Welcome to Christ Church Alexandria!

Christ Church embodies God’s unbounded love by embracing, liberating, and empowering people, whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith. If you are new to Christ Church, please fill out a welcome card, which can be scanned via QR code in your bulletin, or at the bottom of this page. Restrooms can be found on the first floor of Memorial Parish Hall, located across the churchyard. A staffed nursery and infant caring room are also available in the Parish Hall, up the stairs to the right of the main entrance, for children five and under. We are glad you’re here!

TODAY – SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER TEAM | LIBRARY | 9:00 A.M.

Sunday School needs you! Deepen your faith while helping our littlest parishioners grow in theirs. Lessons plans and materials provided. You’re invited to the Library to learn more!

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

For a listing of currently scheduled activities and meetings, visit www.historicchristchurch.org/events

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
8:00 a.m.   Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m.   Sunday School Teacher Teams
10:00 a.m.  Holy Eucharist
10:15 a.m.  Children’s Chapel
11:30 a.m.  Coffee Hour
5:00 p.m.   Holy Eucharist

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 – LABOR DAY
OFFICES CLOSED
7:30 a.m.   Morning Prayer – Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/ChristChurchAlexandria)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
7:30 a.m.   Morning Prayer – Facebook Live

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
7:30 a.m.   Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
12:05 p.m.  Holy Eucharist
9:00 p.m.   Compline – Facebook Live

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
7:30 a.m.   Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
9:00 a.m.   Lazarus Food Pantry – Meade Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
7:30 a.m.   Morning Prayer – Facebook Live

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
7:30 a.m.   Morning Prayer – Facebook Live

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Various groups meet regularly at Christ Church during the week. Please check our online calendar for specifics. (www.HistoricChristChurch.org/events)
Welcome Sunday | September 10 | Churchyard
Welcome Sunday is a fun and festive day for Christ Church and our community! Join us after the 10:00 a.m. service in the churchyard for a potluck picnic featuring grilled hot dogs and activities for kids of all ages including a 250th Anniversary photo booth, balloon artist, games, music, tours, and 250th gifts for purchase, and lawn games. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share. To ensure a variety, please bring your favorite item by last name: A – E: green salads and fruit salads; F – K: chips, dips, veggie trays; L – R: desserts; S – Z: picnic favorites such as coleslaw, potato or pasta salad, baked beans, etc. Bring food to the Meade Room kitchen before the service. See you there!

Welcome Sunday | We Need Your Help!
Hosting such a fun day requires many helping hands. If you are interested in helping at a churchyard activity, ensuring our potluck runs smoothly, welcoming guests in the churchyard, or planning behind the scenes - let us know! Are you new at Christ Church? This is a great one-time-only event to lend a hand and get to know others. We’d love to work with you!
Sign up here: bit.ly/WelcomeSunday2023 or contact Julie Simonton at jsimonton@ccalex.org or 703.778.4941.

The Stewards of the Dirt
The next work session is Saturday, September 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 am. Meet SOD members in the churchyard to help keep our property looking beautiful! No knowledge of gardening is necessary. We have tools for you to use, but please bring work gloves. If you would like to join us, please contact Libby Witt at ewitt@hotmail.com.

Children’s Choirs
While we are still in the midst of summer, we hope that you and your child(ren) might make room for being a part of the children’s choir when they resume this fall. There are two choirs for kids. The Cherub Choir sings monthly during the program year and rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:00 p.m. Designed for children ages 4-7, the young singers learn basic music notation, rhythm management, songs appropriate for the liturgical year, and matching pitch. The Canterbury Choir, for children in 2nd/3rd grade (depending on the strength of their reading skills) through 8th grade, rehearses on Registration information can be found here: bit.ly/3Y1GzP5 If you have any questions, please contact Jason Abel at jabel@ccalex.org.

Christ Church Choir
The Choir Church Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. While the choir won’t begin singing in church until Sunday, September 10, the rehearsals will allow everyone to get a jump start on the music planned for the fall. This choir is for adults and teens in the 9th grade and up. We welcome new members to join us! If you can read music and would like to discuss the possibility of joining, please email Jason at jabel@ccalex.org.

