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Coming Events

- 10/30 9:15 am Family Experience
10:00 am Worship
Family Meal
5:00 pm youth@first
- 10/31 4:00 pm Basketball Practice
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 11/1 4:00 pm Basketball Practice
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
6:00 pm Pipeline Safety Meeting
- 11/2 6:30 pm Women's Book Study
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 11/3 7:00 am High School Bible Study
Noon Women's Book Study
2:00 pm Circle V Meeting
4:00 pm Basketball Practice
7:00 pm Sermon Study
- 11/4 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
7:00 pm Football Banquet
6:00 pm Pike County Youth Leag.
- 11/5 9:00 am Pike County Youth Leag.
- 11/6 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School
11:45 am Congregational Mtg
5:00 pm youth@first
- 11/7 1:00 pm Fellowship Hall Rental
4:00 pm Basketball Practice
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 11/8 6:00 am Crossroads Polling Place
4:00 pm Basketball Practice
6:00 pm Board Meeting
- 11/9 8:30 am Unmet Needs Meeting
12:00 pm Dining Room Rental
5:30 pm Turkey Dinner
6:30 pm Women's Book Study
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 11/10 7:00 am High School Bible Study
9:30 am Circle IV Meeting
Noon Women's Book Study
4:00 pm Basketball Practice
7:00 pm Sermon Study

We will proudly recognize the veterans in our church family in the next newsletter. Please let us know by **Nov 7** if you have an update for the list or to verify we have the correct information.

Invite your friends and family to Celebration Sunday and Family Meal on **Oct 30!** Service will begin at **10:00** in the gym followed by a meal in the dining room. After the meal we will have open gym with games in the gym for all ages. Come join us dressed casual for a morning of fellowship. Childcare will be provided during the worship service.

On **Oct 30** at **9:15a** kids@first will be having our first **FX: Family Experience!** This is designed for grade school kids and their families to worship, laugh, and learn God's truth together! This will be taking the place of Sunday morning Small Groups that day, and will be over in time to get ready for Celebration Sunday! We understand that the very best source of spiritual formation in the life of a child is what they can get from their parents, and this event offers an environment where kids and parents learn together in unforgettable ways in the hopes of igniting spiritual conversations. We hope to see you there!



The November Congregational Meeting will be Nov 6 immediately after 10:30 service. Purpose will be to elect 2017 officers, approve the 2017 budget, and discuss Children First. Handouts are on the sanctuary mantels and fellowship table. See an Executive Committee member if you have any questions-Bobby Smith, David Koltveit, Dan Speckhart, N.D. Harrison.

Sign up at the fellowship table if you can help with any of the 2 upcoming dinners at Crossroads—Tues, **Nov 1**, Pipeline Safety Meeting; Fri, **Nov 4**, PHS Football Banquet.

Due to bookings at Crossroads Center, we have moved the church Turkey Dinner to **Nov 9**. The meal will be served at 5:30. We ask that you sign up at the fellowship table or as you go through the Family Meal line this coming weekend if you plan to attend so we know how much food to prepare.

The Church Board will meet at 6pm on **Nov 8**.

The CMF Dinner Meeting will be **THURSDAY, NOV 17**, at 6pm.

CWF Meetings
Nov 3, 2pm, Circle V
Nov 10, 9:30am, Circle IV
Nov 14, 6:30pm, Circle I

Children First is in need of someone to write grants for the program. If you have experience and the time to help, please contact Jennifer at 285.4129.

During the week when we do not print a newsletter or as the need arises, we send a mass email called FCC Steeple Points to everyone in our email list. If you have not been receiving these then please give us a call or write a note on the attendance sheet on Sunday and we'll add you to the list so we can keep you informed.

The next newsletter will be printed the week of Nov 7.

Board Meeting Excerpts from Oct 11, 2016

The September minutes were approved by general consensus.

