

The Pittsfield Christian

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Coming Events

- 1/7 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first
- 1/8 4:00 pm Basketball Practices
8:00 pm AI Anon
- 1/9 5:00 pm Basketball Practices
6:30 pm Church Board Meeting
- 1/10 3:45 pm Kids Connection
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 1/11 9:30 am Circle IV Meeting
Noon Bible Study
4:00 pm Basketball Practices
- 1/12 6:00 pm Pike County Youth League
- 1/13 10:00 am Pike County Youth League
- 1/14 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first
- 1/15 4:00 pm Basketball Practices
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 1/16 5:00 pm Basketball Practices
6:00 pm CMF Dinner Meeting
- 1/17 3:45 pm Kids Connection
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 1/18 Dining Room Rental
Noon Bible Study
4:00 pm Basketball Practices
- 1/20 Dining Room Rental
- 1/21 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first

Installation of our 2018 officers and other elected officials will be during 10:30 worship service on Sunday, **Jan 7**. This includes Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee, Elders, Deacons.

The next **Church Board Meeting** will be Tuesday, **Jan 9**, 6:30. Be sure to get your packet Jan 7 because we will review policies at this meeting.

Circle I will not meet Jan 8.

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**.

Choir practice will resume on Wed, **Jan 10**, at 7:00.

Tammi Koltveit will be offering Financial Peace University (FPU). This is a 9-class program, each class lasting 45 minutes. Please contact her 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). Classes will begin next Wednesday, **Jan 10**.

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".

The **CMF Dinner Meeting** will be Tues, **Jan 16**, 6:00. Sign up at the fellowship table if you plan to attend. Circle V will prepare the meal.

The **Elder Retreat** will be Sunday, **Jan 7**, 5:00, at Pastor Michael's home.

We will open Crossroads for walking on Monday, Jan 8. Hours will be Mondays through Thursdays from 8-10 a.m through March. 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.

We want to thank everyone who has helped clear snow and ice around our buildings in these frigid temperatures the last few week-ends. Winter took a little while to get here but it certainly has arrived now!

You can listen to the 92nd Annual Christmas Cantata on our website. 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!"

Prayer Concerns: Stacey Helms, Richard Kindle

FCC,
Thank you for your continuous support and donations to the Pikeland Snack Pack Program. -The Board of The Pikeland Snack Pack Program.

To The First Christian Church Family,
Richard and I want to thank you all for the gift card, thoughts and prayers during this time of Richard's illness. It is greatly appreciated.
Thank you,
Richard & Kathy Kindle.

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.

Cookies will be provided after worship services this coming Sunday, **Jan 7**.

The church **Garage Sale** will be Friday and Saturday, **April 6 & 7**. Save the date!!!

The **Task Force** will meet at 9:00 Saturday morning, **Jan 27**, at the admin building.

On Thursday morning, **Jan 18**, we will provide breakfast at Crossroads before Bunge meetings (formerly JBS United). Then on Saturday evening, **Jan 20**, we will serve a meal sponsored by the CEO class at Pikeland. Contact Joyce or Helen if you can help with the breakfast event. Contact Judy Ferguson, Karen Goodwin, Joyce Lemons or Helen or sign up at the fellowship table if you can help with the evening event.

Excerpts from the December 12, 2017 Church Board Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Rhodes reported that as of November 30, 2017: Total Checking/Savings Assets = \$446,395.23. Total Unrestricted Checking = \$100,000. Total Budgeted Receipts = \$429,212.01. Total Budgeted Disbursements = \$359,795.71. Statement of Cash Flow: Nonbudgeted Receipts Total = \$78,922.96 and Nonbudgeted Disbursements = \$50,342.71 for a difference of \$28,580.25. Rebecca noted that \$1,600.04 was reassigned from the general unrestricted funds to the Church Construction/ Renovation fund for the month of November. Additionally, the church received 2 new donations toward Construction/Renovation, and the balance of the account is \$64,503.60. Average attendance for 2017 through the month of November is 252. David Bishop motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report; Larry Wigington seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Trustees: Charlie Gates has been elected Trustee Chair.

Outreach: Jeremy Schoenherr noted that Tammi Koltveit is the new Outreach Committee Chair.

Crossroads Center: The gym will be open for walking hours on weekday mornings this winter.

Children First: Helen Earls reported that the new room that will accommodate 8 new children has not been licensed yet, after many hold ups from inspections and licensing. Helen asked the Board to approve a \$6,000.00 loan. David Bishop motioned to approve a loan of up to \$6,000.00 to Children First. Hamer Tate seconded the motion, and it carried.

