 2025 Master Schedule

	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Greeters (front/rear entrances)	Dunn, Mary Lee Nyenty, Martha Stevens, Sheila	Ardary, Paul Lloyd, Moses Terry, Pat	Hunt, Connie Mandel, Kayleigh Hull, Donna	Lynch, Carol Keffer, Kam Miller, Martha	Minarik, Joan Keffer, Addy Phillips, Nancy
Ushers	Tessarolo, June Tessarolo, Mark	Hull, Donna Hunt, Connie	Minarik, Joan Stevens, Sheila	Murphy, Bob Pennell, Keith	Ames, Debbie Spruill, Doug
Youth Reader	Clayton, Elias	Hake, Becca	Nyenty, Martha	Hake, Kwin	Clayton, Hazel
Children's Moment	Clayton, Boone	Murawski, Sandi	Dail, Deborah	James, Melissa	Kyle, Jean
Nursery	Shildt, Jessica Lloyd, Moses	Minarik, Joan Keffer, Addy	Clayton, Julie Keffer, Kam	Ames, Debbie Lloyd, Moses	Miller, Martha Hake, Becca
Welcome Table	Dunn, Mary Lee	Edwards, Theal	Murawski, Sandi	Minarik, Joan	Dunn, Mary Lee
Counters	Ames, Debbie Pennell, Dale	Crippen, Sara Ferri, Marlene	Miller, Charles Morrison, Bill	Hunt, Connie Morrison, Bill	Skaar, Becky Spruill, Doug
Preparation of Elements	Hunt, Connie				
Communion	Ames, Debbie Hunt, Connie Kyle, Jean Schmidt, Amy				

Congratulations

Lilith Marisol Lloyd

Born: July 13, 2025
4lbs. 8oz. 17 inches

Mother: Etsu Lloyd

Grandparents:

Sarah and George Hake
and the late Moses Lloyd



Birthday Girl
***Jeanne
Kent***
(in the center)

Many people gathered to celebrate Jeanne Kent's 100th birthday. In this picture are the DUPC folks who attended.

Katherine Keesee, Carolyn Vassos, Deborah Dail, Barbara Keesee, Dale Pennell, and Darlene Mays-Tittman.



Stewardship Season 2025

This year our Stewardship Season is tied in with our fall worship series titled “What Disciples Do.” While the entire series addresses our stewardship of all that God has given us, we will focus on financial giving on September 21 and 28. Our Stewardship Dedication Sunday will be on October 5. Please pray about all the ways you hope to give and serve in 2026.

Next Special Offering—October 5

The Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, congregations are encouraged and equipped to find and address the anxiety and discord that is prevalent throughout this broken and sinful world.



Adult Education

Adult Sunday School Class—Ancient Words

The summer quarter of Ancient Words, an adult Bible study, began June 1 and continues through August 31, with a different lesson each week. The quarter includes readings in Genesis, the Gospels, and the Epistles. The class meets Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15 in the Conference Room.



Sunday School Lessons for August

Unit III: Christians and Sacrifice

August 3:	Believers (the Church) as God’s Temple page 55 <i>1 Corinthians 3:1-23</i>
August 10:	<i>Our Bodies Belong to God</i> page 61 <i>Romans 12:1-21; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20</i>
August 17:	<i>Jews and Gentiles Form One Temple</i>page 67 <i>Ephesians 2:11-22</i>
August 24:	<i>Sacrifices of Praise and Good Works</i>page 73 <i>Hebrews 13:1-21</i>
August 31:	<i>Living Stones in a Spiritual Temple</i> page 79 <i>1 Peter 2:1-17</i>



Children's and Youth Ministries

Sunday School Classes

Children's and youth Sunday School classes are offered weekly at 9:15 a.m. Breakfast is provided. We hope to see you there! Please contact Kathy Baldwin, Jean Kyle, or Jessica Shildt if you are interested in volunteering to teach Sunday School, drive children to and from church, or sit with children during worship. Join us for Fun, Fellowship, and learning about our Faith!

Kathy kmbwin@gmail.com, Jean jsekyle@cox.net, or Jessica jessica.shildt@gmail.com

Sunday School Lessons for August

August 3

Lesson 10: David Defeats Goliath—
1 Samuel 17:1-50
Bible Point: God can help us all do great things.

