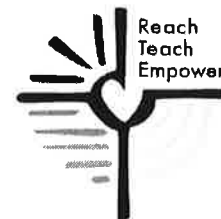


The Pittsfield Christian



First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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December 20, 2017

Coming Events

12/24 9:00 am Worship
9:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
12/26 5:00 pm Basketball Practices
12/27 8:30 am Unmet Needs
12/28 4:00 pm Basketball Practices
12/29 6:00 pm Pike County Youth League
12/30 10:00 am Pike County Youth League
12/31 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
1/1 8:00 pm Al Anon Meeting
1/2 5:00 pm Basketball Practices
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
1/5 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
6:00 pm Pike County Youth League
1/6 9:00 am Dining Room Rental
10:00 am Pike County Youth League
1/7 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School

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

On Sunday, **Dec 24**, we will have one morning Worship Service at 9:00am with no Sunday School. The **Christmas Eve Service** will begin at 9:00pm. The nursery will be staffed during the morning service. The cry room with live video of the service will be open during both morning and evening services.



The Elder Dinner will be at 7:00 on Thursday, Dec 21.

The next Church Board Meeting will be Tuesday, Jan 9, 6:30. Packets will be ready Jan 7.

Jan 8, Circle I, 6:30. Jan 11, Circle IV, 9:30. CWF will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Mon, Feb 26.

Kids Connection will resume on Wed, Jan 10.

The CMF Dinner Meeting will be Tues, Jan 16, 6:00. The attendance sheet will be available after Christmas. Circle V will prepare the meal.

The 92nd Annual Christmas Cantata was a fantastic success! Were you unable to make it to the event? Good news! You can listen to presentation in its entirety on the website! There are a couple of steps involved, so please take note. Click on the Cantata banner on the webpage or go directly to fccpittsfield.org/christmas-cantata. Once there, you will be prompted to enter a password. Enter fcc2017cantata and you are in! If you have any issues accessing the video, don't hesitate to contact Chaz at chaz@fccpittsfield.org!"

Installation of our 2018 officers and other elected officials will be during worship service on Sunday, Jan 7. This includes Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee, Elders, Deacons.

We will open Crossroads for walking on Monday, Jan 8. Hours will be Mondays through Thursdays from 8-10 a.m. Special events may alter the schedule and will be posted. The gym office will be staffed during these times. There is no fee for this service to the community but a donation box is available to help offset building expenses.

The Thursday noon Women's Bible Study will resume on Jan 11 with the "Ten Women of the Bible" series. In January they will start "The Samaritan Women".

Prayer Concerns: Wesley Haskins, Stacey Helms, Carrol & Evelyn Hoover, Burdette & Becky Irwin, Cathy McDaniel (Ada Hanback's daughter), Bill Perkins (Terry Reel family)

We will complete the 2017 year end report as soon as possible in January. Ministry area reports are due to the office as soon as possible.

Thank you Pastor Chaz and Kate for the turkey and dressing for Thanksgiving dinner. Also thanks to the youth group that came with Kate. I appreciate everything you do. -Karl Benjamin.

Thank you for the singing of carols at Findley Place! -Chris, Betty, Mary Etta, Joyce, David, Pat, Vergie.

Thank you Christie, Renita and Pastor Michael for the Christmas Carols. We really enjoyed it very much. -Dorothy & Roger Yaeger.

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.

There will be a "preview" class next Wednesday, Dec 27, at 7pm at the church building Long Room. This will give an overview of the course and time to purchase the kit. Please contact Tammi if you have questions, would like additional information and to sign up. She can be reached at tjkolt@gmail.com or [217-370-6194](tel:217-370-6194).

A few 2018 predated offering envelopes still need picked up in the overflow room. Contact the office if you would like to have your own designated box for next year.

CWF collects used greeting cards and sends them to a youth home for recycling. Also, the Lion's Club distributes used reading glasses to those in need. Both can be brought to the admin building or placed in the collection boxes at the church building outside the office.

The church office will be closed Dec 25 and Jan 1.

Carl's Cardinal Inn will serve lunch on Christmas day. Contact the restaurant to make your reservation or to help serve the meal.

January Birthdays and Anniversaries 1 Kirk Speckhart, Casey Rule; 2 Becky Maxwell, Shanna Tharp, Roger & Charlotte Dunham; 5 Ruth Poyner, Kurtis Johnson, Sami Johnson; 6 Don & Barbara Fosco; 7 Mary Wombles; 8 Jack & Kathy Hull, John Birch; 9 Hamer Tate; 11 Evelyn Ransom, Missy Borrowman; 12 Burdette & Becky Irwin, Matt Sealock, Laura Chamberlain, Ronnie Goewey; 13 Thomas Hull; 14 Hilda Dunham; 15 Cameron Herring; 16 Mary Lou Chamberlain; 17 Evert & Ruth Poyner; 19 Charles Gates; 20 Harold Loyd; 21 Bryn Fine; 23 Tyler Grimsley; 24 Bobby & Chris Smith, Kaden Ferguson; 26 Jeanne Howard, David & Julie Myers; 28 Keith Elledge, D.J. Wintjen; 31 Dave & Sandy Herring.

Merry Christmas
from the staff
of First Christian Church

Merry
Christmas!



