

The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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Coming Events

- 7/14 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
3:00 pm VBS Kick-Off
- 7/15 5:00 pm Family Meal
6:00 pm VBS
- 7/16 8:30 am Bible Study
5:00 pm Family Meal
6:00 pm VBS
- 7/17 5:00 pm Family Meal
6:00 pm VBS
- 7/18 5:00 pm Family Meal
6:00 pm VBS
- 7/19 5:00 pm Family Meal
6:00 pm VBS
- 7/21 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
TBA pm Youth Group
- 7/22 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
9:00 pm Church League Softball
- 7/23 8:30 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Elder Meeting
- 7/24 8:30 pm Unmet Needs
- 7/25 5:30 pm Hobby Horse Meeting
7:00 pm Jr/Sr High Girls Bible Study
- 7/27 2:00 pm Gym Rental

Power Up VBS KICKOFF & Registration is THIS Sunday, July 14, from 3-7:00! We will have 2 giant water slides, the Henry Snow Cone Shack, Bags, and Games! Pulled Pork Dinner and all the fixins will be provided! Bring your lawn chairs, towels and swim gear! (Adults too!) This will be a great start to a fantastic week!

VBS will be Monday through Friday, **July 15-19**, 6-8:15. Family Meal for VBS helpers and attendees will be served starting at 5:00. Serving for the entire church family will be from 5:30-6:00. Contact Kay Sealock if you are available to help in the kitchen during the week.

Preregister your child online for **VBS** at the church website fccpittsfield.org by accessing the Special Events tab.

Power Up!

FCC Outdoors - July 13 9:30 a.m.

McCully Heritage Project in Calhoun County (just south of Kampsville)

Family Hike with a Scavenger Hunt

Come enjoy a beautiful morning and see some amazing wildlife.

*Bring a picnic lunch if you want to stay and eat!



Youth Group Schedule:

- July 14 - VBS kickoff!
- July 21 - Sky Zone for VBS help.
- July 28 - Regular youth group.
- Aug 4 - Regular youth group.
- Aug 11 - Regular youth group.
- Aug 18 - Escape room /pizza blitz kickoff night.

The **Elders** will meet Tues, **July 23**, 6:00.

UPDATED Church League Softball:

7/22 9:00, 7/29 9:00.

Remaining church camps for 2019:

- Young Adult Retreat, 18-25 YO, Aug 4-6
- Wilderness Camp, 13 YO and up, Aug 5-9
- Milton Bible Club, 6th-12th, Aug 13
- Family Camp, Everyone, Sept 6-8

Prayer Concerns: Dora Lee Claus, Landon Davenport, Stacey Helms, Gary Hittner, Arthur Knake, Dee Reeves

We don't want to miss any birthdays or anniversaries. Please let us know if you have not seen your special day in the announcements or newsletter.

Brenda Kramer recently changed her cell number to the following if anyone needs to call her:
217.742.7539

The Trustees will award the Carol V. Claus Baughman Scholarship to the student pursuing a degree in the education field or in religious studies. **Contact the church office by July 26 for an application or for more info.**

*Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the book, 'Mere Christianity'.
I've recently begun to read it and it has been very interesting so far!
Best wishes,
Morgan Plattner.*

Thank you to everyone who brought salads, desserts, helped set up, serve, and cleaned up for the Kenneth Bonnett funeral luncheon. We appreciate you all so much. God Bless You, Bereavement Committee

Elder Corner

Have you ever stopped and wondered...how we can look at something and not realize how beautiful or meaningful it is? Have you ever wondered that we can see and appreciate such an array of colors, shapes and dimensions, recognizing the obvious and breath-taking beauty that surrounds us daily?

