

The Pittsfield Christian

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Coming Events

- 10/13 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
11:45 am Congregational Meeting
4:30 pm Vesper Service at Tate's
- 10/14 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 10/15 8:30 am Bible Study
- 10/16 3:45 pm Kids Connection
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 10/17 Noon Bible Study
5:30 pm Children First Board Mtg
- 10/20 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
11:30 am Dining Room Rental
5:00, 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 10/21 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 10/22 8:30 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Elder Meeting
- 10/23 8:30 am Unmet Needs Meeting
3:45 pm Kids Connection
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 10/24 Noon Bible Study
- 10/26 7:00 am Men's Breakfast & Study

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

On Sunday, **Oct 13**, we will have a **Special Congregational Meeting** immediately after 10:30 service to approve the trade-in of the small bus and van for a newer van.

The **November Congregational Meeting** will be immediately after 10:30 service on **Nov 3**. Agenda includes electing officers and other elected officials to start term January 2020, approve 2020 budget, and approve amendment to constitution and bylaws regarding Diaconate duties.

The fall wiener roast and Vesper Service will be held at the Hamer & Jenny Tate farm on Sunday, Oct. 13. Like a family meal, all food will be provided with donations in the box to help offset expenses. All you need to bring is your cooking fork if you have one and your lawn chair. The fire should be ready for roasting by 4:30. If you want to fish, paddle boat, play, or just have some relaxing time, feel free to come on down any time after 2:00. Work has been completed on the township road to their house. To help with traffic flow, it's recommended to take the Nebo road and approach their driveway from the south. At the end of the evening when you leave, turn right and go north. If you need directions see Hamer, Jenny or Rebecca or follow someone who knows the way. Ya'll come!!



The **Elders** will meet Tues, **Oct 22**, 6:00.

Youth Group will attend the Tate Farm on Sunday evening instead of meeting at Crossroads.

The next **Men's Breakfast and Bible Study** will be at Crossroads dining room on Sat, **Oct 26**, from 7 to 8:30 a.m. We'll discuss chapter 2 of Twelve Ordinary Men, about the apostle Peter. Anyone who would like a copy of the book, please contact Zack Boren at zboren@gmail.com. But you don't have to have read the chapter to come!

KIDS CONNECTION STARTS NEXT WEEK!

Kids Connection for grades K-6th will begin Wed, **Oct 16**, right after school until 5:15 at Crossroads Center. The bus will pick up kids at South and PCS. Watch for more info.

On Monday, Sept 30, Bill Thiele declared his faith in Jesus Christ and was baptized by Pastor Michael. Congratulations Bill!

Lifetouch will take pictures for the new directory Nov 1-2 and Nov 6-9.

Libby Boren will be booking appointments near the coffee table on Sunday. We encourage everyone in our church family to have their picture taken. If you do not want to purchase pictures, you will still receive a free 8x10 portrait.

Prayer Concerns: Chip Barber, Dora Lee Claus, Jenny Fox, Stacey Helms, Kathy Hull, Jamie Kelley, Arthur Knake, John Griffith (Bill & Helen Earls' son-in-law), Michael Guillory (Carolyn Barber's nephew), Linda Hendricker (Kathy Hull's sister-in-law), Ronnie Henry (Mary Harshman's neighbor), David Leamans (Sharron Houchins' cousin), Peter Roccaforte (Chuck Barber's nephew), Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law), Holly Wade (Bob & Sue Evans' daughter), Freda White (Bev White's sister-in-law)

We express our sympathy to Sue Speckhart and family with the passing of her mother, Bonnie Lierle. We also express our sympathy to Loyd DeJaynes and family with the passing of his brother, Bill Vance.

Caring.com is a leading senior care resource for family caregivers seeking info and support as they care for aging parents, spouses and other loved ones. Visit their website for more valuable info and resources.

