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Coming Events

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| 10/27 | 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School |
| 10/28 | 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
4:00 pm Basketball Practice |
| 10/29 | 8:30 am Bible Study
4:00 pm Basketball Practice |
| 10/30 | 3:45 pm Kids Connection
6:30 pm Choir Practice |
| 10/31 | Noon Bible Study
5:00 pm Basketball Practice |
| 11/1 | 10:00 am Sullivan Auction
2:00 pm Directory Pictures
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting |
| 11/2 | 3:00 pm Dining Room Rental
10:00 am Directory Pictures |
| 11/3 | 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
11:45 am Congregational Meeting |
| 11/4 | 1:00 pm Interagency Meeting
5:30 pm Basketball Practice
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting |
| 11/5 | 8:30 am Bible Study
4:00 pm Basketball Practice
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting |
| 11/6 | 2:00 pm Directory Pictures
3:45 pm Kids Connection
6:00 pm Basketball Practice
6:30 pm Choir Practice |
| 11/7 | Noon Bible Study
2:00 pm Circle I&V Meeting
2:00 pm Directory Pictures
4:00 pm Basketball Practice |
| 11/8 | 2:00 pm Directory Pictures |
| 11/9 | 10:00 pm Directory Pictures
8:00 am Dining Room Rental |

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 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 for grades K-6th has started on Wednesdays right after school until 5:15 at Crossroads Center. Our bus will pick up kids at South and PCS. Registration forms are near the coffee table.

Circle I&V will meet at Crossroads on Thurs, **Nov 7**, 2:00.

CWF Christmas Bazaar Planning Meeting will be Mon, **Nov 11**, 2:00 at Crossroads. Please come if you are involved, want to become involved or just want to add new ideas. Be thinking about baking for the Country Store, sorting out your treasures for the Treasure Chest (No Clothing) and making new items for the Gift Room. Looking forward to the 2019 Christmas Bazaar, Dec 6!
Love Raffle Tickets are on sale - \$1 each or 6 for \$5. See Joyce Lemons or Charlotte Dunham.

The all church **Turkey Dinner** with all the fixings for our entire church family will be Wed, **Nov 13**, 5:30. Please sign up at the coffee table or contact the office if you plan to attend so we know how many to prepare for. Seating placement is first come, first serve. Carryout is available. Proceeds will go towards church building construction / renovation fund.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR DIRECTORY PICTURES? There is no obligation to purchase but you will receive a free 8x10 and Directory. **Lifetouch will take pictures Nov 1-2, 6-9.** Book your picture time near the coffee table or go to the church website fccpittsfield.org. At the homepage, go to Special Events, Directory 2019.

Prayer Concerns: Chip Barber, Dora Lee Claus, Landon Davenport, Stacey Helms, Shirley Loyd, Aidan Poor, Christina Powell, 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), 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)

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.

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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES 1 Edna Baughman, Justin Poor; 2 Rosie Picone, Chris Sydney, Seth Boren; 3 Zack & Libby Boren; 5 Allison Korte, Bob & Shari Clark; 6 Lori Johnson; 7 Jeannine Robertson, Amy Boltz, Rhonda Irwin, Bill Schwartze, Kacie Lipcaman; 8 Dave Herring, Phoenix Bacon; 9 Clinton McNulty, Kevin Masters; 10 Joelle Masiulis; 11 Raeanna Grimes; 12 Isabelle Willard, Kenny Manson, Chad Ferguson, Debbie Robinson; 13 Maylin Hittner; 14 Anna Speckhart, Dustin Wintjen; 16 Korey Wombles; 17 Carole Elledge, Elizabeth Rowland, Maurine Boren, Paul Ruble, Vince Havens, Vivian Havens; 21 Eleanor Jenkins, Brittany Dain, Tucker Kunzeman; 22 Bob Evans, Nate Sydney; 23 Kay Sealock; 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, Mason Lamb, Ronnie & Paula Goewey

Friends,
I don't know all our youth well enough to catch all their pictures in the paper. So, anyone having pics in the paper or of a church function they'd like to share, please call me and let me know so I can ensure they get in the scrapbook. Thanks! Brenda Kramer 217.742.7539

The Vesper Service at the Tate farm was a fantastic evening of great food, fun and fellowship. Thank you everyone who was able to attend and thank you Hamer and Jenny for letting FCC invade your property!

