

The Pittsfield Christian



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Coming Events

- 1/5 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Officer Installation
5:00 pm Elder Retreat
- 1/6 1:00 pm Interagency
- 1/7 8:30 am Bible Study
5:00 pm Basketball Practice
- 1/8 8:30 am Pike County Unmet Needs
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 1/9 9:30 am Circle IV Meeting
Noon Bible Study
5:00 pm Building Team Meeting
5:00 pm Basketball Practice
- 1/10 6:00 pm Pike County Youth League
- 1/11 10:00 am Pike Cty Youth League
- 1/12 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00, 6:00 Youth Group
- 1/14 8:30 am Bible Study
5:00 pm Basketball Practice
6:00 pm Church Board Meeting
- 1/15 6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 1/16 Noon Bible Study
5:00 pm Basketball Practice
5:30 pm Children First Board Mtg
- 1/17 6:00 pm Pike County Youth League
- 1/18 9:00 am Pike County Youth League

January 5 will be Cookie Sunday! Be sure to get a cookie after service and fellowship with your church family!

The **Children First Board** will meet Thurs, **Jan 16, 5:30.**

Kids Connection will resume Wed, **Feb 5.**

The next **Men's Breakfast and Study** will be Sat morning, **Jan 4, 7-8:30** at Crossroads. Contact Zack Boren for more info.

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

Thank you to those rotating off as officer or elected official for your years of service to the church!

Treasurer: Michelle Hart

Trustee: Joyce Harrison

Elders: Helen Earls, Judy Ferguson, Matt Saxe, Jeremy Schoenherr

Deacons: Sonya Bishop, Michelle Hart, Burdette Irwin, Debbie Robinson, Tom Robinson, Taylor Sweeting, Cherise Anderson, Lauren Saxe, Lainey Ten Eyck

Elder Retreat will be Sunday evening, **Jan 5, 5:00**, at Pastor Michael's home.

Choir Practice will resume Wed, **Jan 8, 6:30.**

Circle IV will meet Thurs morning, **Jan 9, 9:30** at Cardinal Inn.

The **Thursday noon Bible Study** will resume **Jan 9** with Chapter 5. Everyone is welcome to join them and bring a sack lunch if needed. Contact Helen for more info or if you need a book.

Church Board Meeting will be Tues, **Jan 14, 6pm.** Packets will be in the church Long Room on Sunday, **Jan 12.** **Be sure to get your packet early to review policies before the meeting.**

Youth Group will not meet Sunday, Jan 5. Meetings will resume **Jan 12 - 5:00** Junior High, **6:00** High School.

Crossroads Center will be open for **walking** Monday through Thursday, 8-10a.m. **starting Jan 6 through March.** Special events may alter the schedule and will be posted.

Prayer Concerns: Chip Barber, Dora Lee Claus, Bill Ferguson, Amanda Haskins, Stacey Helms, Kit Mefford, Wanda Mendenhall, Pastor Michael Ten Eyck, Baylor Fencik (Brad & Judy Losch's granddaughter), Michael Guillory (Carolyn Barber's nephew), Kay Matthews (Jean Sanderson's sister), Debbie Preston (Judy Losch's sister), Peter Roccaforte (Chuck Barber's nephew), Jolene Smith (Friend of Cindy Chamberlain), Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law), Jim Thompson (Brenda Kramer's father)

Thank you for your very kind donations throughout the year. We so appreciate you thinking of our program. Sincerely, The Board of the Pikeland Snack Pack.

Justin, Aidan, and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and hugs during Aidan's recovery. You all mean so much to us and your kindness didn't go unnoticed.

*Thank you,
Justin, Amber, and Aidan Poor*

Thank you everyone for attending the Kids Connection Program, Children First Program, Christmas Cantata and Christmas Eve Service. We hope you had a meaningful Christmas with family and friends.

*First Christian Church,
Your generous support of the Pike County Christmas Basket Program is greatly appreciated and has contributed to another successful year of helping needy Pike County families. We sincerely thank you.
Pike County Christmas Basket Coordinators,
Carla Allen, Lynn Ottwell*

Save the Date! **Youth Group Valentine Dinner Fundraiser** will be Sunday, **Feb 9**. More info to come.

*I want to thank everyone for the cards, visits and prayers during my recent hospital stays and surgery. Your support means so much and I greatly appreciate it!
In Christian Love,
Shirley Loyd*

If you purchased a poinsettia, then feel free to take one home with you on Sunday while they are still fresh.

To all Senior Adult Bible Study participants with David and Charlotte Hamilton

Charlotte and I want to thank you for your prayers and participation in Senior Adult Bible Study this past year. We treasure your prayers, friendship, and fellowship as together we travel this road often referred to as "aging." One thing we have discovered in 17 years of senior adult ministry is that we all deal with similar issues. And, we all thank God for His faithfulness!

Charlotte and I want to invite you to participate in our Winter Quarter of Senior Adult Community Bible Study. We will meet every Wednesday from 10-11 AM. January 8-March 25, in the Family Center of Pittsfield Church of the Nazarene, 227 West Washington Street in Pittsfield. This twelve-week Bible study will feature an in depth look at Joseph: A Man of Integrity and Forgiveness, Genesis: Chapters 37- 50. As usual, we will distribute a free study guide. Hot drinks will also be available each week.

Paved on-site parking is readily available adjacent to the Family Center. Enter through West door. Additionally, there are several Handicapped as well as Senior Adult paved parking spots immediately North of the Family Center. Restroom facilities are in Family Center as well as church foyer.

