

# Branches

**Alexandria First Presbyterian Church**

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

**May 2018**

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## A Note from Nick

Dear friends,

The first Sunday in May is “Bring a Friend to Church Day” and I sincerely hope each of you will think about who you might invite. I know it can be awkward to bring up church with others, especially if you are unsure how to begin the conversation or if you don’t know if they already go to church. One way to approach it is to simply ask, “Do you have a church family?” If they already do, great! You can ask them about it and learn more about their church. If they don’t . . . well then you have an opportunity to tell them about our church and why it is important in your life. What it means to be a part of Alexandria First Presbyterian Church and why your faith family is important to you . . . and then this leads perfectly into an invitation . . . “May 6<sup>th</sup> is ‘Bring a Friend to Church Day’ and I’d love for you to join me for worship.”

Why is it important to invite others to church? Well studies show that most people long for a church family and that the majority of people that want to go to church are waiting for an invitation. This is our opportunity to grow our faith as we extend the invitation, and invite others to join us at AFPC.

I believe that belonging to a faith family is more important now than ever before. Sure we have all sorts of ways to be connected: cell phones, text messages, social meeting, the internet . . . but those connections are often superficial and/or insincere. And yet at church we strive to help and care for each other through both the good and the bad. I’m continually amazed at the depth of the relationships I witness at AFPC and for the ways we nurture those relationships. Probably one of the best examples I’ve ever seen was the day of Karl Nielsen’s memorial service. This was undoubtedly a very hard and very sad day for *sooooo* many of us. And it was also a day with some very bad weather. There had been snow and ice the day before. The parking lot was a mess, and the church had no power! But did that stop us from coming together to remember our friend and lift him up to God? NO! I was so impressed with the level of commitment and the way that everyone stepped up to make that service happen. From everyone who shoveled snow, parked cars, handed out bulletins, set up tables, served food, cleaned up dishes . . . there were so many examples of Christian care and discipleship! One community member (who doesn’t even attend our church) loaned us his generator and helped set it up so that we could use the bathrooms. This is what it means to have a family of faith! I hope that each of you will think about a friend, neighbor, or colleague that you want to share our faith family with and invite them to church on May 6<sup>th</sup>. After all, something as wonderful as our faith family is something we need to share!



Your friend in Christ,

*Pastor Nick*

## Tending the Flock

### Baptisms

We rejoice with those who are celebrating their baptism anniversary. It was in May that Madison Renae Butz, Ashley May Folmar, Alexis Rose Gunderman, James Monroe Hansen Jr, Charlotte Taylor Hatch, Nora Lynn Hatch, Lauren Elizabeth Lawson Koehler, Kelsey Ann Pardonner, Amelia Ann Schaefer, Keira Nicole Vogel, and Sarah Rose Wardach became children of God through the sacrament of baptism. Congratulations and blessings!

## May Birthdays

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



## April Flowers

- April 1** Easter lilies were given to the glory of God in memory or in honor of loved ones
- April 8** Flowers were given to the glory of God by Tammy Sassaman
- April 15** Flowers were given to the glory of God by the Heilig family in celebration of Katelyn's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday
- April 22** Flowers were given to the glory of God by the Cameron family in celebration of Leah's and Margaret's birthdays
- April 29** Flowers were given to the glory of God

## 2018 Lenten Study

It's time to acknowledge the 43 participants in the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Lenten study and thank the leaders of the four groups: Stacy Butz, Renee Skibinski, Nancy Schumann, LuAnn Keefe, Jeri Bone, Lainey Johns, and Flora Nielsen. As the participants explored the source material provided, delved into the Bible, and engaged in discussion, they came to a deeper personal understanding of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. As they follow Christ's injunction to go forth to spread the Good News through word and action, may they be reassured by the risen Christ's words: "Be not afraid! I am going before you!"



## Holy Days in May

### Day of Ascension

May 10, 2018

Ascension Day is the celebration of Christ ascending into heaven after His death, burial, and resurrection. Ascension Day occurs on the Thursday 40 days after Easter. The story of Jesus' ascension is told in Luke 24:49, Mark 16:19, and Acts 1:3, 9 where Jesus appeared several times to his disciples and others. During this time he spoke to them further about the kingdom of God and the coming of the Holy Spirit, for whom they were to wait. After 40 days of these appearances, Jesus was taken up to heaven for the last time. As the disciples watched him go, two angels appeared and declared to them that Jesus would return in glory.



