

# The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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## Coming Events

- 11/13 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship  
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School  
5:00 pm youth@first
- 11/14 8:00 am Dining Room Rental  
4:00 pm Basketball Practice  
6:30 pm Circle I Meeting  
8:00 pm Al Anon Meeting
- 11/15 4:00 pm Basketball Practice
- 11/16 6:30 pm Choir Practice  
6:30 pm Women's Book Study
- 11/17 Noon Women's Book Study  
4:00 pm Basketball Practice  
5:30 pm Children First Board  
6:00 pm CMF Dinner Meeting  
7:00 pm Sermon Study
- 11/18 6:00 pm Pike Cty Youth Leag.
- 11/19 10:00 am Pike Cty Youth Leag.
- 11/20 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship  
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School  
5:00 pm youth@first
- 11/21 4:00 pm Basketball Practice  
8:00 pm Al Anon Meeting
- 11/22 4:00 pm Basketball Practice  
6:00 pm Elder Meeting  
7:00 pm Community Service at UMC
- 11/23 8:30 am Unmet Needs Meeting
- 11/27 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship  
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School  
5:00 pm youth@first
- 11/28 4:00 pm Basketball Practice  
8:00 pm Al Anon Meeting
- 11/29 4:00 pm Basketball Practice
- 11/30 6:30 pm Choir Practice  
6:30 pm Women's Book Study

*Last Sunday, November 6, Jim and Marcia Stark were baptized during 10:30 service and placed their membership with FCC. We are blessed to have this wonderful couple worship with us! Welcome Jim and Marcia!*

**The youth@first Basket Auction is right around the corner! On December 14, you and your family are invited to enjoy a family meal and a chance to support youth@first—our middle school and high school ministry—while bidding on some pretty awesome baskets! This has always been a blessing for our ministry, allowing our students to attend conferences, fun events, and host events of their own. A portion of the money raised is also used by the students to do outreach and service events like youth@first Gives, where twenty families in the community are given turkey dinners in times where they would not otherwise be able to afford one.**

**Please mark your calendar and prepare to enjoy fellowship and a fun evening of auctioning! Special guest auctioneer Rick Curfman will be gracing us with his incredibly quick words!**

**If you would like to donate a basket to the auction, that would be awesome! Themed baskets are always a hit, such as Chocolate Baskets, Spa Baskets, and Car Wash Baskets! Any baskets to be donated should be brought to the church office no later than Dec 9.**

**Thank you so much for supporting youth@first!**

Practices for **children singing in the cantata** will be during the 10:30 service time in the education wing on Sunday **Nov 13, Nov 20, Dec 4 & Dec 11**. There will be activities for the kids and practice on the two songs they will be singing. Matt Sealock and Renita Ten Eyck will be heading this up. There will also be one practice with the choir on Wednesday, **Dec 14** at 6:45 in the sanctuary for 15 minutes. This is for children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup>. If your child is interested in singing please let Helen or Renita know asap and we will get them a cd to listen to.

The church offers boxes of predated/prenumbered offering envelopes for you to have at home so you can prepare your offering before coming to church. The 2017 boxes will be available soon for pick up in the overflow room for everyone who had a set for 2016. If you have not been using these but would like to start then give the office a call and we'll assign a box to you.

The next newsletter will be printed the week of Nov 14.

The **women's noon Bible Study** will now meet through **Nov 17** and then will break until January. November study is Rahab. **Choir practice** will now start at 6:30 until the Cantata performance.

The **CMF Dinner Meeting** will be **THURSDAY, NOV 17**, at 6pm. Sign up at the fellowship table if you plan to attend.

**Circle I** will meet on **Nov 14** at 6:30.

The **Elders** will meet at 6:00 on **Nov 22**.

The youth@first Turkey Dinner distribution will be Sunday, **Nov 20**.

*We would like to take time to thank those who have dedicated the last year to maintaining and enriching the Christian education we offer here at First. From 2 year olds to our adult classes, these folks have gone out of their way to make sure that Christ isn't only presented from our pulpit, but in our classrooms as well.*

*So, Sunday morning leaders, youth group leaders, and VBS leaders, we your church family would like to say thank you.*

*Below is a list of individuals who have served in teaching roles for the last year. Some names will be repeated because they wear multiple Christian education hats. If you see them this week, be sure to tell them how much we appreciate their hard work!*

### **Sunday Mornings**

Amy Casto - 2 Year Old and PreK  
Kacie Lipcaman - PreK  
Jennifer Noble - Grades K-1  
Teresa Bauer - Grades 2-3  
Kate Waterman - Grades 4-5  
Taylor Sweeting - Grades 4-5  
Michelle Hart - Grades K-5  
Bethany Dunham - Grades K-5  
Betty Hayden - Middle School  
Mike Boren - High School, Adult Sunday School  
Matt Sealock - High School  
Burdette Irwin - Adult Sunday School

