



# The Pittsfield Christian

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## Coming Events

Date	Event
2/24	4:30pm <b>Choir Event/Boren Fundraiser</b>
2/25	7:00pm <b>Connection Group</b>
2/28	8:00, 9:15 <b>Sunday School</b>
	8:00, 9:15, 10:30 <b>Worship</b>
	5:00pm <b>Youth Group Meeting</b>
3/1	6:00pm <b>Fellowship Hall Rental</b>
3/2	7:00pm <b>Choir Practice</b>
	5:30pm <b>Family Meal</b>
	6:30pm <b>Connection Group</b>
3/3	7:00pm <b>Connection Group</b>
	2:00pm <b>Circle V Meeting</b>
	2:00pm <b>Dining Room Rental</b>
3/4	2:00pm <b>World Day of Prayer at Calvary Baptist</b>
	6:00pm <b>Fellowship Hall Rental</b>
3/6	8:00, 9:15 <b>Sunday School</b>
	8:00, 9:15, 10:30 <b>Worship</b>
	5:00pm <b>Youth Group Meeting</b>
3/7	8:00pm <b>Fellowship Hall Rental</b>
	1:00pm <b>Fellowship Hall Rental</b>
	6:00pm <b>Volleyball League</b>
3/8	6:00pm <b>Church Board Meeting</b>

Date	Event
3/9	7:00pm <b>Choir Practice</b>
	6:30pm <b>Connection Group</b>
3/10	7:00pm <b>Connection Group</b>
	9:30am <b>Circle IV Meeting</b>
	6:10pm <b>CWF Executive Comm. Meeting</b>
3/13	8:00, 9:15, 10:30 <b>Worship</b>
	8:00, 9:15 <b>Sunday School</b>
	4:00pm <b>Youth Group Meeting</b>
	4:00pm <b>Fellowship Hall Rental</b>

## Lectionary Scriptures

February 24 **Luke 2:41-52**  
 February 25 **Luke 3:1-14**  
 February 26 **Luke 3:15-38**  
 February 27 **Luke 4:1-4**  
 February 28 **Luke 4:5-8**  
 February 29 **Luke 4:9-13**  
 March 1 **Hosea 11:1-11**  
 March 2 **Hosea 14:4-9**  
 March 3 **Joel 2:12-17a**  
 March 4 **Joel 2:21-27**  
 March 5 **Joel 2:28-32**  
 March 6 **Micah 2:1-11**  
 March 7 **Micah 3:1-8**  
 March 8 **Luke 4:14-30**

## Holy Week

Several special events are planned for Holy Week. On Thursday, **Mar 24**, we will schedule a Progressive Prayer event that will conclude with a communion service. For Friday, **Mar 25**, we are working on

Family Movie Night. Sunday, **Mar 27**, we are planning a sunrise service involving youth, breakfast, Sunday School, and worship service. We will have more info about Holy Week in your next bulletin.

## Baptism

Do you need to be baptized? As we approach Easter, it is good to follow in obedience to scripture and consider baptism. Contact Pastor Michael or Pastor Chaz.

## Holy Week Events for Children

Attention Parents of children in grades 1-5: We are looking for children who are interested in singing with the Vesper Choir during the 10:30 service on Palm Sunday. We will practice in the sanctuary from 6:30 - 7 on Wednesday March 9 and March 16. Palm Sunday is March 20. Please let Helen know right away if your child will be participating and she will get you a cd to listen to at home.

All children age 4 - 5th grade are welcome to play the Krystal Bells on Easter at the 10 a.m. service. These are color coded and do not require an additional rehearsal.

**Family Meal and Fellowship**  
**The proceeds from the March 2, 5:30, Family Meal will go to the youth@first trip, CIY:Believe! Believe is a**

middle school-only experience designed to provoke students to worship in a way that is natural and fun. Packed with games, eye-catching performances, exciting worship, and engaging speakers, this will be a fantastic experience for our middle school students! It is a two-day, overnight event in Springfield, IL on April 1 and 2. In order to keep costs low during the school year, the event will be \$50 per child. So, the hotel and travel cost will be picked up by the church. Thank you so much for your continued support of our youth!

The kitchen crew will be Joyce Lemons, Karen Goodwin, Carole Elledge, Barbara Fosco, Glen & Carol Cooley, Carol O'Malley, Yvonne Stauffer, Cindy Chamberlain, John Schoenherr, Cindi Schoenherr, Debbie Robinson.

