

# The Pittsfield Christian

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## Coming Events

- 12/3 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
5:00 pm youth@first
- 12/4 1:00 pm Interagency Meeting  
4:00 pm Basketball Practices  
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 12/5 9:00 am Bible Study  
5:00 pm Basketball Practices  
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 12/6 3:45 pm Kids Connection  
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 12/7 Noon Bible Study  
4:00 pm Basketball Practices
- 12/8 6:00 pm Pike County Youth League
- 12/9 9:00 am Outreach Meeting  
10:00 pm Pike County Youth League
- 12/10 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
4:45 pm Christmas Caroling
- 12/11 4:00 pm Basketball Practices  
6:30 pm Circle I Meeting  
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 12/12 9:00 am Bible Study  
5:00 pm Basketball Practices  
6:30 pm Church Board Meeting
- 12/13 8:30 am Pike County Unmet Needs  
3:45 pm Kids Connection  
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 12/14 9:30 am Circle IV Meeting  
Noon Bible Study  
4:00 pm Basketball Practices
- 12/15 6:00 pm Pike County Youth League
- 12/16 8:00 am Bell Choir Practice  
10:00 am Choir Practice  
10:00 am Pike County Youth League

**The CWF Christmas Bazaar will be this coming Friday, December 1. Doors will be open 7:00-1:30.**

The **Tea Room** will be open 7:00-10:30 serving cookies, cakes, cupcakes and candy from all of your favorite sweet recipes.

The **Treasure Chest** will be offering knick knacks, jewelry, handbags, household items, small appliances, furniture, puzzles, books, toys, games, etc.

The **Gift Room** will be offering handmade or very gently used items such as holiday themed items, ornaments, baby blankets, jewelry and wreaths.

**Lunch** consisting of soups, sandwiches and pies will be served starting at 11:00.

The **Love Raffle** drawing will be at 1:30.

Proceeds from the Bazaar will benefit various ministries within the church and community.

The need within the Adopt a Family program is bigger than normal. Tags are on the tree in the overflow room. Nonperishable food items can be brought to the table in the church Long Room. If you would like to make a financial contribution towards Adopt a Family, mark your offering envelope "Adopt a Family" and funds will be directed accordingly. **Gifts and food will be accepted through Dec 6. The Outreach Ministry will sort gifts and food on Sat, Dec 9, at 9:00. Feel free to come lend a hand with this task.**

There will be a **handbell practice** every Saturday morning in December from 8-9:00, except Dec 9. If you are interested in joining handbells for a Christmas Eve song, please contact Kathy Curfman or Kayla Boren.

**All Kids Connection students** will be singing a preview song from their Christmas program this coming Sunday, **Dec 3**, during the 10:30 service.

**All FCC students grades K-5** are invited to sing with the Cantata on Dec 17. We will be practicing the song during Children's Church in both services. Rehearsal will be Wed, **Dec 13**, at 6:30 with the choir. Contact Kayla Boren for a CD of the song.

## December Events

Sunday, Dec 10: Christmas Caroling. Be at Crossroads by 4:45 so we can divide into groups and leave by 5:00 to visit the nursing homes and homebound. A light meal will be served at Crossroads once we return.

Sunday, Dec 17: Christmas Cantata at 5:00.

Wednesday, Dec 20: Family Meal at 5:30. Kids Connection Christmas Program "All About That Baby" at 6:30 in the gym. Everyone is encouraged to come for an evening of great food and fellowship!

Thursday, Dec 21: Children First Christmas Program at 6:30 in the sanctuary.

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

**Prayer Concerns:** Stacey Helms, Cathy McDaniel (Ada Hanback's daughter) Vera Murr (Karl Benjamin's sister) Sharon Shannon (friend of Karl Benjamin)

*We express our sympathy to Melba Foster and family with the passing of her husband, George "Bob" Foster.*

The sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias for Christmas. If you would like to purchase one in memory/honor of loved ones then please let the office know. Cost is \$10.

Your boxes of 2018 predated offering envelopes are available in the overflow room for pickup on Sundays. Contact the office if you would like to have your own designated box for next year.

The 2018 serving schedule for Deacons, Communion to Shut-ins, and Fellowship Treats will be prepared soon. Please contact the office **by Dec 6** if you need to make a change for the upcoming year.

#### **December Meetings**

Mon, 12/11, 6:30, Circle I.  
Tues, 12/12, 6:30, Church Board Meeting.  
Thurs, 12/14, 9:30, Circle IV.  
Sat, 12/16, 10:00, Cantata Practice.  
Thurs, 12/21, 6:30, Prayer Shawl Group  
Thurs, 12/21, 7:00, Elder Dinner.