### **Sunday Evenings**

Katie Hull - Middle School Girls  
Kate Waterman - Middle School Girls  
Matt Saxe - Middle School Boys  
Wayne Chamberlain - Middle School Boys  
Cindy Chamberlain - High School  
Matt Sealock - High School

### **Youth@first Music Director**

Kayla Boren

### **VBS 2016**

Kacie Lipcaman  
Michelle Hart  
Cindy Chamberlain

youth@first and kids@first are now on Remind! Are you the parent of a middle school or high school student? Text **@pafyg** to the number **81010** to get periodic updates from **youth@first** via text message! Are you the parent of a fifth grader or younger? Text **@pafgs** to the number **81010** to get periodic updates from **kids@first** via text message!

The **Disciples Class** began a study of one of the most beloved books of the Bible—the book of Psalms—last Sunday at 9:15 in the room adjacent to the Crossroads dining room. You all are welcome to join us in studying God's word.

The **Western IL Fellowship of Christian Athletes** is hosting a luncheon/fundraiser featuring Rick Horton, former St. Louis Cardinals player and current announcer, at Hamilton's in Jacksonville on **Nov 13** at 1pm. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$200 for a table seating of 8. Registration forms are on the sanctuary mantels, fellowship table and in the church office.

National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes will be **Nov 14-21st** at the Pittsfield Church of the Nazarene. They are looking for volunteers that would be willing to provide food on Monday, Nov 21st for about 50-60 workers. If you might be willing to help, please contact Karla DeVries at 723.4036 or sawdust9@frontier.com.

The Pike County Ministerial Alliance will hold the **Community Thanksgiving Service** on **Nov 22**, 7pm, at the Pittsfield United Methodist Church.

*Dear FCC,  
The family of Maria Owens cannot thank you enough for all the calls, cards, prayers and visits during Maria's illness and passing. The compassion shown by Pastor Michael and the church was overwhelming and comforting. Thank you again for your support. -Charles Owens and Family.*

*Dear FCC,  
We would like to thank you for the use of your facility so that we could serve the family of Wally Renoud a funeral dinner. The size and comfort of your facility met a need we were unable to fulfill! Blessings, -The New Hartford Christian Church.*

Disciple Heritage Fellowship will host the 1st annual "Gathering to Connect" conference on Friday, **April 21**, 2017 and the Intentional Church Conference on Saturday, **April 22** at FCC in Decatur. Pastor Michael will be one of the guest speakers. Save the dates and watch for more info.

Children First is seeking a qualified teacher for their School-Age Summer Program. Qualifications for this position include at least 30 semester hours from an accredited college or university with 6 hours related to school-age child care, child development, elementary education, physical education or recreation. Contact Jennifer at 285-4129 for more info.

### **Prayer Concerns**

Mary Chamberlain  
Mary Gates  
JoAnn Greenwood (Bev White's sister)  
Amanda Haskins  
Elaine Hoaglin  
Brenda Kramer  
Andrew Westmaas  
*We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Carol O'Malley and LaDon Johnson who passed away.*

In observance of Veterans Day, we express our sincere gratitude to those who have served and are currently serving our country. If there are any corrections or additions to our list, please notify the church office (285-4129). Veterans and active duty personnel include:

Alf, Brooke	Air Force, Present
Bagent, Emmett	Marine, 66-69
Barber, C.A. III	Army, 55-57
Boren, Michael	Army, 68-71
Boren, Zack	Army, 06-11
Borrowman, Paul	Army, 72-74
Casteel, Greg	Air Force, 85-Present
Casteel, Larry	Air Force, 82-05
Casteel, Myron	Army, 61-63
Chamberlain, Don	Army, 52-54
Clark, Cathlyn	Air Force, Present
Clark, Richard	Army, 68-72
Conatser, Regan	Air Force, 10-14
Davis, Tim	Marines, Present
Decker, Richard	Air Force, 59-67
Dunham, Roger	Army, 66-68
Earls, Shane	Army Infantry, 10-14
Earls, William	Army, 3 Years
Everhart, Carlton	Air Force, Present
Everhart, Michele	Air Force Res, 86-06
Frazier, Carl	Navy
Gates, Charles	Navy, 66-89
Grimsley, Bill	Marines, 85-93
Herring, Dave	Army, 89-93
Hittner, Gary	Marines, 67-70

