



Branches

Alexandria First Presbyterian Church

“I am the vine, you are the branches.”

May 2016

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Dear Friend,

If you've noticed, I haven't been around much after worship since the New Year. In case you've wondered why I haven't been staying very long for coffee hour, or perhaps thought I was cutting out early to head off to Sunday brunch . . . let me tell you, that was not the case! For the past 14 weeks I have had the joy of teaching and leading our confirmands each week after worship. Along with Renee Skibinski, I have had the blessing of journeying with our confirmation class through a process of learning, discovery, and discernment.



A Note from Nick

In the coming weeks our confirmands will be writing and presenting their faith statements to the Session. Their faith statements will be the culmination of all of our hard work together, and will serve to articulate their faith as they confirm what they believe. Then on May 15th, as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, our confirmands will be confirmed during worship. I hope that everyone will be there to help celebrate this special day in the life of our church.

As a pastor it is always very special to see young people profess their faith in Jesus Christ as they say “yes” to membership in our church. It is a profound moment of authenticity and faithfulness. And so I would like to ask all of us to be praying for our confirmation class during this special time in their faith journey. On Confirmation Sunday, I also ask that each of us think about re-affirming our own faith. I hope that we can each hear our confirmands faithfulness in a way that inspires our own faithfulness. Let us together gather on Pentecost Sunday to not only joyfully receive our confirmands, but to also re-affirm our faith together! After which we can celebrate this special day together in fellowship hall with cake! Also—since it is Pentecost—don't forget to wear red!

Your friend in Christ,

Pastor Nick

Tending the Flock

Baptism

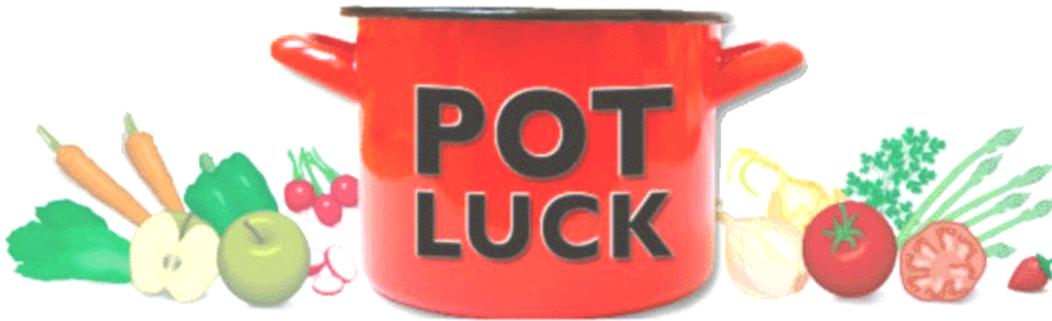
We rejoice with those who are celebrating their baptism anniversary. It was in May that Bentley Nicholas Yanovskiy and Nicholas Mahlon Folmar became children of God through the sacrament of baptism. Congratulations and blessings!

Announcing the Easiest Dinner Ever!

Pot Luck Dinner at Alexandria First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
Sunday, May 22 | 5 p.m.

IT'S EASY:

Bring one dish
 Bring the entire family
 Bring a healthy appetite . . .
 and feast on a variety of delectable dinner dishes
 all while socializing with our church family!



**It's not much easier than this –
 Just show up with a dish!
 Drinks and dessert will be here,
 We hope to see you there!**

May Birthdays

**May God's awesome blessings be upon
 you this day and in the year ahead**

1 Al Iannacone	6 Athena McDowall	12 Danny Iannacone	18 Carol Moran
2 Julianna Soos	8 Evelyn Cameron	Cathy Torrey	20 Clyde Branson
3 John McDowall	11 Sally Brunkus	14 Karen Pardonner	25 Kevin Moran
4 Mary Goldman	Marian Schick	15 Tanner McGuire	26 Tyler McGuire
6 Kyle Kunich	12 Millie Hunt	16 Jane Pursell	28 Laurie Gregory Kelsey Kunich Kelsey Pardonner

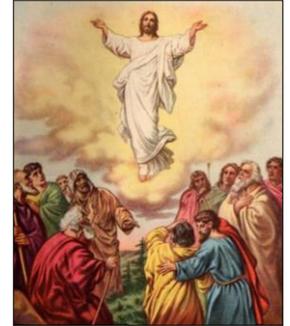
Holy Days in May

Day of Ascension

May 5, 2016

Forty days after Easter, many Christians around the world celebrate the Ascension. It's the day when the resurrected Jesus was raised up from the earth into heaven. The Ascension is the prelude to Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon a gathering of people in Jerusalem.

