

The Pittsfield Christian

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Coming Events

9/4	8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship 8:00, 9:15 Sunday School 5:00 pm youth@first
9/5	8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
9/6	6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
9/7	7:00 pm Choir Practice
9/8	Noon Women's Book Study 6:00 pm Christian Ed Meeting 7:00 pm Sermon Study
9/9	9:00 pm 5th Quarter Party
9/11	8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship 8:00, 9:15 Sunday School Children First Annual Meeting 5:00 pm youth@first 6:00 pm Fireside Meeting
9/12	1:00 pm Fellowship Hall Rental 4:00 pm Basketball Practices 6:30 pm Circle I Meeting 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
9/13	4:00 pm Basketball Practices 6:00 pm Church Board Meeting
9/14	8:30 am Unmet Needs Meeting 6:30 pm Women's Book Study 7:00 pm Choir Practice
9/15	9:30 am Circle IV Meeting Noon Women's Book Study 4:00 pm Basketball Practices 5:30 pm Children First Board 7:00 pm Sermon Study
9/18	8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship 8:00, 9:15 Sunday School 5:00 pm youth@first

It's time to nominate new officers and elected officials to start term January 2017. The nominating forms will be available on Sundays, **Sept 4—18**, and are due back in the office on Monday, **Sept 19**. For convenience, you can submit your form in the offering plate which will be received in the office the following Monday.

On Sunday, August 28, Julia Turnbaugh came forward during 9:15 service to declare her faith in Jesus Christ and placed her membership with FCC. Welcome Julia to our church family!

Choir practice will begin Wednesday, **Sept 7**, at 7pm and sing on **Sept 11**. Contact Helen or Kayla if you would like to participate in this music ministry!

Christian Education will meet at 6pm at the church on **Sept 8**.

Pastor Michael will host a Fireside meeting in the sanctuary on Sunday, **Sept 11**, at 6pm. All men and women are invited!

The Children First annual meeting will be immediately after 10:30 service on Sunday, **Sept 11**, at approximately 11:45. Financial information and statistics will be presented.

The Church Board will meet at 6pm on **Sept 13**. Packets will be in the Long Room on Sunday, Sept 11.

CMF will begin the Fall season with a dinner meeting on Tuesday, **Sept 20**, at 6pm. Sign up at the fellowship table if you plan to attend so Circle I knows how much food to prepare.

Looking for ways to study God's Word and connect with your church family? Several connection groups will begin in September as listed below. Contact Pastor Michael if you would like to facilitate a connection group too with people of similar interest.

Start Date	Day of Week	Topic	Location	Facilitator	Notes
Sept 14, 6:30-7:30 pm	Wednesday	Book "Stuck"	Church	Michelle Hart, Bethany Dunham	Childcare will be provided.
Sept 8, Noon	Thursday	Book "Ten Women of the Bible"	Church	Brenda Kramer 602.1126	Bring sack lunch if needed.
Sept 1, 7:00 pm	Thursday	Sermon study from prior week	Brokaw Home	Roger & Rokettia Brokaw, 430.4369, 430.5443	Everyone is welcome to join any-time.

A Night with Anita Renfroe – Christian Comedian
Sponsored by Prison Fellowship International
Tuesday, October 11, 2016 6:30PM
Springfield First United Methodist Church

Ladies: Are you ready for an evening of praise and worship intertwined with joy and laughter? If so, this event is one you will enjoy! Anita Renfroe shares stories of day-to-day living with all the twists and turns of doing so as a woman of faith, and leads in worship with music that touches your heart and gives you hope for tomorrow. If you are interested in going, **please let me (Kathy Curfman 285-5213) know by September 18th so tickets may be ordered. There will also be a sign-up sheet in both buildings** on the information/coffee tables. We will carpool from the Crossroads Center at 5:00 that evening, with a quick stop at Culver's afterwards for a bite to eat.

This coming weekend is Cookie Sunday! Be sure to see the table of sweets available after each service!

The church office will be closed **Sept 5** in observance of Labor Day.

The CWF Executive Board will meet **Sept 8** to discuss Color Drive plans.

The September CWF & CMF meetings are as follows:

Sept 1, Circle V, 2:00, Crossroads Center.

Sept 15, Circle IV, 9:30, Staffy Home.

Sept 12, Circle I, 6:30, Crossroads Center.

Sept 20, CMF Dinner Meeting, 6:00, Crossroads Center.

We are excited to announce 2 new babies in our church family. Anna Gengler was born to Craig and Jodi Gengler. Magnolia Schoenherr was born to Jeffrey and Brittany Schoenherr. Both baby girls are home and doing fine. Congratulations to everyone!