August 10

Lesson 11 Jonathan Warns David—
1 Samuel 18:1-4; 19:1-7; 20:1-42
Bible Point: God helps us be loyal friends.

August 17

Lesson 12: Abigail Makes Peace—
1 Samuel 25:1-35
Bible Point: God wants us to solve conflict peacefully.

August 24

Lesson 13: David Spares Saul's Life—
1 Samuel 26:5-25
Bible Point: God wants us to love our enemies.

August 31 (Fall Curriculum starts):

Lesson 1: David Becomes King—
2 Samuel 5:1-5; Psalm 37
Bible Point: We can rely on God.

Children's Sunday School					
	6/29	7/6	7/13 VBS Sunday	7/20	7/27
Teachers	4	5	3	4	4
Students	17	17	13	17	14
Visitors	—	—	20	—	—
TOTALS (as 7/28/25)	21	22	36	21	18

Vacation Bible School (VBS)



Jay Dunn



Pastor Deborah Dail





Jane Martin and Emily Woollum

Vacation Bible School (VBS)



Dawn Moss, Josh Dean, Patrick Murawski,
Pastor Boone Clayton, and Kadim Tshiek



Kristi Spivey



Sandi Murawski



Rylee Rucker

Melissa James

Below: Sarah Phillips, Lynn Ardary,
and Josh Dean



Vacation Bible School (VBS) Picnic Celebration



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CCC are Committee

Next Committee Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be
Wednesday, September 3, 2025
at 10:00 a.m. in the Library.
EVERYONE is welcome to attend a meeting.



CCC Members

Betty Joy

Carol Lynch

Carolyn Vassos

Janet Morrison

Nancy Phillips

Sara Crippen

Your Name Here

Marlene Ferri, Chairperson, 757-291-NICK

Kimberly Garriott, Co-Chair, 757-790-9946

Deborah Dail, Senior Pastor

Boone Clayton, Associate Pastor

We strive to care for members and friends through all seasons of life.

Congregational Care Committee (Cont'd.)



Farewell from the Easons

It has been a labor of love for over half a century. Charlotte and I started attending Denbigh Presbyterian Church in 1963 when the Reverend Lewis Bledsoe was Pastor. We have served as Deacons and Elders and were on about every committee known and some unknown. It has been a wonderful ride but as the Bible says, "All things have a beginning and end."

On July 16th, we will move to Discovery Village, an independent living facility in Richmond. We find that we can no longer care for ourselves and a large home. We will be within 10 minutes of our children, Andrea and Jamey, and they are looking forward to no longer making that trip to Newport News to care for us.

We bid you farewell but cherish the many fond memories we have of loving and caring friends.

Don and Charlotte Eason

July 8, 2025

Thanks for the calls, cards, and prayers. I'm blessed to have such a caring church family.

Ankle is still swollen some; but, I am on the mend and doing great.

Thanks to all!

Ellen Percival



Kimberly Garriott, Office Manager, and Committee Team Leader of New Member Welcome Team in CCC is excited for all of our new members to join. She has been preparing packets for the three New Members Classes that were held in July. DUPC can't wait to meet all the new faces.



Communion with Helen Thiessen, June and Mark Tessarolo, and Pastor Deborah Dail (photographer), on Sunday, July 27, 2025.

Home Communion

If you would like to receive home communion, please contact
Pastor Deborah or Pastor Boone.

Fellowship

Presbyterian Women

Priscilla Circle

*Left to right: Pat Terry, Cheryl Terry (Pat's daughter-in-law),
Carolyn Woodard, Connie Hunt, Debbie Ames,
Marianne Williams, and Jane Martin
Other members not pictured are: Dale Pennell,
Dorothy Sharpe, and Rosemary Murphy*



Prime Timers

Thank you to the Prime Timers who donated **1,024** diapers to ECHO Family Care Partnership. The organization helps families in crisis and helps prevent child abuse.

Upcoming Schedule:

Saturday, September 13, 2:00 p.m.—

See *Cabaret* by The Williamsburg Players. Tickets are \$22.00 and reservations will be taken on August 3 and 10. The church bus will be available to anyone needing a ride.



Outreach



Individual/Family Needs

- There were visits to the DUPC pantry for food and non-food items by DUPC and community members.
- Transported one child to camp at Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center and brought two children home from camp.
- Transported one DUPC member to the hospital for surgery.

