

Alexandria First Christian Church

Fourth Quarter Newsletter 2026

October, November, December

Special Giving for the Holidays

Candy Needed – We need lots of candy for the Monster Bash Trunk-Or-Treat and the Christmas Parade.

Pete's Pantry – For November, we will be gathering items for Thanksgiving Dinner: Yams, Green Beans, Mushroom Soup, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce

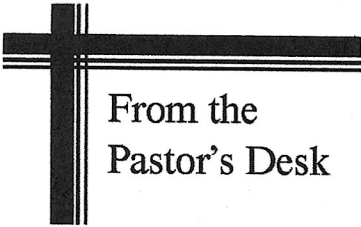
For December – We will be collecting Brownie Mixes

For the Elementary School – We will be decorating a tree in Robinson Hall with sweatpants and underwear.

Tiger Take Home – To help students with food insecurities, we are collecting pudding and Jello snackpacks, juice boxes, snack size chips and cookies, etc. These will be taken to the intermediate school.

Activity Schedule

Saturday, October 24 th –	Monster Bash Trunk-or-Treat 5pm – 7pm
Sunday, November 1 st –	All Saint's Sunday 10:30am
Wednesday, November 4 th -	Church Board Meeting 6:30pm
Saturday, November 7 th -	CMF Pancakes and Sausage 8:30 - 10:00 am
Sunday, November 15 th –	Thanksgiving pitch-in following worship
Sunday, November 29 th –	First Sunday of Advent 10:30
Wednesday, December 2 nd -	Church Board Meeting 6:30pm
Saturday, December 5 th -	Christmas Movie and Soup Supper
Sunday, December 13 th -	Homebound Christmas Caroling and Sandwich Luncheon 11:30am
Saturday, December 19 th –	Living Nativity and Sloppy Joe Supper 5:30 – 7:30pm
Thursday, December 24 th –	Christmas Eve Worship 7:00pm
December 26 – January 2 –	Pastor Julia and Jim on Vacation in Michigan
Sunday, December 27 th -	Carol Sing during worship 10:30am
	First Sunday worshipping in Robinson Hall



From the Pastor's Desk

1 Corinthians 1:4, 7–9 “I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus... so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ... God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

It is officially fall! The leaves are changing, the days are getting shorter, and before long kids—and probably a few adults—will be deciding what they want to be for Halloween. As we approach Halloween, we also approach All Saints Day. Halloween gets its name from “All Hallows’ Eve,” the evening before All Saints Day. For centuries, the church has used this time to remember the saints who have gone before us and to give thanks for the people whose faith and lives have helped shape our own.

I have always appreciated All Saints Day. There is something meaningful about taking time to remember those who came before us—the people who loved us, taught us, encouraged us, challenged us, and shared their faith with us. But remembering the saints isn’t only about looking backward. There’s a saying that we need to know where we’ve come from in order to know where we are going. I like that idea. We can give thanks for our history and for the people who helped make us who we are, while at the same time looking ahead to where God might be leading us next.

Paul reminds the Corinthians that they have already been given what they need: “You are not lacking in any spiritual gift.” And then he reminds them of something even more important: “God is faithful.” I think those are good words for the church in every generation. We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. We give thanks for the people who built, served, taught, worshiped, gave, prayed, and passed the faith along. And then we remember that God isn’t finished with us yet. There are still people to welcome. There are still neighbors to serve. There are still children and young people to encourage in their faith. There are still people who need to hear words of grace, hope, forgiveness, and love.

So this fall, as we remember the saints who have gone before us, may we also look ahead with hope. We carry their stories with us, but we also get to be part of the story God is writing now. God has been faithful. God is faithful. And God will continue to be faithful in whatever comes next.

Blessings to you all!
Pastor Julia



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Larry Teichert
3	Cindy Southerland
5	Andrea Heiden
6	Pat Hueston
9	Jeff Bryan
10	Alyssa Sayre
11	Drew Haas
20	Misty (Musick) Bynum
22	Reagan Allen Blanton
22	Stephen Wegner
23	Wendy Trissel

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

3	Mark Heiden & Mary Ellen Lennon
8	Gary & Debbie Burchette
16	Kim & Karen Sayre

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4	Carlos Cabrera
8	Christy Howell
9	Chris Austin
10	Barb Miller
14	Susan Davis Walker
15	Jama Spade
16	Becky Greer
17	Donnis Kirkpatrick
19	Mary Lou Carver
19	Jessica Hammond
19	Matthew Miller
21	Florence Humphrey
25	Sabrina Humphrey
25	Ruth Ann Teichert
28	Sharon Hobbs
30	Isaach Domi

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4	Mary Haas
5	Karen Davis Leddy
10	Karen Gooding
11	Shirley Colvill
13	Larry Hobbs
13	Betty Cooper

*Any corrections or omissions, please let
Pastor Julia know.*

(December birthdays cont.)

20	Pastor Sharon Lang
20	Diana Musick
20	Kurtis Swegman
27	Pastor Lyn Childers
27	Dee Williams

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12	Jeff and Jenny Bryan
14	Fred & Mary Haas
16	Pastor Lyn and Cheryl Childers
20	Kari and Dave Snodgrass
22	Bob & Anna McDaniel



Pete's Pantry

October Highlight

Peanut Butter and Jelly
Mac-n-cheese

November Highlight

Thanksgiving Dinner
Mashed potatoes, gravy
Stuffing, yams, cranberry sauce

December Highlight

Brownie Mixes

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Person**

Worship Leadership

October Elder – Chris Collins
Deacons – Corbin & Colyn Greer
Communion Deacon –
Frances Sizelove

October Lord's Lectors

October 4 Jeff Bryan
October 11 Dale Terrell
October 18 Kim Sayre
October 25 Jenny Bryan

November Elder – Kim Sayre
Deacons – Brad and Brantley Austin
Communion Deacon – Stacy Austin

November Lord's Lectors

November 1 Kim Sayre
November 8 Jenny Bryan
November 15 Jeff Bryan
November 22 Chris Austin
November 29 Chere Saunders

December Elder – Barb Austin
Deacons – Brantley Austin and
Hayden Swegman
Communion Deacon –
Debbie Burchette

December Lord's Lectors

December 6 Jenny Bryan
December 13 Chere Saunders
December 20 Jeff Bryan
December 27 Kim Sayre

Christmas/Advent News

Keep an eye out for a letter the
end of November. It will
highlight our busy
Advent/Christmas schedule.

All Saint's Celebration – During our worship service on Sunday, November 1st we will be honoring those who have died since last November. If you have someone you'd like to be honored, please get their name, birth and death date to Pastor Julia before October 25th.

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

Candy Needed - for the city's Trunk-or-Treat, Saturday October 25th. Whatever is not used for the Trunk-or-Treat will be used for the Christmas Parade. Please place your donations on the pew in the Chapel. If you find it difficult to get to the store, you may make a financial donation to Pastor Julia and candy will be purchased for you.

Join the Choir – Do you enjoy singing? We are gathering a choir for the Advent season. If you are interested in joining the choir, please talk with Pastor Julia or Doris Swegman. Rehearsals will begin sometime in late November. Watch the bulletin and Facebook page for further information.

First Christian Post Office will be open again this year. Cards need to be turned in by Sunday, December 14th and will be ready for pick-up on Sunday, December 21st.

Thanksgiving Dinner – November 16th, following worship, we will have a pitch in Thanksgiving meal in Robinson Hall. The turkey, dressing, chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, rolls and drinks will be provided. Please mark your calendar and join us for food and fellowship.