Balsman Property: The Farm Committee has locked into a contract to farm the land in 2018.

Sign: wire has been pulled and once the electrician returns, installation can resume.

Lovell town lot: no update, the lot has not been advertised for sale yet.

New Business

Moderator David Koltveit stated the Board still needs to find someone to serve on the Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp Board.

A Task Force has been established to discuss future FCC projects.

David Koltveit outlined the proposed Christmas bonuses for staff members. Judy Ferguson motioned to authorize the Christmas bonuses as recommended by the Executive Committee; Hamer Tate seconded, and all approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.

Greetings to my church family!

I hope all is well with you all as I share some thoughts with you. As we have said farewell to 2017, let us all look forward to 2018 with even greater eagerness to our Lord! My grandson Tim received a birthday gift this year that required some reading, thinking, and searching on his part. He was given clues as to where to search for his special gift that was hidden. Each clue lead him to another location with another clue. And knowing Tim, he was not about to give up searching for his special gift! His persistence paid off with finally finding his gift! His response, "This is so cool! I love it!!!" But just think about it, if he hadn't applied himself to aggressively searching for his gift, he would not have received it. While watching Tim track down the clues for his gift, it reminded me of a passage of scripture.

Hebrews 12:1-3 (And yes, he was surrounded by a lot of witnesses)

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."

As we enter into 2018, let's all focus on the race and prize before us with enthusiasm!! Let's build on our foundation of faith for the future of HIS church.

Loving you all, in His service,

Larry Wigington, Elder

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 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**Worship Times:** Every Sunday 8:00am, 10:30am**Sunday School:** 9:15am

Stewardship (Offering Only)	12/24	12/31
Operational	\$8,693.80	\$12,116.80
Property Improvement	3.00	3.00
Church Constr/Renov	500.00	25.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	120.00
DHF	80.00	25.00
Outreach-General	3.00	28.00
Snack Pack	25.00	0.00
Kids Connection	60.45	0.00
Unmet Needs	502.00	475.00
Family Meal	0.00	10.00
Children First	<u>200.00</u>	<u>55.00</u>
Total	\$10,137.25	\$12,857.80

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$9,131.59 \$12,588.10
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,004

Lectionary

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
 1/14: 1 Sam 3:1-20; Ps 139:1-18; 1 Cor 6:12-20; John 1:43-51
 1/15: Ps 86; 1 Sam 9:27-10:8; 2 Cor 6:14-7:1
 1/16: Ps 86; 1 Sam 15:10-31; Acts 5:1-11
 1/17: Ps 86; Gen 16:1-14; Luke 18:15-17
 1/18: Ps 62:5-12; Jer 19:1-15; Rev 18:11-20
 1/19: Ps 62:5-12; Jer 20:7-13; 2 Peter 3:1-7
 1/13: Ps 62:5-12; Jer 20:14-18; Luke 10:13-16

Serving Schedule**January 7, 2018**

Elder: Hamer Tate, Matt Saxe
Diaconate: Rokettia Brokaw, Glen Cooley, Betty Hayden, Noah Mendenhall, Christie Mendenhall, Gary Mendenhall
8:00 Communion: N.D. & Joyce Harrison
10:30 Communion: Roger & Charlotte Dunham
Scripture: Teresa Bauer
10:30 Nursery: Emma Saxe
10:30 Sound System: Chaz Waterman
Shut-ins: Kay Sealock, Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain
Sunday School Superintendent: Cindy Chamberlain
Fellowship Treats: Michelle Hart, Debbie Robinson, Ruth Bennett, Carole Elledge
Kids Connection Treats Jan 10: Bev White, Joyce Lemons

January 14, 2018

Elder: Helen Earls, Roger Dunham
Diaconate: Ciera Anderson, Cherise Anderson, Sonya Bishop, Zack Boren, Michelle Hart, Kevin Hittner
8:00 Communion: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes
10:30 Communion: Keith & Carole Elledge
Scripture: Wayne Baughman
10:30 Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck
10:30 Sound System: Lauren Saxe
Shut-ins: Dan & Sue Speckhart, Brenda Kramer, Ann Ferguson
Sunday School Superintendent: Joyce Lemons
Kids Connection Treats Jan 17: TBA

	12/24	12/31
Worship Attendance		
9:00 AM	302	
9:00 PM	275	
8:00 AM		75
10:30 AM		<u>113</u>
Total	577	188

Christian Education

Age 3-PK	6
K-1st	2
2nd-3rd	5
4th-5th	6
6th-8th	0
Sr High	3
Disciples	9
New Beginnings	5
Sermon Study	6
Misc Adult Grps	<u>8</u>
Total	50