The Ascension is more important than many Christians realize. In his human body, Christ could be in only one place at a time. The risen Christ however, can be spiritually present in any place at any time.



*And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he flited up his hands, and blessed them.
And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted form them, and carried up into heaven.*



Pentecost

May 15, 2016

Pentecost is a Christian holy day that celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit 40 days after Easter. Some consider it the birthday of the Christian church and celebrate it as such. Originally, Pentecost was a Jewish holiday held 50 days after Passover. One of three major feasts during the Jewish year, it celebrated thanksgiving for harvested crops.

However, Pentecost for Christians means something far different. Before Jesus was crucified, he told his disciples that the Holy Spirit would come after him and 40 days after Jesus was resurrected (10 days after he ascended into heaven), that promise was fulfilled when the early Church was in Jerusalem for Pentecost:

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were.

They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Trinity Sunday

May 22, 2016

Reginald Heber (1783-1826), a vicar and hymn-writer in England, was the first person to compile a hymnal based around the church calendar. He composed the hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy* specifically for Trinity Sunday with lyrics based on Revelation 4:8-11

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

The joyful song celebrates the eternal, omnipotent Triune God. Throughout the verses, Heber used units of three to symbolize the Trinity: God is “perfect in power, in love, and purity,” God is worshiped by saints, cherubim, and seraphim; and he is praised “in earth, and sky, and sea.”

Heber, who witnessed much idol worship while serving as Bishop of Calcutta, often reaffirmed God’s holiness in his hymns. British poet laureate Alfred Lord Tennyson so admired the uplifting language in *Holy, Holy, Holy* that he proclaimed it the finest hymn ever written.



2016 General Assembly

Every two years our denomination holds a nationwide gathering called General Assembly.

This gathering is made up of representatives from each presbytery for the purpose of setting policy and making denomination wide decisions.

This summer the 2016 General Assembly will take place from June 17-26 in Portland, Oregon.

Pastor Nick has been elected to be one of two pastors from the Presbytery of New Brunswick to attend General Assembly as a commissioner.

In the coming weeks and months Pastor Nick will share more about this exciting opportunity—
in the meantime, please pray for him
as he studies and prepares to be a commissioner.

PCUSA News

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Celebrates 20 Years

Twenty years ago, a handful of dedicated Presbyterian leaders began what was then known as the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Team. When first launched, PDA was a response to hurricanes only. Now the vast need of volunteers has grown and PDA and the National Response Team has responded to the call. It's not if a disaster will happen, but when. PDA covers the whole spectrum and continues to provide this ministry like no one else can.

The National Response Team consists of 96 members with an additional group of volunteers. In times of natural or human caused disasters, team members are deployed to areas of need to meet with presbyteries and churches, view damage or impact, and make final reports and recommendations to PDA for future assistance. The teams also lead trainings including compassion fatigue training for pastors and care providers.

Christian Education Wrap Up

Sunday, May 22 marks the last day of our church's Sunday school classroom program for this academic year but the faith-filled fun continues for the children of our church and the local community. Mark your calendars for these exciting plans coming up:

Confirmation Sunday	May 15
Graduating Seniors Recognition	July 3
Senior High Mission Trip	July 9-July 16
Vacation Bible School	July 18-22



Hosted by Milford Presbyterian Church

Save the dates for another fun VBS this summer! Children preschool through 5th grade will have a great time singing songs, discovering Bible stories, creating crafts and playing games. Adult and teen volunteers from Alexandria, Frenchtown, and Milford Presbyterian churches help to make this an exciting event for families in our community. If you are interested in helping out this summer, please contact Julie Lyons. Stay tuned for more details coming soon.