### **Church Board Meeting**

The Church Board will meet at 6pm on **March 8**. Packets will be in the Long Room March 6.

### **Volunteers Hard At Work**

*Thank you Keith Elledge for welding a grill last minute for use at the Valentine Dinner. It worked terrifically!*

*A shout of thanks to Mary Gates and Bryn Fine for preparing and delivering the Valentine fruit bags to our shut-ins for the Outreach Ministry. We appreciate your time!*

*You volunteers are the very best! Thank you all who were on duty for the Republican dinner. What a great evening we enjoyed. We truly appreciate your happy faces and willing hours of service. Hope to see you again next time.*

### **Diaconate Meeting**

If you missed the Diaconate Meeting on Feb 17, please contact Yvonne Stauffer, Donnie Apps or Burdette Irwin to get important info on specific duties and responsibilities. We appreciate your continued service and hospitality in this vital area of ministry.

### **Weather Related**

When the weather is bad and it's not convenient to get out, remember we have the live stream of 9:15 and 10:30 services on our website. Also, you can make your church contributions via the church website. We appreciate your continued consistent offering to the ministry of FCC.

### **Kitchen Committee**

There will be an important meeting of the Kitchen Committee and Crossroads cooks on Monday, **Feb 29**, at 6 p.m. in the Crossroads dining room.

### **POP TAB Collection**

Collection buckets have been placed at the doorways in each of the three FCC buildings to raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield. We encourage everyone to remember to save the tabs and check with others (extended family, fellow employees, friends) who might like to contribute to this worthy cause also. It just takes some effort on our part to make a huge difference in the lives of many families. Thank you in advance in doing whatever you can to help.

### **Successful Blood Drive**

*Thank You . . . blood donors, volunteers and cookie bakers. Every pint of blood provides life-saving aid to 3 people, so each donor makes a huge difference in the lives of others. The terrific volunteers were a great help and we had lots of really good cookies! Thank you to all!*

### **Thank You**

*Thank you for the cards and visits during the passing of my mother, Carolyn Dunham. Your expressions of sympathy were appreciated by all of her family. -Roger Dunham Family.*

*Thank you to Outreach and our church family for the fruit bag and goodies. They were well appreciated. -Gaylord & Jo Rhodes.*

### **World Day of Prayer**

Christian Women United will hold World Day of Prayer at the Pittsfield Calvary Baptist Church, 180 S. Franklin, on Friday, **March 4**. The service will begin at 2pm. All men and women are encouraged to attend.

### **Cookie Sunday!**

Sunday, **March 6**, will be Cookie Sunday!

### **Missionary Trip**

The team of individuals traveling to Haiti to assist Sonlight Ministries will be gone March 4-11. Keep them in your prayers for safe travels and to have an uplifting experience with the school children and staff they will visit.

### **Newsletter Schedule**

A newsletter will be printed the following weeks: Mar 7, Mar 21.

### Free Screening

One of our trained volunteers will provide blood pressure screening at the church building office area on **March 13**.

### Sermon Series Readings

The following chapters in Romans will be studied during Pastor Michael's sermon on the following dates: Feb 21 chpt 6-8, Feb 28 chpt 9-10, Mar 6 chpt 11-12, Mar 13 chpt 13-15.

### CWF Meetings

3/3, Circle V, 2:00, Crossroads.  
3/10, Circle IV, 9:30, Cardinal Inn.  
3/10, CWF Executive Comm, 6:15, Crossroads.  
3/14, Circle I, 6:30, Crossroads.

### CMF Dinner Meeting

The **Mar 15** CMF Dinner Meeting will be in the FELLOWSHIP HALL. Circle 4 will oversee the meal preparation. Sign up at the fellowship table if you plan to attend.

### March Birthdays and Anniversaries

3 Joan Hagerbaumer; 4 Bentli Christianer; 5 Bill & Carol Schwartze; 7 Wayne Chamberlain, Eddie White, Chris Rule; 8 Brad & Judy Losch, Angie Phillips; 10 Bonnie Dain; 11 Walter & Marge Lamb, Kevin & Kelly Masters; 12 Richard Decker, Wendy Smith; 13 Darlene Smith, Jacob Hull; 14 John & Jane Calaway; 16 Christie Mendenhall, John Schoenherr, Rokettia Brokaw, Ashlyn Havens; 18 Haley Smith; 19 Parker Zumwalt; 21 Carolyn Barber, Dustin

Borrowman; 22 Larry & Jeannie Howard, Joseph Pursley, Ethan Palmer; 24 Roger Yaeger; 25 Abigail Cox; 26 Spencer Boren, John Havens, Carol Cooley; 27 Carol O'Malley; 28 Brian & Becky Daniel; 30 Burdette Irwin, Lisa Pennock, Natilee Grimes; 31 Bill Earls, Hannah Roig, Parker & Beth Zumwalt.