I am a morning person. I have not always been a morning person and I am not sure if I am now a morning person by my own choice or by the sheer coincidence of the place I am in life (ok let's say it...my age!) I generally rise at 5a and my first 30-40 minutes is spent walking in my neighborhood. I truly enjoy a walk in the quiet with just the birds and me. I love watching the sunrise and seeing nature come to life. When it is cold, the brisk air shakes me awake and when it's hot...I just sweat! If you read the Bible, many things took place or people were told to do things "early in the morning." It is my special time to pray, meditate and just get "set" for the day ahead. I feel honored to witness the beauty of the sunrise, a storm brewing in the clouds or just the shape of a tree.

A few days ago, I noticed a tree that was different from the others in its row. This tree was obviously dead. While all of the others along the path were budding leaves, this one remained barren. The leaves on the other trees were not fully budded out, and I could see several nests in them and I could hear young ones chirping in the nests. Birds would light briefly in the barren tree's branches but would quickly fly off and there were no nests. My guess is because there was no protection for them there. It wasn't a good home.

When I was little, my family loved to sing. My dad would gather the four of us kids together and we would sing – many times old gospel songs. Jim Reeves sang a song called This World is not My Home. This was one of dad's favorite. The lyrics say:

This world is not my home I'm just a passing through
My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue
The angels beckon me from heaven's open door
And I can't feel at home in this world anymore

I wonder if those birds feel like that in the leafless tree. They know they are not safe there and it certainly is no place to build a nest. Hebrews 13:14 says "For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come." When I start to feel anxious about the new taxes or the dysfunction in our society or any other myriad of issues we experience daily in this world, I try to reflect back on this verse and remember this world is NOT my home.

In Christian Love,
Kathy Hull, Elder

Excerpts from June 11, 2019 Board Meeting

Call to order at 6:00 pm by Moderator Gary Mendenhall. Elder Bob Clark gave the opening devotion talking about "Hiking Through" stating that distractions take us away from hearing God's Word. He followed with prayer. Minutes from last meeting were approved by general consensus.

Minister's Report: Thank you's for spreading wood chips. Shout out to Jim Dain for filling in at the pulpit. Addressed the issue of privacy panels for nursing mothers in the cry room. Pastor Ten Eyck stated he would be out of the office from July 1 - 5.

Treasurer: Rebecca reported for Michelle:

Checking/Savings = \$471,065.96

Unrestricted Operating Checking = \$97,637.71

Budgeted Receipts = \$193,393.58

Budgeted Disbursements = \$144,146.82

Average Attendance YTD = 282

Motion to accept Treasurers' Report was made by Bobby Smith, seconded by Bob Clark. Motion Carried.

Trustees: Tim Belford reported a \$75,000 CD is coming due June 30. He will be looking into the best rate.

Balsman Property: Contract to sell farm has been signed and first installment received. Last installment will come in 2021. Quitclaim deed to transfer 2 acres to Dala Watson, including the cabin, has been signed by church and awaiting Watson signature. Zack Boren will pursue the case against the logger who took logs from the property.

Task Force: Gary Mendenhall and Pastor Ten Eyck will talk to Mr. Black about architecture ideas for church education wing construction. Will report next board meeting.

Old Business:

Have not received any update on potential cell tower install on Crossroads parking area.

Ameren Lighting upgrade at Crossroads and the church sanctuary area will proceed after VBS. Trustees will pay for installation.

The Trustees will pay for the security system to be installed at all buildings, playground and park. We will meet with Don Hinkle to finalize equipment needed.

Brad Willman stated several buses in various styles have been reviewed online and we would need to move quickly if we see anything of interest. A motion was made by N.D. Harrison to empower Brad Willman to purchase a bus, seconded by Bobby Smith. Motion Carried. Trustee funds will purchase the bus and if/when we sell the other, Trustees will receive those proceeds.

New Business:

Lifetouch will again take church directory pictures this fall. Libby Boren and Jill Kunzeman will chair this event.

