

The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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November 5, 2019



Coming Events

- 11/10 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00 pm Youth Group @ Dunham's
- 11/11 2:00 pm CWF Bazaar Meeting
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 11/12 8:30 am Bible Study
4:00 pm Basketball Practice
6:00 pm Church Board Meeting
- 11/13 8:30 am Unmet Needs Meeting
3:45 pm Kids Connection
5:30 pm Turkey Dinner
6:00 pm Basketball Practice
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 11/14 9:30 am Circle IV Meeting
Noon Bible Study
4:00 pm Basketball Practice
- 11/15 4:00 pm Basketball Practice
6:00 pm Pike County Youth League
- 11/16 8:00 am CMF Breakfast Meeting
9:00 am Pike County Youth League
7:00 pm Gym Rental
- 11/17 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00 pm Youth Group
- 11/18 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 11/19 8:30 am Bible Study
4:00 pm Basketball Practice
- 11/20 8:30 am Unmet Needs Meeting
3:45 pm Kids Connection
6:00 pm Basketball Practice
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 11/21 Noon Bible Study
4:00 pm Basketball Practice
- 11/22 4:00 pm Basketball Practice
6:00 pm Pike County Youth League
- 11/23 9:00 am Pike County Youth League

The all church Turkey Dinner 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. Car-ryout is available. Proceeds will go to-wards church building construction / reno-vation fund.



Youth Group will go to the Roger and Charlotte Dunham farm on Sun-day, **Nov 10**. Meet at Crossroads by 5:00 so we can leave shortly after. We will carpool with the church van and youth leader vehicles.



Kids Connection for grades K-6th has started on Wednesdays. We ask for students who do not ride our bus to come to Crossroads no earlier than 3:45. We are still pre-paring before that time and do not have all volunteers on site to supervise until our bus arrives.

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 Coun-try 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 **Church Board** will meet at 6:00 on Tues, **Nov 12**. Packets will be ready on Sunday.

Circle I&V will meet at Crossroads on Thurs, **Nov 7**, 2:00.
Circle IV will meet at Cardinal Inn on Thurs, **Nov 14**, 9:30.

Christian Men's Fellowship (CMF) will have a breakfast meeting on Sat, **Nov 16**, 8:00 at the Cardinal Inn. Dutch Treat. Contact CMF president Roger Dunham for more info. All men of the church are invited.

It's not too late to sign up for Directory Pictures! At our homepage fccpittsfield.org, go to Special Events, Directory 2019. Nov 9 will be the last day.

Next Sunday, Nov 10th, Kim Speckhart and Becky Fitzmaurice will be available after both services to take orders for the Children First gift card fundraiser. When placing orders, payment will be needed be-fore the order can be placed. Make checks payable to Children First. Cards will be ready the following Sun-day. See the list of participating venders or simply order a universal Visa card.



Prayer Concerns: Chip Barber, Wayne Baughman, Karl Benjamin, Emmett Boren, Dora Lee Claus, Landon Davenport, Stacey Helms, Shirley Loyd, Aidan Poor, Christina Powell, Rick Cloninger (Vivian Cloninger's nephew), Michael Guillory (Carolyn Barber's nephew), Chuck Johnston (Michael Ten Eyck family), Peter Roccaforte (Chuck Barber's nephew), Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law), Sherry Upton (Vivian Cloninger's niece), Holly Wade (Bob & Sue Evans' daughter), Lee Williams (Friend of Brenda Kramer)

We express our sympathy to Gina Bryant and family with the passing of her cousin, Stephanie Gade. We also send our sympathy to Wanda Zimmerman Hutter and family with the passing of her husband, Gene Hutter.

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.
 Thurs, Dec 19, 6:30, Children First Program.
 Sun, Dec 22, 5:00, Christmas Cantata.

Your personal box of predated 2020 **offering envelopes** will be available soon. Let the office know if you would like to start using your own box so you can prepare offering at the convenience of home.

The 2020 Elder, Deacon, Communion to Shut-ins, and Fellowship Treats serving schedules will be ready soon. Let the office know if you have a change to your availability to serve on the Shut-in and Fellowship Treat schedule.

