

The Pittsfield Christian

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Coming Events

- 1/22 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first
6:00 pm Fireside Chat
- 1/23 4:00 pm Basketball Practice
7:15 pm Open Gym
8:00 pm Al Anon Meeting
- 1/24 4:00 pm Basketball Practice
- 1/25 8:30 am Unmet Needs Meeting
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 1/26 Noon Women's Book Study
5:00 pm Basketball Practice
7:00 pm Sermon Study
- 1/27 6:00 pm Pike County Youth League
- 1/28 7:00 am Saukee Nation Fundraiser
10:00 am Pike County Youth League
- 1/29 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School
Noon Pike County Youth League
5:00 pm youth@first
- 1/30 7:15 pm Open Gym
8:00 pm Al Anon Meeting
- 2/1 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 2/2 Noon Women's Book Study
7:00 pm Sermon Study
- 2/3 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting

Open Gym for adults is every **Monday** at 7:15pm. Contact Matt Sealock or Calvin Anderson for more info.

Crossroads is open for **walking** Monday and Wednesday from 8-10am. We will post when we are able to expand those hours to Tuesday and Thursday.

Congratulations to Beth Willman on the birth of her son, Henry Eli Willman. Both are home and doing great! Grandparents are Brad and Kathy Willman.

The next newsletter will be printed the week of **Jan 30**.

Pastor Michael's next sermon series will come from the book of Hebrews.

Pastor Michael will lead a **Fireside Chat** in the sanctuary on Sunday, **Jan 22**, at 6pm. You can send him an email with a question or topic you would like discussed. The focus will be looking ahead to the future of the church.

Celebration Sunday will be February 5. Winter FX, for youth Sunday School students and parents, will begin at 8:45 at Crossroads in place of regular youth classes. We will have one worship service in the SANCTUARY at 10:00.

After the service we will break for a few minutes for everyone to enjoy Cookie Sunday before we continue with the **February Congregational Meeting** in the sanctuary. Agenda includes reviewing 2016, goals for 2017, and building renovations.

The Youth Group Valentine Dinner fundraiser will be Sunday, Feb 12 at 5 p.m. Doors will open at 4:30. A large chicken breast dinner will be \$14 and a very nice ribeye steak dinner will be \$18. Both plates include baked potato, green beans, lettuce salad, dinner roll, dessert, and drink. This is a lot of food and take out containers will be available for you to take home part of your food if you can't eat it all. This has been the main fundraiser for the youth for a long time and we think this is a great way for the kids to serve, make money and build relationship with those in the congregation. Make your reservation with the church office and plan to come out, have a fantastic meal, and support our Youth!

Carryout orders will also be taken and can be picked up at the south ally (water tower) door at 4:30. Please note your dessert choice when you call in your order. Choices are cheesecake, turtle cheesecake, cherry pie, and angel food cake.

Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) will host an American Red Cross **Blood Drive** on Monday, **Feb 20**, at Crossroads. More info to follow.

The church **Garage Sale** will be **March 31 & April 1**. Items can be brought to Crossroads starting March 28. More info will follow.

Periodically the church sends a mass email, **FCC Steeple Points**, instead of printing a newsletter or to relay timely info. Please let us know if you are not receiving these emails and we will add you to the list.

What: **Christian Women's Conference**

When: Wed, **April 26**

Who: Liz Curtis Higgs and Susie Larson

Where: Lincoln Christian University

For detailed info and to register, go to www.lincolnchristian.edu/cwc.

Let us know if you plan to attend so we can take the bus, van or carpool.

Roger & Rokettia Brokaw invite everyone to their home on Thursday evenings at 7pm for continued study on Pastor Michael's **sermon**.

As we wrap up 2016 information, we want to thank you for your faithful attendance and giving. Recently, our attendance has been affected by some unfavorable weather conditions on Sunday mornings. To continue your consistent giving, feel free to mail your offering, stop by the office, or use our online giving feature.