Wed, Nov 13, 5:30, Turkey Dinner / Building Fundraiser.
Wed, Dec 11, 5:30, Family Meal.
Sun, Dec 15, Christmas Caroling & Caroling Supper.
Wed, Dec 18, 5:30, Family Meal. 6:30, Kids Connection Program.
Sun, Dec 22, 5:00, Christmas Cantata.

Thank you everyone for the prayers and cards during my recent surgery. I have felt your healing prayers and am very grateful for each and every one of you. -Sue Evans.

*Thank you to everyone who helped with the Lura Hammitt funeral luncheon. We are so blessed to have so many helping hands. Bless you all!
-CWF Bereavement Committee.*

There are no sufficient amount of words that could equal the generosity you, our church family, showed us during the days following our mom/grandma/great-grandma's passing. Thank you for the prayers, hugs, cards, food, and the meal provided after her service. Our Hammitt family remarked repeatedly how grateful they were for the love you poured on all of us.

"God's love has been poured out into our hearts." Romans 5:5

Larry and Sandy

Lance, Amber, Aria, and Verity

Pax, Mandy, Eliza and Layna

Charlie, Jessica, Tim, Jacob, and Lindsey

Pittsfield Christian Church,

Thank you so much for hosting the funeral dinner for the Lura Hammitt family. The food was wonderful! May God bless you beyond measure!

Love in Christ,

Jeff Hammitt family

Our Outreach Ministry continues to support the **Snack Pack Program** in the Pikeland and Griggsville/Perry school districts. If you would like to make a financial contribution towards this ministry, make a note on your envelope and funds will be directed accordingly.

Children First is having a T shirt fundraiser during the month of October.

Shirts are available in red, aqua, or yellow; 2T-3XL. They are \$20 per shirt. Support a great ministry within our church. Visit the church office or see Becky Fitzmaurice to get yours now!

The **Children First Board Meeting** will be Thurs, **Oct 17, 5:30.**

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Pastor Michael and his family are a vital part of our church family and we thank them for all they do. We are blessed with their many contributions! Let's shower them with cards of appreciation all month long!

Dear FCC Pittsfield family,

Over the last few years we have continued to grow and learn what things work and what things are areas of improvement. We have attempted to shift our church governance to a model more in line with New Testament teaching. Our first major change was to do an overhaul on our Eldership. This has been a very positive step for our church. Although we have not fully arrived, we continue to grow and embrace in our understanding and application of what Biblical Eldership means. We feel that it is now time to address the Diaconate.

Currently we have several issues that we face in this area. As much as we have tried to stress in our installation and recruitment of Deacons that being a Deacon is more than “just” passing out communion, collecting the offering, and greeting folks, we still have some struggles with making that transition.

Due to many of our family’s summer travel schedules, meeting the attendance requirement of a majority of Sundays in the six months prior, has been an issue.

We also often have struggled with finding actual “Deacons” to collect the offering and distribute communion, the two duties that seem to have defined the position here at FCC.

In an effort to remedy these logistical issues that often plague us on Sunday mornings, we are recommending that the duty of collecting offerings and distributing communion should not have to be done by a Deacon but should be overseen by a Deacon. We feel that these areas of service are excellent places of training.

Paul writes to Timothy about the selection and qualifications of Deacons.

1 Tim 3:8-13 Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. 9 They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. 10 And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. 11 Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. 12 Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. 13 For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus. ESV

Paul encouraged service to be performed by those in the body of Christ prior to having an official label of Deacon. In fact, the very word “deacon” comes from the Greek word for rendering service or aid to another.

With this in mind, we offer the following amendment to the bylaws regarding Deacons:

Proposed Constitution & Bylaw Revision

Current

SECTION 6. DEACONS. The Deacons, in addition to serving communion, shall cooperate in promoting the growth and welfare of the congregation, assist as congregational greeters, help with financial and visitation projects and with baptismal services, and lead in the expression of a caring/sharing fellowship in time of need.

