

The Pittsfield Christian

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Coming Events

- 11/12 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
1:00 pm Gym Rental
5:00 pm youth@first
- 11/13 8:30 am Dining Room Rental
4:00 pm Basketball Practices
6:30 pm Circle I Meeting
8:00 pm Al Anon Meeting
- 11/14 9:00 am Bible Study
5:00 pm Basketball Practices
6:00 pm Football Banquet
6:30 pm Church Board Meeting
- 11/15 3:45 pm Kids Connection
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 11/16 11:00 am Curless Auction
Noon Bible Study
4:00 pm Basketball Practices
5:30 pm Children First Board Mtg
6:30 pm Prayer Shawl Group
- 11/17 6:00 pm Pike County Youth League
- 11/18 9:00 am Outreach Meeting
10:00 am Pike County Youth League
- 11/19 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first
- 11/20 4:00 pm Basketball Practices
8:00 pm Al Anon Meeting
- 11/21 9:00 am Bible Study
5:00 pm Basketball Practices
- 11/22 8:30 am Unmet Needs Meeting
- 11/24 2:00 pm Hoover Birthday Party
- 11/26 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first

The **Church Board Meeting** will be next Tuesday, **Nov 14**, at 6:30. Packets will be ready on Sunday, Nov 12.

During the last two Sundays we have celebrated many baptisms and new member additions! On Sunday, Oct 29, we had the baptisms and new members of Liam Bonnett, Maxwell Bonnett, Kaden Ferguson, Sophia Freesen Timothy Hull, Frank Smith, Isabel Smith, Olivia Smith and Silas Smith. Then on Sunday, Nov 5, during 8:00 service Melba Foster declared her faith in Jesus Christ and placed her membership with FCC. During the 10:30 service we had the baptism of Conner Sweeting who also became a new church member. We welcome everyone to the church family and are excited to have the opportunity to worship with them each week!

CWF Christmas Bazaar

The time is near! The CWF Christmas Bazaar will be Friday, December 1. Items would be appreciated for the Treasure Chest. Donations can include, but not limited to, knick knacks, jewelry, handbags, household items, small appliances, furniture, puzzles, books, toys, games, etc. Sorry, no clothing or electronics. Any questions contact Ruth Anne Goodin 285.2705 or Linda Decker 285.4042. Treasure Chest items can be brought to Crossroads beginning on Monday, Nov 27. Hours for donations will be 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, and 8:00 a.m. until noon on Thursday.

The Country Store needs your help in providing baked goodies and yummy snacks for the Bazaar. Large & small plastic containers have been ordered so we can sell 2 pieces of cake or 6 cookies or 2 cup-cakes and/or 15 cookies or perhaps 1/2 cake. Many people will pick up a "treat" rather than a big item which may help our sales. Please keep this in mind as you bake your special recipes. We'll see if it works! Please share any ideas you may have that will boost our efforts.

Items for the Gift Room will be accepted November 27, 28, 29 & 30 in the Crossroads gym. Gift Room items should be handmade, or very gently used, and can be holiday-themed or not. We've had ornaments, handmade baby blankets & baby clothes, jewelry and wreaths in the past. Is there something you could add to the Gift Room? Please contact Jill Kunzeman at 309-264-3785 with your Gift Room questions.

Prayer Concerns: Ken Bradbury, Mary Chamberlain, Marjie Guthrie, Stacey Helms, Harold Loyd, Steve Smith, Journee Vinyard, Leonard Wade
Summer DeJaynes (Ron & Joan Halsey's granddaughter)
Vera Murr (Karl Benjamin's sister)
Sharon Shannon (friend of Karl Benjamin)

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of the following who recently passed away:
Mary Frances Giger - Gary Pursley's grandmother
Tom Hillebrenner - Jade Roseberry's grandfather.
Eric Walker

Circle I will meet at Crossroads on Monday, **Nov 13**, at 6:30.

On Tuesday, **Nov 14**, we will serve the **PHS Football Banquet**. Please sign up at the fellowship table if you can help prepare or serve. PLEASE NOTE THE EVENT HAS CHANGED FROM NOV 19 TO NOV 14.

The **Children First Board** will meet at 5:30 on Thursday, **Nov 16**.

The **Prayer Shawl Group** will meet at 6:30 on Thursday, **Nov 16**.

The **Outreach Ministry's Adopt a Family program** will kick-off on Sunday, **Nov 19**, when tags will be available for pickup. Gifts will need returned by Wednesday, **Dec 6**, so Outreach can sort gifts on Saturday, Dec 9. Watch next week's newsletter for more info.

