

# The Pittsfield Christian

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## Coming Events

- 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  
2:00 pm Circle V Meeting
- 9/10 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
11:45 am Children First Annual Mtg  
5:00 pm youth@first
- 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
- 9/13 8:30 am Unmet Needs Meeting  
4:00 pm Kids Connection  
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 9/14 9:30 am Circle IV Meeting  
Noon Women's Book Study
- 9/17 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
2:00 pm Dining Room Rental  
5:00 pm youth@first

Nominating forms for officers and other elected officials with terms to begin January 1, 2018 will be on the sanctuary mantels on Sunday, Sept 3, 10 & 17. **Forms can be placed in the offering tray or submitted to the office by Monday morning, Sept 18.**

**Choir Practice** will begin on Wednesday, **September 6**, at 7:00 and sing September 10. **Cantata Practice** will begin Wednesday, **October 4**. The **Cantata** will be Sunday, **December 17**. Contact Kayla for more info or if you want to take part in this music ministry.

The **Women's Thursday Noon Book 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.

## CWF News

\*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.

\***Circle I** will meet at Crossroads on Monday, **Sept 11**, at 6:30.

\***Circle IV** will meet at Cardinal Inn on Thursday, **Sept 14**, at 9:30.

\***A sign up sheet to help at the CWF Color Tour food stand will be available at all 3 circle meetings.**

\***Extra copies of the CWF 2017-2018 calendar are on the sanctuary mantels.**

The **Church Board** will meet at 6:30 on Tuesday, **Sept 12**. Packets will be available on Sunday, Sept 10.

**CMF (Christian Men's Fellowship)** will have their dinner meeting on Tuesday, **Sept 19**, at 6:00. Sign up at the fellowship table if you plan to attend so Circle I knows how much food to prepare. **Agenda includes discussing a Color Tour food stand. Contact Matt Sealock for more info.**

**Our church is very fortunate to have a Financial Peace University certified instructor in Tammi Koltveit.** FPU is a tremendous tool that many families in the area have used to help take control of their financial management. Within our own congregation, I have heard testimonial of the blessing of living with the stress relief, creating a budget and the overall freedom from the trappings of money issues. We want to make this tool available to as many people as possible. With this in mind, we have received feedback that Sunday morning is not optimal; therefore, in an effort to better meet scheduling needs, we would ask anyone who has interest to contact Tammi. We can plan a schedule around the response. 217.370.6194.

**Prayer Concerns:** Barbara Bradburn, Ken Bradbury, Carl Breitweiser, Mary Chamberlain, Richard Kindle, Jack Kirk, Karen Lawber, Becky Maxwell, Rokettia Shelton John Bell (Cindy Chamberlain's father)  
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 Edna Baughman and family with the passing of Terry Behymer. We also express our sympathy to Jennifer Miller with the passing of her sister, Sherry Cagle.*

*Thank you for remembering us as we begin the new school year. We shared the cookies with the folks at the bus barn. -Pikeland Board Office.*

*Thank you for the delicious cookies that were delivered to our PHS teachers lounge. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. Sincerely, Angie Greger & PHS Staff.*

*Thank you so very much for the tray of delicious cookies for us to enjoy during our first week back at school! We are grateful for the support and thoughtfulness of the community and appreciate this kindness. -PCS D-Pod Staff (6th-8th)*

Have you logged on to RightNow Media lately? See the most recent studies available at your convenience!

**This coming Sunday, Sept 3, will be Cookie Sunday!** Plan to stay and visit with your church family after worship service!

**Children First preschool** has a few openings available for the 2017-2018 year which starts the week of **September 5**. Contact Jennifer at 285.4129 to register.

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

The church office will be closed on Monday, **Sept 4**, in observance of Labor Day.

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.

**Sunday Morning Connection Groups for Adults at 9:15**

Disciples Class - Crossroads Center dining room.  
Select to Connect - Crossroads Center front meeting room.  
New Beginnings Class - Church Long room.  
Women's Group - Admin building lobby meeting room.  
Adult Group - Church pastor's old office.  
Adult Group - Admin building board room.

