

The Pittsfield Christian

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Coming Events

- 8/27 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first
- 8/28 8:00 pm Al Anon Meeting
- 8/29 7:00 pm Drama Team
- 8/30 2:00 pm Circle IV at Manor
- 9/1 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 9/3 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first
- 9/4 8:00 pm Al Anon Meeting
- 9/5 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 9/6 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 9/7 Noon Women's Book Study
12:30 pm Circle V Meeting
- 9/10 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first
11:30 pm Children First Annual Mtg
- 9/11 1:00 pm Interagency Meeting
6:30 pm Circle I Meeting
8:00 pm Al Anon Meeting
- 9/12 6:30 pm Church Board Meeting

The **Drama Team** will meet at 7:00 on Tuesday, **August 29**, in the sanctuary to video September announcements and discuss the next skit. They would love to have new people sign on to participate. Please contact Julie Boren for more info, 217.430.4230.

Circle IV will host the birthday party at the Manor on Wednesday, **August 30**, at 2:00.

Children First preschool has a few openings available for the 3-year-old program and 4-year-old program to start the week of **September 5**. Contact Jennifer at 285.4129 to register.

Choir Practice will begin on Wednesday, **September 6**, at 7:00 and sing September 10. **Cantata Practice** will begin Wednesday, **October 4**. This year the **Cantata** will be Sunday, **December 17**. Contact Kayla for more info.



We're excited to announce that Kids' Connection will kick back off on **September 13!** We've taken a couple of years to regroup and refocus the ministry, and we believe that what we are offering this fall will be refreshing and enriching both for you and your children, and for our volunteers who will make it happen!

Over the next few weeks keep your eyes open for emails and messages regarding this ministry! **Sign up and registration forms will be sent out beginning August 27!**

For those of you who have not had a chance to engage with this ministry before, Kids' Connection is a KIDS@FIRST after-school ministry designed to engage K-5th grade children in the middle of the week. **We'll be meeting every Wednesday that school is in normal session between September 13 and March 21** from right after school until around 5p (exact time will be announced when the registration forms go out).

Please keep in mind that **our plan is to transport children directly from South School and PCS on the bus**, and that child pickup at the end of the evening will be the responsibility of the parents.

Also, this is considered a soft opening, **which means we are limiting our space to children who regularly attend First Christian Church**. We plan to launch the outreach arm of the program—inviting other children in the community—at a later date.

If you have any questions, would like to sign your child up, or would like

The **Women's Thursday Noon Bible Study** will resume **September 7** at the church building. The study will be from Max Lucado's book "Ten Women of the Bible" and start a new study on Esther. Feel free to bring your lunch if need be. Contact the office or Helen if you need a book.

The first meeting for **Circle V** will be Thursday, **September 7**. Rosemary Clark has graciously invited the Circle to a fish fry lunch at 12:30. Bring a dish to share. Meet in front of the church at noon to car pool to her home. RSVP Carole Elledge 285.4929.

Prayer Concerns: Barbara Bradburn, Carl Breitweiser, Mary Chamberlain, Richard Kindle, Jack Kirk, Karen Lawber, Becky Maxwell, Terry Behymer (Edna Baughman's son-in-law) Gary Guthrie (Randy Guthrie's father) Scott James (Vera Staffy's nephew) Michael Quincy (Sharon Houchins' brother) Steve Smith (Amy Cox's father)

We express our sympathy to Donna Tomhave and family with the passing of her mother.

Thank you everyone for the prayers and visits after my recent surgery. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and your prayers have been answered.

*In Christian Love,
Myrtle Tharp*

Thank you to the ladies of First Christian Church who do such a beautiful job making the prayer shawls. I will use mine a lot. Thank you, thank you.

*Love & hugs,
Mary Harshman*

We are looking to offer the **Financial Peace University** course led by Tammi Koltveit on Sunday mornings starting **September 8** for 8 weeks. FPU is designed to help individuals and couples use their finances for God's purposes. Contact the office or Tammi at 217.370.6194 for additional info and the cost involved.

The Outreach Ministry will soon announce details for **Operation Christmas Child**. In the meantime, you can take advantage of back-to-school items available in stores that fit great in the shoeboxes. Toothpaste, all candy, and anything camo color will not be accepted this year. Also, shipping will increase to \$9 per box.

The Pikeland Snack Packs program continues with the 2017-2018 school year. The program provides sacks of light meals and snacks for children to take home on weekends when they do not have access to the school lunch. If you would like to donate to this program, mark you offering "Snack Packs" and Outreach will direct the funds accordingly. Contact Pastor Chaz if you have any questions about Pikeland Snack Packs.

Youth@first has resumed it's regular Sunday meetings for grades 6th through high school seniors from 5-7:00 at Crossroads. Contact Pastor Chaz for more info.

The **Children First Annual Meeting** will be Sunday, **September 10**, after 10:30 service.

Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp is needing **life vests of all sizes**. Donations of new and gently used vests can be brought to Save-A-Lot between **August 20 and Sept 5**. Contact Jim Dain for more info.

Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp will host Family Camp **September 8-10**. Cost is \$20 per person with \$80 max. Contact Jim Dain for more info or the camp to register.

Pittsfield Assembly Women's Ministry is hosting the "Chonda Pierce 'Enough' Movie Event" on Friday, **August 25**, at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30) and would like to extend an invitation to all area women ages 14 and up to join them for this fun filled evening designed to inspire hope and encouragement while teaching women that In Christ Jesus they are 'Enough'! For more info contact Cindy Colbert 573-231-2017 or the Pittsfield Assembly Office at 285-4258.

Monday's eclipse was quite an event. It was surreal to drive through town and see all of the people out in their lawns looking up at the sky in the eerie, tornado-like darkness that enveloped the area.

Many had the "official" eclipse glasses, while others used pinhole boxes, welding masks, or a variety of homemade devices.

I was one of the latter. I was unable to acquire a pair of glasses prior to Monday, but had read that you could use your cell phone's camera to view the eclipse.

The sky darkened, I put my contraption on and turned skyward, but all I saw on the camera display was the round sun.

I did the big "no-no" and took a very quick glance skyward through two pairs of sunglasses, but still only saw a completely round sun.

About that time, a friend came by who had a pair of the NASA endorsed glasses. They had to go back to work and they gave me their glasses. It was amazing how those lenses allowed me to see what was really happening. I could see the overpowering light of the sun, but the moon in front of it now.

The experience reminded me of God's love. When we try to view life events, others, or even ourselves through any other lens than that of God's Agape Love, it is inaccurate and distorted. Just like the moon was hidden from my view without the correct lens, a perspective absent of Agape is one that is impaired and limited. Acting on such a perspective is somewhat like trying to walk through an unfamiliar room in the darkness.

Viewing life through Agape opens us up to a perspective far beyond our own. This perspective is one as limitless, gracious, and full of divine ability as God Himself.

This perspective is not one that we have to manufacture, but like those glasses given to me, it is a gift of love.

What lenses are you looking through today? Why not prayerfully yield your perspective to the Lord's. I bet you'll see things you never saw before.

Loving you all,

Michael

A super huge thank you to the church for allowing me the time of intentional rest this summer. I would love to connect with everyone to catch up on summer happenings. Feel free to call the office to set up a time to chat. I'm looking forward to connecting with everyone. -Pastor Michael

GREETINGS TO THE WOMEN of the First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois.

Come enjoy fun, fellowship, study and service as we continue our ministry to our church and our community through Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF). Please keep this calendar as a reminder of events for the coming year.

C.W.F. CALENDAR FOR 2017-2018

Sat/Sun.	Oct. 21 & 22	Fall Color Tour
Fri.	Dec. 1	Christmas Bazaar at Crossroads Center
TBA	February	Blood Drive at Crossroads Center
Fri.	Mar. 2, 2:00 p.m.	World Day of Prayer at First Christian Church
Tues.	Apr. 17, 6:30 p.m.	Spring Fling at Crossroads Center
Tues.	May 15, 5:30 p.m.	Salad Supper & Installation of Officers

OFFICERS

Evelyn Hoover	285-6093	Circle V
Joyce Lemons	285-4862	Circle IV
Carol Schwartze	370-1580	Circle I
Barbara Fosco	285-2608	Secretary
Deloras Martin	285-2980	Treasurer
Bev White	285-2420	Worship/Study
Cheryl Birch	833-2880	Bereavement
Rosemary Clark	285-2931	Bereavement
Mary Gates	285-4905	Bereavement
Karen Goodwin	437-2087	Bereavement
Joyce Harrison	653-8351	Bazaar
Brenda Kramer	602-1126	Bazaar
Joyce Lemons	285-4862	Bazaar

<u>CIRCLES</u>	<u>LEADERS</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Circle I	Carol Schwartze	2nd Monday	6:30 p.m.	370-1580	Crossroads
Circle IV	Joyce Lemons	2nd Thursday	9:30 a.m.	285-4862	Cardinal Inn
Circle V	Evelyn Hoover	1st Thursday	2:00 p.m.	285-6093	Crossroads

CMF DINNERS 6:00p.m.