What: Fellowship of Christian Athletes Fundraising Banquet

When: Mon, April 3

Who: Featuring Lance Berkman, former St. Louis Cardinal

Where: Oakley Lindsay Center - Quincy

The banquet will begin at 5:45 and conclude around 7:30. The evening will include thoughts from local coaches and athletes plus a presentation by Lance Berkman. There is no cost to attend but they are asking for donations to support the FCA ministry. Reservations can be made through the FCA office or by being a table host for a group of 8. For info or to register, contact Todd Sweatman, FCA Western IL Rep, at 217.370.2008 or tsweatman@fca.org or sbyrd@fca.org.

February Birthdays & Anniversaries **1** John Hull, Lisa Wombles, Keaton Hittner; **2** Madison Palmer; **3** Jessica Dain; **4** Kaitlyn Apps, Sydnee Cox; **6** Megan Hittner, Roger Brokaw; **8** Kathy Lehr, Allison Fox; **9** Spencer Miller; **10** Patty Ruble; **12** Alice Ghrist, Jeff Lacey, Jamie Sweeting, Emma Wombles; **14** Ricky & Christina Collins; **16** Christine Gorton; **17** Richard Rhodes, Jill Kunzeman; **20** Amy Casto, Jill Moss; **21** Stella Bonnett, Jennifer Miller, Chelsea Hayden, Chad Sealock, Jessica Hull, Rick Wombles, Ron Phipps; **23** Karly Losch, Luke & Michelle Hart; **24** Vickie Tharp, Justin Pennock; **25** Jake McNulty, Loyd Casto; **26** Peyton Apps, Glen Cooley; **27** Kelly Masters, Erik Tharp; **28** Ron & Teresa Bauer, Howard Staffy, Ruth Bennett, Dale Black

Prayer Concerns

Margaret Carlton (Don Chamberlain's sister)
Mary Chamberlain
Jocelyn Denison (Friend of Barber family)
Bill Hammitt
Mary Harshman
Lindell Johnson (Debbie Wombles' father)
Dan Patterson (Jamie Patterson's father)
Evelyn Ransom
Debbie Robinson
Richard Stauffer
Andrew Westmaas

Thank you for your 2016 donation to the Pikeland Snack Pack Program. Without your generous contribution, this program would not be possible.

Thank you so much for the food and the gifts. Everything was greatly appreciated. - Adopt a Family recipient.

We would like to thank you very much for your generous Christmas gifts, food and gift certificate. They were enjoyed so much. Once again, thank you and God bless all of you. -Adopt a Family recipient.

Wishes & Wants

For Sale: King size Sleep Number bed. With headboard & storage under. Bedding goes with it. Judy Dunham 285.2738

Dear Church Family,

I am sorry for the confusion about last Sunday's services announcement. I did not mean to give the impression that services were cancelled, but simply to encourage wise travel decisions.

Those who know me understand my philosophy on never canceling church. (I have known missionaries who share stories of people risking persecution or even walking for days just to attend a worship service.) In the eleven years I have been here, I have never had a Sunday that I could not get to the church, but that does not mean I expect anyone else to do so. In fact, I have often thought to myself that I wished some folks would not risk a fall by venturing out in poor travel conditions. I trust that everyone is wise enough to make responsible decisions, but I never want someone to feel pressured into doing something unwise simply because they know the crazy preacher is having church.

I am always blessed by the perseverance of so many in our church family to press out and attend Sunday services, even when it is perhaps unwise to do so due to age or health. Had the weather materialized as predicted, travel would most certainly have been treacherous. Since we have the technology to do so, I was wanting to encourage those who should stay home and be safe to do so. For the future, be wise in your decisions, but know that your pastor will be having and/or streaming service, even if he is the only one there.

Loving you all,

Michael

Board Meeting Excerpts from December 13, 2016

Opening devotion and prayer was led by David Bishop. Gospel of Luke – Facts about Joseph. The November minutes were approved by general consensus.