**September Birthdays & Anniversaries:** **1** Bill Irwin, Barb Bradburn, Darin & Shelley Wintjen, Jim & Kay McKinney; **2** Joan Halsey, Amanda Haskins, John & Lisa Pennock; **3** Dave & Ashli Freesmeyer; **5** Steve & Vickie Tharp; **7** Ruth Anne Goodin; **8** Michael Smith, Rhodora Pursley; **9** Liam Bonnett; **10** Chuck & Carolyn Barber, John & Julie Plattner, Vivian Cloninger; **11** Jamie Pennock; **12** Courtney Pennock; **13** Judy Losch, Wyatt Korte; **14** Chris & Amber Apps, Brian & Angie Ruebush; **15** Terry Fine, Frank Smith, Connor Sweeting; **16** Dorothy Yaeger, Elijah Mendenhall, Kay McKinney; **17** Gary Mendenhall, Hendrix Lipcaman; **18** John & Jennifer Griffith; **19** Karen Goodwin, Ryder Lipcaman; **20** 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. We want to celebrate everyone's birthday and anniversary! Please let us know if we ever accidentally miss your special day so we can get you added to the list.

School is back in session, and that means that all of our kid small groups have moved up to their new grades! Since we are also rolling out a new year of Kids' Connection, we thought it would be good to give a quick refresher on the programs that we're offering for our PreK - 5th grade students!

### **Sunday Mornings - Kids' Church and Sunday Morning Small Groups**

**PreK** - During the 8a and 10:30a adult worship services, our friends in PreK are welcome to join our little ones in the nursery! **Amy Casto** runs the 8a nursery and **Josie VanWinkle** runs the 10:30a nursery. At 9:15a, the PreK meet for Sunday School with **Amy Casto** in the PreK room! There they play games, make crafts, and enjoy a video lesson designed just for them! Children age 3-5 (as long as they aren't in Kindergarten) are welcome to join!

**K-5th Grade** - During the 8a and 10:30 adult worship services, we have a special Kid's Church that runs during the sermon. This is a time of singing, dancing, and learning! This is also the time when our kiddos get their main lesson time for the day. Then, during the 9:15a small groups, each child meets with a group of kids their own age to talk through that day's lesson with games and crafts! The K-1st kids meet with **Bethany Dunham**, the 2nd-3rd kids meet with **Lisa Wombles**, and the 4th-5th kids meet with **Alicia Tate**! All three of these small groups meet upstairs in the education wing of the church.

**Each Age** - As each child goes home, they will have take-home papers that are designed to help your family continue walking through what they learned on Sunday morning. Every age has a Parent Cue page that is designed to give you the parent an insight into *exactly* what your child was taught so that when you ask them around the dinner table you can challenge the "we learned stuff" answer! It also has helpful suggestions on conversation starters having to do with the month's theme at key family times: meal time, drive time, bath time, bed time, etc. Then, the K-5th Grade children will also be bringing home student devotionals just for them! These are four-day devotionals that are designed to help them think through that Sunday's lesson a little deeper. These are age appropriate, and we highly recommend parents encourage their kids to give them a try!

### **Wednesdays After-School - Kids' Connection**

**K-5th Grade** - We're excited to announce that we're restarting Kids' Connection this month, and it's got a new face! This program is designed for kids currently enrolled in Kindergarten to 5th grade, and will take place on every Wednesday that there is a FULL school day between September 13 and March 21. Children will be picked up from school via the church bus and brought to Crossroads. There, we'll have snacks and hosts waiting for them. Once everyone has arrived, we'll move into the gym for the large group teaching! This will be a combination of live teaching and video teaching to keep things fresh. Then, children will be divided into small groups of *mixed* ages—this means that each group will have children in all six grades in them, rather than groups based on age. This is to help keep younger siblings comfortable and to encourage discipleship and mentoring among the older students. Then, we will end the event with singing and dancing in the gym until parents come to pick up their children at 5:15p!

At this time, there are no plans to incorporate our Pre-K friends in Kids' Connection. Also, for the first semester of this school year we are limiting our numbers to children that attend our church so that we can work out any glitches before rolling it out to the community at large. The goal is to eventually use this as both a discipleship tool AND an evangelistic tool as we have in the past.