The **youth@first** Turkey Dinner distribution will be Sunday, **Nov 19**.

The **Elders** will meet at 6:30 on Tuesday, **Nov 28**.

The women's Sunday morning study started a new book, "Proven" by Jennie Allen on Nov 5 at 9:15 in the admin building. The study should last approximately 8 weeks. Cost of the book is \$14. Call Michelle Hart 217.430.5255 or the office if you would like to join and need a book.

The **choir** will practice Sunday music at 6:30 followed by Cantata music at 7:00 through the Cantata performance.

Carrol Hoover will turn 90 years young on Nov 29. Come celebrate his birthday with light refreshments with his family and friends at Crossroads on Friday, **Nov 24**, from 2-4:00. No gifts please, but Carrol loves cards. Happy Birthday Carrol!

CMF elected officers at their Nov 6 meeting. Roger Dunham, president; Zack Boren, vice president; Michael Boren, secretary; and Kevin Hittner, treasurer. We thanked Matt Sealock for serving as president for the past three years. We also had an excellent program on Illinois fish and fisheries by Blake Ruebush. If you have any questions about fish, ask Blake. Remember, all men are welcome to enjoy a good meal and Christian fellowship with us at our next meeting, in January.

We've had requests to open the gym for walkers, but we need volunteers to sit in the gym office Monday - Thursday, 8:00-10:00a.m., January - March. We close for walking on days school is not in session. Contact Helen if you are interested in taking a day or two.

Looking Ahead...

Friday, Dec 1: CWF Christmas Bazaar 7:00-1:30.

Sunday, Dec 10: Christmas Caroling 5:00.

Sunday, Dec 17: Christmas Cantata 5:00.

Wednesday, Dec 20: Family Meal 5:30, Kids Connection Christmas Program 6:30.

Thursday, Dec 21: Children First Christmas Program 6:30.

Sunday, Dec 24: One Worship Service at 9:00am with no Sunday School. Christmas Eve Service 9:00pm.

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
Dain, Jim	Navy, 89-97
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
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
Pursley, Joseph	Marines, Present
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, 65-67



LeaderDog presentation: Meet Carroll Jackson and his guide dog Will

The Pittsfield Lions Club is honored to have Mr. Carroll Jackson and his leader dog Will presenting to the public on his experiences with a guide dog. The event will be held at the Cardinal Inn on Thursday, November 16th at 7:00 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend this highly informative and inspirational program.

Since 1939 Leader Dogs for the Blind has been training specially selected dogs and interested blind people how to travel independently and safely. Join us and learn how Leader Dogs are raised, trained and matched with their human partners. Find out what it takes to be a Leader Dog and what the dogs can do and how they do it.

Mr. Carroll Jackson has been legally blind since the sixth grade. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Technology Education and a Masters Degree in the Education of the Blind and Visually Impaired. He has been an Industrial Technology instructor in a public school and Principal of the Ohio State School for the Blind. He retired from the position of Superintendent at the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired. Now retired, he enjoys spending time in his woodworking shop and reading the books he never had time for when working.

Carroll was matched with his 3rd Leader Dog Will in June 2016. Together they travel the US and Canada to represent Leader Dogs for the Blind. He will demonstrate training techniques that are used to continually enhance the dogs abilities. He will also talk about many of the unique travel environments that he and his dogs have successfully navigated. He has logged 822 flights safely traveling the United States and Canada to share the Leader Dog mission. This fast-paced upbeat program will cover lots of subjects and give you real life examples of what a Leader Dog and their partner are able to do as a team. You will have a good time, laugh hard, learn a lot and get your questions answered.

There are many things on social media that I do not care for, but one that I have quite appreciated is the countdown to Thanksgiving. It is a November challenge that has nothing to do with shaving, but rather a daily acknowledgement of something for which you are truly grateful.

Let's face it, we are inundated with negativity as a society. It is amazing how quickly news of an unfavorable event spreads, while the positive often gets overlooked or even ignored. That is why I love this time of year and this simple exercise leading up to Thanksgiving.

With that in mind, I am putting forth this challenge to all of our church family. Let's make Thanksgiving a season, not merely a single day. I challenge you to take a moment each day of the rest of the month of November to acknowledge and give thanks for a specific blessing.

Tell someone that you are thankful for their place in your life. Draw attention to the unnoticed actions of those around you that make your life a little bit better. Share appreciation with our civil servants for the services they provide. Look to bless rather than criticize. I am fairly confident that doing so will actually make your season markedly better.

In addition to expressing your thanks to one another, let's be ever mindful to express our sincere thanks to God for His abundant blessings. They are all around us but often we are in such a rush that we allow them to pass us by unnoticed.