Paul's Ministry

- In July, members of DUPC transported children from Paul's Mobile Home Park and surrounding areas to attend Sunday School, Worship, VBS, and the VBS picnic after worship on the following Sunday.

Clothing and More Giveaway

- The next event will be held on Sunday, August 17, from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. with the set up on Saturday, August 16, at 1:00 p.m. Anyone who would like to assist with this ministry by setting out the items on Saturday or helping with clean up after the event, please contact Sheila Stevens at 757-718-5100.

Free Clothing and More
Sunday, August 17, 2025
12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.

Donations **cannot** be accepted at this time. We apologize for any inconvenience, but our storage space is **FULL**. We will resume taking donations on Monday, August 18, after our next giveaway. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Summer Educational Ministry

Our summer educational enrichment program is in full swing. Classes for children who recently completed pre-Kindergarten and first grade began July 14. Children who recently completed grades 2-5 began their classes on July 22. The program runs Tuesdays through Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. until August 7.

Thirty-one children are enrolled this year. Nancy Kerns has eight preschoolers. Sandi Murawski is leading eight children in kindergarten and first grade; Lois Ballman is working with six second and third graders; and Claire Dick is teaching nine students who have completed fourth and fifth grades.

Classroom helpers include Katie McLroy, Jennifer Lloyd, and Lynn Ardary. Joe Bender, Debbie Ames, Pastor Deborah Dail, and Dale Pennell are providing transportation.

Debbie Ames and her kitchen helpers, Martha Miller, Rosemary Murphy, Marlene Ferri, Moses Lloyd, and Sho Bender prepare bag lunches Monday-Friday for thirty program participants as well as six children who do not participate in the program.

If you happen to see any of these folks, please take a moment to thank them for all they are doing to provide education and fun experiences for children.

Summer educational ministry PRESCHOOL

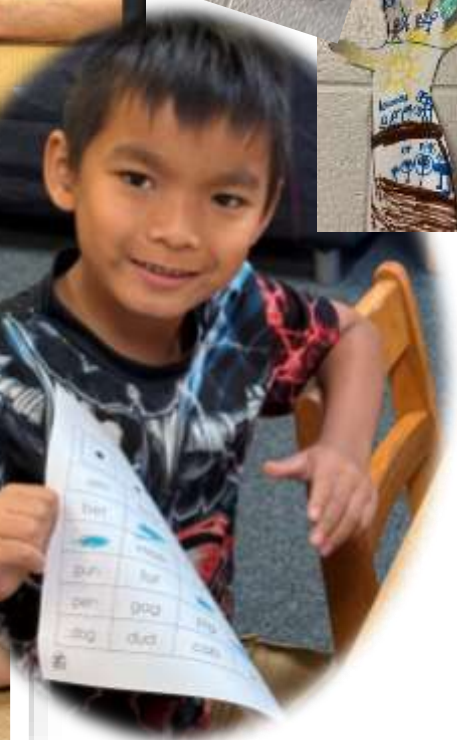
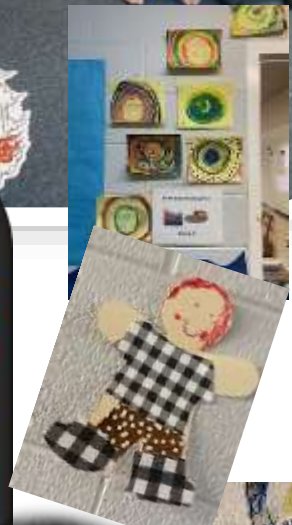


Nancy Kerns



Summer educational ministry

K-1st



Summer educational ministry elementary





THRIVE

- THRIVE has set up the most amazing system for clients that either have problems getting appointments to shop at The Market or have time constraints getting there to pick up their items. They have designed a system of lockers that are on the outside of the building that are available to access from 2 p.m. - 11 p.m. These lockers hold refrigerated, frozen, and shelf store items. A client can make an appointment online and fill out a specific order. Then the orders are filled by staff, placed in the locker, and a text/email message is sent to the client with a code on it for them to scan that will open the locker so they can get their items.
- Pantry items needed: cereal, pasta, canned collards or peas, baking items/mix, rice, rice side dishes.