Faith Formation
For information, contact the Rev. Lauren Banks at lbanks@ccalex.org or 703.778.4939

Join a Teacher Team
If you have one or two Sundays a month, there is room for you! All lesson plans and materials are provided. Email Ariel at arudy@ccalex.org for more information and be sure to join us on Sunday, September 3 at 9:00 a.m. in the Library for a teacher catch up and introductions.

Adult Faith Formation | Sundays | 9:00 a.m.
September 17 kicks off our adult faith formation offerings. This year, all adults will have three choices each week! The offerings are for September 17 through October 8. We’ll look to our future with the help of JSA, do a deep dive into the lectionary, and explore the characteristics, trends, and gifts of the seven generations in our pews. Stay tuned! For all questions, contact the Rev. Lauren.

Everyday Theology with Ted Lasso | Wednesdays
It’s baaaack! The tv series, Ted Lasso, has many lessons for us on how to live in Christian community and how to live out the teachings of Jesus. From the Diamond Dogs, to handling anxiety and loss, Ted Lasso brings laughter and lessons. If you haven’t seen the show, watch it on AppleTV before we kick off on September 20! Our evenings will begin with dinner from 5:45-6:15 p.m., followed by a presentation and small group discussions from 6:15–7:30 p.m. Even if you attended Lenten Lassos, there will be new (and old) content! Sign up here: bit.ly/3DLJpZi. For questions, reach out to the Rev. Lauren at lbanks@ccalex.org

Covenant Class | Wednesdays | 7:00 p.m.
Covenant Class is an 8-week introduction for those who want to know more about being an Episcopalian & Christ Church – whether newcomers to the church or life-long Episcopalians – to get better acquainted with the clergy, staff, parish leaders, and other newcomers to Christ Church. We explore what it means to be part of the church, learn about the Episcopal Church and its history, worship, and mission, and participants can reach a better understanding of the part they can play in their new church home. The capstone event for many is baptism, confirmation, reception from another Christian tradition or reaffirmation of your baptismal vows.
Classes begin mid-September. Contact Jessica Williams at jessicawilliams@gmail.com to sign up.
OUTREACH & MISSION

For information, contact Melanie Gray at mggray@ccalex.org or 703.778.4937

SEPTMEBER OUTREACH: DIAPERS
Lazarus Food Pantry does not distribute diapers because carrying all the sizes necessary for the small number of guests who need diapers is not the best use of our limited storage space. Guests are referred to other pantries, which are in constant need of donations. You can leave items in the white wooden donations box in the Parish Hall or order online (https://amzn.to/3Rrwf9h) and have them shipped to Christ Church ATTN: Outreach at 118 N. Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

Carpenter’s Shelter Friday Dinner
Christ Church parishioners prepare and serve dinner at the shelter every first and third Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The shelter is now serving only families and we are feeding a lot more children. Currently there are 29 children and 18 adults at the shelter. It’s an easy and enjoyable, but critical, ministry. You can participate as your schedule allows! For questions or to volunteer, contact Barb Boehm at boehmbarb@gmail.com.

Mengo HIV/AIDS Raffle 2023
Help our partner Mengo HIV/AIDS Clinic in Kampala, Uganda offer care to just under 9,000 patients by purchasing raffle tickets. Tickets will go on sale on September 10, Welcome Sunday, and the winning tickets will be announced on October 8 by Dr. Edith Namulema, the clinic director. Prizes include restaurant gift cards to Murphy's, The Warehouse, Virtue Feed and Grain, Bonefish Grill, and Common Plate Hospitality (Auggies, Urbano, Mason Social). The grand prize is a $500 gift card to Trader Joe's. There will be in person and online options for purchase. Contact Witney Schneidman with questions witney.schneidman@gmail.com.

Glean for Lazarus Food Pantry Saturday & Sunday
Each Saturday, Christ Church parishioners collect food donations from vendors at the Old Town Farmers Market at Market Square. Volunteers meet at 11:40 a.m. and hand out crates to participating farmers. After the market closes at noon, we pick up the crates and we take the food to Christ Church. We finish up by 1:00 p.m. or earlier. This food is distributed at our weekly Lazarus Food Pantry. You will be sent additional instructions and information at bit.ly/3x7Iwat. Email Andrea McNicholas at alamcnich@comcast.com, Coordinator for Gleaning.