*Thank you everyone who was involved with the funeral dinner for Mary Chamberlain and a special thank you to Pastor Michael for the comforting words. We are very grateful for your thoughtfulness. -The family of Mary Chamberlain.*

*Thank you for the prayers for our granddaughter, Summer DeJaynes. She is doing much better now. -Ron & Joan Halsey family.*

*Thank you to everyone who helped with the Mary Chamberlain funeral luncheon. - CWF Bereavement Committee.*

*Stressed out with the holiday spending pinching your budget?*

*Wouldn't it be nice if this time next year, you didn't have to worry about the extra expenses that the holidays bring and you could enjoy the real reason for the season, the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ.*

*We are pleased to announce that Tammi Koltveit will be offering Financial Peace University (FPU). This is a 9-class program, each class lasting 45 minutes. The first class will begin January 3rd. There will be both a lunch time class and an evening class.*

*With the FPU class, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future. Sign up today and start the new year out right. Please contact Tammi if you have questions, would like additional information and to sign up. She can be reached at [tjkolt@gmail.com](mailto:tjkolt@gmail.com) or [217-370-6194](tel:217-370-6194).*

It has come to our attention that several members of our church family struggle with gluten allergies. Starting this Sunday, we will have a couple of gluten free wafers in the communion plates. Please leave these wafers for our gluten free members to use.

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES** **2** Alayna Justice; **3** Eryn Lipcaman, Gena Londrie; **4** Rebecca Rhodes; **5** Marc James, Yvonne Stauffer, Ike Martin; **6** Jessica Speckhart Smith, Scott & Jennifer Palmer; **9** Sandy Wigington, Mardell Bryant; **10** Steve Hayden, Renita Ten Eyck; **11** Marci Speckhart, Caitlin Leonard, Dylan Leonard, Schae Leonard; **12** Alyssa Casto; **13** Jack Hull; **14** Matt James; **15** TJ Reel; **16** Tim Belford, Dave Bryant; **17** Barbara Fosco, Cara McNulty, Connor Wombles, Arabella McNulty; **18** Jim Belford, Brody Tomhave; **20** Bill & Ann Ferguson, Kenny & Lexie Manson; **21** Taylor Sweeting; **22** Donnie & Tereasa Apps, Harold & Shirley Loyd, Matthew Dain, Emmett Boren; **23** David Koltveit, Laynie Hart; **24** Cheryl Birch, Adam Maxwell, David Bishop; **25** Dorothy Apps, Betty Hayden; **26** Timothy Hull, Katie Cox, Beth Willman; **27** Matt Saxe, Brad Tomhave; **29** Thomas Hoaglin; **31** Braxton Boren, JJ Patterson, Don & Deloras Martin.



Let me tell you a story (warning...it is long – so get a mug of good coffee first):

So...I know a lot of you know about my youngest son, Emmett, who was born with a very rare condition called, Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia. We didn't even know he had anything wrong with him until he was struggling to breathe about 10 hours after he was born and they detected his heart was on the wrong side of his body. Anyway, after we recovered from freak-out parent mode, we listened to the doctors tell us that he had to be transferred to St. John's hospital in Springfield to the NICU. He was there for 19 days. In those 19 days, there "happened" to be a nurse whose Grandbaby had PCD and that family (from Colorado) just "happened" to be in Springfield for the holidays when we were there and were able to meet with us.

After he was diagnosed with PCD and we were grappling with what that would look like in our family, we just "happened" to be referred to a doctor at Children's Hospital who was fantastic and filled us in on everything we needed to know. Then when we found out that Emmett's specific genetic strain of PCD is one of THREE CASES IN THE WHOLE WORLD.....we found out that our great doctor just "happened" to have that strain as his research specialty!!

As the bills for the NICU and lots of tests and doctor appointments came in...we just "happened" to have an AMAZING church family and school family and community surround us and provide a benefit that raised \$11,000 and STILL to this day is paying off our medical bills for Emmett. And we have yet to put a medical bill on payment plans.

Then about a year ago, we started trying to get the therapy vest for Emmett. We had been doing therapy on him...by hand...two times a day for twenty minutes a day each....which worked out fine when he was tiny...but now he was getting to be a toddler. And both Spencer and I work; therefore, he is with a lot of different people throughout a week and there was always concern about the consistency of his daily therapy. Insurance kept denying and denying and denying...up until the final 6-page denial document...detailing why the vest is just not "medically necessary." Then...we "happened" to get a phone call a couple weeks ago...(that I didn't even understand at first)...that said...THE VEST COMPANY, RESPIRTEC, CEO HAD AGREED TO JUST GIVE US THE VEST. Now...please keep in mind...this is a \$16,000 piece of equipment that will grow with him for life.