Summer Fun for the Little Ones

Children are invited to actively participate in worship through the summer months. But should you need it, nursery care will be available to occupy the little ones during the worship service.

Nursery (birth to age 3)

Our nursery is a relaxed setting with books and toys for the children to enjoy under the careful supervision of gentle volunteers. Thanks to our sound system, volunteers can listen to a live feed of the worship service. Adult and teen helpers are needed. Opportunities are available for just one Sunday or many.

Summer Sunday School (Pre-K to Grade 5)

Children will be listening for God's word as they have fun playing games and singing songs in a one-room schoolhouse-type environment during the summer months, beginning June 12. Adult and teen helpers are needed. Opportunities are available for just one Sunday or many; volunteers please contact Julie Lyons.

Caring Hands Crafters

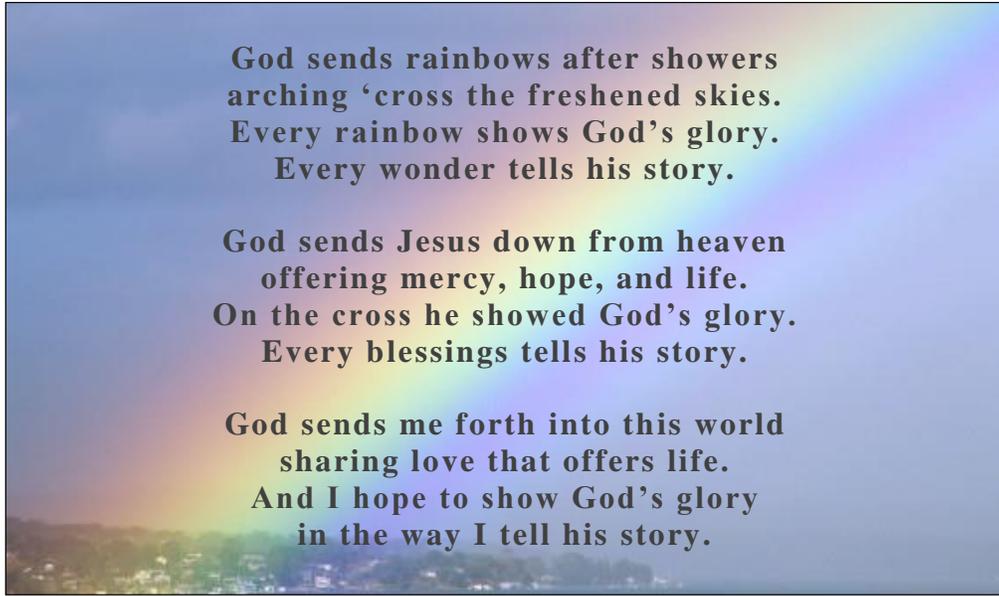
Next meeting | May 15 | 11:20 a.m.

This month our crafters sent 14 caps, 1 NICU baby blanket, and 4 PICC covers! Including our prayers for healing and love, it was a very full package!

Upcoming Crafters' Challenges

- May: pink for Mother's Day
- June: blue for Father's Day
- July: red, white, and blue for The Fourth





April Flowers

- April 3** given to the glory of God and for countless blessings
- April 10** given to the glory of God in honor of our 70+ year members, Keith Erwin, Eleanor Fleck, and Oscar Philkill
- April 17** given to the glory of God by Evelyn and Steve Cameron in celebrtion of Leah's birthday
- April 24** given the glory of God by the Strangfeld family in celebration of Ryan's birthday



A Wonderful Gift

At the Good Friday rehearsal on March 23, Brad Bondor presented both Nerva and Robenson Altino with a special gift on behalf of the church. This gift consists of mementos from the Altino Brothers debut performance at Carnegie Hall in October 2015 and a commemorative plaque that was etched by Brad. For the next couple of weeks, it will be on display in Fellowship Hall for the entire congregation to enjoy.



