

# The Pittsfield Christian

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## Coming Events

- 4/21 10:00 am Crossroads Rental  
7:00 pm Connection Group
- 4/23 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall Rental
- 4/24 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship  
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School  
11:30 am Church Camp Dinner  
5:00 pm Youth Group Meeting
- 4/25 6:00 pm Volleyball League  
8:00 pm Fellowship Hall Rental
- 4/26 6:00 pm Elder Meeting
- 4/27 6:30 pm Connection Group  
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 4/28 7:00 pm Connection Group
- 4/30 2:00 pm Dining Room Rental
- 5/1 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship  
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School  
5:00 pm Youth Group Meeting
- 5/2 1:00 pm Fellowship Hall Rental  
6:00 pm Volleyball League  
8:00 pm Fellowship Hall Rental
- 5/3 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall Rental
- 5/4 6:30 pm Connection Group  
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 5/5 2:00 pm Circle V Meeting  
7:00 pm Connection Group
- 5/6 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall Rental
- 5/8 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship  
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School  
5:00 pm Youth Group Meeting

**CMF** will have their last dinner meeting until fall on Tuesday, **May 17**, 6:00, at Crossroads. Sign up at the fellowship table if you plan to attend. The men will prepare the meal.

*Church camp registration forms are available in the sanctuary, Crossroads and church office.*

**Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp** will hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at Crossroads on Sunday, **April 24**, from 11:30-1:30. Adults \$7, age 10 and younger \$4. Mark your calendar!

**Children First** will have an enjoyable evening at Crossroads on Thursday, **May 12**. From 5:00-7:00 doors will be open for a spaghetti dinner – adults \$6, children \$3. During this time everyone can view the various items donated for the silent auction and place bids. The winners will be announced between 7:00-7:30. Graduation will follow at 7:30 in the gym. Contact Jennifer with Children First if you would like to donate an item to the silent auction. We hope everyone can attend and support the program.

**The Ladies Small Group would like to invite you to attend a Saturday morning brunch and guided paint experience led by Caitlin Munguia on May 14<sup>th</sup> from 10a-12p.** This will be a special time of fellowship and artistic expression for all ages and skill levels! The event is open to ladies at FCC, and registration is \$25. Attendees are encouraged to bring a friend! This would be a great opportunity to introduce another lady to FCC in a very non-threatening way! Proceeds from the event will go to helping send youth@first to CIY:Move this summer. **Those interested in registering should contact the church office no later than May 7.**

On Graduation Sunday, **May 22**, we will honor the 8th grade, high school and college graduates in our church family. If you have a graduate in your family, please notify the office with their name and school. **In order to display the graduation board, we need all high school and college graduate pictures by Monday, May 2.**

**Our church has been asked to clean the game room, lake area and campfire area at the conclusion of each camp at Mississippi Valley this summer.** Work can begin at 3:00 on the following dates: Fri June 17, Fri June 24, Thurs June 30, Sat July 2, Thurs July 7, Fri July 16, Sun Aug 7, Sun Aug 11. Sign up at the fellowship table for the day(s) you can help.

**Special Guest: Pastor Elvin Dillard—May 1:** Elvin Dillard came to know the Lord at age 30 and has been doing full-time ministry since 1990. He has served churches in Florida, Illinois, and on the foreign mission field. He has been serving at Grace Community Church in Overbook, Kansas, for the past 17 years. He and his wife Connie have been married 44 years and have 4 children, 2 of which they are waiting to join in glory. They have 8 grandchildren with 1 on the way, and 1 great grandchild. Elvin's passion is to see people saved and the saved to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ in order to engage and impact our world, and we are excited to invite him to come speak!

*Our fantastic volunteers have been at it again at Crossroads helping serve meals at the RSVP Volunteer Luncheon and the Pike Press Scholars Banquet. We have one more big event on Friday, **May 13**, in the PHS Senior Honors Banquet. The sign up sheet will soon be on the fellowship table. As always, we would not be able to serve these meals at Crossroads without the support of our volunteers. THANK YOU!*

The **Elders** will meet at 6:00 on Tuesday, **April 26**.

Bev and Eddie White will have a **bake sale** to support MDA on Saturday, **May 7**, starting at 7:30 am at the Subway/US Cellular parking lot. Donations of baked goods or monetary donations towards MDA would be appreciated. For more info

### May CWF Schedule

5/5 2:00 Circle V      5/9 6:30 Circle I      5/12 9:30 Circle IV  
5/17 5:30 Salad Supper & Installation of Officers in the Fellowship Hall

*We want to thank Charlie Gates for providing his equipment and Keith Elledge for assisting in getting the new storage unit here. We hope to have it set in place soon.*

*Recently Buddy Crowder installed a new chair rail around the board room and it looks great! Thank you Buddy for your carpentry expertise on this project!*

### **Wishes and Wants**

Needed: Childcare before and after school. Please contact Ashley Grimes 491-5782.