Hoover, Carrol K.	Army, 50-52
Houchins, Don	Army, 66-68
Howard, Carol A.	Army, Present
Howard, Catherine J.	Army, Present
Hull, Quintin	Army, 14-Present
Kattelman, Cory	Army Reserves, Present
Kattelman, Megan	Air Force, Present
Korte, Adam	Army, 09-14
Lacey, Jeff	Army, 98-06
Lamb, Walter	Air Force, 45-46
Lierly, Jeffrey	Air Force, 95-08
Lightle, Mike	Air Force, 68-70
Lilly, Brandon	Air Force, Present
Lind, Bryce	Army
Long, Austin	Army, Present
McNulty, Jake	Air National Guard, Present
McNulty, Sarah	Air National Guard, Present
Martin, Don	Army, 50-52
Martin, Jeff	Air Force, 82-90
Mendenhall, Buster	Army, 58-60
Owens, Charles	Navy
Phipps, Ron	Air Force, 59-63, Army Reserves 66-78
Smithers, Bill	Army, 45-46
Speckhart, Dan	Army, 70-73
Staffy, Howard	Air Force, 50-54
Storey, Christopher	Army National Guard, Present
Tharp, Corey	Air Force, 06-Present
Walters, Jeff	Army, 89-15
Weil, Thomas	Air Force, 69-73
Willard, Robert M.	Army, 71-73
Yaeger, Roger E.	Army, 66-68
Zimmerman, Randall	Army, 67-69
Zumwalt, Lyndal	Army, 67-69



**Our Christian Women's Fellowship will host the Christmas Bazaar on Friday, Dec 2. Doors open at 7:00 am.** The Tea Room will be serving coffee cakes, rolls, and drinks until 10:30. Get rested and revived so you can do more shopping. A delicious lunch with soup, sandwich, pie, and drinks will be served from 11- 1:30. The drawing for the Love Raffle will be held at 1:30. The Treasure Chest Room will have new and gently used items. The Country Store will serve home-made cookies and sweets. The Gift Room will have homemade, unique gifts and ornaments. We hope you will have the opportunity to stop by and see what we have to offer.

Are you doing your fall house cleaning? Please remember items would be appreciated for the **Treasure Chest Room**. Items can include (but not limited to) knick knacks, jewelry, handbags, household items, small appliances, furniture, electronics in working order, puzzles, books, toys, etc. No clothing please. Contact Ruth Ann Goodin 285.2705 or Linda Decker 285.4042 if you have questions. **Items can be brought to Crossroads Monday, Nov 28, through Wednesday, Nov 30, between 8am and 3pm and on Thursday, Dec 1, until noon.**

**On Tuesday, Nov 29, at 7:15 we need strong backs to help set up tables in the gym for the Bazaar and to move everything that's been brought for the Treasure Chest to the gym.**

Love Raffle tickets for our lovely quilt will be available after 8:00 and 10:30 services until the Bazaar.

### **December Happenings**

Sunday, Dec 11 - Christmas Caroling and Supper. Be at Crossroads by 4:45 so we can divide into groups and leave by 5:00 to visit the nursing homes and our shut-ins. Upon return to Crossroads a light meal will be served.

Wednesday, Dec 14 - Family Meal and Youth Basket Auction Fundraiser.

Thursday, Dec 15 - Children First Christmas Program at 6:30 in the sanctuary.

Sunday, Dec 18 - Christmas Cantata at 5:00.

Saturday, Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Service at 9:00p.m.

Sunday, Dec 25 - We will have one worship service in the sanctuary and no Sunday School. The time will soon be determined and announced.

## Pray

The election is on everyone's mind. I am writing this article on Monday and have no idea about the election results; however, I am certain of one thing, God is still in control.

I recently read a very good article about the election by Mark Alan Williams entitled "4 Reasons Christians Shouldn't Worry About Election Results." It is found on his website [markalanwilliams.net](http://markalanwilliams.net).

The article makes the point that as Christians, if we are worrying about elections then we are actually in disobedience. I realize this is quite common, and especially so when we consider all the implications that Tuesday's election has on the direction of our country.

In the article, Mr. Williams lists four reasons why we need not worry:

1) God is sovereign and ultimately everything is under His control. This includes elections. Paul states in *Romans 13:1* "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." (ESV)

This should be a great source of peace to those who are anxious about this week's election. No matter the outcome, God is in control. To quote Mr. Williams "Perhaps God uses some leaders to judge people, or to humble people so that they look to Him, or to put nations in place so end times prophecies will be fulfilled. We may never know why God has "instituted" the leaders in office until the other side. But one thing we do know is that He is in control."

2) Worry is contrary to the word of God.

In fact, worry is a distraction that hinders us from prayer. Instead of worrying, pray. Mark writes "Instead of worrying, we are to turn our concerns over to God in prayer and thankfulness. The result is wonderful peace."

3) Christians are citizens of heaven.