Bible Greats

Old Testament Refresher | Daniel

Daniel came from a very important family in Jerusalem. He was taken captive when his country was defeated by the king of Babylon. Although a prisoner, he was treated well and given an education of was offered jobs in the royal court. Some of the Babylonian customs were against Daniel's beliefs and he remained true to his faith even though it could have cost him his lie.

Far from home as he was, he never forgot his people, his values, and his faith. God gave him the gift of clearly understanding difficult situations and problems, serving at least three successive kings faithfully. He was an advisor at the Royal Court for 60 years.

Daniel Chapter 6 recounts the story of Daniel in the lions' den. When faced with certain death, God kept Daniel safe by working a miracle which left no doubt about who the one true God is.

Clean Up Day



All Hands on Deck!

Saturday, May 14
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

If you have them, bring:

Work Gloves
Metal Rakes
Garden Tools
Small Hand Tools

Come for a little bit or
stay for the whole morning
We appreciate your company!

Fun Was Had by All

Thank you for all your love and support of our Fun Run. With your assistance we are \$1,600 closer to our goal of \$14,600. It was a beautiful day of sun and fellowship. 32 runners in all took a glorious lap around the park. Truthfully, we could not go on our youth mission trip without your support. The entire youth mission trip team, as well as those we will serve while on our mission trip to Buffalo in July, deeply appreciate your generosity.

Love and blessings,

The 2016 Youth Mission Trip Participants



You Can Help

Earthquakes in Japan and Ecuador <http://www.presbyterianmission.org>

Situation Overview: On April 14 a 6.2 magnitude earthquake hit Kumamoto, Japan; two days later Kumamoto was hit again with a 7.0 magnitude earthquake. That same evening Ecuador experienced a 7.8 magnitude earthquake. As aftershocks continue to threaten, more than 500 lives have already been lost. Thousands of other people have been injured, and communities lie in ruins.

PDA Response: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is working in collaboration with our partner the ACT (Action by Churches Together) Alliance to respond to this crisis, providing support to those suffering in the aftermath. As our immediate response takes shape, PDA is also preparing for long-term support for both Ecuador and Japan. Long after the initial wave of relief recedes, PDA will remain to accompany the people of Ecuador and Japan as they rebuild their lives, walking the road out of this chaos with hope.

If you would like to support PDA, please visit their website or leave a check in the offering plate with “PDA” and your regular giving envelope number in the memo section. Thank you.



“I’m still afraid,” says 10-year old Sasmita Susmitalopchan. He is sharing his temporary shelter with seven other families.

A Nice Idea

If you’re looking for that perfect little gift for Mother’s Day or a nice hostess gift for the upcoming season of outdoor parties and celebrations, consider buying one of Alexandria Church’s cookbooks. Samples of how you can dress them up for any occasion are in Fellowship Hall. Books are a bargain at only \$5.00 each. You may leave your donation in the tin provided on the table. Take a look, then take one (or two!) home.



Bonkers for Bunco



The dice were rolling in the Fellowship Hall last Friday night! We had 20 players turn out to learn to play Bunco, a fun and fast moving dice game. Five tables, with 4 players each, took turns trying to roll the dice for specific combinations. After each round, the winners moved to the next table, so the participants were able to burn off a few of the calories supplied by the Philly pretzels and homemade desserts. The Membership/Evangelism Team provided childcare, refreshments, and prizes for high and low scorers alike. It is the goal of the Team to hold a social event once each month, as a way to promote fun fellowship opportunities for church members and invitees. If you have any ideas for fellowship, we’d love to hear them!

