

Alexandria First Christian Church

Third Quarter Newsletter 2026

July, August, September

Greetings from Pastor Julia!

Blessings and peace be with all our family and friends of Alexandria First Christian Church. As I write this, my kitty Saturn sits in the window watching the birds at the bird feeder. Jim and I are planning plans for our move to our first house together in Orestes. We are also getting excited for our yearly camping trip to Higgins Lake in Michigan. That week is a great time for me to renew, restore and reconnect with God in a way that nothing else can.

I hope that this summer you and your family have scheduled in time to just relax and renew. I hope you get some well deserved time away from busy schedules and hectic lives. I hope that you are able to get out and enjoy the beautiful weather that summer brings. Also I hope you all have a chance to spend some quality time with friends and family that is so lacking in our busy lives these days.

I pray and hope that if you are in town on a Sunday, you will come join us for worship. I know that it can be easy to sleep in and take summer off, but we are still here doing ministry and sharing the Good News with one another and with the community all summer long. Please join us for Sunday worship at 10:30am with Adult Sunday School at 9:15am. But if you can't make it to the church, here are some other ways you can take the church with you when you are on trips, at the lake, or just needing some down time this summer.

Make sure to grab a copy of the *July/August Upper Room* so you can have a simple devotion to think upon every day. Each day offers a scripture reading, devotion and prayer. They are free and offered in regular and large print.

You can also take us with you on Facebook, as we provide our Sunday service on Facebook Live. Each service stays on our page for the month. The Sunday of our vacation, you will be invited to meet in Robinson Hall with the worship service being lead Kim Sayre. I will provide the sermon and pastoral prayer on the television. If you are not on Facebook, you can also watch our services on our website firstchristianchurchalexandria.org.

However you spend your summers friends, I hope you share it with us, and that it is a summer of growing our faith and staying connected to our church family. Please remember that the financial needs of the church are there year round. Please give generously and prayerfully. Thank you so much for being a part of First Christian Church.

Blessings, Pastor Julia



What is General Assembly?

The whole church throughout the United States and Canada is invited to attend General Assembly 2026, taking place July 10–11. Rooted in Ephesians 3:14–21, this gathering invites the Stone-Campbell tradition of today and tomorrow to be grounded in the love of God that surpasses knowledge and barriers, calling the Christian Church to set a bigger table that extends beyond previous capacity. More than just a series of meetings, General Assembly is a covenantal table for education, discussion, worship, business, fellowship, and action, where each congregation is encouraged to boldly claim its place in shaping the life and ministry of the church.

This year's General Assembly is taking place online, opening things up to everyone. Pastor Julia will be watching and participating in Robinson Hall, using the big screen TV. All are invited to join her for some or all of the sessions. If you have ever wondered what our denomination is all about, this is your chance to find out. Feel free to come for some of the time, or for all of it. If coming Saturday, feel free to bring a sack lunch. We'll have bottled water, lemonade and coffee.

Friday, July 10th

5:00pm – 6:00pm

Orientation, Topic for Education, Discussion and Prayer

6:00pm – 7:15pm

Open Roll Call and Worship

Saturday, July 11th

11:00am – 1:00pm

Worship, Orientation to Business, Preparing for Dialogue

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Lunch Break

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Business Session, Topic for Education & Discussion

5:00pm – 6:00pm

Closing Worship

Prayerfully consider joining Pastor Julia and learning more about the Disciples of Christ!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2	Tish Liddell
9	Matthew Domi
12	Sue Hueston
12	Marv Miller
13	Colyn Greer
15	Troy Greer
16	Jerod Weaver
20	David Walker
22	Dave Closser
22	Jim Humphrey
23	Sean Vctor
31	Pam Garner

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

10	Brian & Angie Humphrey
22	Tom & Cheryl Wegner

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

4	Judy Welcome
5	Ray Garner
5	Nicole Cooper High
7	Kari Ricks Snodgrass
7	Arlene Bryan
7	Ariel White
8	Donnie Dinehart
8	Derek Dinehart
11	Lois Rutledge
14	Fred Haas
16	LaVenda Brummet
17	Dennis Gooding
17	Lynsey Kojima
24	Mark Heiden
29	Julia Thompson

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

18	Dennis & Karen Gooding
21	Bob & Barb Miller
24	Brian & Whitney Webb

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Michael Wegner
10	UB White
13	Patty Alt
16	Kohlton Ricks
17	Kathy Clevenger
21	Brantley Austin
24	Jim Dickson
25	John Horgos
25	Jessa Snodgrass
27	Brad Austin



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1	Larry & Sue Hueston
1	Karen & Lucas Ledy
4	Marty & Sharon Lang
13	Jim & Katreena Humphrey
14	Wendey & Korie Trissel
25	Matt & Robin Harrison

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 July, we will be highlighting canned fruits.

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

For the month of September, we will be highlighting toilet paper, paper towel, and toiletries (shampoo, soap, body wash, etc.) With prices being high, all perishable items are needed.

First Sunday Lunches – Plan to stay after worship on Sunday, August 2nd 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.

Worship Leadership

July Elder - Chris Collins
Deacons – Chere Saunders and
Troy Greer
Communion Deacon – Jenny Bryan

July Lord's Lectors

July 5 Sue Hueston
July 12 Jenny Bryan
July 19 Chris Austin
July 26 Chris Collins

August Elder – Kim Sayre
Deacons – Corbin & Colyn Greer
Communion Deacon – Karen Sayre

August Lord's Lectors

August 2 Kim Sayre
August 9 Doris Swegman
August 16 Kim Sayre
August 23 Jeff Bryan
August 30 Chere Saunders

September Elder – Jeff Bryan
Deacons – Chere Saunders &
Larry Teichert
Communion Deacon –
Heather Teichert

September Lord's Lectors

September 6 – Chris Collins
September 13 – Barb Austin
September 20 – Diana Musick
September 27 – Kim Sayre

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

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.

Church Board – Our meetings are the first
Wednesdays of the month in Robinson Hall
at 5:30pm. All Elders, Deacons and Church
Officers are urged to attend.

Vacation Time – Pastor Julia and Jim
will be making their yearly trip to
Higgins Lake, Michigan to visit
friends and family July 29th – August
5th. For pastoral care or emergencies,
please contact Board Chair, Don
Swegman or any Elder.

***Indiana Disciples Women's Annual
Event*** – *Blooming Together in Love*,
will take place Saturday, September
12th at Westview Christian Church in
Indianapolis. Pastor Julia is going and
has room for 3 passengers. It's a
wonderful opportunity to celebrate in
the Spirit with others from around
Indiana. Talk to Pastor Julia to get
registered.

Survey Coming Your Way – The
Search Committee has begun it's
meetings to start the work of finding a
new pastor as Pastor Julia retires in
April. Please watch for a survey to
come your way and return it so you
can be part of the process.

Back to School Rally

This year's rally will take place at First
Baptist Church on Monday, July 27th 5pm –
7pm. There is a bucket on the table in the
chapel for your financial donations. Cookies
are also needed and can be dropped off the
afternoon on the Rally at First Baptist. This
rally is for all students living in the
Alexandria, Monroe Township area.
Volunteers are also needed the night of the
rally helping pass out bags and help in the
kitchen serving hotdogs.