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 Church Family,
Thank you for ten years of service to my mother Bonnie Lierle. She felt blessed to have you bring communion and visit her each Sunday. The beautiful prayer shawl gave her comfort and warmth, fruit baskets she always shared with grandchildren, and the many other acts of kindness shown her were greatly appreciated. My family wishes to thank Pastor Michael for his leadership and fitting eulogy of a life shared with many family and friends. Cookies, chips, veggie trays, dip and even Ziplock bags for to-go food was wonderful. Because of families going many different directions after services it made it difficult to have a delicious FCC meal offered to us. Thank you for accommodating our families. There is no church family greater than ours.
Love to all,
The Speckhart Family*

Save the date of New Year's Eve. Let's pray for 2020 and celebrate 2019. More info to come.

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!





It's hard to believe that 2019 will be coming to an end soon and with that brings the holiday season upon us. I don't know about you, but I have some favorite places that I enjoy shopping at for those on my Christmas list. Even better, what if I shared with you that you could do your everyday/every holiday shopping while supporting Children First? This is all possible with ShopWithScript.com!

It is a wonderful site with over 700 retailers where you can purchase gift card(s) in a variety of denominations and the retailer automatically gives Children First a percentage of the sale; the percentage is set by each retailer, anywhere from 2.5%-25%. An example of such transition would be if I bought a \$250 Wal-Mart card (Wal-Mart is 2.5% rebate) Children First would receive \$6.25 just with that purchase.

Can't decide what retailers to buy from? I have a solution for you! There are universal prepaid cards as an option for you that do not have activation cost for them! An example is VISA Five Back Gift Card that is available for different denominational amounts of \$50, \$100 and \$250. You can use this card anywhere that VISA is accepted!

How do I order? **On November 3rd and 10th Kim Speckhart and Becky Fitmaurice will be available after both church services to take orders.** When placing orders, payment will be needed before the order can be placed with either cash or check. Please make check payable to Children First. For those who order with Kim or Becky, the following Sunday they will have your cards ready for you.

Order forms are always available at the Center for everyone who would like to place an order! I place Script orders as soon as I have about a \$500 order due to paying the shipping cost, which is not passed onto you. Usually it is at least once a month, if not twice a month.

Just think if your family began to purchase gift cards for monthly items like groceries, gas, health and beauty, entertainment, clothing, home improvement, and etc. What kind of rebate Children First would receive! Not to mention birthday's, Valentine's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving, Black Friday Shopping and Christmas. Every purchase helps Children First!

Thank you for your continued support to the Children First mission!

Blessings,
Jennifer Noble

Excerpts From October 8, 2019 Board Meeting

Call to Order at 5:30pm by Moderator Gary Mendenhall. Jeremy Schoenherr gave devotional and prayer. Minutes from last meeting approved by general consensus.

Minister's Report: Assisting with bus and van trade-in for newer van. Helping get bus ready for drivers to take their test. Helping plan for building construction. Had discussions educating congregation regarding the proposed constitution & bylaw change. Preparing for November Congregational Meeting. Built more choir risers. Baptized Bill Thiele. DHF – hosted Rick Grace as new church liaison and met with DHF churches.

Treasurer: Checking/Savings = \$617,216.16. Unrestricted Operating Checking = \$100,000.00. Budgeted Receipts = \$357,334.17. Budgeted Disbursements = \$263,182.35. Average Attendance YTD = 278. Excess Unrestricted Operating Checking moved towards church construction / renovation during September = \$15,052.23 plus \$3,510.00 offering designated towards construction / renovation. Net Nonbudgeted Activity = \$32,430.81. Total funds available for church con/renovation are \$344,767. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Bobby Smith and seconded by Zack Boren. Motion carried

Christian Education: Kids Connection will start October 16th. Kids Connection Christmas program tryouts have been held and program will be in December along with a Family Meal.

