

The Pittsfield Christian

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Coming Events

- 6/12 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School
- 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 5:30 pm Children First Board
7:00 pm Connection Group
- 6/19 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School
- 6/20 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
9:00 pm Softball League
- 6/22 8:30 am Unmet Needs
- 6/23 7:00 pm Connection Group
- 6/26 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School
5:00 pm Youth Group Meeting
- 6/27 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 6/28 6:00 pm Elder Meeting
- 6/30 7:00 pm Connection Group

Pastor Michael's sermon series through July 17 will study Ephesians.

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

The Outreach Team wanted to let everyone know that we will be doing the Operation Christmas Child program a little early this year. We will be making our shoeboxes in September. So start saving your supplies now, and get ready for this wonderful ministry in the Fall!

Congratulations Brooke and Kenny Buczkowski on the birth of their first child. Lily Irene was born May 31 weighing 6 lbs., 5 oz. and was 19". The proud grandparents are Richard and Yvonne Stauffer. Richard and Yvonne have officially moved to Chicago. Their new address is Richard & Yvonne Stauffer, c/o Kenny & Brooke Buczkowski, 4332 N. Kostner Avenue, Chicago, IL 60641.

The **Church Board meeting** will be Tuesday, **June 14**, at 6pm. Packets will be in the Long Room for pick on Sunday, June 12. The **Elders** will meet at 6pm on Tuesday, **June 28**.

Due to youth involved with church camp, **youth@first** will not have the regular meetings on **June 12 & 19**.

Several of our serving schedules will expire August 31 and are listed below. This is a great way to volunteer your time and get to know others in your church family. Start praying now for how you can get involved. Contact the church office by **Aug 12** for more info or if you would like your name added. Everyone currently on these schedules will remain on them unless the office is contacted. Thank you in advance for helping with the ministry of FCC! Schedules include: 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 Communion Prep; 9:15 Greeters; 10:30 Scripture Reader; 10:30 Nursery Helper; 10:30 Candle Lighter; 10:30 Sound System.

Have you signed up yet to help 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.**

CMF will pay half the fee for youth in our church family attending Mississippi Valley. Forms can be found in the sanctuary or church office.

Church League Softball continues at Pittsfield Lake. Our updated schedule is **June 13 6:00, June 20 9:00, July 11 9:00, July 18 6:00**. Come out and cheer on team FCC!

Thank you FCC for the Bible. I have already started reading it and love it. It will help me with what I do in my future. - Aubrie Westmaas.

We wish to express our appreciation for your generosity in support of the Pikeland Snack Pack Program. Your commitment was incredibly helpful and allowed us to reach our goal. Thank you from all of us. Sincerely, The Board of the Pikeland Snack Pack.

Wishes and Wants

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

Needed: Part-time help for a business 3 days per week. See Carolyn at Casteel Color Wheel.

Needed: Someone to help clean rural home. Jenny Tate 217.248.1238.

Needed: A home for a gold covered, queen size hide-a-bed free. Marge Lamb 285.2949.

The next newsletter will be printed the week of June 22.

Prayer Concerns

Emmett Boren

Ron & Barbara Bradburn

Danny Burnett (*Friend of Karl Benjamin*)

Mary Chamberlain

Rosemary Clark

Judy Dunham

Bryn Fine

Merle Howard (*Larry Howard's brother*)

David James

Ryan Kelley (*Roger & Charlotte's grandson.*

Cochlear implant on June 15)

Maria Owens

Phil Richardson (*Charlotte Dunham's brother*)

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, A LOT OF MILK JUGS (do not need the lids), No flame candles. Any and all donations are appreciated! Thank you! - Kacie Lipcaman & Michelle Hart.



CREATE A RHYTHM
HOME FX PROJECT



The definition of rhythm is, "A MOVEMENT OR PROCEDURE WITH UNIFORM OR PATTERNED RECURRENCE OF A BEAT, ACCENT, OR THE LIKE."

We want to help you create a rhythm in your home—a steady beat of things you can do to help bring you closer to one another. Choose one of the summer activities below to get you started! It doesn't take a really big thing to make a big difference. Sometimes, all you need is a steady beat that shows up on a regular basis.



