

PARISH LIFE • WEEK OF JULY 26, 2026

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. An infant caring room is 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 – MEADE ROOM

Coffee Hour follows the 10:00 a.m. service

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

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

SUNDAY, JULY 26

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:10 a.m. Contemplative Prayer – St. Peter's
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour – Meade Room
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
9:00 a.m. Stewards of the Dirt – Churchyard

MONDAY, JULY 27

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
(www.facebook.com/ChristChurchAlexandria)

TUESDAY, JULY 28

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist – Chapel
9:00 p.m. Compline – Facebook Live

THURSDAY, JULY 30

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

FRIDAY, JULY 31

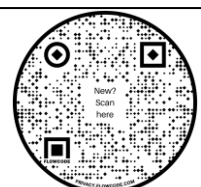
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live

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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)



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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send submissions of 50 words or less to ParishLife@ccalex.org.

Are you new to Christ Church?

We're so glad you're here. Do you smile every Sunday when we say, "God loves a cheerful giver!" We do, too. Give through our Shelby app so we can say, "Thank you!" Christ Church is grateful for you. Learn more about our impact and how we fund mission and ministry here: bit.ly/ThisIsMyStory2026. This thriving community depends on you. Join us and pledge today! bit.ly/CCPledgeToday or see the QR code in the bulletin.

Stewards of the Dirt | August 1

Stewards of the Dirt will hold a work session on Saturday, August 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the churchyard. If you would like to join us and help keep our grounds healthy and beautiful, please contact Libby Witt at ewitt@hotmail.com. We look forward to seeing you on August 1.

Summer Cookouts | August 12 | 6:00 p.m. | Churchyard

Bring a chair or picnic blanket and enjoy a summer meal with your Christ Church friends. There will be kids' games, activities, and popsicles. Rain (Auditorium) or shine (churchyard). Consider bringing a dessert to share in a disposable container. Sign up coming soon!

Democracy Circle | August 16 | 11:30 a.m. | Teen Center

The Democracy Circle provides us with an opportunity to accept the Presiding Bishop's call for Episcopalians to be "Christians who seek to practice our faith fully in a free and fair democracy. Please contact Libby Witt (ewitt@hotmail.com) and Susan Marquis (slmarquis70@gmail.com) for more information.

FAITH FORMATION

For information, contact the Rev. Noelle York-Simmons at rector@ccalex.org or 703.549.1450

It's Time to Register for Education for Ministry (EfM)

Have you ever wondered how your story, the church's story, and God's story weave together to shape a thoughtful and spiritual Christian life? EfM is a program for anyone seeking a deeper encounter with God through study, reflection, and conversation about how faith informs everyday life.

Over 36 weeks, participants engage with scripture, theology, and church history, using a new curriculum developed by the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. On Wednesday evenings, participants bring their studies, their honest questions, and their life experiences into a small and supportive seminar in the Teen Center, where we engage

in theological reflection and strengthen our ability to sense God's presence in the world. The weekly seminars include participants on the four-year "EfM Classic" track or the one-year "EfM Wide-Angle" track. No academic background is required – just an open heart and a desire to journey with others in curiosity, companionship, and faith. Contact EfM mentors Nancy and Ken Knapp at nvknapp@aol.com for additional information.

Lectionary Bible Study | Sundays | 9:00 a.m. | Library
Ever wonder why that piece of scripture is in the Bible or what it means? Show up to the sermon and wish you knew more? This Bible study is for you! We'll read the lessons appointed for the day and conduct a brief study.

Contemplative Prayer Group | Sundays | St. Peter Room
Our weekly contemplative prayer group at Christ Church begins at 9:10 a.m. on Sundays. If you are seeking a deeper sense of peace and connection with God and are interested in learning more about centering prayer and other meditative practices, this group is for you. Rooted in stillness and simplicity, our weekly gathering will enable us to step away from the busyness of daily life for 20 minutes and enter into a time of guided, silent, reflective prayer. All are welcome. We will meet in the St. Peter room (#207) on the 2nd floor of the Parish House. If you have questions, please talk with Carter Land or Rev. Beth at bbingham@ccalex.org.

LGBTQ+ Theology and Faith | 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

First and Third Thursday of the month | Library
LGBTQ+ parishioners gather every first and third Thursday for conversation about the relationship between their spiritual journeys and their coming out journeys. Through prayerful study of scripture in a safe, open, and loving space, we will seek a deeper understanding of our faith, our lived experiences, and our relationship with Jesus. For more information, please contact Terry Brown at terrymbrown1@me.com.

OUTREACH & MISSION

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

JULY: PANTRY STAPLES

This month, consider helping us stock the Lazarus Food Pantry: Canned vegetables (corn, carrots, peas, collards, spinach, etc) canned or dried beans (pinto, garbanzo, black, lentils, great northern, navy, etc), canned tuna fish, canned soup, peanut butter, jelly or jam, rice, old fashioned oatmeal, and cooking oil. Last Thursday we gave away 1,200 pounds of food! You can leave items in the white wooden donations box in the Parish Hall or order online

(<https://amzn.to/40g4CaF>) and ship to

Christ Church ATTN: Outreach at
118 N. Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

Bag Lunch Ministry

Bag lunch is part of the safety net for our guests, and your support truly makes a difference. Please review the signup here: bit.ly/44eAqxX and sign up as you are able. If you have any questions, or you'd like to prepare something other than the listed sandwich, please email Karen Hill at jbh707@juno.com. Our remaining assignments are August 10-14; September 8-11; October 5-9; November 9-13; and December 15-17.