Children's First: License will renew on November 1, 2019. The Fire Marshal will be here soon to approve changes then DCFS will come approve. \$3,000 has been used from the church budget for the first time this year. Still under budget significantly with Children's First.

Balsman Property: Bobby Smith reported that the fall cash rent and purchase installment should arrive soon.

Task Force: Gary Mendenhall reported they are still waiting to meet with Mike Black.

Old Business: Striping on the bus should be completed soon. Bus is ready to go as far as mechanics. Drivers will soon take their test.

New Business:

The Constitution & Bylaw Revision has been sent out and discussed via newsletter and Sunday informational meetings.

N.D. Harrison reported that the Nominating Committee has been busy filling positions for the 2020 church year. N.D. wanted to thank Roger Brokaw, Mary Wombles, Charlie Hull, Scott Bacon, and Joyce Lemons for representing the committee and doing a great job calling for positions. The Nominating Committee report is as follows: Moderator: Gary Mendenhall. Vice-Moderator: Bobby Smith. Treasurer: Bethany Dunham. Recording Secretary: Betty Hayden. Trustee: Dan Speckhart. Elders: Wayne Chamberlain, Larry Wigington. Deacons: Shari Clark, C.J. Hayes, Danielle Hayes, Amber Poor, Justin Poor, Emma Saxe, Ellie Ten Eyck. Motion was made to accept the Nominating Committee report by N. D. Harrison and seconded by Tim Belford. Motion carried.

The Stewardship Committee submitted proposed 2020 budget.

With no other business to report, Judy Ferguson made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ruth Bennett. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Betty Hayden, Recording Secretary

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF PITTSFIELD, ILLINOIS
SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2019**

Call to Order at 11:45 AM by Moderator Gary Mendenhall. Administrative Secretary Rebecca Rhodes confirmed the quorum of 16 was met. Elder N.D. Harrison led in prayer.

Minutes from Last Congregational Meeting Rebecca read minutes from the last Congregational Meeting held February 4, 2019. Motion was made to accept the minutes by Roger Dunham and seconded by Kay Sealock. Motion approved

Business

Moderator Gary Mendenhall asked the congregation for approval of trading in the small 1996 International bus and 1991 Chevrolet van for a 2011 Ford Econoline E350 Super Duty van. Gary asked Brad Willman to come forward to explain vehicle details. Brad said it is a 15-passenger van located at Franks 4x4. The van has a new transmission with a 100,000 mile or 36-month warranty. Cost is \$11,900 minus \$2,000 for the old bus and minus \$1,000 for the old van plus \$196 fees equals our cost of \$9,096. Few questions were asked so with no further discussion, Gary asked for a motion to accept the approval of trading old bus and old van for the newer van. Motion made by Jack Hull and seconded by Larry Wigington. Motion approved.

With no further business to discuss, Judy Ferguson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rokettia Brokaw. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned @ 12:10 PM.

Michael closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hayden
Recording Secretary

Elder Corner

I love cooking. Actually, let me start over.....When I have the time, I love cooking. Sometimes the craziness of life makes meal preparation a bit nerve racking, trying to quickly finish so the food can be scarfed down and someone can race off to a practice or a meeting, or even just begin the bedtime routine. But every once in a while, a leisurely weekend afternoon comes along when my wife and I decide to make several freezer meals at once, and we'll spend half the day cooking. I like these days for two reasons: one, because I know I won't be eating Ramen noodles for lunch the next few days and, two, because I love pulling out the good ole "tried and true" recipes that we cling to and know by heart.....ones that make our mouths water just thinking about. Some recipes I have made so many times, I could tell you exactly how many teaspoons of this and cups of that are needed – repetition has committed them to memory and allowed me to use them at a moment's notice, without having to go on a cookbook scavenger hunt to find them. Isn't it the same way with scripture? Repetition allows us to commit scripture to memory so we can arm ourselves with God's word to help spiritually guide both ourselves and others.