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Deacons Highlights

OUR DEACONS

April 5, 2016

- Deacon Helen Jones opened the meeting with devotions focused on the Good Samaritan parable to illustrate how the Samaritan traveler acted as neighbor to a man wounded man on the road
- The joys and concerns of the congregation were shared including the on-going health of Jeremy Hewens, home visits, assistance with transportation, and our homebound friends
- Food Pantry: Breakfast items are the theme for April. Please donate if you can, and spread the word
- The various ministry teams reported:
 - Christian Education: Jim Morris has donated 20 of his own paintings of local scenes to be sold at a silent auction. They are hoping to get a minimum of \$100 per painting; a Fun Run to be held at the Township Park; the ladies spring tea has been cancelled; Shoprite Gift Cards are being ordered; The Lenten Bible study has concluded with positive feedback; Care to Share packed 340 lunches for NORWESCAP; May 22 will be the last day of Sunday School; summer Sunday school begins June 12; Vacation Bible School will be July 18-22 at Milford Presbyterian Church
 - Evangelism and Membership: Game Night, Friday, April 22, child care will be provided; May 15 is Pentecost Sunday and everyone should wear red. Red and white balloons will decorate the sanctuary; June 5 is the spring annual meeting and Nerva's last day
 - Worship and Music: The deacon prep person will be used as a server and Worship/Music will provide 3 other people
 - Building and Property: May 14 is the next clean-up day; they have received 3 estimates on stained glass repair (glazing) and for paving the parking lot; the lift is getting a safety inspection in April; the pews are being repaired
 - Personnel: The Director of Music Ministry search committee has been formed and the job description is being updated
- Packages for 3 service people and 9 college bound teens will be prepared; shipping will be \$20 to \$30 for teens and \$30 for service people
- Held a discussion on providing items for families at Christmas
- Easter lilies were delivered to shut ins
- The annual flower sale has been canceled



Session Highlights

OUR SESSION

April 13, 2016

- Deacon Doug Bondor spoke of the good works of the deacons and specifically the status of Dr. Jeremy Hewens, a long-time area physician who was severely injured in a bike accident December 2015. He faces a long period of recovery with substantial medical expense. As a church we will continue to support him in prayer. His medical fundraiser information is posted at the church if anyone wants to contribute
- Elder Karl Nielsen submitted the current financial status of the church as of March 31, 2016. The deficit year to date is \$323.08. Cash on hand amounts to \$71,117.04.
- The annual statistical report for the year 2015 was submitted in February as approved by Session
- A letter from the Presbytery was shared that thanks Alexandria Church for hosting the November meeting of the Presbytery, providing dinner, and the worship
- A time of study was held with a discussion of *Radical Hospitality* beginning with words of scripture from Romans 15: 1-13. The end to our present Sunday worship service might be somewhat confusing to visitors and potential new members: some stay for the postlude; two exits (only one of which can be covered by Nick); etc. In general, some don't go to church because they don't feel welcome. We do feel we have a wonderful support system in times of tragedy
- The following recommendations were approved:
 - A gift from the congregation to Nerva and Robeson Altino commemorating their performance at Carnegie Hall on October 4, 2015. There is no cost to the church and the gift consists of matted/framed promotional materials from the event (prepared by Brad Bondor) and a plaque to the Altino brothers
 - To move communion from April 3rd to April 10th as communion will be served on Easter, March 27
 - CE/Youth Ministry to sponsor a "fun run" in Alexandria Park on April 17 with all proceeds to benefit the upcoming mission trip to Buffalo, New York. This event will be held in lieu of the women's tea. Approval from Alexandria Parks and Recreation has already been granted
 - Music Ministry Search Committee: members include Jeri Bone, Rick Carrol, Lainey Johns, Flora Nielsen, and Chris Stagg. The charge to the committee is to interview and select a candidate to recommend to Session who will serve as the next Director of Music Ministry at Alexandria First Presbyterian Church. Job description and other specific guidance will be provided by the Personnel Team
 - Christian Ed/Youth Ministry: Summer Sunday school for Pre-K to 5th grade, June 12 to August 28 (excluding first Sunday worship). Adult teachers will be background-checked and on the Session approved teachers list.
 - Hold a silent auction of donated paintings by Jim Morris of approximately 20 works to be held on May 22nd immediately following worship service in Fellowship Hall with refreshments. Proceeds to benefit the youth mission trip; participants will attend
- The Building and Property Team reminded all that spring clean-up is May 14 and requested all who are able to assist
- The Evangelism and Membership Team reminded all that Game Night is April 22
- The Nominating Team reported they are working hard to fill all open positions with candidates however 3 of 6 elders and 3 of 4 deacons are still needed
- The Capital Campaign Committee is meeting regularly and has decided to use Design Builders for assistance in developing a plan for the basemen. It was felt the expense for the utilization of an architect was too costly
- Pastor Nick reported that Session will share dinner at 6:00 p.m. with our four confirmands and their parents before hearing their Statements of Faith in the sanctuary, then proceeding to the regular meeting