Ascension Day reminds us that the glorious return of Christ is near. The fact that Jesus was resurrected from the grave and ascended to the right hand of the Father is the source of our hope. We know that those who belong to him by faith will one day be with him in heaven.



### Pentecost

May 20, 2018



For Christians, Pentecost is a holiday on which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus' death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called "the church." From a historical point of view, Pentecost is the day on which the church was started. This is also true from a spiritual perspective, since the Spirit brings the church into existence and enlivens it. Pentecost is the church's birthday. As you might expect, there are a wide range of Christian celebrations of Pentecost. Some churches do not recognize the holiday at all. Most churches at least mention it in prayer, song, or sermon. Some churches go all out, with worship focused on remembering the first Pentecost and praying for a similar outpouring of divine power. Churches that employ liturgical colors generally use red on Pentecost as a symbol of power and fire of the Spirit. This is why we encourage all of us to wear something red on Pentecost!



### Trinity Sunday

May 27, 2018

Trinity Sunday is one of the few celebrations of the Christian Year that commemorates a reality and doctrine rather than a person or event. On Trinity Sunday, Christians remember and honor the eternal God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday is celebrated the Sunday after Pentecost, and lasts only one day, which is symbolic of the unity of the Trinity. The concept of the trinity can never be completely understood or rationalized, but it is clearly taught in Scripture. Understanding of all scriptural doctrine is by faith, which comes through the work of the Holy Spirit; therefore, it is appropriate that this mystery is celebrated the first Sunday after Pentecost, when the outpouring of the Holy Spirit first occurred.



# connections

## Book Club

A part of the Clergy Renewal Grant that has been planned for our church is a book club for a series of several months. We will meet once each month to discuss the highlighted book and look for connections that we made while reading it—connections to self, others, faith, and God

May Reading:

# Help, Thanks, Wow: Three Essential Prayers

Readers of all ages have followed and cherished Anne Lamott's funny and perceptive writing about her own faith through decades of trial and error. In her new book *Help, Thanks, Wow* she has coalesced everything she knows about prayer to these fundamentals.

It is these three prayers – asking for assistance from a higher power, appreciating what we have that is good, and feeling awe at the world around us – that can get us through the day.

Insightful and honest as only Anne Lamott can be, *Help, Thanks, Wow* is the everyday faith book that new Lamott readers will love and longtime Lamott fans will treasure.

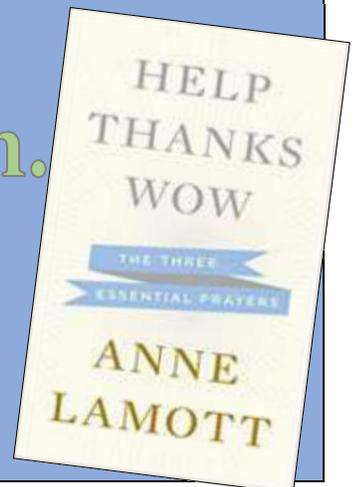
Please use one of the sign-up sheets in the narthex or Fellowship Hall to reserve both the book and your preferred discussion date:

May 29 at either

10:30 a.m. or 7:30 p.m.

Copies of the book are provided courtesy of the Clergy Renewal Grant awarded to the church from the Lily Foundation

# ANNE LAMOTT





## Caring Hands Crafters

**Next meeting: Sunday, May 20 | 11:15 a.m.**

The Caring Hands Crafters will meet for the last time this program year on May 20. At that time we'll celebrate all our efforts from the year with a small party. Food and prizes will be the highlight of our time together as well as a show and tell of some of our works. Time will be set aside for Q&A on projects, patterns, or general concerns.

The CHC-ers put out a monthly handout each month from September through May. If you would like to be on our distribution list, please contact the church office.

## Welcome!

On behalf of our entire congregation, we would like to welcome two long-time members of our congregation to two vital roles within the church: Robin Vogel, our new church treasurer and Jim Bush, our Clerk of Session.