The *really exciting* thing about all of this is that the curriculum we're using for Kids' Connection is absolutely in step with what our children are being taught on Sunday mornings! That means that when our children learn how Jesus calmed the sea on Sunday morning, they're going to hear that story again from another perspective on Wednesday! It is our hope that this helps to solidify the Biblical messages that we're offering our children.

This is an exciting time! If you'd like your child to participate, please contact the church office ASAP! If you'd like to help in any way, please contact Chaz! Our current volunteer need is a group of people who are willing to be joyful hosts as children get off of the bus and get to Crossroads! And as always, please be in prayer for our volunteers and our children. This has the potential to be very impactful in our community. Let's ask God to make it as great as it can be!  
Chaz Waterman | Youth and Associate Pastor

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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

<b>Stewardship (Offering Only)</b>	<b>8/20</b>	<b>8/27</b>
Operational	\$7,734.11	\$10,799.35
Property Improvement	3.00	98.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	70.00
DHF	80.00	80.00
Outreach-General	3.00	239.00
Unmet Needs	3.00	2.00
Children First	<u>20.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,913.11</b>	<b>\$11,288.35</b>
<b>Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)</b>		
Received Last 7 Days	\$7,839.11	\$7,839.11
Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget	\$9,004	

**Serving Schedule**

**September 3, 2017**  
Elder: Jim Dain, Hamer Tate  
Diaconate: Michelle Hart, Kevin Hittner, Kate Waterman, Ciera Anderson, Karen Goodwin, Taylor Sweeting  
8:00 Communion: N.D. & Joyce Harrison  
10:30 Communion: Mike & Julie Boren  
Scripture: Barbara Fosco  
10:30 Nursery: Emma Saxe  
10:30 Sound System: Chaz Waterman  
Shut-ins: Larry & Sandy Wigington, N.D. & Joyce Harrison  
Fellowship Treats: Edna Baughman, Sue Speckhart, Kayla Boren, Rosemary Clark, Becky Irwin

**September 10, 2017**  
Elder: Joyce Lemons, Helen Earls  
Diaconate: Kevin Hittner, Kate Waterman, Ciera Anderson, Donnie Apps, Brenda Kramer, Michelle Hart  
8:00 Communion: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes  
10:30 Communion: Zack & Libby Boren  
Scripture: Michelle Gates  
10:30 Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck  
10:30 Sound System: Lauren Saxe  
Shut-ins: Ruth Bennett & Deloras Martin, Helen Earls

**Wishes & Wants**  
For Sale: Matching couch and chair. Burdette & Becky Irwin 285.4842.  
For Sale: Side by side refrig - \$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 **September 11.**

**Lectionary**  
 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  
 9/10: Exod 12:1-14; Ezek 33:7-11; Rom 13:8-14; Matt 18:15-20  
 9/11: Ps 119:65-72; Lev 4:27-31; 5:14-16; 1 Peter 2:11-17; Exod 12:14-28  
 9/12: Ps 119:65-72; Deut 17:2-13; Rom 13:1-7; Exod 12:29-42  
 9/13: Ps 119:65-72; Lev 16:1-5, 20-28; Matt 21:18-22; Exod 13:1-10  
 9/14: Ps 114; Exod 13:17-22; 1 John 3:11-16; Gen 37:12-36  
 9/15: Ps 103:1-13; Gen 41:53-42:17; Acts 7:9-16; Exod 14:1-18  
 9/16: Ps 103:1-13; Gen 45:1-20; Matt 6:7-15; Exod 15:19-21

	<b>8/20</b>	<b>8/27</b>
<b>Worship Attendance</b>		
8:00 AM	115	147
10:30 AM	<u>127</u>	<u>122</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>269</b>
<b>Christian Education</b>		
Age 3-PK	4	6
K-1st	4	5
2nd-3rd	4	6
4th-5th	6	3
6th-8th	0	0
Sr High	0	0
Disciples	14	14
New Beginnings	9	8
Sermon Study	6	6
Misc Adult Grps	<u>10</u>	<u>16</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>64</b>