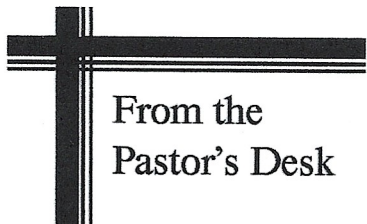


Alexandria First Christian Church

Second Quarter Newsletter 2026

April, May and June



From the Pastor's Desk

I've enjoyed the conversations that I've had over the past few months preparing five students for their Baptisms on Easter Sunday. There were times in our talks that I'd bring back a memory from my past as an illustration to make a point. Then I'd realize that the kids were too young to know what I was talking about. It reminded me of this Reflection by Martin B. Copenhaver:

One day, when our children were still very young, a Beatles song came on the radio. I grew up listening to the Beatles so, of course, I began to sing along. Then our daughter, Alanna, asked, "Who is that singing?" For a moment, I was taken aback by her question. How could she not know who is singing? Isn't that something that is passed on in the genes?

And then I remember thinking, If she doesn't know about the Beatles, what other things have I mistakenly assumed I would not need to tell her? Obviously, we cannot assume that our children have somehow brought with them, or will pick up somewhere, the most important things we have to share, including the Christian story of God's fierce and indefatigable love for the world. One does not learn the story by osmosis. It has to be told. After all, the Christian faith is always just one generation away from extinction.

In Acts, we read about an Ethiopian official who, after a visit to Jerusalem, was reading the prophecies of Isaiah while he was riding in a chariot.. Philip was inspired to approach the chariot and ask, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And here is the Ethiopian's poignant reply: "How can I, unless someone guides me?"

Exactly. No one is born knowing the story of our faith. It has to be passed on, one generation at a time. So teach your children, or your grandchildren, or the children of your church the story that has been shared with us. And, somewhere along the line, teach them about the Beatles also.

During Easter worship we will be sharing in the Baptism of students: Cannon Runyon, Jessa Snodgrass, Gage Swegman, Hayden Swegman, and Ruth Ann Teichert, along with adults: Max and Nancy Redding. Please keep them all in your prayers as we make our way to Easter Sunday.

Blessings,
Pastor Julia

Worship Leadership

April Elder – Barb Austin

Deacons – Hayden Swegman &
Doris Swegman
Communion Deacon – Jenny Bryan

April Lord's Lectors

April 5 Jeff Bryan
April 12 Kim Sayre
April 19 Chere Saunders
April 26 Chris Collins

May Elder – Kim Sayre

Deacons – Hayden Swegman &
Gary Burchette
Communion Deacon –
Heather Teichert

May Lord's Lectors

May 3 Chris Collins
May 10 Kim Sayre
May 17 Kim Sayre
May 24 Chere Saunders
May 31 Chere Saunders

June Elder - Jeff Bryan

Deacons – Julie Barton and
Troy Greer
Communion Deacon – Karen Sayre

June Lord's Lectors

June 7 Jeff Bryan
June 14 Chere Saunders
June 21 Jenny Bryan
June 28 Chris Collins

*If you trade a Sunday with someone, please let
Pastor Julia know so the bulletin can be corrected.*

CMF Pancake and Sausage Breakfast –

Join us for the best pancakes in town on
Saturday, April 25th, 8:30am – 10am.
Tickets are \$6 and \$3 (under 12) and can be
purchased at the door or from a CMF
member.

First Sunday Lunches – Plan to stay after
worship on Sunday, May 3rd for lunch and a
time of fellowship. A freewill offering will
be taken with the proceeds going to the
General Fund. If you would like to help,
please contact Karen Sayre.

Exercise Class - Every Tuesday and
Thursday, you are invited to join in a
walking and exercise class in Robinson Hall
starting at 10:00am.

Address Book, Birthdays and Anniversaries
If you know of mistakes in the booklet,
please let Pastor Julia know in writing so
corrections can be made.

Pete's Pantry

Thank you to all who give to this much
needed ministry. Thanks to Debbie and Gary
Burchette for taking our donations to the
pantry.

For the month of April, we will be
highlighting canned fruits and vegetable.

For the month of May, we will be
highlighting pasta, rice, beans and pasta
sauce.

For the month of June, we will be
highlighting peanut butter, jelly, and
children's snacks, but all non-perishable
items are accepted.

Church Board – Our upcoming meetings
are on May 6th and June 3rd. *Please note that
the time of the meeting has changed to
5:30pm.*

Honoring our Graduates - If you know of
someone graduating from high school,
college or trade school, please contact Pastor
Julia. We would like to honor them on
Sunday, June 14th during worship.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Brason Ricks
- 2 Dena Hosier
- 9 Neal Johnson
- 9 Dave Snodgrass
- 11 Ruby Closser
- 12 Katie Humphrey
- 13 Susan Heiden
- 14 Maura Stewart
- 15 Corbin Greer
- 19 Bob Miller
- 22 Jenny Bryan
- 25 Larry Hueston
- 27 Cheryl Wegner
- 28 Christie (Musick) Mason
- 28 Whitney (Hosier) Webb
- 30 Joanna Willmann

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 21 Pastor Julia and Jim Bratton
- 28 Raymond and Pam Garner



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Debbie Burchette
- 9 Hayden Swegman
- 13 Alison Domi
- 19 Faith Swegman
- 22 Brock Cooper
- 22 Julie Barton
- 23 Annabelle Vctor
- 29 Frances Sizelove
- 30 James Bratton

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Barbara & Chris Austin
- 18 Linda Heiden and Zack Joyce
- 19 Brandon & Jessica Hammond
- 28 Bob & Marge Dickson
- 28 Larry & Sharon Hobbs

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 9 Brandon Hammond
- 11 Gary Cooper
- 12 Karen Sayre
- 13 Sherry Humphrey
- 16 Katreena Humphrey
- 17 Jeff Miller
- 18 Heather Sayre Teichert
- 20 Barbara Austin
- 22 Julie Nelson
- 23 Brittany Humphrey
- 23 Chrissy

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Troy & Becky Greer
- 9 Marvin & Linda Miller
- 13 Dave & Ruby Closser
- 20 U.B. & Joyce White
- 25 Jan & Don Malston



Schedule

Maundy Thursday – April 2nd

Agape Feast and Last Supper will begin at 6pm. You are invited to bring sandwiches or appetizers to share. Drinks will be provided.

Good Friday – April 3rd

Tenebrae Worship will take place at the Robinson Hall Fireplace at 6:00pm.

Easter Sunday – April 5th

Easter Breakfast - 8:30am – 10:00am

Resurrection Worship – 10:30am

Holy Humor Sunday – April 12th

We continue our Resurrection Celebration with a joyful Holy Humor Worship service as we continue to celebrate our Risen Lord with laughter.