### Church Garage Sale

Are you doing your spring house cleaning? Please remember items would be appreciated for the church garage sale to be held **April 1 & 2**. Items can include but not limited to clothing, knick knacks, jewelry, handbags, shoes, household items, small appliances, furniture, TVs and electronics (in working order), puzzles, books, toys, etc. We will accept almost anything but no large appliances please. Any questions contact Ruth Anne Goodin 285.2705 or Linda Decker 285.4042. **Due to events at Crossroads, items cannot be brought to the building until the week of March 28.**

### Intentional Church Conference

Lincoln Christian University will host the 9th annual Intentional Church Conference on **April 23** from 9am-3:30pm at First Christian Church in Decatur. For more info go to [intentionalchurchconference.com](http://intentionalchurchconference.com).

### Volleyball League

A Volleyball League will be on Monday nights, 6pm, at Crossroads for high school age and up. Cost is \$20 per person.

First games will be **Mar 7**. Contact Matt Sealock 217.257.3589 or David Marable 217.370.9810 for more info or to register. Forms are on the sanctuary mantels.

### Women's Conference

Lincoln Christian University will host "Soul Support", a Christian Women's Conference on **April 27**. Guest speakers will be Michele Cushatt and Dr. Dinelle Frankland. Registration is \$35 before April 20. Lunch is included. For more info or to register go to [lincolncchristian.edu/cwc](http://lincolncchristian.edu/cwc). If you think you might go, let the church office know and we can help arrange a carpool.

### Children First Graduation & Fundraiser

Children First graduation and fundraiser will be Friday, **May 13**. More details will follow.

### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School 2016 will be **July 18-22**. More info will be presented at a later date.

### Church Camp Dates

The 2016 Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp dates are: High School June 12-17 \*Jr High June 19-24 \*5th-6th June 26-30 \*3rd-4th July 5-7 \*1st-2nd July 1-2 \*K-2nd Day Camp July 8 \*All Saints Sept 9.

### Pastor's Message: Valentine Dinner Thank You

Thank you to all who helped make the youth@first Valentine dinner another huge success! It was a wonderful evening with great food and even greater

fellowship! It is a wonderful opportunity for the youth to serve the congregation and to work with each other in the set up and the serving. We included the Jr High youth this year and they did great! Since so many of their projects and events are done together Chaz wanted to include them and it worked beautifully! They all looked so sharp and we are very proud of them. It was also great to see all their families working together with them and behind the scenes both on Thursday and Sunday.

A special thank you goes to Betty Hayden who headed up this project in the kitchen with Yvonne Stauffer and Sandy Wigington's assistance. Yvonne also makes the sweet breads and everyone looks forward to them. Yvonne has worked on the Valentine dinner since it was started 20+ years ago when her children were in high school and has helped with every one since. Betty started out helping her and then accepting the lead on the project. Thank you, ladies!

We want to thank the parents who came one or both days to support their kids and this ministry. Proverbs 22: 6 says "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Thank you, parents, for seeing the importance of Christian Education in your children's lives and providing transportation to get them here every week! We value the trust you place in us and we look forward to partnering with you to keep that going during the week.

Also, a big thank you to Michael Ten Eyck, Bobby Smith, and Michael Smith for cutting the steaks, Joyce Lemons and Cindi Schoenherr for washing table cloths, the Dad's that stood out in the cold for hours cooking the meat - Michael Ten Eyck, Gary Mendenhall, and Scott Palmer, Cindi Schoenherr for her amazing talents with all of the decorations and for making the name tags and menus, and Chaz and Kate Waterman, Matt Sealock, Wayne Chamberlain, and Kayla Boren for their leadership with the kids and their assistance with the dinner. We have great youth leaders and we are grateful for all of them!! We could not have done it without all of you!

I would also like to thank the congregation for always supporting the youth in all they do. You are the best! We are grateful to have such a loving and supporting church family. God Bless you all!!