The next newsletter will be printed the week of 5/2.

Brenda Kramer will move to town on April 30, but needs people, vehicles and trailers to do so. Contact Brenda at 217-602-1126 if you can lend a hand.

### Prayer Concerns

Emmett Boren  
Mary Chamberlain  
Rosemary Clark  
Joyce Groom  
Bill Hammitt (*Larry Wigington's brother, side affects of chemo & radiation*)  
Christine Henthorn  
Merle Howard (*Larry Howard's brother*)  
Pat Knight (*Friend of Jennifer Miller*)  
Wally Lamb  
Ryan Melton (*Friend of Anderson family*)  
Spencer Miller  
Maria Owens  
Doug Reel (*Nancy Collard's son*)  
Phil Richardson (*Charlotte Dunham's brother*)  
Richard Stauffer  
*We express our sympathy to Wally Lamb and family with the passing of his sister, Marjorie Sullivan.*

**We are gathering gear for VBS.** Items needed are as listed—Hard Hats, Large Boxes (can be broken down, but still in tact), Pool Noodles, Spray foam, Brown Packaging (Kraft paper, paper bags), Tarps (black & blue), Lanterns, LED lights, Milk Jugs (do not need the lids), No flame candles. Any and all donations are appreciated! Thank you! - Kacie Lipcaman & Michelle Hart.

The **choir** will practice **April 27, May 4 and May 11** which will be the last practice for the season.

### May Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1 Angie Hittner, David James, Jeremy Schoenherr                      | 21 Josie Marable, Ralph Piper                                 |
| 2 Jeff Cox   | 22 Zachary Boren, Benjamin Boren, Nathan & Kyndle Christianer |
| 3 Shirley Loyd, Sharon Houchins                                      | 23 Mackenzie Lipcaman, Wesley Picone                          |
| 4 Buster Mendenhall  | 24 Jamie & Brandi Pennock, Braxton & Laura Boren, Lia Picone  |
| 5 Morgan Plattner, Cadience Mendenhall                               | 25 Phil Shaw, Brian Daniel, Jonathan & Jennifer Schoenherr    |
| 6 Beryl Richards   | 26 Skyler Schoenherr  |
| 7 Chaz & Kate Waterman   | 27 Delbert Robertson  |
| 9 Tresea Harrison, Dora Lee Claus, Paul & Patty Ruble, Brenda Kramer | 28 Rick Curfman, Bill Smithers, Randy Guthrie                 |
| 10 Julie Lierly  | 29 Isabel Smith, Olivia Smith, Ray Carr                       |
| 11 Vera Staffy, Katie Hull, Jack Palmer, Kevin & Megan Hittner       | 30 Seth Daniel  |
| 12 Corinne Pennock, John Plattner                                    | 31 Henry Speckhart  |
| 13 Randy & Marjie Guthrie  |   |
| 15 Ashli Freesmeyer  |   |
| 16 Brad Losch, Luke Saxe, Maxwell Bonnett, Wayne & Edna Baughman     |   |
| 18 Abby Lipcaman, Lainey Ten Eyck                                    |   |

I have loved the wonderful change in weather these past few weeks. I have taken the opportunity to do some much needed spring cleaning in my work spaces. It always amazes me how quickly certain spaces can become cluttered and unusable.

I am guilty of being a pack rat of sorts. I don't like to get rid of old or unused materials for fear that I may need them some day later. That would seem like good stewardship, except for the fact that many of those particular items have a short shelf-life or are specific to an item that I have replaced.

This past week I filled several trash containers with such items. I had come to the realization that I could not see the surface of my work bench and it was difficult to find any of my tools. I took an entire day to organize and sort through my tools and leftover materials, begrudgingly purging the clutter. To my amazement, when I completed the task of letting go, I had much more space than I had recalled.

What was even more amazing to me was what happened the next weekend. With my newfound workspaces, I quickly did several "honey do" projects that had been on my list for over a year. Getting rid of the "junk" actually motivated me to be in some spaces that I had neglected.

I began to wonder if the same is true in other areas of my life. Am I holding on to things from the past that have no worth? Have I neglected getting rid of some leftover pieces of areas that the Lord has remodeled? Is my mind so cluttered with the past that I am not productive? Let's face it, we're overdue for a good spring cleaning of our mind.

*2 Cor 5:17-19 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ESV*

The Grace of God is a wondrous thing. The power of the application of the Blood of Christ is as transformative as it is cleansing. I am convinced that God has better things for me than I have for myself. The things that my Father has instructed for me to fill my mind with are far better than the things of this world. He has given us the power to choose where our minds will dwell. God's Word has also clearly taught us the benefits of letting go of things past.

Spring is a great time to get refreshed! Prayerfully consider letting those old things that need to go, go. We will be shocked how much more productive for the Kingdom we will be.