Virginia Peninsula Foodbank (VPF)

- There are many opportunities to assist VPF with their goal of feeding families facing hunger; packing boxes, bagging produce, unpacking pallets of donations, giving out food at local mobile food locations, and delivering food to seniors to name a few. Contact them at 757-596-7188 to inquire where help is most needed.



***Menchville House
2025 Annual Dinner
July 29, 2025***

Menchville House

- During the fundraiser Give Local 757 in May, Menchville House received over \$11,000 in donations and received two prizes.
- With a \$100 donation, Menchville House will be able to send a child to the YMCA camp during the summer.
- Single serving snacks are always welcomed. If you would like to donate some, please put them in the box in the narthex.



*Connie Hunt, Jenny Hughes,
Kathleen Rohlf, and Debbie Ames*



*Joan Minarik, Martha Miller, and
Janet Morrison*

*Charles Miller, Bill Morrison, and
Bob Murphy*

Prayer Chains

If you are not already on the **email prayer chain** and would like to be added, please contact Elaine Minch at elainem33@cox.net or Kimberly Garriott at session@denbighunitedpres.org.

If you would like to be on the **telephone prayer chain**, please contact Carol Lynch at 757-930-0678.



September Digest Deadline
Monday, August 18, 2025



**DENBIGH UNITED PRESBYTERIAN
PRESCHOOL**

Registration is open for
2025-2026
Call 757-898-1043



Preschool Registration is Open for 2025-2026		
# of Days	Registration/ Supply/Activity Fees	Monthly Tuition
2 days (2 1/2 years) Mon./Tues.	\$155	\$155
3 days (3 years) Tues./Wed./Thurs.	\$190	\$190
4 days (4 years) Mon./Tues./Wed./Thurs.	\$230	\$230

In our Thoughts and Prayers . . .

Anneliese Collins
Aurelia Grant
Bill Cole
Brennon Andrews
Dave and Shirlie Anson
Dave and LuAnn Jusino
Dave and Bernie Rogers
Dian Munick
Don Bickhart
Ellen Percival
Evelyn Jarrett
Geoff Rogers
George Ashby
Helen Thiessen
Jack Schweickardt
Jeanne Kent
Jennifer Mansell Conlon
Jim Robinson
Joe, Brenda, and Sho Bender
Judy Jones
Mike Minarik
Morris Kincaid
Nancy Williams
Nell Sienko
Owen Spivey
Pauline Springer
Phyllis Thweatt
Rick Pauley
Robin Huffman
Rosemary and Bob Murphy
Ruth Magill
(Jack Schweickardt's sister)
Sandie Taylor
Scott and Veronika Jones
Shirley Rucker
Toni Powell
Will Cooper



OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

<i>Michael Cohen</i>	<i>Nixon Fombele</i>	<i>Daryl King</i>
<i>Cameron Dail</i>	<i>Morgan Henretta</i>	<i>Jacob Mayes</i>
<i>Grey Davenport</i>	<i>Kevin Huss</i>	<i>Joshua Silva</i>
<i>Lazaro Durruty</i>	<i>Tom Joyner</i>	<i>Gabriel Williams</i>

RESERVES

Savannah Gore
Derek James
Christian Jones
Jeff Shildt

OUR MISSIONARIES

Bruce and Deb Robinson
Meredith and Sandy Elder

We express our sympathy to the following families. May God bring comfort and hope to all who grieve.

*†To Roberta Griffith and family on the death of **Bobby Griffith** (former member of Second Presbyterian Church) on July 14, 2025*

*†To **Randy and Robin Snapp** and family on the death of **Kay Gray** on July 10, 2025*

*†To **Marlene Ferri** on the death of Marlene's brother, Mark, on June 20, 2025*

*†To **Lloyd/Hake Family** on the death of **Big Moses Lloyd** on June 7, 2025*



AUGUST 2025



Birthdays and Anniversaries

DAY	NAME
1	Brenda Bender
1	Randi Green
2	Sandra Kochersperger
3	Boone Clayton
3	Jay Dunn
4	Bonnie Williams
4	Marian Gore
A5	Dave and Shirlie Anson
5	Chloe Ardary
6	Carol Weaver
7	Becca Hake
9	Martha Miller
9	Etsu Lloyd
10	Carolyn Vassos
10	Claire Dick
10	Don Harvey
11	David Jusino
11	Jim Hiltabidle
13	Billy Ray Vigilante
14	Jennifer Morgan
14	Tommy Joy
15	Don Eason
15	Jim Robinson
15	Michael Singletary
15	Patrick Murawski