Senior Adult Bible Study has joined hands and hearts with the Prime Timers of Pittsfield Church of the Nazarene for the period of January 8-March 25. Charlotte and I believe this move will be beneficial to each of us. As has always been the case, Senior Adult Community Bible Study will continue to be multi-denominational. We enjoy and value the friendships we have made with each of you since beginning this Bible study in 2007.

Charlotte and I look forward to being with you on January 8, as we begin our new study on Joseph: A Man of Integrity and Forgiveness. You are loved!

David and Charlotte Hamilton

Dear Camp Friends,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Thank you for your part in the good work God is doing at MVCSC!

This year we hosted more campers in our regular season camps than last. In addition, hundreds more came during rentals and retreats. Our camps are growing and this year our Mission Trip attendance quadrupled! We plan to return to Bethany Christian Mission and Campton Christian Church in Eastern Kentucky in 2020. Please consider going with us, or volunteering at another one of our camps! Contact Jim for more information.

With the number of pulpits and youth ministries in transition this year, we are hoping and praying that Church members and some of our old Deans are willing to step in and do camp! Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to share your faith at Camp!

MVCSC continues to support the Mission of the Church. This year we hosted and learned from The Dorce' family of Blessing Hearts International in Haiti, and Andrew Hodges a Campus Minister from IUPUI. You can learn more at <https://www.impactatiupui.com/> You can keep up with the Dorce's at <https://www.blessingheartsinternational.com/>

The Spaghetti Dinner in April at the Crossroads Center was a great success and is planned again for April 2020. We'll be sure to let you know in advance. We continued our Taco Salad Fundraiser and fall festivals. A hearty Thank You to Shelly and team for all they do! Please consider getting involved with these terrific opportunities.

As always, we are committed to improving, and maintaining the camp. Next up is the chapel roof! Please consider a one-time gift designated "Chapel Roof." We are still striving to retire the debt on the girl's dorm. Many thanks to those who faithfully send funds designated "Girls Dorm Debt Reduction."

We are very grateful for your help in the past, present and future. God is our great provider; we are writing you to let you know of the opportunities to work alongside Him and be a blessing to these kids. If God is moving you to help, please keep MVCSC in mind for your giving, and always remember us in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Jim Dain

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 Helen Earls, Programs & Christian Ed
 Kayla Boren, Music
 Kacie Lipcaman, Christian Ed
 Rebecca Rhodes, Administrative Secretary
 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)	<u>12/22</u>	<u>12/29</u>
Operational	\$12,128.14	\$6,669.70
Property Improvement	38.00	3.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	70.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	3.00	3.00
Church Construction/Renovate	700.00	0.00
Children First	<u>20.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$12,984.14	\$6,790.70

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$12,760.17 \$7,401.99
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

Lectionary

1/5: Jer 31:7-14; Ps 147:12-20; Eph 1:3-14; John 1:1-18
 1/6: Isa 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-14; Eph 3:1-12; Matt 2:1-12
 1/7: Ps 72; 1 Kings 10:1-13; Eph 3:14-21
 1/8: Ps 72; 1 Kings 10:14-25; Eph 4:7-16
 1/9: Ps 29; 1 Sam 3:1-9; Acts 9:1-9
 1/10: Ps 29; 1 Sam 3:10-4:1; Acts 9:10-19
 1/11: Ps 29; 1 Sam 7:3-17; Acts 9:19-31
 1/12: Isa 42:1-9; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matt 3:13-17
 1/13: Ps 89:5-37; Gen 35:1-15; Acts 10:44-48
 1/14: Ps 89:5-37; Jer 1:4-10; Acts 8:4-13
 1/15: Ps 89:5-37; Isa 51:1-16; Matt 12:15-21
 1/16: Ps 40:1-11; Isa 22:15-25; Gala 1:6-12
 1/17: Ps 40:1-11; Gen 27:30-38; Acts 1:1-5
 1/18: Ps 40:1-11; 1 Kings 19:19-21; Luke 5:1-11

Serving Schedule**January 5, 2020**

Elder: Ruth Bennett, Bob Clark
Diaconate: Amy Casto, Kathy Curfman, Scott Bacon, Shari Clark, Angie Ruebush, Brian Ruebush
8:00 Communion: Shari Clark, Deana Jones
10:30 Communion: Kathy Curfman, Edith Gant
Scripture: Matt Saxe
10:30 Nursery: Emma Saxe
Shut-ins: Kay Sealock
Fellowship Treats: Michelle Hart, Debbie Robinson, Ruth Bennett, Carole Elledge

January 12, 2020

Elder: N.D. Harrison, Ruth Bennett
Diaconate: Faith Saxe, Ann Ferguson, Charlie Hull, Jessica Hull, Ellie Ten Eyck, Emma Saxe
8:00 Communion: N.D. & Joyce Harrison
10:30 Communion: Roger & Charlotte Dunham
Scripture: Cameron Sweeting
10:30 Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck
Shut-ins: Dan & Sue Speckhart

Wishes & Wants

None at this time.

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.

	<u>12/22</u>	<u>12/29</u>
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	139	87
10:30 AM	<u>243</u>	<u>152</u>
Total	382	239
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	8	3
K-1st	10	4
2nd-3rd	6	3
4th-5th	17	13
Jr/Sr High	21	8
Disciples	10	10
New Beginnings	6	8
Sermon Study	5	8
C.O.F.F.E.E.	9	0
Select to Connect	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
Total	98	63