Director of Music Ministry Search

With a bit of mixed emotions, the search committee charged with finding a new Director of Music Ministry, met on Monday April 25th. At that time, a list of responsibilities was dispersed and reviewed. This team is responsible for creating a job posting to be available in a variety of print sources, including web sites, etc. Resumes will be reviewed, interviews of qualified candidates will be accomplished, and top candidates will be invited to audition and interview more intently. The final step includes recommendation to Session, for their approval.

The team is aware of how high the bar has been set for Alexandria Church and is determined, with God's help, to keep the music flowing!

Team members include Jeri Bone, Rick Carroll, Lainey Johns, Flora Nielsen, and Chris Stagg. Please keep them in your prayers as they move forward on this journey.



Where There's a Will, There's a Way

It's a shocking statistic to know that 6 in 10 Americans don't have a will, and fewer than 20% of those 6 include a charitable bequest. Like many who have given to our church over the years, you've probably been nourished and supported by being a part of the church community. It's a privilege to give back to the church that has been such a big part of family life. Bequest gifts have the power to impact future generations in the same way. It's easy to include the church in your will and still provide for loved ones. Your church family has been a blessing to you throughout your lifetime and an integral part of your spiritual journey. But when it comes time to update your estate plans, will you consider including Alexandria Church in your plans?



Heritage Sunday reminds us of many interesting historical events. One of them is Astronaut Buzz Aldrin's celebration of communion in the Apollo 11 lunar module.

Heritage Sunday

Sunday, May 22 | www.history.pcusa.org

Presbyterian Heritage Sunday has been set aside as an annual day to celebrate, reflect upon, and learn more about the long and rich history of the Presbyterian movement in America. It falls on the Sunday closest to May 21, the date of the opening of the first General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America in 1789. This year Heritage Sunday is May 22.

Located in Philadelphia, the Presbyterian Historical Society maintains the national archives of the Presbyterian Church USA and is a leading research institution on American Presbyterianism. The mission of PHS is to collect, preserve, and share the story of the American Presbyterian experience. The Society is open to the general public at 425 Lombard Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania or may visited online.

Art Show and Sale

All proceeds from the art sale will benefit the 2016 Youth Mission Trip

Come enjoy the artwork of local friend and pastor Jim Morris. Jim has generously donated 20 of his very own original, hand-painted and beautifully framed paintings for our Art Show and Sale.

Relax with fruit, cheese, crackers, and refreshments, while you enjoy hearing the story behind each creation from the artist himself.

WHEN: Sunday, May 22, 11:30 am
WHERE: Alexandria First Presbyterian Church
WHY: Support the 2016 Youth Mission Trip

Please visit the Alexandria First Presbyterian's website at www.alexpres.org to preview Jim's beautifully framed pieces of art in advance of May 22.

Each original creation is valued at PRICELESS, but a donation to the Youth Mission Trip will be accepted to go home with one!



Please make all checks payable to:
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If you would like to secure a piece of artwork in advance or have any questions at all, please contact Renee Skibinski: 908-246-7516 rskibinski4@gmail.com

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March 31, 2016

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Dear friends from Alexandria First Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of the NORWESCAP Food Bank, I would like to extend our sincerest thanks for your donation of 673 pounds of assorted food bags to our organization. Your support will enable the Food Bank to continue providing food to those in need.

Last year, the Food Bank distributed more than 2,000,000 pounds of food to 120 charitable agencies. These charities include emergency feeding programs, soup kitchens, shelters, onsite feeding programs, and adult and children's day care centers.

Again, thank you. Your support means so much to our neighbors in need.

