

The Pittsfield Christian

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Coming Events

- 12/8 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
 9:15 am Sunday School
 Noon Gym Rental
 5:00, 6:00 pm Youth Group
 6:00 pm Elder Dinner
- 12/10 8:30 am Bible Study
 4:00 pm Basketball Practice
 6:00 pm Board Meeting
- 12/11 8:30 am Unmet Needs
 3:45 pm Kids Connection
 5:30 pm Family Meal
 6:00 pm Basketball Practice
 6:30 pm Choir Practice
 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall Rental
- 12/12 9:30 am Circle IV Meeting
 4:00 pm Basketball Practice
- 12/13 4:00 pm Basketball Practice
 6:00 pm Pike County Youth League
- 12/14 8:00 am Adopt A Family Gift Distrib
 9:00 am Pike County Youth League
- 12/15 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
 9:15 am Sunday School
 4:45 pm Christmas Caroling
- 12/17 8:30 am Bible Study
 4:00 pm Basketball Practice
- 12/18 3:45 pm Kids Connection
 5:00 pm Family Meal
 6:00 pm KC Christmas Program
 7:00 pm Choir Practice
 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall Rental
- 12/19 4:00 pm Basketball Practice
 6:30 pm Children First Program
- 12/20 4:00 pm Basketball Practice
 6:00 pm Pike County Youth League
- 12/21 10:00 am Cantata Practice
 9:00 am Pike County Youth League

Elder Dinner Sunday evening, **Dec 8**, 6:00.
Board Meeting will be **Tues, Dec 10**, 6:00.
 Packets will be ready in the Long Room on Sunday.

Adopt A Family gifts will be picked up on Sat, **Dec 14**, 8-10:00 a.m. Volunteers are welcome to come and help Outreach carry gifts and food items to vehicles.

The CWF Christmas Bazaar will be Friday, **Dec 6**. Doors open from 7:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Crossroads Center will be full of sweet treats, hot drinks, crafts and gifts for all your shopping needs. Lunch will be served from 11-1:30. Menu includes chili and vegetable soup, sandwich, pie and drinks. Love Raffle Tickets are on sale - \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The quilt will be the first draw, hand crafted garden bench second, beaded snowman picture third.

Wed, Dec 11: Kids Connection at 3:45. Everyone in the church is invited to attend **Family Meal** at 5:30 for great food and fellowship!



Christmas Caroling will be Sunday, **Dec 15**. Meet at Crossroads by 4:45 so we can separate into groups and share our joyful voices! A warm, delicious **meal** will be ready upon our return to Crossroads. **Youth Group** will join caroling and have a white elephant gift exchange.



Wed, Dec 18: Kids Connection at 3:45. **Family Meal** will be served at 5:00 for everyone in the church followed by the **Kids Connection Christmas Program, "Little Drummer Dude"** at 6:00 in the gym. **Choir Practice** will start at 7:00. We hope you can join us for the meal and stay to see the children tell the story of Jesus and how knowing Him changes your life!



The **Children First Christmas Program** will be Thurs, **Dec 19**, 6:30 in the sanctuary. Hope to see you there!



The **94th Annual Christmas Cantata** will be Sunday, **Dec 22**, 5:00. Doors open at 4:00. The nursery will be available and staffed.



Christmas Eve Service will begin at 9:00 p.m. Invite your friends and family to celebrate with us the birth of our Savior.



Congratulations Stan and Jill Moss on the birth of their son! Griffin Allen Moss was born Friday, Nov 22, at 10:38 p.m. He weighed 8lbs, 4 oz and was 20.75". Big brother Hudson has welcomed brother Griffin home!

Prayer Concerns: Chip Barber, Dora Lee Claus, Landon Davenport, Carole Elledge, Joan Hagerbaumer, Stacey Helms, Shirley Loyd, Aidan Poor, Rick Cloninger (Vivian Cloninger's nephew), Michael Guillory (Carolyn Barber's nephew), Peter Roccaforte (Chuck Barber's nephew), Holly Wade (Bob & Sue Evans' daughter)

Youth Group

Dec 8: Regular meeting.
Dec 15: Christmas caroling followed by white elephant gift exchange.
Dec 22: No meeting due to Cantata.
Dec 29: No meeting.
Dec 31: "Holiday Mayhem" Escape Room Mystery Night & meal, 5:00p - 12:30a.

The sanctuary will be decorated with **poinsettias** for Christmas. Let the office know if you would like to purchase a flower in memory/honor of loved ones for \$10 which will be posted in the bulletin and newsletter.

We have extra copies of the book "A Walk One Winter Night" that Pastor Michael read at Christmas Eve Service last year. Let the office know if you would like one. Cost is \$5.

Circle IV will meet at Cardinal Inn on Thurs morning, **Dec 12, 9:30.**

Newly elected officers will be installed Sunday, **Jan 5**, during 10:30 service. This includes
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

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.

Recycle

There is a collection box at the church outside Rebecca's old office for used reading glasses or greeting card fronts. Lion's Club distributes the glasses to those in need and CWF sends card fronts to a youth home for recycling. Items may also be brought to the admin building.