Treasurer's Report: Bethany reported that as of September 30, 2016: Total Checking/Savings Assets = \$410,842.80. Total General Checking Assets = \$187,116.30. Total Budgeted Receipts = \$349,513.47. Statement of Cash Flow Non-budgeted Receipts Total = \$64,045.46 and Nonbudgeted Disbursements = \$40,500.00. Difference of \$23,545.46. Worship Attendance average for Jan thru Sept = 268 individuals. 75% through the fiscal year. Fiscal year Total Budgeted Disbursements = \$274,786.33 (61.21%). The Treasurer's report was approved by general consensus.

Trustees: The Withus semi-annual distribution was received = \$5,731.25.

Crossroads Center: The date of the Annual Turkey Dinner was moved from Nov 2nd to Nov 9th.

Children First: Helen presented three Children First Projections for Sept 2016-Aug 2017 and three projections for Sept 2017-Aug 2018. Each projection included projected total receipts, projected total disbursements and projected net profit. Teacher Assistant was hired. Hamer Tate made the motion to approve a \$10,000 loan to Children First from General Checking, to be used as needed over the next few months. N.D. Harrison seconded the motion and all approved.

Balsman Property: Crops have been harvested and cash rent payment has been made.

New Business:

The 2016 Nominating Committee of Roger Brokaw (chairperson), Joyce Lemons, Jill Kunzeman, Jade Roseberry, Kathy Curfman and John Hull met and nominated the following slate of officers for 2017: Moderator David Koltveit; Vice-Moderator Gary Mendenhall; Treasurer Bethany Dunham; Recording Secretary Libby Boren; Trustee Tim Belford; Elders Matt Saxe, Helen Earls, Judy Ferguson, Jeremy Schoenherr; Deacons Kevin Hittner, Sonya Bishop, Brenda Kramer, Burdette Irwin, Debbie Robinson, Tom Robinson, Zack Boren, Taylor Sweeting, Michelle Hart and Kate Waterman; Jr Deacons Lauren Saxe, Lainey Ten Eyck, and Cherise Anderson. Joyce Lemons made the motion to accept the slate of officers presented by the 2016 Nominating Committee. Seconded by Ann Ferguson and all approved.

N.D. Harrison presented the Stewardship Committee Proposed 2017 Budget. Committee members include: Bethany Dunham, Ashley Ferguson, Dan Speckhart, Glen Cooley, Sarah Sweeting, Tammi Koltveit, Rebecca Rhodes and N. D. Harrison. After Discussion and review, Ann Ferguson made the motion to add an additional \$25,000 to the Christian Education line item to include "Children First" in the proposed budget. Seconded by Joyce Lemons and all approved. Joyce Lemons made the motion to accept the Proposed 2017 Budget, with the Christian Education addendum. Seconded by Jim Dain and all approved.

Tom Robinson asked to be removed as a Mississippi Valley Camp representative.

youth@first and kids@first are now on Remind! Are you the parent of a middle school or high school student? Text @pafyg to the number 81010 to get periodic updates from youth@first via text message! Are you the parent of a fifth grader or younger? Text @pafgs to the number 81010 to get periodic updates from kids@first via text message!

Prayer Concerns

Maurine Boren
John Calaway
Mary Chamberlain
Mary Gates
JoAnn Greenwood (Bev White's sister)
Elaine Hoaglin
Brenda Kramer
Andrew Westmaas
We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Maria Owens, George Darmsteadter and Carl Benson who passed away.

Elder Corner

My notes for the month of October are headed Community and Friends. I shared with the board that my graduating class from P.H.S. celebrated a sixty year reunion at the first of October. We had 104 classmates graduate in 1956, only 20 attended this celebration. Many have passed and some live away and some just don't come. The ones present will be friends forever. The buses in our day were labeled Community Unit 10. Community of school kids with one purpose: GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

Some of our class live away. Two of my closest friends live in Florida and Utah. A good friend comes all the way from California. When leaving the two girlfriends that live far away the song "Friends" came to mind. It states: FRIENDS ARE FRIENDS FOREVER WHEN THE LORD IS LORD OF THEM, AND A FRIEND WILL NOT SAY "NEVER" FOR THAT FRIENDSHIP NEVER ENDS. THOUGH IT'S HARD TO LET YOU GO, IN THE FATHER'S HANDS WE KNOW THAT A LIFETIME'S NOT TOO LONG TO LIVE AS FRIENDS.