Robin Vogel, a 13-year member of AFPC, has been instrumental in past years in coordinating the clothing drive for Trenton Rescue Mission. In addition, Robin is currently serving a 3-year term as an elder. Robin enjoys attending her daughter's activities (soccer, Girl Scouts, music, and art) as well as travel and family vacations in their RV. Robin works from home for AT&T creating business cases, providing funding and oversight to complete projects that reduce costs in the IT department. Most important to Robin is time spent with family and friends. Her hobbies include playing soccer, walking/hiking, reading, her favorite TV shows, and sports.



Jim Bush has been a member of our church since 2006. During this time he has served multiple terms as an elder, been involved in several ad hoc teams, served as a confirmation mentor, and has chaired several ministry teams. He is often seen serving as worship assistant, as a holiday scripture reader, and as an usher.

Jim lives in Everittstown, New Jersey and works as an electrical engineer in Somerset, New Jersey. He feels greatly blessed by serving and worshipping with members of this congregation.

We are grateful to Jim for filling the essential role as Clerk of Session.



## Session Highlights

## The Session

### Regular Meeting

April 11, 2018

- Elder Lois Bondor led opening devotions based on her readings of the book *Possibility Thinkers Bible* and offered prayers for our church during a time when we need to come together
- Deacon Helen Jones said plans for Jim Morris' lunch are underway; May 6, 2018 is Bring a Friend to church day
- A time for study centered on Romans 15:1-13 and a discussion of the article *6 Reasons Why Your Church Members May Not Be Friendly to Guests*. Session then joined together in an Affirmation of Faith: *The Confession of 1967 – Section C. The Communion of the Holy Spirit 9.20*
- The following recommendations were approved:
  - Summer Sunday School for Pre K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade, excluding the Sunday after VBS
  - Hygiene kit drive with Church World Services the same as last year, June through August 5. Kits will be delivered to Covenant Church in Trenton
  - Jim Bush as Clerk of Session, effective May 9, 2018
  - Robin Vogel nominated as Treasurer, to be approved at a congregational meeting on April 29, 2018
  - Congregational meeting May 20 for the purpose of nominating deacons and elders
- Elder Lainey Johns attended a meeting with the Holland Township Office of Emergency Management which is looking for organizations that may be used in emergency situations like natural disasters and weather-related events
- The May 6 Session meeting will include a pizza dinner with the confirmands beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- Ministry teams were urged to bring 2018-2019 program year's dates to the May meeting
- No Session meeting will be held in June but a last meeting is scheduled for May 30, 2018
- Nick's last day of work before sabbatical begins is June 3
- 5 Sundays of Nick's absences will be covered by a retired pastor; an onsite retreat at AFPC is scheduled for July
- September 2, 2018 Nick will be back in worship at AFPC
- September 9, 2018 will be Nick's first sermon after sabbatical
- The Buildings and Property Team reported they have received a third bid on capital improvements and hope to fast-track the decision now that bids are finalized
- The Personnel Team will collect notes for Nick to carry with him on sabbatical

## Mission Interpretation

**ONE GREAT HOUR of SHARING 2018:** You were generous beyond measure with donations totaling over \$500.00, 20% donated through FISH BANKS! A big thank you to our youth who supported this annual cause. OGHS targets the millions of people who lack access to food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Because of your generosity, the 3 programs supported by OGHS continue to serve individuals and communities in need.

**AMERICA'S GROW-A-ROW** is one of Hunterdon County's local mission treasures; planting, maintaining, and harvesting millions of pounds of fresh produce to those without access. Your Mission Team is looking at September planting dates when you can join us for a fun day out in the fields for a good cause. To learn more about this amazing non-profit right here in our beautiful Hunterdon County please visit [www.americasgrowarow.org](http://www.americasgrowarow.org) or see Lainey Johns for more information. Stay tuned for exact September planting dates to be announced in June *Branches*.

**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE HYGIENE KIT SUPPLY DRIVE IS BACK:** Information coming soon for our Hygiene Kit Supply Drive this summer. Stay tuned for details in June. *submitted by Lainey Johns*

## Give Old Threads New Life

Donate your old clothing that is still in good condition to support the Youth Group's summer mission trip. Clothes will be sold at The Consignment Shop for SAFE in Hunterdon. The Consignment Shop donates 100% of their proceeds to support victims of domestic violence. The Youth Group receives 50% of the selling price. Clothes that are not sold will be donated to the Trenton Rescue Mission. Items can be brought to church AT ANY TIME and placed in the bin in the Fellowship Hall labeled "Youth Group Clothes."