EAT PANCAKES IN PJS

How does Saturday morning at your local pancake house sound? Make it even more memorable: try Saturday morning at your local pancake house in pajama pants! Now *that* would be a fun summer memory! No need to leave the house, though. Pancakes can be just as fun and yummy in the tummy at home. Either way, see how many Saturdays in a row you can make your way to a plate of pancakes with bed hair and PJs! If you're brave enough, you could even take a few pictures around the table!



LEAVE SECRET NOTES

Want to help your family encourage one another and have a little fun at the same time? Try giving each family member 10 note cards at the beginning of the summer. Tell everyone to write a note or draw a picture that will encourage a family member and then secretly leave it on that person's pillow. The goal is to use all of your note cards before summer is over. Some examples could be: "You're awesome because..." "I love you because..." "You did a great job when you..." Who knows? You just might need to hand out a few more note cards!



TAKE A WALK

The days are long in the summer, so why not take advantage of them? Try picking one day a week that you take a family walk after dinner. If one day a week is not enough, I wouldn't dream of stopping you from doing more! Stack the dishes in the sink and put your walking shoes on! Enjoy a walk around the block or out at the lake. Let the busyness of the day slip away as you walk and talk and simply enjoy the amazing kids God has given you!



MAKE A MEMORY BOOK

Have you ever looked back on summer and wondered where the time went? It always goes by way too fast! This summer, try making a memory book that you can add to each week. You can add pictures and souvenirs from your adventures and even let each family member write a sentence or two each week. So, where did the time go? Glad you asked! Let me show you our book!



EAT SUNDAES ON SUNDAYS

Sundays are perfect for church, naps, and... ice cream! Why not make your summer Sundays the day you pull out the ice cream and all the toppings? Better yet, make a family trip to Dari Ripple! You're going to have about eight or nine Sundays before school starts. What better way to celebrate each one than with hot fudge and sprinkles?! If you make this activity a steady beat in your summer, you might want to take the walk too!

My message this month is in keeping with the Memorial Day services held around the county last week. It was written by Ben Morse in 2013, and I do not know anything about him, but his message is wonderful and should be respected by all of us.

So God Made a Soldier

And on the 8th day, God looked down on His planned paradise and said, "I need a protector." So God made a soldier.

God said, "I need someone who is willing to get up before dawn, run ten miles, drive all day in the hot summer sun, and trudge through damp jungles in the dark of night, eat cold bland food from a can, all while carrying forty pounds of equipment up a mountainside to his next port." So God made a soldier.

"I need somebody with arms strong enough to pull a buddy off the side of a cliff and yet gentle enough to hold a baby that was left abandoned in a ransacked village. Somebody to fix roads, tame a Humvee that slips out of gear, come back to base hungry, but be willing to wait until the canteen is done feeding a batch of refugees who have fled a war zone, and then spend the few hours he could have spent sleeping making sure every last one of them has gotten a meal." So God made a soldier.

God said, "I need somebody willing to sit up all night with an injured comrade, if only to watch him die. Then dry his eyes and say, 'God has him now.' I need somebody who can shape an ax handle out of a piece of driftwood, fix a mis-firing weapon with a paper clip, who can make a snare of parachute cord, hankie, and a sapling. And who, when duty calls, will finish his forty hours by Tuesday noon, then, with feet swollen and blistered, will march another 40 miles to relieve and support the guys on the front line." So God made a soldier.

God had to have somebody willing to ride the roads at double speed to get through the gauntlet of mines and IEDs, and yet stop in mid-route to help when he sees a civilian who was wounded in the crossfire. So God made a soldier.

God said, "I need somebody strong enough to swim from ship to shore loaded with his pack, yet gentle enough to pick up, hold and nurse a puppy that wandered into camp from parts unknown, who will stop his job to help a friend who is struggling to complete his own." It had to be somebody who'd march, shoot, run, salute and throw and jump and guide and navigate and love his neighbor, be willing to put the lives of others in front of his own, have unbreakable love for his country and unshakeable faith in his maker. So God made a soldier.

Somebody who'd hold his family together with the soft strong bonds of caring, who would laugh and then sigh and then reply, with smiling eyes, when his son says he wants to spend his life 'doing what dad does.'

So God made a soldier.

I know this is long, but my passion for honoring veterans that gave the ultimate sacrifice, those living veterans and ones serving now need our big THANK YOU!

Pray for our country.

