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Coming Events

- 5/26 7:00 pm Connection Group
- 5/29 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School
5:00 pm Youth Group Meeting
- 5/30 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
9:00 pm Softball League
- 6/2 7:00 pm Connection Group
- 6/3 9:00 am Chamber Event
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 6/4 9:00 am Chamber Event
- 6/5 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School
2:00 pm Dining Room Rental
5:00 pm Youth Group Meeting
- 6/6 1:00 pm Fellowship Hall Rental
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
8:00 pm Softball League
- 6/7 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 6/8 8:30 pm Unmet Needs Meeting
- 6/9 7:00 pm Connection Group
- 6/12 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School
5:00 pm Youth Group Meeting
- 6/13 6:00 pm Softball League
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 6/14 2:00 pm Maschhoff Job Fair
6:00 pm Church Board Meeting
- 6/16 7:00 pm Connection Group
- 6/19 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED MONDAY, **MAY 30**, IN OB-
SERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.

Pastor Michael's sermon series June 5-17 will study the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Church camp forms are on the sanctuary mantels and Oasis fellowship table. CMF will pay half the fee for youth in our church family. The first camp, High School, begins June 12.

Church League Softball is played Monday evenings at the Pittsfield Lake. Contact Matt Sealock or Kevin Hittner if you plan to play on team FCC. You must be at least a high school student to participate. **A new team has been added to our updated schedule is May 30 9:00, June 6 8:00, June 13 6:00, June 20 9:00, July 11 9:00, July 18 6:00.** Come out and cheer on your church family!

Our church has been asked to clean the game room, lake area and campfire area at the conclusion of each camp at Mississippi Valley this summer. Work can begin at 3:00 on the following dates: Fri June 17, Fri June 24, Thurs June 30, Sat July 2, Thurs July 7, Fri July 16, Sun Aug 7, Sun Aug 11. **Sign up at the fellowship table on Sunday for the day(s) you can help.**

Kacie Lipcaman and Michelle Hart are our VBS chairs for this summer and they have been preparing since last year's VBS. They have chosen an exciting curriculum that is full of learning, creativity, and fun!

The station leaders are on board and planning for an exciting week!

What we still need are small group leaders who will go with their small group throughout the evening, building relationships with their group, and being blessed by the opportunity to see their group grow in the knowledge that God loves them! It is incredibly easy and incredibly rewarding if you love God and kids! It only takes 5 evenings of your time and you will feel blessed. Don't miss this opportunity!

Please give Kacie or Michelle a call if you are interested in making a difference in the lives of our children.

Children First preschool is accepting registration for the 2016-2017 term. Call 285.4129 to reach Jennifer for more info.

The high school Sunday School class started a study of the book of First Samuel at 8 a.m. at Crossroads Sunday, **May 22**. Please come and join us each week and we welcome those who have just graduated from 8th grade.

The next newsletter will be printed the week of June 6.

Wishes and Wants

For Sale: Double China cabinets \$50. Old refrigerator with ice maker \$50. Old chest freezer-works. Computer desk with hutch \$100. Gently used like new NordicTrack treadmill \$200. Ikea twin bed with lots of storage underneath \$50. Yvonne Stauffer 217.653.4504.

For Sale: Limestone flat rock to decorate flower beds. Edna Baughman 285.2948.

Happy Birthday Pastor Michael on June 5!

Prayer Concerns

Emmett Boren
Danny Burnett (*Friend of Karl Benjamin*)
Mary Chamberlain
Judy Dunham
Bill Hammitt (*Larry Wigington's brother*)
Carrol Hoover
Merle Howard (*Larry Howard's brother*)
Maria Owens
Phil Richardson (*Charlotte Dunham's brother*)
John Sheppard (*Sandy Wigington's father*)
Parker Zumwalt

We are gathering gear for VBS. Items needed are—Hard Hats, Large Boxes (can be broken down, but still in tact), Pool Noodles, Spray foam, Brown Packaging (Kraft paper, paper bags), Tarps (black & blue), Lanterns, LED lights, Milk Jugs (do not need the lids), No flame candles. Any and all donations are appreciated! Thank you! - Kacie Lipcaman & Michelle Hart.

There will be a SURPRISE reception for Richard and Yvonne Stauffer on Sunday, May 29, immediately after 10:30 service in the overflow room. We hope you can join us for cake and cookies while we thank them for their many years of service to FCC in so many areas of ministry. They will move to the Chicago area the first of June to be close to family. Remember it's a SURPRISE!