Wednesday, December 14th, 2017

Dear Camp Friend and Visionary,

MVCSC exists by the will of God and the sacrifice of His people. Through the last seven decades countless numbers of people have donated to, worked for, prayed with, guided and loved this camp and the people we serve. Thank you for your part in the good work God is doing at Mississippi Valley with your campers, prayers, efforts, donations and support.

This year we hosted 234 campers in our regular season camps. In addition, we hosted another several hundred during rentals and retreats. Family Camp saw 194 people attend at some point during the weekend.

MVCSC continues to support the Mission of the Church. This year we hosted and learned from Chance and Ginger Newingham, and the Pike County Foodbank. Chance and Ginger are with Lifegate in Africa. Lifegate's goal is to educate the people of Sierra Leone concerning God's Stories and Life Skills. Please check out our website for more information on her work. Or theirs at <http://lifegateinafrica.org/>

The Spaghetti Dinner in April at the Crossroads Center was a great success and is planned again for April 22nd, 2018. We'll be sure to let you know in advance. Thank you to all who make that event possible, and to all who attend. This year we started a Taco Salad Fundraiser in the fall that was very well supported and attended. We delivered taco salads, mostly to businesses all over the area. We will host this next fall, date is TBD.

As always, we are committed to repair, maintenance and upkeep of your facility. This year our big project was re-roofing the boy's dorm. We are well on our way to replacing all the camp's roofs. Next, up is the chapel. Then we will be able to take a break from roofing until the shingles on the girl's dorm needs replace.

In 2013 we began a campaign to retire the debt on the girl's dorm. We continue to make progress, currently we owe 106K which is down from 149K. We ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to help us in this goal. We are very grateful for your help in the past. You play an important role in the success and growth here at MVCSC. Please keep MVCSC in mind for your giving, and always remember us in your prayers.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim D."

"To give life meaning by challenging each camper to consecrate themselves to Christ and the Christian Life; to provide each camper with wholesome recreation and fellowship; to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and to take His Word into the world."

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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)	12/17	12/10
Operational	\$8035.62	\$9,421.50
Property Improvement	3.00	3.00
Church Constr/Renov	25.00	0.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	510.00
DHF	25.00	80.00
Outreach-General	32.00	157.00
Snack Pack	200.00	265.00
Adopt a Family	300.00	200.00
Unmet Needs	300.00	255.00
Children First	<u>205.00</u>	<u>170.00</u>
Total	\$9,195.62	\$11,061.50

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)
 Received Last 7 Days \$8,608.07 \$10,370.10
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,004

Serving Schedule

December 24, 2017

Elder: Larry Wigington, Helen Earls
Diaconate: Debbie Robinson, Tom Robinson, Taylor Sweeting, Christie Mendenhall, Gary Mendenhall, Noah Mendenhall
Communion: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes
Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck
Sound System: Matt Sealock
Shut-ins: Spencer & Kayla Boren

December 31, 2017

Elder: Wayne Chamberlain, Judy Ferguson
Diaconate: Ron Halsey, Burdette Irwin, Zack Boren, Chad Ferguson, Bill Grimsley, Kathy Lehr
8:00 Communion: Carolyn Casteel, Kathy Willman
10:30 Communion: Kathy Curfman, Edith Gant
Scripture: Sydney Bauer
10:30 Nursery: Shelby Bauer
10:30 Sound System: Cherise Anderson
Shut-ins: Matt & Faith Saxe, Roger & Rokittia Brokaw
Sunday School Superintendent: Kathy Curfman

The next newsletter will be printed the week of **January 1**.

Lectionary

12/31: Isa 61:10-62:3; Ps 148; Gal 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40
 1/1: Eccl 3:1-13; Ps 8; Rev 21:1-6a; Matt 25:31-46
 1/2: Ps 148; Proverbs 1:1-7; James 3:13-18
 1/3: Ps 110; Proverbs 1:20-33; James 4:1-10
 1/4: Ps 110; Proverbs 3:1-12; James 4:11-17
 1/5: Ps 110; Proverbs 22:1-9; Luke 6:27-31
 1/6: Isa 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-14; Eph 3:1-12; Matt 2:1-12
 1/7: Gen 1:1-5; Ps 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11
 1/8: Ps 69:1-5, 30-36; Gen 17:1-13; Rom 4:1-12
 1/9: Ps 69:1-5, 30-36; Exodus 30:22-38; Acts 22:2-16
 1/10: Ps 69:1-5, 30-36; Isa 41:14-20; John 1:29-34
 1/11: Ps 139:1-18; Judges 2:6-15; 2 Cor 10:1-11
 1/12: Ps 139:1-18; Judges 2:16-23; Acts 13:16-25
 1/13: Ps 139:1-18; 1 Sam 2:21-25; Matt 25:1-13

	12/17	12/10
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	154	101
10:30 AM	<u>162</u>	<u>143</u>
Total	316	244
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	6	4
K-1st	6	4
2nd-3rd	5	3
4th-5th	7	4
6th-8th	0	0
Sr High	5	6
Disciples	12	11
New Beginnings	7	0
Sermon Study	8	10
Misc Adult Grps	<u>11</u>	<u>15</u>
Total	67	57