Sunday Farmer's Market volunteers are needed to glean produce from 1:30pm to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoons from the Old Town North Farmers Market at 901 N. Royal Street. Please consider signing up here: bit.ly/3N5kGEw. More details will be provided to all who sign up. Contact Liz Denson at ldenson@ccalex.org.

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Hunger Action Day | September 15.
Christ Church is part of the Hunger Free Alexandria network and is acting as a donation location for its 10 can challenge. If you would like to participate in this community-wide effort you can get more information here bit.ly/45VRk3f and bring your 10 cans to Christ Church and leave them in the white wooden Lazarus Food Pantry crate.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

For information, contact
Children: Ariel Rudy at arudy@ccalex.org
Youth: the Rev. Robbie Laughton at rlaughton@ccalex.org

Sunday School Registration is Open!
Children's Sunday School is for children in preschool through fifth grade and meets almost every Sunday, September 17 through May 19, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fowler House. Children may begin Sunday School at three years old. Register here: bit.ly/45NiF7u. If you have questions or would like to get involved, please email Ariel at arudy@ccalex.org.

Youth Group and Sunday School Registration is Open!
Christ Church’s Youth Ministries are open to anyone from 6th–12th grade, and the best way to get started is by registering! Use the same form for Youth Group and Sunday School, and one form works for multiple youth. Visit bit.ly/CCYouth23

Youth Group Bowling RSVPs Needed
Our Middle and High School Youth Groups will start off the new year at Bowl America Shirley! Your RSVPs are needed ASAP to ensure your space! Middle School Youth Group (6th–8th grade) RSVP by September 10 and High School Youth Group (9th–12th grade) RSVP by September 17.

It’s Time for Confirmation Class
The Christ Church youth confirmation program, “Confirm Not Conform,” is returning for the 2023-24 school year. All 9th graders (or above) who are interested in exploring their faith and considering being confirmed in the Episcopal Church (and, in addition, having a little fun) are welcome. Confirmation itself is not a mandatory part of the program. The class will meet throughout the year on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fowler House Teen Center, beginning with a brief introductory session for parents and students on September 17. To register for class or learn more, please reach out to the class leaders, Kelley Brooke and Darrin Hostetler at darrinahostetler@gmail.com.

Youth Ministry Volunteers Needed
Ever found yourself thinking “I just don’t understand kids these days?” If today’s youth feel like a mystery, then come spend some time with our amazing young people in Youth Group and Sunday School! We’ll work with your schedule and get you some answers to the questions you never knew you had about being a young person in the 21st century. Contact Robbie at youth@ccalex.org for more information on how to get involved in this joyous ministry.
Blessings on

- Outreach Committee Ministry Coordinators - Amy Bacon, Jane Baird, Barbara Boehm, Julie Duke, Barbara Fallon, Trish Fineran, Karen Hill, Andrea McNicholas, Anne Ramsey, Anne Richardson, Anne Shackelton, Julie Zahn, and Matt Zahn.

American Guild of Organists Concert

Please join us for a free concert featuring organ and orchestra on Sunday, September 24 at 7:30 p.m. The combined area chapters of the American Guild of Organists are sponsoring this concert which will feature Dr. Daniel Aune, Professor of Organ at Peabody Conservatory. The program will include solo organ works as well as organ concertos for organ and orchestra by Josef Rheinberger and George Frideric Handel. All are welcome to attend and enjoy this unique opportunity to hear such works in our church.

Gift Shop

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to Noon and Wednesday to Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Phone: 703.836.5258

All proceeds benefit outreach in the Alexandria community and globally.

The Gift Shop offers jewelry with a special message for you or someone you love. We have sterling silver crosses and chains. We have pearl earrings and necklaces with a "Pearls from Within" theme. We have "Loving Hearts" necklaces and "Your Journey" necklaces. We also have necklaces with a special message in morse code. Come by the shop and see our unique jewelry and choose a very special gift for someone you love.

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