Sept. 19 Circle I
 Nov. ?? CMF Serves Self
 Jan. 16 Circle V
 Mar. 20 Circle IV
 May 15 CMF Serves Self

NURSING HOME PARTIES

Aug.	Healthcare	Circle I & V
	Manor	Circle IV
Feb.	Healthcare	Circle IV & I
	Manor	Circle V

CWF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS – Times will be determined

Oct. 19 Planning for Bazaar	Mar. 8 Planning for Spring Fling
Dec. 9 Post Bazaar Meeting	May 15 CWF Board Meeting After Salad Supper

KIDS CONNECTION TREATS

Sept 13: Carole Elledge, Brenda Kramer
 Sept 20: Kay Sealock, Mary Gates
 Sept 27: Brenda Ator, Edith Gant
 Oct 11: Cheryl Birch, Karen Goodwin
 Oct 18: Brenda Kramer, Wanda Mendenhall
 Oct 25: Bev White, Deloras Martin

Please call Joyce if you are unable to serve on your scheduled date. 248-4862

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Staff:

Michael Ten Eyck, Pastor
 Chaz Waterman, Associate/Youth Pastor
 Helen Earls, Programs & Christian Ed
 Kayla Boren, Music
 Rebecca Rhodes, Administrative Secretary
 Gina Bryant, Custodian

Office Hours: 9:00am-4:00pm M-TH, 9:00am-12:00pm F

Summer Worship Times: Every Sunday 8:00am, 10:30am

Sunday School: 9:15am

Stewardship (Offering Only)	8/13	8/20
Operational	\$6,922.00	\$7,734.11
Property Improvement	113.00	3.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	70.00
DHF	80.00	80.00
Outreach-General	136.00	3.00
Church Constr/Reno	25.00	0.00
Unmet Needs	3.00	3.00
Kids Connection	500.00	0.00
Operation Christmas Child	20.00	0.00
Children First	<u>476.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$8,345.00	\$7,913.11

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$5,706.53 \$7,839.11
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,004

Serving Schedule**August 27, 2017**

Elder: Wayne Chamberlain, Larry Wigington
Diaconate: Rokettia Brokaw, Glen Cooley, Betty Hayden, Faith Saxe, Barbara Fosco, Lauren Saxe
8:00 Communion: Carolyn Casteel, Kathy Willman
10:30 Communion: Ruth Bennett, Kay Sealock
Scripture: Kathy Curfman
10:30 Nursery: Kadence Haskins
10:30 Sound System: Cherise Anderson
Shut-ins: Hamer & Jenny Tate, Dave & Sandy Herring

September 3, 2017

Elder: Jim Dain, Hamer Tate
Diaconate: Michelle Hart, Kevin Hittner, Kate Waterman, Ciera Anderson, Karen Goodwin, Taylor Sweeting
8:00 Communion: TBA
10:30 Communion: TBA
Scripture: TBA
10:30 Nursery: TBA
10:30 Sound System: TBA
Shut-ins: Larry & Sandy Wigington, ND & Joyce Harrison
Fellowship Treats: Edna Baughman, Sue Speckhart, Kayla Boren, Rosemary Clark, Becky Irwin

Wishes & Wants

For Sale: Matching couch and chair. Burdette & Becky Irwin 285.4842.
For Sale: Side by side refig - \$150. Antique gas stove - negotiable. Brenda Kramer 217.602.1126.
Wanted: A less than perfect 4ft table to use for hobbies. Edna Baughman 217.285.2948.

The next newsletter will be printed the week of **August 28**.

Lectionary

8/27: Exod 1:8-2:10; Isa 51:1-6; Rom 12:1-8; Matt 16:13-20
 8/28: Ps 18:1-3, 20-32; 1 Sam 7:3-13; Rom 2:1-11; Exod 1:1-7; Rom 2:1-11
 8/29: Ps 18:1-3, 20-32; Deut 32:18-20, 28-39; Rom 11:33-36; Exod 2:11-15a
 8/30: Ps 18:1-3, 20-32; Isa 28:14-22; Matt 26:6-13; Exod 2:15b-22
 8/31: Ps 26:1-8; Jer 14:13-18; Eph 5:1-6; Exod 2:23-24
 9/1: Ps 26:1-8; Jer 15:1-9; 2 Thess 2:7-12; Exod 3:16-25
 9/2: Ps 26:1-8; Jer 15:10-14; Matt 8:14-17; Exod 4:1-9
 9/3: Exod 3:1-15; Jer 15:15-21; Rom 12:9-21; Matt 16:21-28
 9/4: Ps 17; 2 Sam 11:2-26; Rev 3:1-6; Exod 4:10-31
 9/5: Ps 17; 2 Sam 11:27b-12:15; Rev 3:7-13; Exod 5:1-6:13
 9/6: Ps 17; Jer 17:5-18; Matt 12:22-32; Exod 7:14-25
 9/7: Ps 119:33-40; Ezek 24:1-14; 2 Cor 12:11-21; Exod 9:1-7
 9/8: Ps 119:33-40; Ezek 24:15-27; Rom 10:15b-21; Exod 10:21-29
 9/9: Ps 119:33-40; Ezek 33:1-6; Matt 23:29-36; Exod 11:1-10

	8/13	8/20
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	90	115
10:30 AM	<u>124</u>	<u>127</u>
Total	214	242

Christian Education

Age 3-PK	1	4
K-1st	1	4
2nd-3rd	0	4
4th-5th	1	6
6th-8th	0	0
Sr High	0	0
Disciples	13	14
New Beginnings	4	9
Sermon Study	5	6
Misc Adult Grps	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>
Total	33	57