Items accepted include men's, women's, and children's clothing in good condition without any holes, tears, stains, or missing belts or buttons. New or gently used shoes, jewelry, scarves, and belts are also accepted.



## Deacons Highlights

### *The Deacons*

**April 3, 2018**

- The cares and concerns of the congregation were shared. There are members: in the hospital, recovering from a broken bone, newly returned home from the hospital, and grieving
- Reports from the ministry teams were heard:
  - Christian Education: April 22, goodbye luncheon for Jim Morris; April 29, last day of Sunday school; May 6, Bring-a-friend to church day; May 20, Confirmation Sunday; June 3, Nick's last Sunday before sabbatical with a picnic send-off
  - Building and Property: Getting bids for the Youth Room; looking at the heating system and some other basic improvements
  - Mission interpretation: Care-to-Share made 340 bags; Shop Rite gave 150 fruit cups and other non-perishable items. Considering special needs such as gluten-free items in future years. Leftovers were given to Frenchtown Food Bank and St Edwards Parish. Still gleaning on Thursdays. Hygiene kits will be the summer project
  - Stewardship and Finance: Robin Vogel and Jim Hansen are preparing the form letters for this month. We may now be eligible for a line of credit which will be used to begin the campaign projects
  - Worship and Music: Committee will meet in May to discuss Nick's sabbatical. No plans for pulpit supply yet

## Clean Up Day



### All Hands on Deck!

**Saturday, May 12**

**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!**

# TEAM AFPC

*in Support of the 2018 Youth Mission Trip*



This summer 20 youth and 4 adults from Alexandria First Presbyterian Church will participate in a work camp in Virginia Beach, VA to repair and transform homes while strengthening their own faith. Christ’s love and compassion will show in tangible ways through projects like building wheelchair ramps, reconstructing sagging porches, and other home repairs.

You are invited to share in the experience by helping to alleviate the cost of the trip in these ways:

## Walk Through the Valley

Walk alongside the Mission Trip participants for one leisurely lap around Alexandria Park (about 1 mile) on **Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** at 3 p.m.

Name(s) of Walker(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# of walkers \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$10 is a suggested amount.  
All children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Children under 10 are free.

## Donation

The total cost of the trip including food, lodging, building materials, and transportation is \$15,600. It’s a large amount that we reach little by little thanks to contributions from the participating families and the generosity of our friends and neighbors who support the fundraisers. A donation of any amount would be greatly appreciated.

- The cost of one team t-shirt worn during the week.....\$ 11
- The approximate cost of gas and tolls for the week.....\$ 300
- The cost of one youth’s lodging for the week.....\$ 464
- The cost of one 15-passenger van (we require two).....\$1,175
- And the cost to grow closer in our relationship with Jesus...*priceless*.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with your check made payable to  
Alexandria First Presbyterian Church  
ATTN: Youth Mission Trip  
141 Little York-Mount Pleasant Road  
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All proceeds benefit the Youth mission trip and your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law  
Any questions, please contact Renee Skibinski at 908-246-7516



# VBS 2018



Hosted by:  
Frenchtown, Alexandria,  
and Milford Presbyterian  
Churches

Children are invited on a white-water rafting adventure  
to experience the ride of a lifetime with God!



Date: July 23rd-July 27th

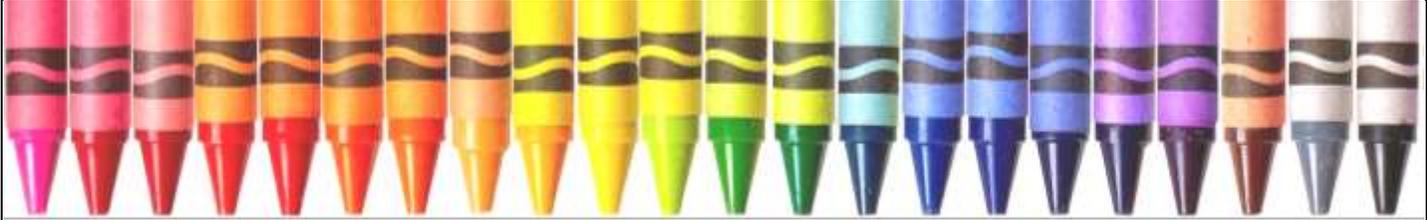
Time: 9:00am to 11:30am

Place: Frenchtown Presbyterian Church





## Christian Education Year-End Wrap Up



\* **Last Day of Classes**

**April 29 | 10:15 a.m.**

Sunday, April 29 marks the last day of the Sunday school classroom program for now. But the faith-filled fun continues for the children of our church. Mark your calendars for the exciting plans coming up listed below.