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Paula Goewey, Brad & McKenzie Tomhave, Becky Daniel, Marjie Guthrie; **3** Ron & Barb Bradburn, Gina Bryant; **4** Carrol & Evelyn Hoover, Maggie Marable, John Calaway, Jenny Palmer; **5** Michael Ten Eyck, Silas Smith, Calvin & Charlene Anderson; **6** Charles & Mary Gates, Tom Robinson, Eric & Jill Kunzeman; **7** Delbert & Jeanine Robertson, Michael & Jessica Smith; **8** Jeff & Amy Cox; **9** Matt & Faith Saxe, Bob & Sue Evans; **10** Richard & Linda Decker, Chad & Ashley Ferguson; **11** Clinton Hayden, David & Marie Awbrey, Eric Kunzeman; **12** Joyce Harrison; **13** Jacque Walston; **14** Tim & Linda Belford, Edith Gant, Knox Dunham, Jim & Brittany Dain; **15** Robert & Cara McNulty, Judy Dunham, David & Tammi Koltveit, Anita Kuntz, Dakota Smith, Ron & Chris Phipps; **16** Luke Hart, Don & Sharron Houchins; **17** David & Donna James, Donna James; **18** Brandon Belford, Rick & Kathy Curfman, Kim Speckhart, Roger Dunham, Addison Korte; **19** Evelyn Black, David & Terry Smith, Dan & Sue Speckhart, Rodney Gordley, Asher Marable; **20** Libby Boren, Frank & Elaine Hoaglin, Jamie & Sarah Sweeting; **21** Rosemary Clark, Julie Myers, John & Cindi Schoenherr, Isaac Ferguson; **22** Lexie Lipcaman; **23** Hayley Cox; **24** Randy Zimmerman, Stone Wintjen, Richard & Sara Hobbs, Curtis Gouran; **25** Molly Shaw, Terry & Sandy Reel; **26** Chris Smith, DJ Westmaas; **27** Greg Bonnett, Mary Wintjen, Paul Borrowman, Steve & Brandy Allred; **28** Dave & Gina Bryant, Mike & Tammy Herren; **29** Jeffrey Schoenherr, Glen & Carol Cooley; **30** Amber Apps.

Excerpts from May 10, 2016 Church Board Meeting

Call to Order at 6:03 P.M. by the Moderator Bobby Smith.

Opening devotion and prayer was led by Larry Wigington. Scripture: Matthew 14:15-33 – Jesus did not place boundaries or limits, encouraged open-mindedness and stepping out of our comfort zone.

The April minutes were approved by general consensus.

Pastor Michael will provide the message at PHS Baccalaureate on Sunday, May 15th

Pastor Chaz stated the Intentional Church Conference has a website with 2015 videos.

Treasurer: Bethany reported that as of April 30 General Checking Operating \$77,022.68. Statement of Cash Flow on Nonbudgeted Receipts \$23,347.65 and Nonbudgeted Disbursements \$26,470.66. Average worship attendance year to date 287 individuals. 1/3 through the fiscal year. The Treasurer's report was approved by general consensus.

The Trustees approved cyber liability insurance from The Hartford with a \$1,000.00 premium. They will help purchase a \$1,500 projector for Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp.

Property: Review Ambient lighting information and make a final decision. Admin/Children First site passed carbon dioxide test. Hope to get final approval at the Tuesday Pittsfield City Council Mtg to place the new pod east of the Crossroads Center.

Crossroads Center: June 6 painting will begin in the gym first. June 20-21 gym floor refinish, etc. June 27 tile floor refinish.

Children First: May 12 Children First graduation and fundraiser at Crossroads. Helen requested approval for \$10,000 to be used as needed over the next few months. David Bishop made the motion to honor this request with this being a loan from General Checking. Hamer Tate seconded the motion and all approved. Pastor Michael made the motion to clarify the terminology in the January request for additional funds to state the word "loan" as well. Seconded by N.D. Harrison and all approved.

New Business: Helen shared her enthusiasm with the group on the recent Orange Conference. The primary focus of the conference was "Strengthening Families". Elders received copies of the book "Lead Small". Chaz enjoyed the "break-out" sessions pertaining to social media, family events, and developing a child check-in, check-out system. Helen requested permission to pay for four individuals to attend the Orange Conference in 2017 and allowing a lower rate with early registration. Wayne Chamberlain made the motion to do so, Ann Ferguson seconded and all approved the motion. N.D. Harrison made the motion to "comp" the amount paid by the Pittsfield Fire Department to rent Crossroads for the Father/Daughter Dance. Seconded by Larry Wigington and all approved.