In his article Williams encourages us to remember the big picture of eternity. In fact, our heavenly citizenship is more real and eternal than our short time here.

4) Our only real hope is in Christ.

Mr. Williams makes the point that putting our hope in anything other than Christ is ultimately misplaced hope. This includes politicians, parties, finance or even family.

By the time you read this the election will be over. Hopefully we will know who the next president will be, but regardless of whoever wins, God is still in control. Of this I am certain.

I encourage you to continue to pray for our nation and our new president.

Loving you all,  
Michael

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

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

<b>Stewardship (Offering Only)</b>	<b>10/30</b>	<b>11/6</b>
Operational	\$9,813.00	\$9,045.00
Property Improvement	28.00	28.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	320.00
DHF	80.00	80.00
Outreach-General	6.00	43.00
Outreach-Unmet Needs	25.00	25.00
Operation Christmas Child	28.00	27.00
Children First	<u>150.00</u>	<u>215.00</u>
Total	\$10,200.00	\$9,783.00

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

Received Last 7 Days \$6,574.81 \$9,820.36  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,634

**Celebration Sunday**  
**10/30 11/6**

<b>Worship Attendance</b>		
8:00 AM	82	
9:15 AM	119	
10:30 AM	<u>111</u>	
Total	242	312

**Christian Education**

Age 3-PK	FX	4
K-1st	FX	6
2nd-3rd	FX	11
4th-5th	FX	10
6th-8th	FX	0
Sr High	FX	3
Disciples		17 17
New Beginnings	8	0
Select to Connect	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>
Total	25	58

**Lectionary**

11/13: Isa 65:17-25; Malachi 4:1-2a; Thess 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19  
 11/14: Ps 76; Isa 60:17-22; Eph 4:25-5:2; Eze 11:14-25; Eph 4:25-5:2  
 11/15: Ps 76; Isa 66:1-13; 1 Cor 10:23-11:1; Eze 39:21-40:4; 1 Cor 10:23-11:1  
 11/16: Ps 76; Isa 66:14-24; Matt 23:37-24:14; Eze 43:1-12; Matt 23:37-24:14  
 11/17: Luke 1:68-79; Jer 21:1-14; Heb 9:23-28; 2 Chron 18:12-22; Heb 9:23-28  
 11/18: Luke 1:68-79; Jer 22:1-17; 1 Peter 1:3-9, Zech 11:1-17; 1 Peter 1:3-9  
 11/19: Luke 1:68-79; Jer 22:18-30; Luke 18:15-17; Jer 22:18-30; Luke 18:15-17  
 11/20: Jer 23:1-6; Col 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43  
 11/21: Ps 24; Jer 46:18-28; Rev 21:5-27  
 11/22: Ps 24; Isa 33:17-22; Rev 22:8-21  
 11/23: Ps 24; Isa 60:8-16; Luke 1:1-4  
 11/24: Ps 122; Dan 9:15-19; James 4:1-10  
 11/25: Ps 122; Gen 6:1-10; Heb 11:1-7  
 11/26: Ps 122; Gen 6:11-22; Matt 24:1-22

**Serving Schedule**

**November 13, 2016**

Elder: Larry Wigington, Jim Dain  
Diaconate: Kathy Lehr, Faith Saxe, Bill Grimsley, Ron Halsey, Eric Kunzeman, Jill Kunzeman  
8:00 Communion: N.D. & Joyce Harrison  
9:15 Communion: Larry & Sandy Wigington  
9:15 Greeter: Roger & Rokettia Brokaw  
9:15 Nursery: Emma Saxe  
10:30 Communion: Roger & Charlotte Dunham  
10:30 Scripture Reader: Becky Daniel  
10:30 Nursery: Shelby Bauer  
10:30 Sound System: Michelle Gates  
Shut-ins: Roger & Rokettia Brokaw, Phil & Georgia Sandidge

**November 20, 2016**

Elder: David Bishop, Hamer Tate  
Diaconate: Christie Mendenhall, Gary Mendenhall  
8:00 Communion: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes  
9:15 Communion: Judy Ferguson  
9:15 Greeter: Bev & Eddie White  
9:15 Nursery: Katie Cox  
10:30 Communion: Keith & Carole Elledge  
10:30 Scripture Reader: Sydney Bauer  
10:30 Nursery: Kadence Haskins  
10:30 Sound System: Matt Saxe  
Shut-ins: Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain, Matt & Faith Saxe

**Wishes & Wants**

For Sale: 19" Samsung wide screen TV and Kenmore upright vacuum with bags. Jim Belford 217.209.2707  
For Sale: Proform Crosswalk 395 Treadmill, 3 years old, lightly used, \$250, Burdette & Becky Irwin, 285.4842