Gleaning at the Old Town Farmer's Market

Come join us for the Gleaning ministry on Saturdays at noon, when we pick up fresh, beautiful, donated fruit and vegetables from the farmers at the Old Town market. It takes about 1.5 hours and is greatly appreciated by the recipients at our weekly Lazarus Food Pantry. This is an easy family activity that kids enjoy, helping us teach our children our love for our neighbors. Sign up on any Saturday you are available: bit.ly/4eufyJ4 or reach out to Andrea McNicholas at alamcnicho@gmail.com.

Rapid Response Training Sessions

Tenants and Workers United hosts monthly Rapid Response training to educate participants on their efforts in Alexandria City, East of Prince William County and S. Fairfax County, and to learn how to best support families directly impacted by ICE/Immigration. To be part of this training and network, folks need to be vetted through the Solidarity Committee and require they register to the following link: bit.ly/4weOHqi.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

For information, contact
Katherine Carpenter-Rains at kcarpenterrains@ccalex.org

Children and Youth Ministries

Do you have a child between the ages of 0 and 18? Christ Church Children and Youth Ministries offers programs for every stage of childhood and adolescence throughout the 2026-27 program year. Register your child for One Sock On, Sunday School, Youth Formation (Sundays at 9:00 a.m.), Middle and High School Youth Groups (Sundays at 6:00 p.m.), events, trips, seasonal offerings, and group service opportunities by visiting the link below or scanning the QR code on the Worship Cart after the service: bit.ly/3RgDSVF

Do You Feel Called to Serve?

Children and Youth Ministries is always looking to connect with adults who feel called to volunteer with children and youth. If you're interested in joining our team, please contact Katherine at KCarpenterRains@ccalex.org.

Fellowship for New Parents

Are you the parent of an infant or toddler and looking for community? One Sock On, Christ Church's fellowship group for people in this stage of life, welcomes you! Join other parents and little ones to share in the trials and triumphs of raising tiny humans. OSO meets during Sunday School from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. in Fowler House Room 103. Drop in as you can, no rsvp necessary. All families of all shapes and sizes are welcome. Contact Jaclyn Hagner at jackie.hagner@gmail.com with questions.

BLESSINGS ON...

- Julie Beaver, Claire Chow, Claudia Ellet, Mickie and Dick Esleeck, Amy Wilczynski, Amy Bacon, Emily Bryan, Christy Wyckoff, Karen Hill, Maude Williams, Cara Alfano, Bill Chavan, Elaine Wick, Cara Alfano, Anne Land, Mary Hobbie and John Smoot, and Rosanne Bennett who shopped for, made, and served bag lunches at Meade Memorial Church.
- Cornelia Horner, Emmeline Nettles, Anne Shackleton, Robin Campbell, Rob Spiller, Paul Lebras, and Barbara Boehm who shopped for, made, and served dinner to Carpenter's Shelter residents.

PRAYER LIST

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In thanksgiving for Chris Betts

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE BIRTH OF

Armina and Amari Pittman, great grandchildren of Glen Curry

WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

James Mamary, Joe Whorton

WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OVERSEAS

Megan Bower, Holly Prousalis, Omar Sharif, the Hood, Doherty, Jennings, and Streyder families

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH

Mary Crow, Gladys Hook, LaVerne Scott-Rayford, Gail & Ridge Multop, Susanne O'Neill, Carol Lafley, Linda Hoekstra, Kathie Nelson, Doug Mitchell, Marynelle Losin, Kyle Thomas, Joy Pinniger, Mary Ellen Freesland, Roger & Jan Johnson, Kay Beck, Linda Sheppler, Martha Rucker

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 both in the Alexandria community and around the world.

Come by the Gift Shop to see our collection of books for children and adults. Celebrate the history of our nation with books, magnets, cards and ornaments illustrating events and symbols of history. We also have beautiful photo cards of flowers, birds and of course, the eagle, symbol of our nation. We hope you will stop by soon and find a special treasure for this special time in history.

CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY, CLERGY, AND STAFF

Vestry

Kathleen Hickman '27, Sr. Warden
Steve Slaton '28, Jr Warden
Nanette Lawson '27
Wendy Montes de Oca '27
Christopher Thompson '27
Jane Baird '28, Paula Dubberly '28
Jessica Hughes '28,
Carrie Ann Alford, '29
James Beattie, '29
Janet Beckmann, '29
Christianne Witten, '29
Cornelia Horner, *Treasurer*

Clergy

The Rev. Dr. Noelle York-Simmons
Rector
The Rev. Robbie Laughton
Associate Rector
The Rev. Beth Bingham
Associate Rector

Music

M. Jason Abel
Director of Music

Parish Office

Michelle Baize
Meredith Bracco
Katherine Carpenter-Rains
Liz Denson, Melanie Gray
Lia Sanchez, Julie Simonton

Facilities

Pouyan Meghdadian
Glen Curry, Kevin Lawyer