Maurine Boren will celebrate her 100th birthday November 17th. Let's help her celebrate with a card shower for her special day. Her address is: Maurine Boren, Barry Community Care, 1313 Pratt Street, Barry, IL 62312

In observance of Veterans Day, we express our sincere gratitude to those who have served and are currently serving our country. If there are any corrections or additions to our list, please notify the church office. Veterans and active duty personnel include:

Alf, Brooke	Air Force, Present
Bagent, Emmett	Marine, 66-69
Barber, C.A. III	Army, 55-57
Boren, Michael	Army, 68-71
Boren, Zack	Army, 06-11
Borrowman, Paul	Army, 72-74
Casteel, Greg	Air Force, 85-Present
Casteel, Larry	Air Force, 82-05
Casteel, Myron	Army, 61-63
Chamberlain, Don	Army, 52-54
Clark, Cathlyn	Air Force, Present
Clark, Richard	Army, 68-72
Conatser, Regan	Air Force, 10-14
Dain, Jim	Navy, 89-97
Davis, Tim	Marines, Present
Decker, Richard	Air Force, 59-67
Dunham, Roger	Army, 66-68
Earls, Shane	Army Infantry, 10-14
Earls, William	Army, 55-58
Everhart, Carlton	Air Force, 81-18
Everhart, Michele	Air Force Res, 86-06
Gates, Charles	Navy, 66-89
Grimsley, Bill	Marines, 85-93

Herring, Dave	Army, 89-93
Hittner, Gary	Marines, 67-70
Hoover, Carrol K.	Army, 50-52
Houchins, Don	Army, 66-68
Howard, Carol A.	Army, Present
Howard, Catherine J.	Army, Present
Hull, Quintin	Army, 14-Present
Kattelman, Cory	Army Reserves, Present
Kattelman, Megan	Air Force, Present
Korte, Adam	Army, 09-14
Lacey, Jeff	Army, 98-06
Lamb, Walter	Air Force, 45-46
Lierly, Jeffrey	Air Force, 95-08
Lightle, Mike	Air Force, 68-70
Lind, Bryce	Army
Kacie Lipcaman	Army, 05-09
Long, Austin	Army, 14-18
McNulty, Jake	Air National Guard, Present
McNulty, Sarah	Air National Guard, Present
Martin, Jeff	Air Force, 82-90
Mendenhall, Buster	Army, 58-60
Owens, Charles	Navy
Phipps, Ron	Air Force, 59-63, Army Re-
erves 66-78	
Pursley, Joseph	Marines, Present
Speckhart, Dan	Army, 70-73
Staffy, Howard	Air Force, 50-54
Stark, Jim	Navy, 66-70
Storey, Christopher	Army National Guard, Present
Tharp, Corey	Air Force, 06-Present
Walters, Jeff	Army, 89-15
Weil, Thomas	Air Force, 69-73
Willard, Robert M.	Army, 71-73
Yaeger, Roger E.	Army, 66-68
Zimmerman, Randall	Army, 67-69
Zumwalt, Lyndal	Army, 65-67



Last week my sister was in the Albany, New York area on business. She made it a point to connect with some of our relatives, whom we had not seen in ages. She asked me to send her a recent picture of my family to share with our aunt. I took a few pictures of newspaper clippings that chronicled our kids' recent achievements as well as our latest family picture and sent them to her. My aunt was shocked at how much my children had grown, but also made another comment that took me back. She commented that the older I get, the more I look like my father, Leonard. While I am sure that is probably true, I have some hesitation in celebrating that fact. After all, my father was a large, bald man...does that mean that I am as well? (The expression, "The truth hurts," comes to mind).

As much as our genetics do play a part in our appearance, causing us to resemble our earthly parents, yielding to the Holy Spirit causes us to bear the likeness of our Heavenly Father. As much as I was disappointed to hear of my resemblance to my earthly father, the recognition of my Heavenly Father in me is far less traumatic. In fact, it is a natural consequence of our spiritual maturing.