Elder Corner

I love this church. I loved growing up here. I loved raising my children here. I have loved serving here and still do. I love the vision that so many before me had and those now serving have! I love the multigenerational feel of our congregation and the compassion and care we give to our young families. I love that our biggest budget line item outside of administration is our Christian Education section. We value Christian Education and we put our money where our mouth is and have for years!

As we embark on a new building project which you will be hearing more about in the weeks ahead, I am excited for the church but not just for those of us attending now but for those who will attend...5 years from now, 15 years from now, 25 years from now, 50 years from now.... You get my drift. What we are trying to do is to provide a building that will enable us to "reach, teach, and empower" the next generation and the next."

I have been blessed to have been in a position to pour into many young lives over the years and it warms my heart to see so many answering the call to lead and to serve and I know there will be more in the months ahead because we are striving to cultivate a desire to serve in our children. The Orange curriculum is very big on that. "Train up a child in the way he should go" and then let him do it. Let them serve. Their parents have caught that vision and many are "all in". It is exciting to watch!

So here is the challenge: Wherever you are on your life's journey, you have a calling to further the kingdom of God here on this earth in this time. You will have to pray about it and see where God calls you but in the meantime, please pray for those who are currently leading us, those who are leading our children and youth, and those who will be working on the building project. Support them with your prayers, your love, and your encouragement. They need it because Satan doesn't rest. Not even at Christmas. Maybe especially at Christmas.

John 3:16-17 tells us:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

As Christians, we are supposed to make sure everyone, everywhere gets this message. We still have much work to do!

I am praying for a blessed and holy Christmas season and a healthy and blessed New Year for all of you! I pray that in the busyness of Christmas we don't lose sight of the meaning of Christmas. I pray that we don't let Satan steal our joy! There is a lot to be joyful about even in the midst of earthly struggles.

It has been an honor and a privilege to be an elder of this church! I am excited to see where God is leading us in the days, months, and years ahead!

Love,

Helen

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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) | <u>11/24</u> | <u>12/1</u> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Operational | \$16,724.10 | \$8,678.80 |
| Property Improvement | 3.00 | 13.00 |
| Outreach-Missionaries | 70.00 | 70.00 |
| DHF | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Outreach-General | 53.00 | 78.00 |
| Church Construction/Renovate | 400.00 | 375.00 |
| Adopt A Family | 200.00 | 390.00 |
| Children First | <u>110.00</u> | <u>70.00</u> |
| Total | \$17,585.10 | \$9,699.80 |

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$17,292.95 \$9,841.13
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

Lectionary

12/8: Isa 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-19; Rom 15:4-13; Matt 3:1-12
 12/9: Ps 21; Isa 24:1-16; 1 Thess 4:1-12
 12/10: Ps 21; Isa 41:14-20; Rom 15:14-21
 12/11: Ps 21; Gen 15:1-18; Matt 12:33-37
 12/12: Ps 146:5-10; Ruth 1:6-18; 2 Pet 3:1-10
 12/13: Ps 146:5-10; Ruth 4:13-17; 2 Pet 3:11-18
 12/14: Ps 146:5-10; 1 Sam 2:1-8; Luke 3:1-18
 12/15: Isa 35:1-10; Ps 146: 5-10; James 5:7-10; Matt 11:2-11
 12/16: Ps 42; Isa 29:17-24; Acts 5:12-16
 12/17: Ps 42; Ezekiel 47:1-12; Jude 1:17-25
 12/18: Ps 42; Zech 8:1-17; Matt 8:14-34
 12/19: Ps 80:1-19; 2 Sam 7:1-17; Gal 3:23-29
 12/20: Ps 80:1-19; 2 Sam 7:18-22; Gal 4:1-7
 12/21: Ps 80:1-19; 2 Sam 7:23-29; John 3:31-36

Serving Schedule**December 8, 2019**

Elder: Judy Ferguson, Jeremy Schoenherr
Diaconate: Sonya Bishop, Michelle Hart, Burdette Irwin, Cherise Anderson, Lauren Saxe, Faith Saxe
8:00 Communion: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes
10:30 Communion: Mike & Julie Boren
Scripture: Tucker Kunzeman
10:30 Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck
Shut-ins: Dave & Sandy Herring

December 15, 2019

Elder: Helen Earls, Kathy Hull
Diaconate: Debbie Robinson, Tom Robinson, Taylor Sweeting, Lainey Ten Eyck, Amy Casto, Keith Elledge
8:00 Communion: Hamer & Jenny Tate
10:30 Communion: Zack & Libby Boren
Scripture: Eli Mendenhall
10:30 Nursery: Jordyn Apps
Shut-ins: Joyce Lemons

Wishes & Wants

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

| | <u>11/24</u> | <u>12/1</u> |
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| Worship Attendance | | |
| 8:00 AM | 115 | 103 |
| 10:30 AM | <u>174</u> | <u>178</u> |
| Total | 289 | 281 |
| Christian Education | | |
| Age 3-PK | 7 | 8 |
| K-1st | 8 | 10 |
| 2nd-3rd | 8 | 7 |
| 4th-5th | 9 | 13 |
| Jr/Sr High | 6 | 20 |
| Disciples | 13 | 13 |
| New Beginnings | 7 | 7 |
| Sermon Study | 8 | 6 |
| C.O.F.F.E.E. | 7 | 10 |
| Select to Connect | <u>6</u> | <u>6</u> |
| Total | 79 | 100 |