CWF Circle IV will meet Thursday, **Sept 15**, (3rd Thursday for Sept only). Vera Staffy is having the 9:30am meeting at her home. Hope to see you there!

Attention High School parents - Pastor Chaz is starting a student Bible study one morning during the week before school. Contact Chaz if your student is interested. The day and time will hinge on student schedules.

School has started, and that means that we're one week away from our first Fifth Quarter party of the season! High school students are invited to the Crossroads Center on **Sept 9** right after the game from 9p-10:45p for games, drinks and snacks, and some great prizes! Admission is only \$2, so bring a friend! Adults interested in helping chaperone should see Chaz.

Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp will host All Saints and Family Camp **Sept 9-11** for the entire family. Come to worship, play, swim, campfire, archery, boating, fishing & much more! Cost is \$20 per person, \$80 immediate family max. See their website or contact Jim Dain for more info.

The next newsletter will be printed the week of Sept 12.

Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, calls, concerns and visits since my tractor accident. Words cannot begin to express how much your kindness has meant to me. I'm getting better every day and my spirits are high thanks to God and all your prayers. See you soon!
In Christian Love,
Charlie Gates

Thank you for the generous plate of warm cookies. Each year it is a welcome surprise and very much appreciated!
Sincerely,
Pikeland Board Office Staff
Paula, Cindy, Mark, Lila, Lori

A reminder to high school students (and their parents): The high school Sunday School class meets at 8 a.m. Sunday in the foyer of the Crossroads Center. We are studying First Samuel, and the exciting life of David. Michael Boren and Matthew Sealock are the teachers, and **THERE WILL BE DONUTS!**

Prayer Concerns

Karl Benjamin
Ron & Barbara Bradburn
Mary Chamberlain
Grace Clark
Charlie Gates
Bill Hammitt (Larry Wigington's brother)
Burdette Irwin
Carolyn McCann (Joan Halsey's sister)
Austin Miller (Bill & Carol Schwartz's grandson)
Vera Murr (Karl Benjamin's sister)
Maria Owens
Elbert Robinson
Noah Roemer (Carol Barton's nephew)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A detailed insert will be in your bulletin. See the display table on Sunday for supplies and information. Boxes should be returned to the church by Sunday, Sept 25.

WHAT TO PUT IN A SHOEBOX

Start with a “WOW” item. A medium to large item that will capture the child’s attention. Suggestions are: Soccer ball with pump, Stuffed animal, Toys (puppets, trucks), Dolls, Musical instrument, Clothes outfit, Shoes

OTHER SUGGESTIONS

TOYS: Toy cars, yo-yo’s, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise, extra batteries, playing cards, card games.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, solar calculators, coloring and picture books.

NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS: Toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths.

ACCESSORIES: T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights.

For extra batteries, if they are loose (not in original packaging) both ends must be covered with tape.

CANDY: Hard candy, gummy bears, caramels, taffy and gum as long as expiration date is at least six months after the National Collection Week Nov 14-26, 2016 (after May 2017 or after).

TOOTHPASTE: Expiration requirement same as above.

STARTING IN 2017 CANDY AND TOOTHPASTE CAN BE INCLUDED

DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures, chocolate or food, out of date candy, fruit rolls or other fruit snacks, drink mixes (powdered or liquid), liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers or aerosol cans.

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS

Colorful adhesive bandages, Flashlight, Chapstick/or lipstick for the older girls, Reusable plastic containers, Glue stick, Playdough, Plastic cookie cutters (to use with the Playdough), Small musical instrument (harmonica), Nail clipper and file, Dry paint sets (watercolors), Toolkit (with nails, screws, screwdrivers and hammers, cannot include saws or pocket knives), Squirt guns (as long as they do not look like real guns – the bright colored ones are okay), Wet wipes – a good alternative to sanitizer liquid which we cannot pack, Compact mirrors, Stick deodorant, Washcloth, Solar powered calculator, Safety scissors, Ruler, Puzzles, Small kite.

Lorren Newingham will no longer serve as one of our Sunday nursery attendants as she has plans to pursue future endeavors that will require her to move. We wish to thank Lorren for her time of service! We want to welcome Megan Hittner as our new nursery attendant who will work with Amy Casto on Sundays and assist with Wednesday evening childcare during meetings and choir practice. You will see our new team in the room this coming weekend.



Serving Through The Phases

HOME FIX PROJECT

For the past few weeks, **youth@first** has been tackling the idea of living out the Gospel in a family context, and our landing has been that we as followers of Jesus are called to wash people's feet. Here are some creative ways that you as a family can do some acts of service this month!



PRESCHOOL

Start praying brave. Ask God to give you guidance, creativity, and energy to make serving a lifestyle. Together with your child, dream up some brave ways you can serve and try one out!