Potential Revision

SECTION 6. DEACONS. The Deacons shall serve to promote the growth, welfare and teaching of the congregation, assist in overseeing assigned areas of ministries, and help lead in the expression of a caring/sharing fellowship in time of need. They will be involved in activities and events such as serving as congregational ushers and greeters, funeral dinners, financial campaigns, visitation projects, and baptismal services.

This is what we hope to accomplish by making these changes:

1. Create more service opportunities for the congregation
2. Create a pathway for becoming a Deacon
3. Eliminate some of the difficulty in finding people to serve on Sunday mornings
4. Create working relationships between Eldership and Diaconate
 - A. Deacons may be given oversight of certain areas
 - B. Deacons taking a greater level of ownership and participation in the affairs of the church

Loving You All,
Michael

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 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)	9/29	10/6
Operational	\$18,906.05	\$9,180.57
Property Improvement	483.00	53.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	70.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	3.00	73.00
Church Construction/Renovate	450.00	100.00
Unmet Needs	0.00	520.00
Adopt A Family	50.00	0.00
Children First	<u>0.00</u>	<u>110.00</u>
Total	\$19,987.05	\$10,131.57

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days	\$19,126.05	\$10,506.57
Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget	\$9,494	

Lectionary

10/13: Jer 29:1-7; 2 Kings 5:1-15; 2 Tim 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19
 10/14: Ps 102:1-17; Jer 29:8-23; Acts 26:24-29
 10/15: Ps 102:1-17; Jer 29:24-32; Ephesians 6:10-20
 10/16: Ps 102:1-17; Jer 25:15-32; Matt 10:5-15
 10/17: Ps 119:97-104; Jer 26:1-15; Acts 17:22-34
 10/18: Ps 119:97-104; Jer 26:16-24; 2 Tim 2:14-26
 10/19: Ps 119:97-104; Jer 31:15-26; Mark 10:46-52
 10/20: Jer 31:27-34; Gen 32:22-31; 2 Tim 3:14-4:5
 10/21: Ps 129; Jer 38:14-28; 1 Cor 6:1-11
 10/22: Ps 129; Jer 39:1-18; James 5:7-12
 10/23: Ps 129; Jer 50:1-20; Luke 22:39-46
 10/24: Ps 65; Joel 1:1-20; 2 Tim 3:1-9
 10/25: Ps 65; Joel 2:1-11; 2 Tim 3:10-15
 10/26: Ps 65; Joel 2:12-22; Luke 1:46-55

Serving Schedule

October 13, 2019
Elder: Jeremy Schoenherr, Kathy Hull
Diaconate: Taylor Sweeting, Lainey Ten Eyck, Amy Casto, Kevin Tharp, Steve Tharp, Vickie Tharp
8:00 Communion: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes
10:30 Communion: Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain
Scripture: Ruth Bennett
10:30 Nursery: Ava Douglas
Shut-ins: Zack & Libby Boren

October 20, 2019
Elder: Roger Brokaw, Brad Willman
Diaconate: Keith Elledge, Kacie Lipcaman, Charlie Hull, Jessica Hull, Billy Fitzmaurice, Becky Fitzmaurice
8:00 Communion: Dan & Sue Speckhart
10:30 Communion: Glen & Carol Cooley
Scripture: Julie Boren
10:30 Nursery: Lexie Lipcaman
Shut-ins: Roger & Rokettia Brokaw

Wishes & Wants

Free: 1970 Encyclopedia Britannica & Jr. Britannica. Prime condition and already boxed up for you to come get! Ann Ferguson 217.285.4077.

For Sale: New home for an older model treadmill. Works fine, has timer and calorie counter. \$10 Come get it. Can't use because of knee. Carole Elledge 285.4929.

	9/29	10/6
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	107	130
10:30 AM	<u>195</u>	<u>182</u>
Total	302	312
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	8	8
K-1st	10	11
2nd-3rd	4	9
4th-5th	13	17
Jr/Sr High	5	5
Disciples	14	13
New Beginnings	6	4
Sermon Study	8	10
Misc Adult Grps	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>
Total	85	93