\* **Summer Sunday School**

**June 10 - August 26 | 10:15 a.m.**

Children from Pre K through grade 5 will learn about God's love for them as they have fun playing games, making crafts, and singing songs in a one-room schoolhouse-type environment during the summer months. We meet every Sunday except for "first Sundays" and on July 29. Adult and teen helpers are needed. Volunteer opportunities are available for just one Sunday or many; volunteers should contact Julie Lyons.

\* **Confirmation Sunday**

**May 20 | 10:00 a.m.**

The culmination of months of study and fellowship will be here soon. Plan on being in church as we welcome our newest members!

**YOUth matter**

\* **High School Senior Recognition**

**June 3 | 10:00 a.m.**

Our high school Seniors will be recognized during worship this day and we look forward to sending them off on new endeavors with our blessings!

\* **Senior High Mission Trip**

**Week of June 23 - 30**

Once again our youth will brighten the lives of others while enhancing their spiritual life as they travel to Virginia Beach on their annual mission trip. Please hold all our participants and advisors in prayer.

\* **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 | 10:15 a.m.**

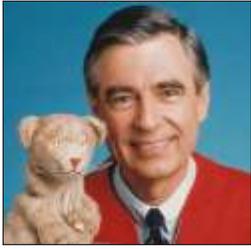
Our nursery is a relaxed setting with books and toys for the children from birth to age 3 to enjoy under the careful supervision of gentle volunteers. Our sound system enables volunteers access to a live feed of the worship service.

\* **Vacation Bible School**

**July 23 - 27**

*Rolling River Rampage* will be hosted by Frenchtown Presbyterian Church this summer. Children from preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 will help to make this an exciting event for families in our community. If you are interested in helping out this summer, please contact Athena McDowall or Barbara Pederson. Please see the VBS flyer and registration form on pages 10 and 11 and visit our website where there is a link to register online.

## News from PCUSA



### Heritage Sunday | May 20

Every year, Presbyterians celebrate Heritage Sunday, a day to reflect on and learn more about the long and rich history of the Presbyterian Church in America.

Heritage Sunday always falls on the Sunday closest to May 21, the opening date of the very first General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in 1789. Since 1990, the Presbyterian Historical Society encourages us to celebrate our church's historical roots; roots that are deeply entwined with our country's history. This year we celebrate the ministry of Fred Rogers whose TV show *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* turns 50 years old this year. Take a moment to read up on the life of this quiet yet influential ordained minister who, through the medium of television, impacted the lives of children and adults alike. While Fred Rogers never served in a traditional role as pastor, he brought his simple message of affirmation and acceptance to a 'congregation' of millions.

## Bring-a-Friend Sunday



May 6 | 10 a.m.

**May the 6<sup>th</sup> will be a great day to bring friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, and more to church at Alexandria First!**

**It's been an exciting year seeing what the Lord has been doing here, so why not share the joy?**

**Join us this Sunday and enjoy the fun**

**Lemonade and cookies will be served in the courtyard following the service**

**We hope you, and you, and you will be there!**

## Capital Campaign Update

### What's New for May?

- We have received all three bids for the project from contractors and after meeting to discuss, the Building and Property Team has made a recommendation to Session
- Session will meet to review the contractors' bids, hear the recommendation from Building and Property, and then decide how to move forward
- Stay tuned . . . things are happening . . . hopefully we will have big news to share soon!