Take a morning stroll in your neighborhood on Saturday or Sunday. Let your toddler learn to lend a hand by picking up a neighbor's newspaper and taking it to their front doorstep.

Draw a picture or make a homemade card for a friend or relative.

Offer a cold drink to a work crew in your neighborhood. Before you do, ask your child to pretend they're part of the crew. Ask them what they think the crew might need.



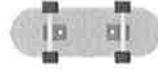
ELEMENTARY

Spend a week listening for sirens. As you hear them, take time to pray together for people who are going through difficult things.

When your child notices someone is sick or missing from school or practice, make and deliver a "get well soon" basket full of their favorite goodies.

Meet With a School Teacher, administrator, or church leader and talk about how your child can become a host for new students who will need help finding their way.

Work together to create artwork for a grandparent or other special adult.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Have a Marvel movie night. (Or if action heroes aren't your thing, pick another movie character that lives out heroic qualities.) Watch the movie together and choose a character trait to be your family theme for the year.

Connect your kid with adults who love to serve. Make a list of adults and ask them to meet with your kid and share what they do.

Choose a team that your kid isn't a member of and spend a season serving them. Snacks after practice, prayer cards for travel bags, Bible gifts, making a pre-game meal, or even washing the team jerseys for the parents.



HIGH SCHOOL

Adopt a grandparent. Ask your teens to identify an older person who they like talking to. Send cards, notice them on holiday, and listen to their stories. Older folks have lived long enough to have some great stories—and great wisdom!

Fundraise for a friend. Save or raise enough money to pay for a friend to go to camp or another event. Try and see if you can do it anonymously!

Mentor a child in elementary school. Help your senior find ways to get involved in a program that lasts all year. They'll find that while serving and blessing a child, they've been blessed too!

We have entered one of my favorite times of the year. The evening is coming a bit sooner and the temperature is beginning to cool off a little. Fall will be upon us before long.

During the weekend, my to-do list will begin to include chores such as switching the closets to fall and winter clothes, getting screens ready for the storm doors, and getting my furnace prepared for the approaching new season.

Just as there are seasons in our climate, there are also seasons in our spiritual walk, as well as in churches. And just as it is important to recognize the changing seasons to make preparations for our changing climate, we must also recognize and make preparations for our future spiritually.

I hope you will consider joining one of our connection groups or Bible studies. They are an invaluable connection point for spiritual growth. If you are taking advantage of the improving weather, consider prayer walking with a fellow church family member. Pray for our community and, of course, your church family and leaders.

We are in a time of transition at First Christian Church. I am more and more pressed for our need to pray and hear from God about direction and guidance for our Church Family. We have had a tremendous impact on our community for over 175 years, and I want our church to make even a greater impact in the next 175 years.

One important way we all can make an immediate difference is by taking greater ownership of our church. This goes from outreach to upkeep. The church staff does its best to keep up with the enormous job of running the programs and keeping the properties, but simply said, we need you. Get involved! There is plenty to do in just about any area, from cleaning to teaching. We grow through service, and your church is one important place to serve together.

Just as gathering firewood and canning food prepare us for the approaching winter, decisions and commitments we make now prepare for the generations that follow. I hope we will model commitment, prayer, devotion, and most of all, Christ's love.

Have you noticed the season changing? How do you need to busy yourself to prepare?

Loving you all,

Michael

P.S. Summer is drawing to a close. I pray that those who have been enjoying good vacation and travel times have been refreshed. I would also encourage all our church family to get back in the important habit of connecting together at our worship times on Sunday mornings. There is something special when we are ALL together.

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Bill Irwin, Barb Bradburn, Darin & Shelley Wintjen; **2** Joan Halsey, John & Lisa Pennock; **5** Steve & Vickie Tharp; **7** Ruth Anne Goodin; **8** Michael Smith, Rhodora Pursley; **9** Liam Bonnett, Ray & Robin Carr; **10** Chuck & Carolyn Barber, John & Julie Plattner, Vivian Cloninger; **11** Jamie Pennock, Shayna Harrison; **12** Courtney Pennock; **13** Judy Losch, Wyatt Korte; **14** Chris & Amber Apps; **15** Terry Fine, Frank Smith, Connor Sweeting; **16** Dorothy Yaeger, Elijah Mendenhall; **17** Gary Mendenhall, Hendrix Lipcaman; **18** Ron Bradburn, John & Jennifer Griffith, Chris & Casey Rule; **19** Karen Goodwin, Ryder Lipcaman; **20** J.D. & Christine Gorton, Alex Tharp; **21** Rex Lothridge; **22** Bethany Dunham; **23** Allison Plattner, Ben Freesen, Tate Kunzeman, Nathan Lothridge; **24** Loyd & Amy Casto, Amy Cox; **25** Steve Tharp; **26** Shelley Wintjen; **28** Bill & Rhonda Irwin, Mary Davis; **29** Darin Wintjen, Bill & Laura Grimsley; **30** Ronald Halsey, Jonathan Schoenherr, Ellie Ten Eyck, Jathan Grimes.