I am convinced that time giving thanks is time well spent.

Let me start off with acknowledging how thankful I am for my wonderful Church Family. I believe that nothing is too great for us when we commit ourselves to pursuing a goal. I was blessed to see such great attendance at our congregational (or as David says, "congressional") meeting Sunday. I love that even when we have diverse perspectives or solutions on issues that we are respectful and loving towards one another. This is a sign of growth and maturity.

Eph 4:25-5:2 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. 26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil. 28 Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. 29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

5 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ESV

Let's make this a season of thankfulness!

Loving you all,
Michael

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

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

Sunday School: 9:15am

Stewardship (Offering Only)	10/29	11/5
Operational	\$6,737.00	\$10,316.50
Property Improvement	3.00	153.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	70.00
DHF	80.00	80.00
Outreach-General	43.00	61.00
Snack Pack	0	200.00
Operation Christmas Child	125.00	298.00
Adopt a Family	0	50.00
Church Constr/Reno	0	0
Unmet Needs	0	203.00
Children First	0	70.00
Total	\$7,058.00	\$11,501.50

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$6,624.53 \$10,146.68.
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,004

The next newsletter will be printed the week of **November 13.**

Lectionary

11/12: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Solomon 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matt 25:1-13
 11/13: Ps 63; Amos 8:7-14; 1 Cor 14:20-25; Joshua 24:25-33
 11/14: Ps 63; Joel 1:1-14; 1 Thess 3:6-13; Neh 8:1-12
 11/15: Ps 63; Joel 3:9-21; Matt 24:29-35; Jeremiah 31:31-34
 11/16: Ps 90:1-8; Ezekiel 6:1-14; Rev 16:1-7; Judges 2:6-15
 11/17: Ps 90:1-8; Ezekiel 7:1-9; Rev 16:8-21; Judges 2:16-23
 11/18: Ps 90:1-8; Ezekiel 7:10-27; Matt 12:43-45; Judges 5:1-12
 11/19: Judges 4:1-7; Zeph 1:7-18; 1 Thess 5:1-11; Matt 25:14-30
 11/20: Ps 9:1-14; Zeph 1:7-17; Romans 2:1-11; Judges 4:8-24
 11/21: Ps 9:1-14; Zeph 2:1-5; 5:1-4; 1 Thess 5:12-18; Exodus 2:1-10
 11/22: Ps 9:1-14; Job 16:1-21; Matt 24:45-51; Esther 7:1-10
 11/23: Ps 100; Gen 48:15-22; Rev 14:1-11; 1 Kings 22:13-23; Rev 14:1-11
 11/24: Ps 95:1-7a; 1 Chronicles 17:1-15; Rev 22:1-9; Isaiah 40:1-11
 11/25: Ps 95:1-7a; Isaiah 44:21-28; Matt 12:46-50; Ezekiel 34:25-31

Serving Schedule**November 12, 2017**

Elder: Roger Brokaw, David Bishop
Diaconate: Mike Boren, Jill Kunzeman, Sonya Bishop, Eric Kunzeman, Donnie Apps, Julie Boren
8:00 Communion: Steve & Vickie Tharp
10:30 Communion: Donnie & Tereasa Apps
Scripture: Matt Saxe
10:30 Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck
10:30 Sound System: Helen Earls
Shut-ins: Helen Earls, Howard & Vera Staffy
Sunday School Superintendent: Kay Sealock
Kids Connection Treats 11/15: Wanda & Buster Mendenhall

November 19, 2017

Elder: Wayne Chamberlain, Larry Wigington
Diaconate: Betty Hayden, Faith Saxe, Barbara Fosco, Lauren Saxe, Rokettia Brokaw, Glen Cooley
8:00 Communion: Carolyn Casteel, Kathy Willman
10:30 Communion: Ruth Bennett, Kay Sealock
Scripture: Kay Sealock
10:30 Nursery: Shelby Bauer
10:30 Sound System: Chaz Waterman
Shut-ins: N.D. & Joyce Harrison, Hamer & Jenny Tate
Sunday School Superintendent: Cindy Chamberlain

	10/29	11/5
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM		117
10:30 AM	<u>284</u>	<u>191</u>
Total	284	308

Christian Education

Age 3-PK	5	4
K-1st	4	3
2nd-3rd	6	7
4th-5th	11	7
6th-8th	5	6
Sr High	4	3
Disciples	9	11
New Beginnings	4	9
Sermon Study	6	9
Misc Adult Grps	<u>17</u>	<u>19</u>
Total	71	78