### Previous Updates:

- Architectural plans have been finalized and shared with congregation
- The church is now accepting bids for the project
- 5 contractors have received plans and were invited to submit bids
- Renewed estimates for parking lot are underway
- Session has approved exploring an application for a line of credit
- Over a 1/3 of the pledged campaign donations have already been received!
- After we have at least 3 bids the session will decide how to proceed



## Worship Assistants

- May 6** Nancy Schumann  
**May 13** Pat Keefe  
**May 20** Glynn Skibinski  
**May 27** LuAnn Keefe

## Ushers

- May 6** Cameron family  
**May 13** Jeri Bone, LuAnn Keefe  
**May 20** Lainey Johns, Meredith Oliver  
**May 27** Jane Pursell, Tammy Sassaman

## Communion Servers

- May 6** Alicia Apgar, Brad Bondor,  
Al Navarro, Charlie Tiedeman  
**May 27** Doug Bondor, Lois Bondor,  
LuAnn Keefe, Pat Keefe

## Special Dates

*Also see the main calendar on page 15*

- May 1** Connections Book Club  
**May 6** Communion, Bring-a-Friend to Church Day,  
Fun Run  
**May 20** Pentecost, Confirmation Sunday, congrega-  
tion meeting  
**May 27** Trinity Sunday, communion

## Coming Up

- June 1** Nick starts sabbatical  
**June 3** Ministry Appreciation, communion,  
spring congregational meeting  
**June 17** Youth commissioned  
**June 10** Youth mission trip



## Our Ministry Team Officers

- Building and Property** Marty Gunderman (E), Jim Hansen (E)  
**Christian Education** Alicia Apgar (D), Cyndi McDowall (E),  
Barbara Pederson (E)  
**Evangelism/Membership** Lois Bondor (E), Howard Jones (E),  
Cathy Torrey (D), Carol Van Norman (D)  
**Mission Interpretation** Brad Bondor (E), Evelyn Cameron (D),  
Lainey Johns (E)  
**Nominating** Joan Carroll (E), Cyndi McDowall (E)  
**Personnel** Joan Carroll (E), Helen Jones (D), Laura Navarro (E)  
**Stewardship and Finance** Pat Keefe (D), Robin Vogel (E)  
**Worship and Music** Jeri Bone (E), LuAnn Keefe (E),  
Tammy Sassaman (D) (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 3<sup>rd</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH**

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## How to Reach the Pastor

### Rev. Nick Hatch

- Through the church office Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 908-996-4333
- By the church's website on the "contact us" link: [www.alexpres.org](http://www.alexpres.org)
- Via his email: [nhatch@alexpres.org](mailto:nhatch@alexpres.org)

# Alexandria Presbyterian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Bring a Friend Day</b></p> <p>10:00 Worship, communion 11:00 Refreshments, courtyard 11:15 Confirmation 3:00 Fun Run, Alexandria Park 4:00 Dens 3 &amp; 5</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>7:00 Bible study, Skibinski home</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>9:00 Bulletin deadline 9:30 Bible study 10:30 Book Club 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:00 Deacons</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:00 Session materials due 9:30 Bible study 6:00 Den 2 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Special Session meeting</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>Day of Ascension</b></p> <p>2:00 Staff 4:14 Worship and Music 6:30 Brownies 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:30 Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>9:00 Churchwide Clean Up Day</p>
<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>Mother's Day</b></p> <p>10:00 Worship 4:00 Dens 3 &amp; 5</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>7:00 Bible study, Skibinski home</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>9:00 Bulletin deadline 9:30 Bible study 6:30 Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9:30 Bible study 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>9:00 June Branches deadline 6:00 Junior Choir 6:30 Youth Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>7:30 Cub Scout Pack meeting</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>Pentecost Confirmation Sunday</b></p> <p>10:00 Worship, wear red 11:00 Congregational meeting 11:15 Caring Hands Crafters 4:00 Dens 3 &amp; 5 5:30 Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>7:00 Bible study, Skibinski home</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>9:00 Bulletin deadline 9:30 Bible study 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:00 Building and Property 7:00 Mission Interpretation</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9:30 Bible study 6:00 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>2:00 Staff 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>
<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Trinity Sunday</b></p> <p>10:00 Worship, communion 4:00 Dens 3 &amp; 5</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>Memorial Day</b></p> <p>Church office closed 7:00 Bible study, Skibinski home</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>9:00 Bulletin deadline 9:30 Bible study 10:30 Book club 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:30 Book club</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9:30 Bible study 6:00 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Session</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Deacon of the Week</u></p> <p>May 6 Pat Keefe May 13 Helen Jones May 20 Tammy Sassaman May 27 Alicia Apgar</p>	