Treasurer's Report: Bethany reported that as of November 30, 2016: Total Checking/Savings Assets = \$429,644.32. Total Unrestricted & Restricted Checking = \$196,861.88. Total Current Assets = \$491,688.68. Total Budgeted Receipts = \$428,580.61. Statement of Cash Flow on Nonbudgeted Receipts Total = \$82,867.77 and Nonbudgeted Disbursements = \$86,442.62. (Loan Write Off Receivable from Children First = \$35,000.00) Difference of \$3,574.85. Worship Attendance average for January thru November = 263 individuals. 91.67% through the fiscal year. Fiscal year Total Budgeted Disbursements = \$332,987.96 (74.18%). The Treasurer's report was approved by general consensus.

Helen reported all Children First daycare rooms are full. Hopefully, the new room will be ready for children in June 2017. Children First has held three fundraisers recently.

Balsman Property: Continuing easement discussions. Real Estate Taxes increased from \$485 to \$760. George had Homestead Exemption which the church cannot have.

Roger Dunham moved to allow Pikeland CUSD #10 the use of The Crossroads Center as an "evacuation/reunification point" in case of an emergency situation. Seconded by Ann Ferguson and all approved. Pastor Michael thanked Bobby Smith for his exceptional two years of service on the Executive Committee as Moderator. David Bishop made the motion to approve the Executive Committee recommendations for staff bonuses in the amount of \$3,350. Seconded by Ann and all approved.

Roger Dunham moved to adjourn at 6:05P.M.

Board Meeting Excerpts from January 10, 2017

Call to Order at 6:02pm by Moderator David Koltveit. Elder Devotion and Opening Prayer were led by Larry Wigington. The December minutes were approved by general consensus. Those in attendance complimented Pastor Chaz and the youth of the church on a job well done on January 1, 2017 (Youth Sunday).

Treasurer's Report: Bethany Dunham reported that as of December 31, 2016: Total Checking/Savings Assets = \$438,805.53. Total Unrestricted Checking = \$109,757.73. Total Budgeted Receipts = \$466,116.37. Total Budgeted Disbursements = \$364,563.52. Statement of Cash Flow on Nonbudgeted Receipts Total = \$91,968.25 and Nonbudgeted Disbursements = \$92,420.11 for a difference of -\$451.86. Larry Wigington highlighted that though average worship attendance decreased by 16 people over the course of 2016, overall giving had not decreased. Pastor Michael Ten Eyck mentioned that in 2016 the church has seen many families relocate due to job changes and the desire to be closer to family. It was noted that additional funds have been received since December 31, 2016 designated towards "New Building Construction". The balance of that fund as of Jan 10 is \$13,358.35. The Treasurer's Report was approved by general consensus.

Helen Earls reported that interest in bookings for the Crossroads Center were up, even though January is typically a slow month.

Helen Earls reported that all rooms at Children First are at capacity. They have hired an assistant and hope to open another room in June, 2017. She also reminded the Board that Children First is currently holding a beef fundraiser.

Moderator David Koltveit named Ralph Piper as Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp Board Representative for First Christian Church. Gary Mendenhall moved to approve the nomination, Larry Wigington seconded the motion, and all approved.

Pastor Michael Ten Eyck asked the Board to consider accepting the donation of a 6' x 9' digital sign that the church received on 1/6/17. He reported that it is in working order. David Bishop move to accept the sign and ask the Property Committee for a recommendation. This motion was seconded by Gary Mendenhall, and all approved.

Larry Wigington moved to change the Board meeting time from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Phil Sandidge seconded the motion. Eight were in favor, three opposed, and the motion carried. The next Board Meeting will be February 14, 2017 at 6:30pm.

Additional Note - The 2017 Church Board Meetings will begin at 6:30pm.