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 Helen Earls, Music & Christian Ed
 Rebecca Rhodes, Administrative Secretary
 Gina Bryant, Custodian

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

Stewardship (Offering Only)	8/21	8/28
Operational	\$7,713.65	\$13,244.68
Property Improvement	3.00	3.00
Outreach-Missionaries	270.00	70.00
DHF	130.00	80.00
Outreach-General	151.00	89.00
Outreach-Unmet Needs	5.00	50.00
Children First	<u>20.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>
Total	\$8,292.65	\$13,786.68

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$7,713.65 \$7,713.65
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,634

	8/21	8/28
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	83	83
9:15 AM	113	93
10:30 AM	<u>78</u>	<u>85</u>
Total	274	261
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	7	2
K-1st	0	4
2nd-3rd	11	13
4th-5th	12	10
6th-8th	9	9
Sr High	5	5
Disciples	12	12
New Beginnings	0	7
Select to Connect	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
Total	63	69

Lectionary

9/4: Jer 18:1-11; Ps 139:1-6, 13-18; Deut 30:15-20; Ps 1; Phlm 1:1-1:21
 9/5: Ps 2; Jer 18:12-23; 1 Tim 3:14-4:5; 2 Kings 17:24-41; 1 Tim 3:14-4:5
 9/6: Ps 2; Jer 19:1-15; 1 Tim 4:6-16; 2 Kinds 18:9-18; 1 Tim 4:6-16
 9/7: Ps 2; Jer 20:1-18; Luke 18:18-30; 2 Kings 18:19-25 & 19:1-7; Luke 18:18-30
 9/8: Ps 14; Jer 13:20-27; 1 Tim 1:1-11; Gen 6:1-6; 1 Tim 1:1-11
 9/9: Ps 14; Jer 4:1-10; 2 Pet 2:1-10a; Gen 7:6-10 & 8:1-5; 2 Pet 2:1-10a
 9/10: Ps 14; Jer 4:13-21, 29-31; John 10:11-21; Gen 8:20-9:7; John 10:11-21
 9/11: Jer 4:11-12, 22-28; Ex 32:7-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10
 9/12: Ps 94; Jer 5:1-17; 1 Tim 1:18-20; Amos 7:1-6; 1 Tim 1:18-20
 9/13: Ps 94; Jer 5:18-31; 2 Peter 3:8-13; Jonah 3:1-10; 2 Peter 3:8-13
 9/14: Num 21:4b-9; 1 Cor 1:18-24; John 3:13-17
 9/15: Ps 79:1-9; Jer 12:14-13:11; Rom 3:1-8; Ex 23:1-9; Rom 3:1-8
 9/16: Ps 79:1-9; Jer 8:1-13; Rom 8:31-39; Ezekiel 22:17-31; Rom 8:31-39
 9/17 Ps 79:1-9; Jer 8:14-17; 9:2-11; Mark 12:41-44; Isa 5:8-23; Mark 12:41-44

Serving Schedule

September 4, 2016

Elder: Phil Sandidge, David Bishop
Diaconate: Gary & Christie Mendenhall
8:00 Communion: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes
9:15 Communion: Phil & Georgia Sandidge
9:15 Greeter: Jack & Kathy Hull
10:30 Communion: Ann Ferguson, Joyce Lemons
10:30 Scripture Reader: Noah Mendenhall
10:30 Nursery: Shelby Bauer
10:30 Sound System: Matt Saxe
Shut-ins: Kay Sealock, Jim & Brittany Dain
Fellowship Treats: Edna Baughman, Sue Speckhart, Kayla Boren, Rosemary Clark, Becky Irwin

September 11, 2016

Elder: N.D. Harrison, David Bishop
Diaconate: Betty Hayden, Carole Elledge, Keith Elledge, Rokettia Brokaw, Glen Cooley, Kathy Curfman
8:00 Communion: Carol O'Malley
9:15 Communion: Bev & Eddie White
9:15 Greeter: Larry & Sandy Wigington
10:30 Communion: Jamie & Sarah Sweeting
10:30 Scripture Reader: Carolyn Barber
10:30 Sound System: Cherise Anderson
10:30 Nursery: Kadence Haskins
Shut-ins: Dan & Sue Speckhart, Roger & Charlotte Dunham