David Bishop moved to adjourn at 7:10 PM. Larry Wigington seconded the motion and Helen closed us in prayer.



HANG TIME

IMAGINE THE END

School is out and all of our little ones are one step closer to no longer being little ones! As a parent, it can be heart-breaking to think ahead to the day when your child packs up his room and leaves your house, to—hopefully—at least return for the holidays. That moment will come when everything you have taught, modeled, and encouraged will be put to the test in the real world. That's why it's never too early to begin laying the foundation for the kind of adult you hope your child will grow into and the kind of relationship you hope to have after all the cheerio-smashing, music-blaring, curfew-breaking years have passed. Here are a few ideas to get you started...



Show Compassion “Compassion for others” is probably high on the list of qualities you want your child to have—you know, right under “doesn't pick nose” and “sense of humor beyond bodily gases.” And what better place to start than with an organization named exactly that? Compassion International and other organizations like it can be incredible tools to teach your children about serving and loving others. Spend some time researching an organization as a family and decide on a way you will help this month!



Keep A Secret Imagine your kids becoming people who think of others more than themselves. Interested? At your next family dinner, ask this question: “Who do you know that needs a little extra help or attention this month?” Then think of one person—a family member, neighbor, friend, classmate, peer, etc.—per family member. But don't let anyone outside of the family know what's up! Plan together and then check back in throughout the month to see how each family member is serving his or her secret person.



Bake A Tradition Traditions make a family a family... well, traditions and embarrassing photos. This month, pass on—or start!—a family tradition by working together to make a dessert that grandma or a favorite aunt makes. As you eat your dessert, talk about the importance of family and how sweet your favorite traditions are!



Mail A Letter Get your kids in the habit of “writing home” this month by giving each person in your family three notecards, envelopes, and stamps. Have each person pick three people who serve them well and write or draw a picture to say, “Thank you for how you serve me!” Talk about what you wrote as a family and send your notes via “snail mail!”



Guess Who Bring serving home this month by encouraging your family members to serve one another. Put every family member's name on a piece of paper. Then, draw names and keep it a secret. Challenge each family member to make their secret person a priority and make them feel special. At the end of the month try and guess who each person's secret person was.

I have loved sharing the series on The Lord's Prayer these past few weeks. During my preparation time, I have had the opportunity to read the thoughts of some great theologians (old and new) about The Lord's Prayer. Some of these I have shared during our series, but others have inspired me.

Martin Luther writes in *A Simple Way to Pray*:

You should also know that I do not want you to recite all these words in your prayer. That would make it nothing but idle chatter and prattle, read word for word out of a book as were the rosaries by the laity and the prayers of the priests and monks. Rather do I want your heart to be stirred and guided concerning the thoughts which ought to be comprehended in the Lord's Prayer. These thoughts may be expressed, if your heart is rightly warmed and inclined toward prayer, in many different ways and with more words or fewer.

...To this day I suckle at the Lord's Prayer like a child, and as an old man eat and drink from it and never get my fill. It is the very best prayer, even better than the psalter, which is so very dear to me. It is surely evident that a real master composed and taught it. What a great pity that the prayer of such a master is prattled and chattered so irreverently all over the world! How many pray the Lord's Prayer several thousand times in the course of a year, and if they were to keep on doing so for a thousand years they would not have tasted nor prayed one iota, one dot, of it! In a word, the Lord's Prayer is the greatest martyr on earth (as are the name and word of God). Everybody tortures and abuses it; few take comfort and joy in its proper use.

In the book, *The Prayer of the Lord*, R.C. Sproul writes:

I find it striking that when Jesus taught the church how to pray, the first thing He chose to tell us to pray about is that the name of God might be regarded as sacred. Very few people today would list the hallowing of the name of God as a top priority for the supplications of the people of God. It almost seems foreign to our environment to place so much emphasis on proper treatment of a name.

...Yes, my sins have all been paid for, once and for all, on the cross. But Jesus taught us to pray for forgiveness as part of our ongoing communion with God. We need a fresh understanding, a fresh experience, of His grace and of His forgiveness every day. There is no greater state than to get up from your knees knowing that in God's sight you are clean, that He has forgiven every sin you've ever committed. Without that grace, without that forgiveness, I don't think I could live in this world for another sixty seconds. This is something we all desperately need, and we have but to ask for it.

My hope for us all is that we will learn from the pattern of prayer that Christ taught. I long for each one of us to experience the rich intimacy of communion with the Lord in prayer. Let us take Luther's advice and use this pattern as flint and steel to kindle intimate conversation with our Father in Heaven.