Roger Dunham, Elder

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

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

Stewardship (Offering Only)	5/29	6/5
Operational	\$7,823.85	\$8,498.50
Property Improvement	53.00	10,306.35
Outreach-Missionaries	270.00	470.00
DHF	80.00	80.00
Outreach-General	560.00	128.00
Outreach-Unmet Needs	50.00	50.00
Children First	<u>240.00</u>	<u>60.00</u>
Total	\$9,076.85	\$19,592.85

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$7,823.85 \$8,498.50
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,634

Serving Schedule

June 12, 2016

Elder: Phil Sandidge, N.D. Harrison
Diaconate: Eric Kunzeman, Jill Kunzeman, Kathy Lehr, Faith Saxe, Bill Grimsley, Ron Halsey
8:00 Communion: Carolyn Casteel, Kathy Willman
9:15 Communion: Phil & Georgia Sandidge
9:15 Greeter: Ray & Robin Carr
10:30 Communion: TBA
10:30 Scripture Reader: Noah Mendenhall
10:30 Sound System: Charlene Anderson
10:30 Nursery: Lauren Saxe
10:30 Candle Lighter: Emma Saxe, Shelby Bauer
Shut-ins: Roger & Rokettia Brokaw, Dan & Sue Speckhart

June 19, 2016

Elder: N.D. Harrison, Phil Sandidge
Diaconate: Christie Mendenhall, Gary Mendenhall, John Birch, Cheryl Birch
8:00 Communion: N.D. & Joyce Harrison
9:15 Communion: Bev & Eddie White
9:15 Greeter: Bill & Laura Grimsley
10:30 Communion: Jamie & Sarah Sweeting
10:30 Scripture Reader: Cindi Schoenherr
10:30 Sound System: Gary Mendenhall
10:30 Nursery: Katie Cox
10:30 Candle Lighter: Ellie Ten Eyck, Wesley Gengler
Shut-ins: Bill & Helen Earls, Howard & Vera Staffy

Lectionary

	5/29	6/5
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	62	57
9:15 AM	72	95
10:30 AM	<u>81</u>	<u>101</u>
Total	215	253
Christian Education		
Age 3-K	2	7
1st-2 nd	6	10
3rd-5 th	7	13
6th-8 th	5	7
Sr High	4	0
Disciples	17	13
New Beginnings	0	5
Select to Connect	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
Total	48	62

6/12: 1 Kings 21:1-10, 15-21a; Psalm 5:1-8; 2 Sam 11:26-12:10, 13-15; Psalm 32, Gal 2:15-21; Luke 7:36-8:3
 6/13: Psalm 83; Gen 31:17-35; Gal 3:1-9; 2 Chr 29:1-19; Gal 3:1-9
 6/14: Psalm 83; 2 Sam 19:31-43; Gal 3:10-14; 2 Chr 30:1-12; Gal 3:10-14
 6/15: Psalm 83; Mal 3:5-12; Mark 2:1-12; 2 Chr 30:13-27; Mark 2:1-12
 6/16: Psalm 42 & 43; Gen 24:1-21; Rom 2:17-29; Isa 56:9-12; Rom 2:17-29
 6/17: Psalm 42 & 43; Job 6:14-30; Gal 3:15-22; Isa 57:1-13; Gal 3:15-22
 6/18: Psalm 42 & 43; Proverbs 11:3-13; Matt 9:27-34; Isa 59:1-8; Matt 9:27-34
 6/19: 1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a; Psalm 42 & 43, Isa 65:1-9, Psalm 22:19-28; Gal 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39
 6/20: Psalm 59; 2 Kings 9:1-13; 1 Cor 1:18-31; Job 18:1-21; 1 Cor 1:18-31
 6/21: Psalm 59; 2 Kings 9:14-26; Eph 2:11-22; Job 19:1-22; Eph 2:11-22
 6/22: Psalm 59; 2 Kings 9:30-37; Luke 9:37-43a; Eze 32:1-10; Luke 9:37-43a
 6/23: Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; 1 Kings 22:29-40, 51-53; 2 Cor 13:5-10; Lev 9:22-10:11; 2 Cor 13:5-10
 6/24: Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; 2 Kings 1:1-12; Gal 4:8-20; 2 Kings 1:1-16; Gal 4:8-20
 6/25: Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20; 2 Kings 1:13-18, 2:3-5; Luke 9:21-27; Deut 32:15-27, 39-43; Luke 9:21-27