As a community of believers we are also friends. Our purpose as God's church is TO BRING NON-BELIEVERS TO CHRIST. We have many saints that have carried this torch to this present day.

Now it is our time to carry the word of God (THE TORCH) to our Community.

So when we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be, When we all see Jesus WE SING AND SHOUT THE VICTORY !!!

Loving my community and friends, your servant through Christ.
Ann Ferguson

The Western IL Fellowship of Christian Athletes is hosting a luncheon/fundraiser featuring Rick Horton, former St. Louis Cardinals player and current announcer, at Hamilton's in Jacksonville on **Nov 13** at 1pm. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$200 for a table seating of 8. Registration forms are on the sanctuary mantels, fellowship table and in the church office.

The CWF and CMF Color Drive food stand was a great success! Thank you to all patrons and volunteers who helped make the event happen.

Children First is seeking a qualified teacher for their School-Age Summer Program. Qualifications for this position include at least 30 semester hours from an accredited college or university with 6 hours related to school-age child care, child development, elementary education, physical education or recreation. Contact Jennifer at 285-4129 for more info.

Thank you to everyone who planted the flowers in the planters around the church property this year. They have been beautiful! We appreciate you taking the time to share your flower gardening talent with us!

The Pike County Ministerial Alliance will hold the Community Thanksgiving Service on **Nov 22**, 7pm, at the Pittsfield United Methodist Church.

Are you doing your fall house cleaning? Please remember items would be appreciated for the Treasure Chest at the CWF Christmas Bazaar, which will be held on **Dec 2**. Items can include (but not limited to) knick knacks, jewelry, handbags, household items, small appliances, furniture, electronics in working order, puzzles, books, toys, etc. No clothing please. Contact Ruth Ann Goodin 285.2705 or Linda Decker 285.4042 if you have questions. Watch for future info as to when you can bring your items.

November Birthdays & Anniversaries: **1** Edna Baughman; **2** Rosie Picone, Seth Boren; **3** Zack & Libby Boren; **5** Allison Korte; **6** Lori Johnson; **7** Jeannine Robertson, Amy Boltz, Rhonda Irwin, Bill Schwartz, Kacie Lipcaman; **8** Dave Herring; **9** Clinton McNulty, Kevin Masters; **10** Joelle Masiulis; **11** Raeanna Grimes, Cody Guthrie; **12** Isabelle Willard, Kenny Manson, Chad Ferguson; **13** Piper Gorton, Maylin Hittner; **14** Anna Speckhart, Dustin Wintjen; **16** Korey Wombles; **17** Carole Elledge, Elizabeth Rowland, Maurine Boren, Paul Ruble; **21** Eleanor Jenkins, Brittany Dain, Tucker Kunzeman; **22** Bob Evans; **23** Kay Sealock, Hayden Osment; **24** Gary & Angie Hittner, Eli Ten Eyck, Logan Borrowman; **25** David Smith, Kathy Curfman; **27** Gaylord & Jo Rhodes; **28** Barbara Goertz; **29** Carrol Hoover, Dr. Dan Speckhart, Aubrie Westmaas, Ronnie & Paula Goewey.

Congratulations to Chris and Casey Rule on the birth of their daughter, Madison Rule! She has been welcomed home by sisters Riley and Elizabeth.

