

# The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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## Coming Events

- 7/1 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting  
7/3 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship  
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School  
2:00 pm Bev White Bday Party  
5:00 pm youth@first  
7/4 8:00 pm Al Anon Meeting  
7/5 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting  
7/10 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship  
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School  
1:00 pm Fellowship Hall Rental  
5:00 pm youth@first  
7/11 1:00 pm Fellowship Hall Rental  
8:00 pm Al Anon Meeting  
9:00 pm Softball Game  
7/12 6:00 pm Church Board Meeting

Pick up your church camp registration form today! CMF will pay half the fee for youth in our church family. Sign up at the fellowship table if you can help clean after each camp. Work can begin at 3:00 at the conclusion of each camp.

## Prayer Concerns

Ron & Barbara Bradburn  
Mary Chamberlain James Davis  
Judy Dunham Helen Earls  
Maria Owens Phil Richardson

*We express our sympathy to:  
Larry Howard and family with the passing of his brother, Merle Howard;  
Kate Waterman and family with the passing of her aunt, Dawn Eichler.*

**Vacation Bible School will be July 18-22 from 6-8:15pm for children 4 years old through those entering 6th grade this fall. Family Meal will be served prior each night at Crossroads Center.** Items needed include—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. Contact Kacie Lipcaman or Michelle Hart if you have any questions.

This coming Sunday, **July 3**, will be Cookie Sunday! Plan to stay after worship service for continued fellowship with your church family while enjoying cookies and sweets!

The Church Board will meet at 6pm on **July 12**. Packets will be in the Long Room on Sunday, July 10.

We will be serving meals to Whitetail Properties during meetings on **July 26-28**. Contact Joyce Lemons or Karen Goodwin if you are available to help any or all days.

Children First preschool is accepting registration for the 2016-2017 term which will begin Tuesday, **September 6**. Call 285.4129 to reach Jennifer for more info.

**Church League Softball continues at Pittsfield Lake. Our schedule is July 11 9:00, July 18 6:00, July 25, 9:00. Come cheer on team FCC which currently undefeated!**

The next newsletter will be printed the week of July 11.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO BEV WHITE'S 60TH BIRTHDAY PARTY/OPEN HOUSE AT CROSSROADS CENTER ON SUNDAY, JULY 3, FROM 2-4P.M. HAPPY BIRTHDAY BEV!

Brenda Kramer will move to town on Sat, **July 9**. Her current address is just off the Pittsfield/Martinsburg road at 18703 372nd Lane and she'll move to 326 S. Illinois Street. Contact Brenda at 217.602.1126 if you can help that day starting at 8:00 a.m. with a strong back, truck or trailer.

The church office will be closed Monday, **July 4**, in observance of Independence Day.

## SUMMERTIME IS A GREAT TIME TO SLOW THE FAMILY PACE DOWN A BIT.

The long summer days with no homework give you a little more time to think beyond to-do lists. Take advantage of this time as a family and let your kids see you striving to grow in your character and faith. Seeing Mom and Dad pursue character and faith will help them understand how they can too! **Here are a few ideas to get you started:**



### UNPLUG

What if you decided to make your own parent “unplug” time? No phone, Facebook, email or Pinterest for a certain amount of time each day. Instead, spend that time feeding yourself mentally, spiritually and physically. There’s just something about going media free for a certain part of the day. Hey, your kids might even follow your lead and you could make this a part of your family’s week!



### WRITE A PRAYER

Set out a small chalkboard or dry erase board—hey, even a notebook or paper will do—and encourage the family to write a prayer request or praise each day. Read what everyone writes and pray for one another. Your prayer life will grow while getting to know the hearts of the people you love most.



### LIGHT A SPARKLER

Sparklers! Buy lots of them for your family to use all month long. Whenever the mood hits, take them outside, light them and see how many things you can thank God for before the sparkles run out. Being thankful has never been so much fun! To remember your fun evening, snap pictures of the sparklers in action! Try drawing letters or pictures, or just move as fast as you can.