Helen and youth@first

## Prayer Concerns

Emmett Boren  
Jason & Megan Buss  
Jean Carr (*Ray Carr's mother*)  
Mary Chamberlain  
Rosemary Clark  
Erika DeLuca (*David Bishop's niece*)  
Ann Ferguson  
Joyce Groom  
Margie Guthrie  
Betty Harrison  
Merle Howard (*Larry Howard's brother*)  
Wally Lamb  
Maria Owens  
Doug Reel (*Nancy Collard's son*)  
Phil Richardson (*Charlotte Dunham's brother*)

## Serving Schedule for February 28, 2016

**Elders:**Hamer Tate, N.D. Harrison  
**Diaconate:**Jim Kallal, Judy Kallal, Christie Mendenhall, Gary Mendenhall, Glen Cooley, Betty Hayden  
**Preparation of Communion-8:00AM:**Carol O'Malley, Harold & Shirley Loyd  
**Preparation of Communion-9:15AM:**Judy Ferguson  
**9:15AM Greeter:**Larry & Sandy Wigington  
**Preparation of Communion-10:30AM:**Keith & Carole Elledge  
**Coffee Host:** NA  
**Sound System:** Gary Mendenhall  
**Candle Lighters:**Cameron Sweeting, Ellie Ten Eyck  
**Scripture Reader:**Kathy Curfman  
**Nursery Helper-10:30AM:**Lainey Ten Eyck  
**Communion to Shut-ins:**John & Cindi Schoenherr, Rosemary Clark & Ann Ferguson  
**Fellowship Treats:**NA  
**Family Meal Date:**March 2, 2016  
**Family Meal Crew:**Joyce Lemons, Karen Goodwin & Crew  
**Driver:** Call the church--285-4129

## Serving Schedule for March 6, 2016

**Elders:**Larry Wigington, Spencer Boren  
**Diaconate:**Kathy Curfman, Carole Elledge, Keith Elledge, Judy Ferguson, Mary Gates, Georgia Sandidge  
**Preparation of Communion-8:00AM:**Carolyn Casteel, Kathy Willman  
**Preparation of Communion-9:15AM:**Dave & Sandy Herring  
**9:15AM Greeter:**Phil & Georgia Sandidge  
**Preparation of Communion-10:30AM:**Ann Ferguson, Joyce Lemons  
**Coffee Host:** NA  
**Sound System:** Lainey Ten Eyck  
**Candle Lighters:**Emma Saxe, Wesley Gengler  
**Scripture Reader:**Cameron Sweeting  
**Nursery Helper-10:30AM:**Cherise Anderson  
**Communion to Shut-ins:**Kay Sealock, Jim & Brittany Dain  
**Fellowship Treats:**Carolyn Casteel, Cheryl Birch, Jessica Hull, Rebecca Rhodes, Barb Bradburn  
**Family Meal Date:**March 2, 2016

***Family Meal Crew:*** Joyce Lemons, Karen Goodwin  
& Crew

***Driver:*** Call the church--285-4129

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Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. M-Th  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. F  
Worship times every Sunday:  
8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Church School: 8:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

**Wishes and Wants**

**Stewardship**

	<b>02/14</b>	<b>02/21</b>
Operational	\$7,495.55	\$8,912.10
Property Improvement	\$313.00	\$3.00
Outreach--Missionaries	\$70.00	\$70.00
DHF	\$80.00	\$80.00
Haiti Trip	\$300.00	\$0.00
Outreach - Unmet Needs	\$5.00	\$0.00
Outreach-General	\$11.00	\$46.00
Children First	\$0.00	\$300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,274.55</b>	<b>\$9,411.10</b>

**Christian Education Attendance**

	<b>02/14</b>	<b>02/21</b>
Three - K	3	0
First-Third	6	9
Fourth-Fifth	12	0
Sixth-Eighth	6	10
High School	4	6
Disciples	13	11
New Beginnings	4	8
Young Adult	0	0
Select to Connect	7	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>51</b>

**Worship Attendance**

	<b>02/14</b>	<b>02/21</b>
8AM Worship	63	78
9:15AM Oasis	89	132
10:30AM Worship	81	130
<b>Total</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>340</b>

**Operating Fund Receipts**

	<b>02/14</b>	<b>02/21</b>
Received Last 7 Days	\$8,070.92	\$10,526.39
Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget	\$9,634.00	\$9,634.00