Loving you all,
Michael

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Worship Times: Every Sunday 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:30am

Sunday School: 8:00am, 9:15am

Stewardship (Offering Only)	5/15	5/22
Operational	\$10,281.00	\$7,666.00
Property Improvement	78.00	3.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	70.00
DHF	80.00	80.00
Outreach-General	459.00	60.00
Children First	<u>200.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$11,168.00	\$7,979.00

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$11,001.00 \$9,616.70
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,634

	5/15	5/22
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	72	57
9:15 AM	95	69
10:30 AM	<u>99</u>	<u>89</u>
Total	266	215
Christian Education		
Age 3-K	5	6
1st-2 nd	9	7
3rd-5 th	8	0
6th-8 th	7	5
Sr High	6	5
Disciples	17	13
New Beginnings	6	6
Select to Connect	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
Total	65	49

Serving Schedule

May 29, 2016

Elder: Larry Wigington, Joyce Lemons
Diaconate: Yvonne Stauffer, Judy Ferguson, Sarah Sweeting, Michele Westmaas, Jamie Sweeting
8:00 Communion: Steve & Vickie Tharp
9:15 Communion: Dave & Sandy Herring
9:15 Greeter: Bev & Eddie White
10:30 Communion: Ann Ferguson, Joyce Lemons
10:30 Scripture Reader: Eli Mendenhall
10:30 Sound System: Matt Sealock
10:30 Nursery: Abigail Cox
10:30 Candle Lighter: Nolan Daniel, Cameron Sweeting
Shut-ins: Brenda Kramer & Ann Ferguson, Matt & Faith Saxe

June 5, 2016

Elder: David Bishop, Phil Sandidge
Diaconate: Mike Boren, Chad Ferguson, Barbara Fosco, Karen Goodwin, Donnie Apps, Julie Boren
8:00 Communion: Carol O'Malley, Harold & Shirley Loyd
9:15 Communion: Tom & Debbie Robinson
9:15 Greeter: Roger & Rokettia Brokaw
10:30 Communion: Keith & Carole Elledge
10:30 Scripture Reader: Faith Saxe
10:30 Sound System: Matt Saxe
10:30 Nursery: Emma Saxe
10:30 Candle Lighter: Wesley Gengler, Eli Mendenhall
Shut-ins: Jim & Brittany Dain, Kay Sealock
Fellowship Treats: Libby Boren, Deloras Martin, Cathy Lacey, Carol O'Malley, Linda Belford

Lectionary

5/29: 1 Kings 18:20-21, 30-39; Psalm 96; 1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43; Psalm 96:1-9; Gal 1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10
 5/30: Psalm 135; Ezekiel 8:1-18; Acts 8:26-40; Jonah 4:1-11; Acts 8:26-40
 5/31: 1 Sam 2:1-10; Psalm 113; Rom 12:9-16b; Luke 1:39-57
 6/1: Psalm 135; Ezekiel 14:12-23; Mark 7:24-30; Isaiah 56:1-8; Mark 7:24-30
 6/2: Psalm 146; Exodus 29:1-9; Acts 22:6-21; 2 Sam 14:1-11; Acts 22:6-21
 6/3: Psalm 146; Numbers 15:17-26; Acts 26:1-11; 2 Sam 14:12-24; Acts 26:1-11
 6/4: Psalm 146; Joshua 9:1-27; Matt 9:2-8; 2 Sam 14:25-33
 6/5: 1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146; 1 Kings 17:17-24; Psalm 30; Gal 1:11-24
 6/6: Psalm 68:1-10, 19-20; Job 22:1-20; Gal 2:1-10; Gen 22:1-14; Gal 2:1-10
 6/7: Psalm 68:1-10, 19-20; Job 24:9-25; Gal 2:11-14; Judges 11:29-40; Gal 2:11-14
 6/8: Psalm 68:1-10, 19-20; Job 31:16-23; Luke 8:40-56; Jer 8:14-22; Luke 8:40-56
 6/9: Psalm 5:1-8; 1 Kings 20:1-22; James 4:1-7; 2 Sam 13:23-39; James 4:1-7
 6/10: Psalm 5:1-8; 1 Kings 20:23-34; Rom 11:1-10; 2 Sam 15:1-12; Rom 11:1-10
 6/11: Psalm 5:1-8; 1 Kings 20:35-43; Luke 5:17-26; 2 Sam 18:28-19:8; Luke 5:17-26