Judy Ferguson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bobby Smith. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned @ 7:00p.m. Next meeting set for Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

Respectfully submitted

Betty Hayden, Recording Secretary

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 Gina Bryant, Custodian
 Bob Clark, Audio/Video

Office Hours: 9:00am–4:00pm M-TH, 9:00am–12:00pm F**Worship Times:** Every Sunday 8:00am, 10:30am**Sunday School:** 9:15am

| Stewardship (Offering Only) | 6/30 | 7/7 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Operational | \$8,072.80 | \$9,653.12 |
| Property Improvement | 53.00 | 48.00 |
| Outreach-Missionaries | 70.00 | 70.00 |
| DHF | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Outreach-General | 3.00 | 28.00 |
| Church Constr/Renova | 130.00 | 100.00 |
| Unmet Needs | 700.00 | 200.00 |
| Snack Pack | 0.00 | 20.00 |
| Children First | <u>50.00</u> | <u>50.00</u> |
| Total | \$9,103.80 | \$10,194.12 |

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$8,472.80 \$9,653.12
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

Lectionary

7/14: Amos 7:7-17; Deut 30:9-14; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37
 7/15: Ps 7; Amos 3:9-4:5; James 2:1-7
 7/16: Ps 7; Amos 4:6-13; 1 John 3:11-17
 7/17: Ps 7; Amos 5:1-9; Matt 25:31-46
 7/18: Ps 52; Amos 5:10-17; Heb 5:1-6
 7/19: Ps 52; Amos 5:18-27; Ephesians 3:14-21
 7/20: Ps 52; Amos 6:1-14; Luke 8:4-10
 7/21: Amos 8:1-12; Genesis 18:1-10; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42
 7/22: Ps 119:17-32; Amos 7:1-6; Colossians 1:27-2:7
 7/23: Ps 119:17-32; Amos 8:13-9:4; 1 John 2:1-6
 7/24: Ps 119:17-32; Amos 9:5-15; John 6:41-51
 7/25: Ps 85; Hosea 4:1-19; Acts 1:15-20
 7/26: Ps 85; Hosea 5:1-15; Acts 2:22-36
 7/27: Ps 85; Hosea 1:11-2:15; Luke 8:22-25

Serving Schedule**July 14, 2019**

Elder: Judy Ferguson, Helen Earls
Diaconate: Stan Moss, Jill Moss, Kevin Tharp, Steve Tharp, Vickie Tharp, Scott Bacon
8:00 Communion: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes
10:30 Communion: Ruth Bennett, Kay Sealock
Scripture: Tucker Kunzeman
10:30 Nursery: Jordyn Apps
Children's Church: 10:30 Korey & Lisa
Shut-ins: Helen Earls

July 21, 2019

Elder: Matt Saxe, Judy Ferguson
Diaconate: Kacie Lipcaman, Bethany Dunham, Angie Ruebush, Brian Ruebush, Sonya Bishop, Michelle Hart
8:00 Communion: Dan & Sue Speckhart
10:30 Communion: Jamie & Sarah Sweeting
Scripture: Eli Mendenhall
10:30 Nursery: Shelby Bauer
Children's Church: 10:30 Korey & Lisa
Shut-ins: Joyce Lemons

Wishes & Wants

We have free kittens for everyone!
 Call Rebecca 217.653.9089.

| | 6/30 | 7/7 |
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| Worship Attendance | | |
| 8:00 AM | 96 | 106 |
| 10:30 AM | <u>128</u> | <u>137</u> |
| Total | 224 | 243 |
| Christian Education | | |
| Age 3-PK | 7 | 7 |
| K-1st | 9 | 6 |
| 2nd-3rd | 6 | 4 |
| 4th-5th | 8 | 11 |
| Jr/Sr High | 10 | 13 |
| Disciples | 11 | 10 |
| New Beginnings | 8 | 6 |
| Sermon Study | 9 | 6 |
| Misc Adult Grps | <u>21</u> | <u>23</u> |
| Total | 89 | 86 |