Loving you all,  
Michael



### **Plot Twist—April 24-May 8**

We all have a storyline for how we think our lives are supposed to go. Maybe for you that story includes straight A's, a perfect family, or lots of friends. Maybe it's athletic stardom and college scholarships. Maybe for you it's just finding someone to date before graduation. No matter what it looks like, we have a script for how we think high school should play out. And that's great until things don't work out like we had hoped. Until there's a change of plans, a let down, a failure or a disappointment. Moments like that are frustrating and can leave us feeling like our whole story is ruined. The Apostle Paul's life-story was full of twists and turns like these. Moments where no one knew what would happen or if it would ever be okay again. But through Paul's response, we discover that our most disappointing moments don't have to be the end. In fact, they may just be the plot twist that makes our story even better.

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**Office Hours:** 9:00am–4:00pm M-TH, 9:00am–12:00pm F

**Worship Times:** Every Sunday 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:30am

**Sunday School:** 8:00am, 9:15am

<b>Stewardship (Offering Only)</b>	<b>4/10</b>	<b>4/17</b>
Operational	\$8,736.00	\$6,621.00
Property Improvement	3.00	28.00
Outreach-Missionaries	300.00	70.00
DHF	80.00	80.00
Outreach-General	7.00	122.00
Outreach–Unmet Needs	75.00	50.00
Children First	<u>250.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,451.00</b>	<b>\$6,971.00</b>

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

Received Last 7 Days \$7,913.54 \$6,078.00  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,634

	<b>4/10</b>	<b>4/17</b>
<b>Worship Attendance</b>		
8:00 AM	92	73
9:15 AM	121	92
10:30 AM	<u>117</u>	<u>113</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>278</b>

**Christian Education**

Age 3-K	5	5
1st-2 <sup>nd</sup>	10	6
3rd-5 <sup>th</sup>	12	11
6th-8 <sup>th</sup>	8	7
Sr High	4	0
Disciples	13	15
New Beginnings	7	8
Select to Connect	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>58</b>

**Serving Schedule**

**April 24, 2016**

Elder: Joyce Lemons, Wayne Chamberlain  
Diaconate: Sarah Sweeting, Michele Westmaas, Jamie Sweeting, Julie Boren, Mike Boren, Judy Ferguson  
8:00 Communion: Carolyn Casteel, Kathy Willman  
9:15 Communion: Tom & Debbie Robinson  
9:15 Greeter: Larry & Sandy Wigington  
10:30 Communion: Glen & Carol Cooley  
Scripture Reader: N.D. Harrison  
Sound System: Gary Mendenhall  
10:30 Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck  
Candle Lighter: Kadin Hittner Wesley Gengler  
Shut-Ins: Greg & Kim Bonnett, Joyce Lemons

**May 1, 2016**

Elder: Spencer Boren, Joyce Lemons  
Diaconate: Barbara Fosco, Karen Goodwin, Donnie Apps, Ron Halsey, Eric Kunzeman, Jill, Kunzeman  
8:00 Communion: N.D. & Joyce Harrison  
9:15 Communion: Phil & Georgia Sandidge  
9:15 Greeter: Larry & Sandy Wigington  
10:30 Communion: Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain  
10:30 Scripture Reader: Cherise Anderson  
10:30 Sound System: Lainey Ten Eyck  
10:30 Nursery: Lainey Ten Eyck  
10:30 Candle Lighter: Eli Mendenhall, Ellie Ten Eyck  
Shut-ins: Mike & Julie Boren, Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain  
Fellowship Treats: Betty Hoover, Carolyn Capps, Bethany Dunham, Marge Lamb, Evelyn Hoover

**Lectionary**

4/23: Psalm 148; Daniel 7:27; Rev 11:16-19  
 4/24: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Rev 21:1-6; John 13:31-35  
 4/25: Psalm 133; 1 Sam 20:1-23, 35-42; Acts 11:19-26  
 4/26: Psalm 133; 2 Sam 1:4-27; Acts 11:27-30  
 4/27: Psalm 133; Lev 19:9-18; Luke 10:25-28  
 4/28: Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:1-5; Acts 15:36-41  
 4/29: Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:6-8; Acts 16:1-8  
 4/30: Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:9-15; Luke 19:1-10  
 5/1: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Rev 21:10, 22-22:5, John 14:23-29  
 5/2: Psalm 93; 1 Chr 12:16-22; Rev 21:5-14  
 5/3: Psalm 93; 2 Chr 15:1-15; Rev 21:15-22  
 5/4: Psalm 93; 2 Chr 34:20-33; Luke 2:25-38  
 5/5: Psalm 47; Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53  
 5/6: Psalm 97; Ex 33:12-17; Rev 22:6-9  
 5/7: Psalm 97; Ex 33:18-23; John 1:14-18