

# The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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**Hymn Sing** will be Sunday, **September 13**, at 6:00. The sanctuary will be open for seating or you can watch the online stream. Becky and Charlotte will play some of your favorites on the piano and organ!



**Youth Group** will meet Sunday, **September 13**, at Crossroads. Middle School will meet 5-6:30. High School will meet 6-7:30.



**Nominating forms** are on the sanctuary mantels, at the admin building and in your newsletter for officers and other elected officials who's terms begin January 2021. Forms can be given to an Elder on Sunday or returned to the office **by Monday morning, Sept 14.**

**Tentative start date for choir practice is Sept 16, 6:30.** Contact Kayla Boren if you are interested in choir and want more info.

**Elders** will meet Tues, **Sept 22, 6pm.**

*We want to welcome Abigail Heavner as our new Nursery Attendant! Abi is a 2018 graduate of Pittsfield High School and we are excited to have her on board! Jordan will be stepping aside as attendant and we want to thank her for her many years of care for our church family!*

**Vesper Service** at Hamer and Jenny Tate's farm will be Sunday evening, **October 11.** Mark your calendar and watch for more info.



The **Children First Annual Meeting** has been postponed. We will let you know when we can reschedule.

**Coffee Talk! Tuesdays** at 10:30 on Facebook and YouTube. You can also park on the east side of the church and listen on 90.9 FM radio. Once finished around 11:00, Pastor Michael will come outside to your vehicle for anyone who needs prayers or to talk.

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**  
Hosted by CWF  
Crossroads Center  
**Monday Oct 19**  
11:00-4:00

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF PITTSFIELD, ILLINOIS

My recommendations to the Nominating Committee for new officers and elected officials, with terms beginning January 1, 2021 include:

- 1 Moderator (1 yr term) \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Vice-Moderator (1 yr term) \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Treasurer (1 yr term) \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Recording Secretary (1 yr term) \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Trustee (5 yr term) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Elders (3 yr term) \_\_\_\_\_
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- 12 Diaconate (3 yr term) \_\_\_\_\_
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Church Member \_\_\_\_\_ (your name)

Officers for the 2021 year will be selected at the Annual Congregational Meeting on November 1, 2020 immediately after the 10:30 Worship Service at approx. 11:30 am.

This form should be placed in the offering tray or returned to the church office by Monday morning, **September 14**. Please remember to sign your name as a church member to have your recommendations considered.

The current Treasurer is eligible to serve their office again; the Moderator, Vice-Moderator and Recording Secretary are not. Elders, Diaconate and Trustee whose term expires in 2020 are not eligible for recommendation to the same position for one year. Please check list on reverse for those presently serving and the year their term expires.

Terms and duties for officers and elected officials are given in the Bylaws, Article VI & VII, as attached. **Only this page needs returned to the office.**

2020 OFFICERS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CONGREGATION

- \* Moderator: Gary Mendenhall
- \* Vice-Moderator: Bobby Smith
- \* Treasurer: Bethany Dunham
- \* Recording Secretary: Betty Hayden

\*ELDERS

- 2020 Ruth Bennett
- N.D. Harrison
- Kathy Hull
- Brad Willman
- Zack Boren
- Roger Brokaw
- Bob Clark
- Wayne Chamberlain
- Larry Wigginton

2021

2022

DIACONATE

- 2020 Amy Casto
- Kathy Curfman
- Carole Elledge
- Keith Elledge
- Ann Ferguson
- Charlie Hull
- Jessica Hull
- Tammi Koltveit
- Steve Tharp
- Vickie Tharp

2021

- Scott Bacon
- Bethany Dunham
- Becky Fitzmaurice
- Billy Fitzmaurice
- Kacie Lipcaman
- Angie Ruebush
- Brian Ruebush
- Faith Saxe
- Kevin Tharp

2022

- Shari Clark
- C.J. Hayes
- Danielle Hayes
- Amber Poor
- Justin Poor
- Emma Saxe
- Lainey Ten Eyck

TRUSTEES

- 2020 Charlie Gates
- 2021 Tim Belfod
- 2022 Glen Cooley
- 2023 \*Brad Losch
- 2024 Dan Speckhart

\*Board Representative

## Elder Corner

We all know that COVID-19 has had a major impact on our lives here in 2020.

On Jan 1 we had no idea that in a few weeks we would no longer be able to eat inside restaurants, do business inside banks and be restricted in so many other ways. We had no idea that children would no longer be allowed to go to their schools. We had no idea that many businesses would be considered nonessential and temporarily shuttered. We had no idea that the breadwinners for so many families would suddenly lose their jobs.

COVID-19 created unexpected, and seemingly random, winners and losers in the business world. Winners included manufacturers and retailers of ice cream, disinfectant sprays and wipes, toilet paper, paper towels, home cooking equipment, gardening equipment, fitness equipment, casual clothing (including sweatpants), motorhomes and travel trailers. Online shopping services and delivery services were big winners. Losers included dine-in restaurants, hotels, shopping malls, barber shops, beauty salons, businesses with no on-line presence and manufacturers and retailers of deodorant, cosmetics and upscale apparel.