### MAKE A PLAYLIST

What are your favorite songs? You know, the ones that take you back to high school? Make yourself a playlist so while you’re in the car or on a run or cleaning the house, you make your own little oasis just for you. Help everyone in the family do this! Your preschooler can pick songs that make him wiggle, and your teenager can find songs that make her shake it off! Have each family member choose a few songs to add to the playlist and explain why they like them. Listen to your playlist all month long—the louder, the better. If you have teenagers, you can create your playlist on Spotify, and you’ll get cool points for even knowing what Spotify is.



### WATCH A MOVIE

There are SO many movies that inspire and give examples of amazing character. Whether a fictional or true story, the inspiration remains. Pick your favorite movie that you’d love to share with your family, but don’t just watch it—talk about it with your family. What was your favorite part? What would you do in the same situation? To add to the fun, watch the movie in a new way: in a sheet fort, in the driveway with a projector, or on a pile of blankets in the middle of the floor. Pop lots of popcorn and breakout the gummy worms.

## Wishes and Wants

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

*Thank you for awarding me with the Carol V. Claus Baughman Memorial Scholarship. The money will be very helpful in paying for books and other college needs. Thank you so much. Delanie Casto.*

Elijah and Kristen Brokaw Peters have provided their latest mission report which can be found on the bulletin board outside the church building office. See the latest news on their mission work in New Zealand.

Contact the church or sign up at the fellowship table if you would like to be added to our serving schedules. **Everyone currently on these schedules will remain on them unless the office is contacted.** The schedules that will renew are 8:00 communion prep, 9:15 communion prep, 9:15 greeters, 10:30 communion prep, 10:30 scripture reader, 10:30 nursery helper, 10:30 candle lighter, 10:30 sound system. **Communion preparation for 8:00 and 9:15 in particular could use more volunteers in the rotation.**

Wally and Marge Lamb will move to Tennessee the week of July 18 to be closer to family. We will SURPRISE them immediately after 10:30 service on **July 17** with a reception in the overflow room to thank them for their years of service to FCC. We hope you can join us in wishing them well with the next chapter in their life. Remember, it’s a SURPRISE!

“It’s just a jammed finger...”

These were the words I kept repeating to my little girl over and over again during the last few weeks to calm her continued complaints of her injured finger.

I was absolutely certain that that was the case. After all, she could move and use the swollen digit. Despite her repeated laments, I was sure that this injury was just like so many others that our kiddos had gotten over my 16 years of fatherhood.

I just knew...

Of course, I was wrong.

The longer I live, the more it amazes me of how often in life we can be “sure” of something that is actually not. After all, the famous saying goes, “To err is human, but to forgive is divine.”

Certainly this past week has been difficult in terms of reaping the consequences of my “certainty.” The finger injury required surgery, and my daughter now faces a lengthy recovery. The truly difficult part of being wrong is when our errors impact those around us. In these times of humility and brokenness, the second part of the famous saying gives more perspective. . . “to forgive is divine.”

In Christ, we have forgiveness from a loving Father for any of our errors or lapses in judgment.

1 John 1:9-2:2

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ESV*

In the Body of Christ we also have forgiveness for each other. As recipients of God’s grace, we should be so moved by the mercy we have undeservedly received, that we should long to allow that same grace to flow from us to our brothers and sisters. In this way we actually take on the image of the God that we claim as Lord.

His Lordship does not mean that we won’t make mistakes, misjudgments, or that our certainties may prove erroneous, but thankfully His Lordship does mean that we are partakers of Grace.

For this, I am grateful and humbled.

The surgery went well, and my daughter is slowly healing. She has chosen to extend grace to me too and not remind me, “I told you so!” every day.

For this, I am also grateful and humbled . . .

Thank you, God, for forgiveness.

