Dear First Christian Church Community,

This year's stewardship theme is Building Community, Sharing God's Love. We are a community called by God to follow Jesus and live out his words daily. When we build our community on his words and actions, we build our church on the rock, allowing us to withstand many pressures, rain, and windstorms as we find in Mathew 7:24-27. During 2026 we will be enhancing our building as well as building our community. We will continue to build community and grow in Christ through worship, Bible Study and Coffee Chats. We will continue to share God's love in loving actions like delivering food and furniture, and by advocating for justice in the community. We also build community by being open to all in Sunday worship and partnering with the Samoan and Eritrean congregations, Alive! AA, the Scouts, and others.

I ask you to reflect on how we might support God's work in 2026. I invite you to spend some time in prayer and reflection imagining how we can continue to be a blessing to our neighbors and how your offering might reflect that for the coming year. On Sunday October 19, we will have time in the service to bless the estimate of giving cards. We ask that you turn in your estimate of giving cards at or before our service. We will hold a combination birthday celebration/stewardship lunch for Bess Shultz turning 102 after worship.

Your estimate of giving allows the church to create a realistic budget and ministry plan that aligns with our beliefs, and your giving helps provide a ministry that engages people and changes lives. The estimate of giving is just that - an estimate. It can be changed during the year if needed, as your circumstances change. Your giving helped fund our ministry as shown in the Ministry Highlights for 2025. No doubt you have contributed with your time and efforts to make these programs successful.

Some of you reading this letter are already giving 10 % or more of your income - the biblical tithe. To you I simply say, "Great Job!" This is a milestone and an expression of your faith. If you are not yet tithing, I'd like to invite you to take a step in that direction. You might look to see what it would take to move toward tithing. If you can't take that step all in one year, try increasing it by 1% each year. Even starting at $5 a week ($260 annually) you can fund a camp scholarship or new music for the choir.

Please bring your estimate of giving card to worship on Sunday, October 19, fill out the card electronically, or send the card to the office. Contact me at fccafinance@gmail.com if you have questions. Consider making your offering through monthly electronic funds transfer or setting up a recurring payment through your bank. Setting up your giving electronically ensures the church receives your contribution, even if you cannot worship in person.

Again, thank you for all that you do to make possible the shared ministry of Frist Christian Church of Alexandria. You make a difference here, and you are an important part of our service and compassion to our neighbors.

Yours In Christ,
Janet Coldsmith, Treasurer

2025

Ministry Highlights

2025 has been a year of moving into a future of hope. We are committed to building community and sharing God's love. We are in the midst of installing a new environmentally friendly HVAC system and making other building improvements. We continue to find ways to connect in-person and virtually through worship, study, and meeting the needs of our community through loving partnerships.








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for Worship
First Christian Church of Alexandria
RISTMAS EVE 7PM
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Transforming lives in worship continues to be central to our life together. From special Sundays during Advent and Christmas, Holy Week, and World Communion Sunday to regular Sundays, worship inspires us to grow in faith and love. We continue to improve technology and are able to connect with people in many places.













We give thanks for the Music Ministry of Connie Rhodes and are excited that our new Music Director, Ferra Diggs, is now serving along with Bevin Creel and many talented volunteers to inspire and bless us.







Bible Study, Coffee Chats, and the Chronic Illness Group continue to provide spaces for learning, support, faith, and growth. Children's Faith Formation will be emphasized this coming year. We also gather for fun and fellowship and celebrate another great Retreat at Bethany Beach Conference Center.













Our service continues to be an essential part of who we are as we partner with ALIVE!, Safe Haven, West End Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, and Casa Chirilagua. 10% of our offering goes to support ministry beyond our congregation. We also shared our voices and presence in justice ministries like the Poor People's Campaign and the CCCA Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration.






















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The many groups who use the building including First Samoan and Alpha and Omega congregations, as well as ALIVE!, Scouts, 11 AA groups, and other community groups allow for shared ministry and many transformed lives. Activities like caroling at Woodbine and Silverado, Touch a Truck, and Neighborhood Street and Stream Clean-ups support the wider community. It takes work and money to maintain and improve our building.



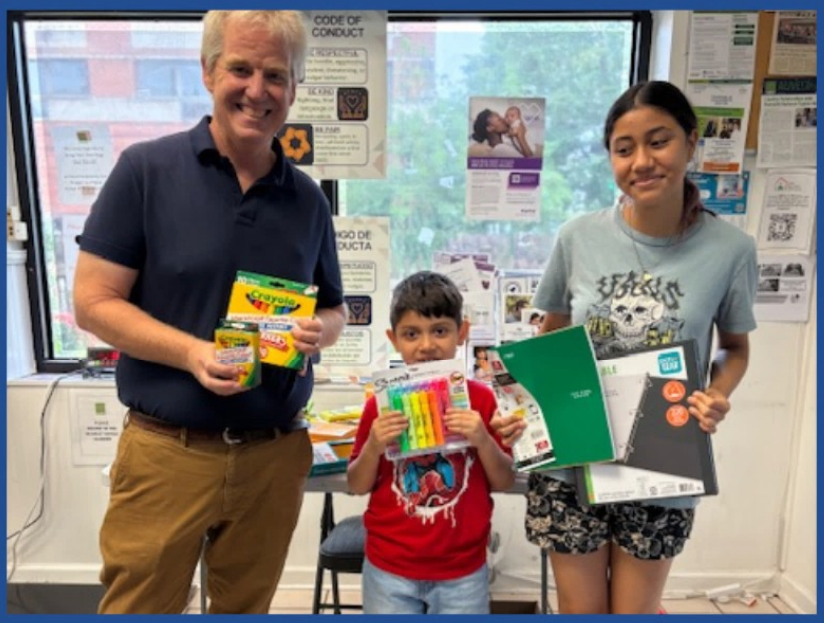











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TOUCH A TRUCK
You are invited to bring diapers for
ALIVE! and toys or monetary
donations for local students
2723 King St
Alexandria, VA



Thank you for continuing to offer your gifts, your time, your finances, your encouragement, your faith, and your love. The generosity, leadership, and hope of First Christian Church of Alexandria allows us to continue to engage in vibrant ministry as we build community and share God's love.








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