Paul writes to the Corinthians,

"The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven." 1 Co 15:47-49. ESV

Our journey is a long process of constant change, becoming more and more like Christ. One key to help us along that journey is to keep our focus on the goal: bearing the image of Christ. We can do this by being consistent in our daily Bible reading. Keeping in God's word serves as a daily reminder of what we are being transformed into.

It reminds me of a recent vacation. I was driving a boat, and I had to keep my eyes on the far side of the shore to steer the boat in the right direction. The wind and the currents kept trying to draw the boat off course. When I was focusing on the other boats, the sky, or the water, I noticed that I would begin to go off course slightly. It was keeping a constant eye on the destination that kept the boat on course.

John Piper appropriately said " *The goal of Bible reading is not only that we would see God, but that we would also enjoy him. But more than that, we don't just want to see and savor God's glory privately within us — we want it to conform us to that glory, so that others can see and experience God's glory through us. This, then, is the last goal of Bible reading: to be changed from one degree of glory to another, by beholding the glory of the Lord.*"

Loving you all,
Michael

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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>10/27</u>	<u>11/3</u>
Operational	\$8,732.80	\$11,201.86
Property Improvement	53.00	3.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	73.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	53.00	53.00
Church Construction/Renovate	200.00	180.00
Snack Pack	20.00	0.00
Children First	<u>20.00</u>	<u>80.00</u>
Total	\$9,173.80	\$11,615.86

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)
 Received Last 7 Days \$8,732.80 \$11,628.86
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

Lectionary
 11/10: Haggai 1:15-2:9; Job 19:23-27; 2 Thess 2:1-17; Luke 20:27-38
 11/11: Ps 98; Haggai 2:10-19; 2 Peter 1:16-21
 11/12: Ps 98; Haggai 2:20-23; 2 John 1:1-13
 11/13: Ps 98; Zech 8:1-17; John 5:19-29
 11/14: Isa 12; Isa 57:14-21; Romans 1:18-25
 11/15: Isa 12; Isa 59:1-15; 2 Thess 1:3-12
 11/16: Isa 12; Isa 59:15-21; Luke 17:20-37
 11/17: Isa 65:17-25; Malachi 4:1-2; 2 Thess 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19
 11/18: Ps 76; Isa 60:17-22; Eph 4:25-5:2
 11/19: Ps 76; Isa 66:1-13; 1 Cor 10:23-11:1
 11/20: Ps 76; Isa 66:14-24; Matt 23:37-24:14
 11/21: Luke 1:68-79; Jer 21:1-14; Heb 9:23-28
 11/22: Luke 1:68-79; Jer 22:1-17; 1 Peter 1:3-9
 11/23: Luke 1:68-79; Jer 22:18-30; Luke 18:15-17

Serving Schedule

November 10, 2019

Elder: Ruth Bennett, Roger Brokaw
Diaconate: Cherise Anderson, Lainey Ten Eyck, Lauren Saxe, Faith Saxe, Debbie Robinson, Tom Robinson
8:00 Communion: Carolyn Casteel, Kathy Willman
10:30 Communion: Keith & Carole Elledge
Scripture: Michelle Gates
10:30 Nursery: Jordyn Apps
Shut-ins: Helen Earls

November 17, 2019

Elder: N.D. Harrison, Zack Boren
Diaconate: Amy Casto, Taylor Sweeting, Billy Fitzmaurice, Becky Fitzmaurice, Ann Ferguson, Tammi Koltveit
8:00 Communion: Shari Clark, Deana Jones
10:30 Communion: Ann Ferguson, Joyce Lemons
Scripture: N.D. Harrison
10:30 Nursery: Ava Douglas
Shut-ins: Ann Ferguson, Brenda Kramer

Wishes & Wants

Needed - Electric stove for narrow space and someone to look at furnace in trailer. Cindy Chamberlain 217.473.1733.

	<u>10/27</u>	<u>11/3</u>
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	114	118
10:30 AM	<u>196</u>	<u>202</u>
Total	310	320
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	7	9
K-1st	10	9
2nd-3rd	7	6
4th-5th	19	11
Jr/Sr High	19	8
Disciples	10	9
New Beginnings	6	7
Sermon Study	6	9
C.O.F.F.E.E	14	14
Select to Connect	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Total	103	87