With warmest regards,



*Helene Meissner
Director*

Creating Opportunities. Changing Lives.

Worship Assistants

May 1	Maureen Sutton
May 8	John McDowall
May 15	Lois Bondor
May 22	Keith Erwin
May 29	Tammy Sassaman

Ushers

May 1	April Abelman, Martha Harrison
May 8	Fran and Ken Wieder
May 15	Vogel family
May 22	Goldman family
May 29	Debbie Cortelyou, Carol Moran

Communion Servers

May 1	Sue Kunich Kyle Kunich Nancy Schumann Carol Van Norman
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Special Dates

Also see the main calendar on page 15

May 8	Mother's Day, no Sunday school
May 15	Pentecost: Wear red! Confirmation Sunday
May 22	Last day Sunday school Churchwide potluck/fellowship night
May 30	Memorial Day, church office closed

Coming Up

June 5	Ministry Appreciation Day, congregational meeting, Nerva's last day
June 12	Officers ordained and installed Summer Sunday school begins



Our Ministry Team Officers

Building and Property Craig Bender (E), Marty Gunderman (E), Jim Hansen (E), Doug Bondor (D), Eric Strangfeld

Christian Education/Youth Ministry Julie Lyons (D), Shari Norgard (E), Karen Pardonner (E), Barbara Pederson (E)

Evangelism/Membership Lois Bondor (E), Debbie Cortelyou (D), Carol Moran (E), Cathy Torrey (D), Carol Van Norman (D)

Mission Interpretation Brad Bondor (E), Jim Bush (E), Steve Cameron (D)

Nominating Jim Hansen (D), Karl Nielsen (E)

Personnel Helen Jones (D), Laura Navarro (E)

Stewardship and Finance Denis Goldman (E), Alice Hansen (D), Pat Keefe (D), Karl Nielsen (E)

Worship and Music Evelyn Cameron (D), Howard Jones (E), Meredith Oliver (D), Ken Wieder (E) *(E: Elder, D: Deacon)*



The vision of Alexandria First Presbyterian Church is to gather in God's grace and to be led by the Holy Spirit. We joyfully worship, prayerfully seek, and gratefully share as a loving family growing in Jesus Christ.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF BRANCHES IS THE 3rd THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

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- Via his email: pastornickhatch@gmail.com

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Christian Ed meets 10:00 Worship, communion 11:00 Fellowship, refreshments 11:20 Confirmation	2 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Bible study	3 9:00 Bulletin deadline 9:30 Bible study 6:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Deacons	4 6:00 Bible study 9:00 Session materials due 9:30 Bible study	5 Ascension Day 2:30 Staff 4:15 Worship and Music 7:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Youth Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir	6	7
8 Mother's Day 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship, refreshments 11:20 Confirmation	9 7:00 Boy Scouts	10 9:00 Bulletin deadline 9:30 Bible study 6:00 Boy Scouts	11 6:00 Bible study 9:30 Bible study 5:00 Boy Scouts 6:00 Session	12 6:30 Junior Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir	13	14 Clean Up Day see p. 7
15 Pentecost Confirmation Sunday Wear Red 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship, Confirmand reception and refreshments 11:20 Caring Hands Crafters 2:00 Boy Scouts	16 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Bible study	17 9:00 Bulletin deadline 9:30 Bible study 6:00 Boy Scouts	18 6:00 Bible study 9:30 Bible study	19 9:00 Deadline for June <i>Branches</i> 2:30 Staff 7:00 Men's Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	20 7:30 Boy Scouts	21
22 Trinity Sunday Last day Sunday school 10:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday school 11:00 Fellowship 11:30 Refreshments, art show and sale 5:00 Church-wide potluck	23 7:00 Boy Scouts	24 9:00 Bulletin deadline 9:30 Bible study 6:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Building and Property	25 6:00 Bible study 9:30 Bible study 5:00 Boy Scouts	26 7:00 Men's Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	27	28
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Deacon of the Week

May 1	Doug Bondor
May 8	Eric Strangfeld
May 15	Pat Keefe
May 22	Helen Jones
May 29	Debbie Cortelyou