I wanted to share this journey to encourage you all...that PRAYER WORKS...and nothing really JUST "happened"! And it isn't always the way we think it is going to work; heaven knows, we thought we would much rather have left Quincy on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> with a healthy baby instead of this journey...but then we would have missed out on knowing God's provision. We serve a BIG God that cares for us and cares for our individual needs. I want to thank you all for your prayers and support in word, meals, financial, etc. Spencer and I are so blessed to be living in a community...in a church family...in a Pikeland family...in a Spangler/Scranton/Boren/Parks family that loves us and has been willing to actively BE God's hands and feet.

Phil. 4:6(MSG) -

"Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life."

In Christian Love,  
Kayla Boren

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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

<b>Stewardship (Offering Only)</b>	<b>11/19</b>	<b>11/26</b>
Operational	\$7,162.00	\$12,743.55
Property Improvement	3.00	3.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	70.00
DHF	80.00	80.00
Outreach-General	97.00	57.00
Snack Pack	120.00	215.00
Adopt a Family	75.00	695.00
Unmet Needs	600.00	200.00
Church Constr/Renov	50.00	50.00
Children First	<u>150.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,407.00</b>	<b>\$14,213.55</b>

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

Received Last 7 Days \$9,855.12 \$13,841.49  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,004

The next newsletter will be printed the week of **December 11.**

**Lectionary**

12/3: Isa 64:1-9; Ps 80:1-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37  
 12/4: Ps 79; Micah 4:1-5; Rev 15:1-8  
 12/5: Ps 79; Micah 4:6-13; Rev 18:1-10  
 12/6: Ps 79; Micah 5:1-5a; Luke 21:34-38  
 12/7: Ps 85:1-13; Hosea 6:1-6; 1 Thess 1:2-10  
 12/8: Ps 85:1-13; Jer 1:4-10; Acts 11:19-26  
 12/9: Ps 85:1-13; Ezek 36:24-28; Mark 11:27-33  
 12/10: Isa 40:1-11; Ps 85:1-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8  
 12/11: Ps 27; Isa 26:7-15; Acts 2:37-42  
 12/12: Ps 27; Isa 4:2-6; Acts 11:1-18  
 12/13: Ps 27; Malachi 2:10-3:1; Luke 1:5-17  
 12/14: Ps 126; Habakkuk 2:1-5; Phil 3:7-11  
 12/15: Ps 126; Habakkuk 3:2-6; Phil 3:12-16  
 12/16: Ps 126; Habakkuk 3:13-19; Matt 21:28-32

**Serving Schedule****December 3, 2017**

**Elder:** Joyce Lemons, Larry Wigington  
**Diaconate:** Kathy Lehr, Ron Halsey, Burdette Irwin, Zack Boren, Chad Ferguson, Bill Grimsley  
**8:00 Communion:** Richard & Rebecca Rhodes  
**10:30 Communion:** Zack & Libby Boren  
**Scripture:** Michele Westmaas  
**10:30 Nursery:** Ellie Ten Eyck  
**10:30 Sound System:** Kate Waterman  
**Shut-ins:** Joyce Lemons, Ruth Bennett & Deloras Martin  
**Sunday School Superintendent:** Kathy Curfman  
**Fellowship Treats:** Helen Earls, Sandy Wigington, Jade Roseberry, Lori Johnson, Karen Goodwin  
**Kids Connection Treats 12/6:** Brenda Ator, Ann Ferguson

**December 10, 2017**

**Elder:** David Bishop, Matt Saxe  
**Diaconate:** Jill Kunzeman, Karen Goodwin, Eric Kunzeman, Sonya Bishop, Julie Boren, Mike Boren  
**8:00 Communion:** Dan & Sue Speckhart  
**10:30 Communion:** Glen & Carol Cooley  
**Scripture:** Cherise Anderson  
**10:30 Nursery:** Shelby Bauer  
**10:30 Sound System:** Matt Sealock  
**Shut-ins:** Jim & Kay McKinney, Greg & Kim Bonnett  
**Sunday School Superintendent:** Kay Sealock  
**Kids Connection Treats 12/13:** Buster & Wanda Mendenhall

	<b>11/19</b>	<b>11/26</b>
<b>Worship Attendance</b>		
8:00 AM	115	104
10:30 AM	<u>142</u>	<u>135</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>239</b>

**Christian Education**

Age 3-PK	7	6
K-1st	7	3
2nd-3rd	6	0
4th-5th	4	7
6th-8th	5	5
Sr High	7	5
Disciples	11	11
New Beginnings	8	12
Sermon Study	7	5
Misc Adult Grps	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>68</b>