DAY	NAME
A16	Jay and Mary Lee Dunn
16	Heather Bunnell
16	Jacqueline Hertz
16	Jeff Nance
17	Alex Black
20	Gail McLeod
A21	Mike and Joan Minarik
21	Dee Jones
A22	Dave and Randi Green
A22	Rick and Karen Pauley
27	Nimere Smith
A28	Tommy and Betty Joy
28	Janeane Reynolds
29	Eliana Nyenty
29	Margaret Christensen
30	John and Donna Phillips
31	Carl Christensen



August

2025

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous CCC—Congregational Care Committee ChR—Choir Room CR—Conference Room EW—Education Wing
FWF—Faith Weaver Friends GS—Girl Scouts OA—Overeaters Anonymous OL—Online N—Narthex OS—Outside P—Parlor PL—Parking Lot
PEO—Philanthropic Education Organization PEP—Parents as Educational Partners PS—Preschool PSW—Preschool Wing RR—Reverent Ringers
S—Sanctuary SH—Second Hall SHF—Second Hall Foyer SF—Soccer Field SS—Sunday School V—Vacation
Worship V&P—Worship Vision and Planning Team Zm—Zoom

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT



The church calendar changes daily.
Refer to our website for the most-up-to-date calendar and events.
Thank you!

1

Session Reports Due

2

10:00 AA (SH, L)
10:00 Al-Anon (Rm 9)

3

9:00 Chancel Choir (ChR)
9:15 Children's/Youth SS (EW)
9:15 Ancient Words SS (CR)
10:30 Worship/Communion (S, N, OL)

4

5

10:00-12:00 Summer Educational Ministry (EW, K, PS)
10:30 Accountant (Rm 10)

7:00 OA (Rm 9)

6

10:00-12:00 Summer Educational Ministry (EW, K, PS)

5:30 Reverent Ringers (ChR)

7

10:00-12:00 Summer Educational Ministry (EW, K, PS)

8

9

10:00 AA (SH, L)
10:00 Al-Anon (Rm 9)

10

9:00 Chancel Choir (ChR)
9:15 Children's/Youth SS (EW)
9:15 Ancient Words SS (CR)
10:30 Worship (S, N, OL)

11

12

10:30 Accountant (Rm 10)

7:00 OA (Rm 9)

13

Deborah-V

5:30 Reverent Ringers (ChR)

14

Deborah-V

7:00 Session (CR, Zm)

15

Deborah-V

16

Deborah-V
8:00 Coach Soccer Clinic
8:45 Player Soccer Clinic (SF)
10:00 AA (SH, L)
1:00 Set Up Clothing & More (SH, EW, SHF)

17

Deborah-V

9:00 Chancel Choir (ChR)
9:15 Children's/Youth SS (EW)
9:15 Ancient Words SS (CR)
10:30 Worship (S, N, OL)
12:00 Clothing & More Giveaway (SH, SHF, K)

18

Deborah-V
September Digest Deadline

19

Deborah-V

10:30 Accountant (Rm 10)

7:00 OA (Rm 9)

20

Deborah-V

5:30 Reverent Ringers (ChR)

21

Deborah-V

5:30 1st Soccer Practice/Eval. (SF)
7:00 DUPP Board Mtg. (CR)

22

Deborah-V

23

10:00 AA (SH, L)
10:00 Al-Anon (Rm 9)

24

9:00 Chancel Choir (ChR)
9:15 Children's/Youth SS (EW)
10:30 Worship (S, N, OL)

31

9:00 Chancel Choir (ChR)
9:15 Children's/Youth SS (EW)
10:30 Worship (S, N, OL)

25

7:00 Worship V&P (Zm)

26

10:00 Staff Mtg. w/ Joan and Jeff (CR)
11:00 Accountant (Rm 10)

7:00 OA (Rm 9)

27

5:30 Reverent Ringers (ChR)

28

5:30 Soccer Practice (SF)

29

30

10:00 AA (SH, L)
10:00 Al-Anon (Rm 9)



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