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, 9:15am, 10:30am

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

<b>Stewardship (Offering Only)</b>	<b>6/19</b>	<b>6/26</b>
Operational	\$6,392.00	\$11,125.10
Property Improvement	28.00	28.00
Outreach-Missionaries	110.00	70.00
DHF	80.00	80.00
Outreach-General	31.00	39.00
Outreach-Unmet Needs	50.00	250.00
Children First	<u>50.00</u>	<u>70.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,741.00</b>	<b>\$11,662.10</b>

**Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)**

Received Last 7 Days \$6,623.60 \$11,125.10  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,634

	<b>6/19</b>	<b>6/26</b>
<b>Worship Attendance</b>		
8:00 AM	57	83
9:15 AM	95	81
10:30 AM	<u>101</u>	<u>92</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>256</b>
<b>Christian Education</b>		
Age 3-K	2	3
1st-2 <sup>nd</sup>	4	9
3rd-5 <sup>th</sup>	4	6
6th-8 <sup>th</sup>	8	5
Sr High	2	6
Disciples	13	14
New Beginnings	0	7
Select to Connect	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>57</b>

**Lectionary**

7/3: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Ps 30; Isa 66:10-14; Ps 66:1-9; Gal 6:7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20  
 7/4: Ps 6; 2 Kings 5:15-19a; Acts 19:21-27; Jer 6:10-19; Acts 19:21-27  
 7/5: Ps 6; 2 Kings 5:19b-27; Acts 19:28-41; Jer 8:4-13; Acts 19:28-41  
 7/6: Ps 6; 2 Kings 6:1-7; Luke 10:13-16; Joshua 23:1-16; Luke 10:13-16  
 7/7: Ps 82; Amos 1:1-2:3; James 2:14-26; Gen 41:14-36; James 2:14-26  
 7/8: Ps 82; Amos 2:4-11; Acts 7:9-16; Gen 41:37-49; Acts 7:9-16  
 7/9: Ps 82; Amos 2:12-3:8; John 3:16-21; Lev 19:1-4, 32-37; John 3:16-21  
 7/10: Amos 7:7-17; Ps 82; Duet 30:9-14; Ps 25:1-10; Col 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37  
 7/11: Ps 7, Amos 3:9-4:5; James 2:1-7; Job 24:1-8; James 2:1-7  
 7/12: Ps 7; Amos 4:6-13; 1 John 3:11-17; Proverbs 19:1-17; 1 John 3:11-17  
 7/13: Ps 7; Amos 5:1-9; Matt 25:31-46; Eccl 9:13-18; Matt 25:31-46  
 7/14: Ps 52; Amos 5:10-17; Heb 5:1-6; Gen 12:10-20; Heb 5:1-6  
 7/15: Ps 52; Amos 5:18-27; Eph 3:14-21; Gen 13:1-18; Eph 3:14-21  
 7/16: Ps 52; Amos 6:1-14; Luke 8:4-10; Gen 14:1-16; Luke 8:4-10

**Serving Schedule**

**July 3, 2016**

Elder: Jim Dain, Spencer Boren  
Diaconate: Georgia Sandidge, Michael Smith, Judy Ferguson, Mary Gates  
8:00 Communion: Dan & Sue Speckhart  
9:15 Communion: Judy Ferguson  
9:15 Greeter: Larry & Sandy Wigington  
10:30 Communion: Ruth Bennett, Kay Sealock  
10:30 Scripture Reader: Kay Sealock  
10:30 Sound System: Michelle Gates  
10:30 Nursery: Lainey Ten Eyck  
10:30 Candle Lighter: Cameron Sweeting, Eli Mendenhall  
Shut-ins: N.D. & Joyce Harrison, Larry & Sandy Wigington  
Fellowship Treats: Evelyn Ransom, Ashley Ferguson, Dorothy Apps, Tereasa Apps

**July 10, 2016**

Elder: Joyce Lemons, Roger Dunham  
Diaconate: Michele Westmaas, Jamie Sweeting, Sarah Sweeting, Mike Boren, Chad Ferguson, Julie Boren  
8:00 Communion: Hamer & Jenny Tate  
9:15 Communion: Dave & Sandy Herring  
9:15 Greeter: Phil & Georgia Sandidge  
10:30 Communion: Mike & Julie Boren  
10:30 Scripture Reader: Cindi Schoenherr  
10:30 Sound System: Lauren Saxe  
10:30 Nursery: TBA  
10:30 Candle Lighter: Eli Mendenhall, Nolan Daniel  
Shut-ins: Dave & Sandy Herring; Ruth Bennett, Deloras Martin