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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

Stewardship (Offering Only)	10/16	10/23
Operational	\$5,263.00	\$9,595.00
Property Improvement	3.00	28.00
Outreach-Missionaries	90.00	90.00
DHF	80.00	80.00
Outreach-General	5.00	11.00
Outreach-Unmet Needs	50.00	25.00
Operation Christmas Child	0.00	21.00
New Building Construction	1,000.00	0
Children First	<u>100.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Total	\$6,591.00	\$10,000.00

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$6,574.81 \$9,820.36
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,634

	10/16	10/23
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	56	74
9:15 AM	69	65
10:30 AM	<u>76</u>	<u>96</u>
Total	201	235
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	4	2
K-1st	6	1
2nd-3rd	11	9
4th-5th	10	8
6th-8th	4	4
Sr High	6	5
Disciples	0	14
New Beginnings	0	7
Select to Connect	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
Total	48	57

Lectionary

10/30: Hab 1:1-4 & 2:1-4; Isa 1:10-18; 2 Thess 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10
 10/31: Ps 142; Hab 2:12-20; 1 Cor 5:9-13; Neh 13:1-3, 23-31; 1 Cor 5:9-13
 11/1: Dan 7:1-3, 15-18; Eph 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31
 11/2: Ps 142; Hab 3:17-19; Luke 19:11-27; Amos 5:12-24; Luke 19:11-27
 11/3: Ps 145:1-5, 17-21; Zech 1:1-17; Acts 22:22-23:11; Deut 25:5-10
 11/4: Ps 145:1-5, 17-21; Zech 6:9-15; Acts 24:10-23; Gen 38:1-26; Acts 24:10-23
 11/5: Ps 145:1-5, 17-21; Hag 1:1-15a; Luke 20:1-8; Exod 3:13-20; Luke 20:1-8
 11/6: Hagg 1:15b-2:9; Job 19:23-27a; 2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38
 11/7: Ps 98; Hagg 2:10-19; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Job 20:1-11; 2 Peter 1:16-21
 11/8: Ps 98; Hagg 2:20-23; 2 John 1-13; Job 21:1, 14-34; 2 John 1-13
 11/9: Ps 98; Zech 8:1-17; John 5:19-23; Job 25:1-26:14; John 5:19-29
 11/10: Isa 12; Isa 57:14-21; Romans 1:18-25; 1 Sam 28:3-19; Romans 1:18-25
 11/11: Isa 12; Isa 59:1-15a; 2 Thess 1:3-12; 2 Sam 21:1-14; 2 Thess 1:3-12
 11/12: Isa 12; Isa 59:15b-21; Luke 17:20-37; Ezek 10:1-19; Luke 17:20-37

Serving Schedule

October 30, 2016 Celebration Sunday

Elder: Jim Dain, Wayne Chamberlain
Diaconate: Judy Ferguson, Georgia Sandidge, Jamie Sweeting, Sarah Sweeting, Michele Westmaas
Communion: N.D. & Joyce Harrison, Bev & Eddie White, Don & Mary Lou Chamberlain
Nursery: Claire Tate
Shut-ins: Mike & Julie Boren, Jim & Kay McKinney

November 6, 2016

Elder: Roger Dunham, Ann Ferguson
Diaconate: Barbara Fosco, Karen Goodwin, Donnie Apps, Julie Boren, Mike Boren, Chad Ferguson
8:00 Communion: Carolyn Casteel, Kathy Willman
9:15 Communion: Jeff & Cathy Lacey
9:15 Greeter: Jack & Kathy Hull
9:15 Nursery: Lauren Saxe
10:30 Communion: Kathy Curfman, Edith Gant
10:30 Scripture Reader: Kathy Curfman
10:30 Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck
10:30 Sound System: Lauren Saxe
Shut-ins: Spencer & Kayla Boren, Julie Myers
Fellowship Treats: Faith Saxe, Jenny Tate, Sonya Bishop, Kelly Masters, Carolyn Barber

Wishes & Wants

For Sale: 19" Samsung wide screen TV and Kenmore upright vacuum with bags. Jim Belford 217.209.2707