

# The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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Please let us know by May 15 if you will have an 8th Grade, High School or College graduate in your family. We will recognize them on Graduation Sunday at a date yet to be determined once we are able to worship in the sanctuary.

Church Board Meeting will be Tues, May 12, 6:00, via Zoom App. Packets will be emailed on May 8 and copies will be in the office.

Our April 28 Red Cross Blood Drive was very successful! We collected 27 total units for the drive which put us over our goal of 24. Many thanks to all our successful donors . . . and to those who tried, but were unable to donate. The temperature of every donor was taken before they were allowed into the gym to sign in for their donation. Katie McDevitt and I took turns at temperature taking and signing in, so we kept busy all day. While it seems strange to wear masks and do social distancing, you could "hear" the smiles in the voices of people coming in and the Red Cross staff cheerfully greeting and visiting with everyone. Many thanks to my partner, Katie, and to Rodney and Gina for their work setting up and taking down tables and chairs. And, if you couldn't donate at this drive, be sure to watch for other blood drives in our area. The need is on-going and donations always appreciated. In 56 days, those who donated at our drive are eligible to donate again!

Anyone who is interested in recording some special music to play at a service, please contact Kayla at 217.370.2166. This recording can even be done in your own homes!

## The Dog Bell

For many months we had been discussing getting another dog. Our precious, old Bo (golden retriever mix) died last year, and we knew that we eventually wanted to add another dog to the family. Though we had a few opportunities to get a new puppy, the moment was never quite right. We knew that we were too busy to train a new dog.

Our youngest daughter assured us that she would devote the proper amount of time, but we knew her spring and summer schedule was going to be hectic with sports, camps, and the normal chaos that defines a teenage girl's life. Then the Pandemic hit, and we were left with no more valid excuses for our stonewalling. We now have a cute puppy named Jasper, and all the normal challenges of puppy training are a welcomed distraction from the monotony that the "stay at home" order has brought.

We are currently working on communication with our puppy. It is hard to discern the puppy's barks for food with those of his need to go outside. We have taught our other animals to ring a bell on the door when they need to go outside, so it will be nice for the puppy to finally learn that one. We are not there yet, but we get a bit closer each day. The more ways we get to communicate with this little creature, the more we learn about him and he learns about us.

Communication is important and perhaps never as much as the time that we find ourselves in right now. Although we attempt to communicate with the church family via our website, Facebook, Youtube, Newsletter, Steeple Point, and Radio Ministry, it cannot totally replace our face to face interactions.

Please know how much we do appreciate comments, emails, notes, messages, texts, and phone calls to let us know how you are doing. Don't ever hesitate to "ring the bell" for any needs that you may have. We are here for you.

The Prophet Jeremiah gets a word from the Lord while in his own lockdown. *Jeremiah 33:1-3 The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah a second time, while he was still shut up in the court of the guard: 2 "Thus says the Lord who made the earth, the Lord who formed it to establish it—the Lord is his name: 3 Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known. -ESV*

Why would an all-knowing God ask the prophet to call to Him? Perhaps the answer is in the relational aspect of communicating with one another.

I look forward to hearing from you...

Loving you all,  
Michael

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**Office Hours: M 8:00am–4:00pm; T, W, TH 8-12**  
**Worship Times:** Every Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

<b>Stewardship (Offering Only)</b>	<u>4/20-26</u>	<u>4/27-5/3</u>
Operational	\$8,091.59	\$6,905.14
Property Improvement	3.00	3.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	70.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	<u>3.00</u>	<u>3.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,192.59</b>	<b>\$7,006.14</b>

**Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)**

Received Last 7 Days \$8,091.59 \$6,905.14  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

**Ways to Give**

- Mail: PO Box 306, Pittsfield, IL 62363
- Online: Website fccpittsfield.org then Resources
- At the Office: 201 N. Mississippi Street

Bulletin announcements are posted to our website each week.  
 Go to Resources, Bulletin Announcements.

The admin building tile floors will be refinished starting May 7.  
 We will have a sign posted if you need to follow the sidewalk to the southwest building back door.

**Lectionary**

5/10: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 31:1-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14  
 5/11: Ps 102:1-17; Exodus 13:17-22; Acts 7:17-40  
 5/12: Ps 102:1-17; Prov 3:5-12; Acts 7:44-56  
 5/13: Ps 102:1-17; Prov 3:13-18; John 8:31-38  
 5/14: Ps 66:8-20; Gen 6:5-22; Acts 27:1-12  
 5/15: Ps 66:8-20; Gen 7:1-24; Acts 27:13-38  
 5/16: Ps 66:8-20; Gen 8:13-19; John 14:27-29  
 5/17: Acts 17:22-31; Ps 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21  
 5/18: Ps 93; Gen 9:8-17; Acts 27:39-44  
 5/19: Ps 93; Deut 5:22-33; 1 Pet 3:8-12  
 5/20: Ps 93; Deut 31:1-13; John 16:16-24  
 5/21: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53  
 5/22: Ps 93; 2 Kings 2:1-12; Ephesians 2:1-7  
 5/23: Ps 93; 2 Kings 2:13-15; John 8:21-30

**Prayer Concerns:** Dorothy Apps, Tereasa Apps, Chip Barber, Tom Barger, Karl Benjamin, Dora Lee Claus, Jeff Cox, Tonya Douglas, Joyce Harrison, Stacey Helms, Linda Irwin, David James, Wanda Mendenhall Betty Bauer (Charlene Gleckler's aunt)  
 Stan & Judy Bear (Chuck & Carolyn Barber family)  
 Michael Guillory (Carolyn Barber's nephew)  
 Greg Howard (Larry Howard's nephew)  
 Kay Matthews (Jean Sanderson's sister)  
 Ashley Ratliff (Jean Sanderson's granddaughter)  
 Mark Reeves (Ashli Freesmeyer's father)  
 Peter Roccaforte (Chuck Barber's nephew)  
 Renee Sevier (Karl Benjamin's niece)  
 Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law)

*We express our sympathy to Levi Grimes and family with the passing of his father, Calvin Grimes. We also express our sympathy to the family and friends of Jack Kirk who passed away.*

We will offer online streaming of services on Sundays at 8:00AM and replayed on Facebook and YouTube until further notice. Pastor Michael will do a Fireside Chat on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30AM for devotion, prayer, update church business and answer questions.

**Ways To Watch/Listen**

**Website fccpittsfield.org** - Ministries, Live Stream or Resources, Sermons.

**YouTube** - Search First Christian Church of Pittsfield and subscribe.

**Facebook** - Search First Christian Church of Pittsfield.

**WBBA 97.5**, Sundays, 10:30 a.m., Sermon from prior week.

We can email you the audio of sermons or mail CD.  
 To help with streaming, consider a Bluetooth headphone or speaker.

We have changed office hours to M 8:00-4:00, T-Th 8-12.  
 Contact the following Elders or Staff should you have a need:  
 N.D. Harrison 217.370.1451 Brad Willman 217.491.0538  
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*Thank you everyone for the cards and well wishes celebrating my recent birthday. It was wonderful hearing from you! -Marjorie Gamble.*

*Thank you very much for your generous donation. -Two Rivers Food Pantry.*

*There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy, love, and support you have extended to our family during this difficult time of loss. We appreciate and love each and every thing that has been done for our family or in memory of Cody. We love you all! -The Family of Cody Michael Walston*