I miss worshipping with my fellow Christians together in the sanctuary but I feel like FCC was equipped to handle this unexpected event. For years we have been recording and posting services online and encouraging online contributions. When FCC went totally online, Geared Up (John Hull and Charlie Hull) helped step up the quality of our videos by making their cameras and their talents available. We have some people onboard who are pretty good with technology (John, Charlie, Bob Clark, Pastor Michael and others). And, as always, there are plenty of other people willing to step in and help however they can.

Early in 2020 plans for a new education/office facility were progressing. COVID-19 has caused us to pause and consider whether additional protections for individuals' health and more flexibility could be incorporated into the construction to serve long-term needs. In the short term, there is a continuing need for additional restrooms in our church building and a need for office space in the event the administration building is sold. We hope to begin some of these renovations soon. We strive to satisfy both current and long-term needs of our congregation.

According to KPMG, an international CPA firm, more than two-thirds of large company CEOs plan to permanently downsize their office space because of this pandemic. We certainly do not want to permanently, or even temporarily, downsize the worship of our risen Lord and Savior. I hope all of us can be patient and offer support as the Elders, the Church Board and various committees and groups work and pray their way through the process of trying to accommodate current and long-term needs of the congregation while being good stewards of the money entrusted to them. Please offer to help with this wherever you can.

In Christian Love,  
N.D. Harrison, Elder

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**Staff:**

Michael Ten Eyck, Pastor  
 Helen Earls, Programs & Christian Ed  
 Kayla Boren, Music  
 Kacie Lipcaman, Christian Ed  
 Rebecca Rhodes, Administrative Secretary  
 Gina Bryant, Custodian  
 Bob Clark, Audio/Video

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

**Prayer Concerns:** Tereasa Apps, Chip Barber, Barb Bradburn, Dora Lee Claus, Rosemary Grammer, Joyce Harrison, Stacey Helms, Wanda Mendenhall, Mark Curtis (Edna Baughman's son-in-law) Michael Guillory (Carolyn Barber's nephew) Peggy Quincy (Sharron Houchins' sister-in-law) Mark Reeves (Ashli Freesmeyer's father) Peter Roccaforte (Chuck Barber's nephew) Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law)

*We express our sympathy to the family of the following who recently passed: Thomas Barger, Zoe Gratton, Darrel Hittner, Janet Smith, Vernon Kelly (Deloras Martin's brother).*

<b>Stewardship (Offering Only)</b>	<u>8/24-30</u>	<u>8/31-9/6</u>
Operational	\$7,940.13	\$11,690.81
Property Improvement	3.00	3.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	70.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Children First	20.00	20.00
Unmet Needs	0.00	20.00
Construction/Renovation	800.00	0.00
Outreach-General	<u>123.00</u>	<u>3.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,981.13</b>	<b>\$11,831.81</b>

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

Received Last 7 Days \$7,965.63 \$11,690.81  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

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

**Lectionary**

9/13: Exodus 14:19-31; Gen 50:15-21; Rom 14:1-12; Matt 18:21-35  
 9/14: Ps 77; Joshua 3:1-17; Heb 11:23-29  
 9/15: Ps 77; Nehemiah 9:9-15; Rom 14:13-15:2  
 9/16: Ps 77; 2 Kings 2:1-18; Mark 11:20-25  
 9/17: Ps 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 15:22-27; 2 Cor 13:1-4  
 9/18: Ps 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:1-21; 2 Cor 13:5-10  
 9/19: Ps 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:22-30; Matt 19:23-30  
 9/20: Exodus 16:2-15; Jonah 3:10-4:11; Philippians 1:21-30; Matt 20:1-16  
 9/21: Ps 119:97-104; Exodus 16:31-35; Rom 16:1-16  
 9/22: Ps 119:97-104; Num 11:1-9; Rom 16:17-20  
 9/23: Ps 119:97-104; Num 11:18-32; Matt 18:1-5  
 9/24: Ps 78:1-16; Isaiah 48:17-21; James 4:11-16  
 9/25: Ps 78:1-16; Num 20:1-13; Acts 13:32-41  
 9/26: Ps 78:1-16; Num 27:12-14; Mark 11:27-33

**Ways To Watch/Listen**

**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 only.

**Ways to Give**

- Mail: PO Box 306, Pittsfield, IL 62363
  - Online: Website fccpittsfield.org then Resources
  - At the Office: 201 N. Mississippi Street
- We still have expenses even with adjusted operations. Thank you for your continued prayers and support during this unprecedented time. Black metal offering boxes are secured on the sanctuary mantels, gym and fellowship hall for your convenience.

**Wishes & Wants**

**For Sale:** Heavy duty full view storm door. Excellent condition. Brown. All you need is about 16 wood screws. Will deliver. \$50. Wayne Baughman 285.2948.