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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

Lectionary

1/22: Isa 9:1-4; Ps 27:1, 4-9; 1 Cor 1:10-18; Matt 4:12-23
 1/23: Ps 27:7-14; Judges 6:11-24; Ephesians 5:6-14
 1/24: Ps 27:7-14; Judges 7:12-22; Philippians 2:12-18
 1/25: Ps 27:7-14; Genesis 49:1-2, 8-13, 21-26; Luke 1:67-79
 1/26: Ps 15; Deuteronomy 16:18-20; 1 Peter 3:8-12
 1/27: Ps 15; Deuteronomy 24:17-25:4; 1 Tim 5:17-24
 1/28: Ps 15; Micah 3:1-4; John 13:31-35
 1/29: Micah 6:1-8; Ps 15; 1 Cor 1:18-31; Matt 5:1-12
 1/30: Ps 37:1-17; Ruth 1:1-18; Philemon 1-25
 1/31: Ps 37:1-17; Ruth 2:1-16; James 5:1-6
 2/1: Ps 37:1-17; Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22; Luke 6:17-26
 2/2: Malachi 3:1-4; Ps 84; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40
 2/3: Ps 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:1-12; James 3:13-18
 2/4: Ps 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:13-16; Mark 7:1-8

Serving Schedule

January 22, 2017

Elder: Joyce Lemons, Judy Ferguson
Diaconate: Christie Mendenhall, Gary Mendenhall, Noah Mendenhall, Debbie Robinson, Tom Robinson, Sonya Bishop
8:00 Communion: Hamer & Jenny Tate
9:15 Communion: Tom & Debbie Robinson
9:15 Greeter: Steve & Kathy Lehr
9:15 Nursery: Lauren Saxe
10:30 Communion: Don & Mary Lou Chamberlain
10:30 Scripture: Brenda Kramer
10:30 Nursery: Shelby Bauer
10:30 Sound System: Cherise Anderson
Shut-ins: Jim & Kay McKinney, Greg & Kim Bonnett

January 29, 2017

Elder: David Bishop, Larry Wigington
Diaconate: Chad Ferguson, Bill Grimsley, Kathy Lehr, Ron Halsey, Burdette Irwin, Zack Boren
8:00 Communion: Steve & Vickie Tharp
9:15 Communion: Phil & Georgia Sandidge
9:15 Greeter: Any Volunteer
9:15 Nursery: TBA
10:30 Communion: Kathy Curfman, Edith Gant
10:30 Scripture: Eli Mendenhall
10:30 Nursery: Kadence Haskins
10:30 Sound System: TBA
Shut-ins: Julie Myers, Mike & Julie Boren

| | <u>1/1</u> | <u>1/8</u> | <u>1/15</u> |
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| Worship Attendance | | | |
| 8:00 AM | 74 | 28 | |
| 9:15 AM | 94 | 52 | |
| 10:30 AM | <u>159</u> | <u>94</u> | <u>35</u> |
| Total | 159 | 262 | 115 |

Christmas: Eve 350, Day 170

| Christian Education | | |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Age 3-PK | 4 | 0 |
| K-1st | 6 | 2 |
| 2nd-3rd | 7 | 1 |
| 4th-5th | 11 | 3 |
| 6th-8th | 0 | 0 |
| Sr High | 5 | 0 |
| Disciples | 10 | 0 |
| New Beginnings | 5 | 4 |
| Select to Connect | <u>7</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Total | 55 | 10 |

| Stewardship (Offering Only) | <u>12/25</u> | <u>1/1</u> | <u>1/8</u> | <u>1/15</u> |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Operational | \$11,047.31 | \$6,612.00 | \$9,582.00 | \$3,788.01 |
| Property Improvement | 53.00 | 28.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 |
| New Building Construction | 0.00 | 620.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Outreach-Missionaries | 70.00 | 70.00 | 290.00 | 70.00 |
| DHF | 80.00 | 105.00 | 80.00 | 80.00 |
| Outreach-General | 56.00 | 53.00 | 29.00 | 6.00 |
| Adopt-A-Family | 50.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Church Camp | 300.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Snack Pack Program | 0.00 | 50.00 | 25.00 | 0.00 |
| Unmet Needs | 0.00 | 550.00 | 50.00 | 0.00 |
| Children First | <u>70.00</u> | <u>50.00</u> | <u>70.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total | \$11,726.31 | \$8,138.00 | \$10,129.00 | \$3,947.01 |
| Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.) | | | | |
| Received Last 7 Days | \$10,598.91 | \$6,333.07 | \$9,181.00 | \$4,766.77 |
| Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget | \$9,004 | | | |