In Matthew 4, Jesus was being tested in the wilderness by Satan. Verses 3-4 say "The tempter came to him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.' Jesus answered, 'It is written, man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

In Ephesians 6, Paul writes to the people in Ephesus to "put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground" (verse 13). And along with the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, and shield of faith, we are to "take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (verse 17).

In this scripture, Jesus and Paul highlight not only the importance of God's word, but of carrying it with us. With our long prayer lists.....for our children, families, schools, community, our country.....we need to make sure we are stocking up the right tools for whatever job God has in store for us. It may not be so important that I know how to whip up a batch of waffles from scratch without a recipe, but storing up God's word for the moments He calls us into action is.

In Christian Love,

Jeremy Schoenherr
Elder

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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)	<u>10/13</u>	<u>10/20</u>
Operational	\$5,944.56	\$5,506.47
Property Improvement	13.00	3.00
Outreach-Missionaries	270.00	70.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	13.00	3.00
Church Construction/Renovate	100.00	0.00
Children First	<u>70.00</u>	<u>120.00</u>
Total	\$6,435.56	\$5,727.47

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$5,466.13 \$6,083.93
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

Lectionary

10/27: Joel 2:23-32; Jer 14:7-22; Tim 4:6-18; Luke 18:9-14
 10/28: Ps 87; Joel 3:1-8; 1 Peter 4:12-19
 10/29: Ps 87; Joel 3:9-16; 1 Peter 5:1-11
 10/30: Ps 87; Joel 3:17-20; Matt 21:28-32
 10/31: Ps 119:137-144; Jer 33:14-26; 2 Cor 1:1-11
 11/1: Dan 7:1-18; Eph 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31
 11/2: Ps 119:137-144; Hab 2:5-11; John 8:39-47
 11/3: Hab 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Isa 1:10-18; Thess 1:1-12; Luke 19:1-10
 11/4: Ps 142; Hab 2:12-20; 1 Cor 5:9-13
 11/5: Ps 142; Hab 3:1-16; Jude 1:5-21
 11/6: Ps 142; Hab 3:17-19; Luke 19:11-27
 11/7: Ps 145:1-21; Zech 1:1-17; Acts 22:22-23:11
 11/8: Ps 145:1-21; Zech 6:9-15; Acts 24:10-23
 11/9: Ps 145:1-21; Hagg 1:1-15; Luke 20:1-8

Serving Schedule**October 27, 2019**

Elder: Zack Boren, Kathy Hull
Diaconate: Ann Ferguson, Tammi Koltveit, Angie Ruebush, Brian Ruebush
8:00 Communion: Hamer & Jenny Tate
10:30 Communion: Kathy Curfman, Edith Gant
Scripture: Kathy Curfman
10:30 Nursery: Emma Saxe
Shut-ins: Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain

November 3, 2019

Elder: Bob Clark, N.D. Harrison
Diaconate: Bethany Dunham, Scott Bacon, Sonya Bishop, Michelle Hart, Burdette Irwin, Keith Elledge
8:00 Communion: Steve & Vickie Tharp
10:30 Communion: Roger & Charlotte Dunham
Scripture: Barbara Fosco
10:30 Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck
Shut-ins: Bob & Shari Clark
Fellowship Treats: Faith Saxe, Jenny Tate, Kathy Curfman, Carolyn Barber

Wishes & Wants

None at this time.

	<u>10/13</u>	<u>10/20</u>
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	88	122
10:30 AM	<u>181</u>	<u>167</u>
Total	269	289
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	5	8
K-1st	7	10
2nd-3rd	7	7
4th-5th	15	13
Jr/Sr High	13	17
Disciples	14	12
New Beginnings	7	7
Sermon Study	9	8
C.O.F.F.E.E	12	12
Select to Connect	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Total	94	99