

The Pittsfield Christian

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Coming Events

- 1/21 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first
- 1/22 4:00 pm Basketball Practices
8:00 pm AI Anon
- 1/23 5:00 pm Basketball Practices
6:30 pm Elder Meeting
- 1/24 8:30 am Unmet Needs
9:30 am Bible Study
3:45 pm Kids Connection
7:00pm Financial Peace
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 1/25 Noon Bible Study
4:00 pm Basketball Practices
- 1/26 9:00 am Dining Room Rental
6:00 pm Pike County Youth League
- 1/27 7:00 am Dining Room Rental
9:00 am Task Force Meeting
10:00 am Pike County Youth League
- 1/28 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
Noon Pike County Youth League
5:00 pm youth@first
- 1/29 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 1/31 9:30 am Bible Study
3:45 pm Kids Connection
7:00 pm Financial Peace
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 2/1 Noon Bible Study
- 2/2 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 2/3 9:00 am Dining Room Rental
- 2/4 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
11:45 am Congregational Meeting
5:00 pm youth@first

The **Elder Meeting** will be Tuesday evening, **Jan 23, 6:30.**

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

Attention Choir Members:

Please return all cantata music, folders and CDs to Kayla Boren or to the admin building. If you have any CDs from "The Story," please bring them to Kayla or the admin building. We will start "The Story" Musical for this Easter on Wednesday, **Feb 7**. Contact Kayla Boren if interested! Starting on **Feb 7**, choir practice will begin at 6:30.

The **February Congregational Meeting** will be immediately after 10:30 service on **Sunday, Feb 4**. Agenda includes 2017 review and 2018 goals.

The **Youth Group Valentine Dinner fundraiser** will be **Sunday, Feb 11, at 5 p.m.** Doors will open at 4:30. A large chicken breast dinner will be \$14 and a very nice ribeye steak dinner will be \$18. Both plates include baked potato, green beans, lettuce salad, dinner roll, dessert, and drink. This is a lot of food and containers will be available for you to take home what you can't eat. This has been the main fundraiser for the youth for a long time and we think this is a great way for the kids to serve, make money and build relationship with those in the congregation. **The deadline is Monday, Feb 5. Parents of youth need to give us meal choice as well. This is a fantastic meal so invite your family, friends and neighbors!**

Carryout orders will also be taken and can be picked up at the south ally (water tower) door at 4:30. Please note your dessert choice when you call in your order. Choices are cheesecake, turtle cheesecake, cherry pie, and angel food cake.

Want to make it a date night? This year we will offer childcare in the Crossroads upstairs rooms for children under age 10. They will be given a meal of chicken strips, mac & cheese and a drink for \$5. Let us know when you make your reservation if you also need the childcare service. Please know that as always, all children are welcome to the fundraiser meal with their family.

The **morning women's connection group** will now meet on **Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00am in the upper level of Crossroads Center**. We will be reading and discussing "None Like Him", by Jen Wilkin. Childcare is provided, and those who bring children are asked to contribute \$5 per week to the babysitter. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Libby Boren or Jade Roseberry.

Due to inclement weather on Jan 11, the Thursday noon **Women's Bible Study** will resume on **Jan 18** with the "Ten Women of the Bible" series. In January they will start "The Samaritan Women".

The **Prayer Shawl Group** will meet Thursday, **Jan 18, 6:30** at Crossroads. Knitting weather is here and what a fun way to connect with members of your church family and learn how to knit! Contact Charlotte Dunham if you have any questions.

CWF will host an **American Red Cross Blood Drive** on Monday, **Feb 26**, from 1-6:00 at Crossroads. The church **Garage Sale** will be Friday and Saturday, **April 6 & 7**. Save the dates!!

Crossroads has opened for walking. Hours are 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.

Prayer Concerns: Mary Gates, Mary Harshman, Stacey Helms, Walt Holmes (Shari Clark's father), Richard Kindle, Eddie White
We express our sympathy to Teresa Bauer and family with the passing of her mother, Betty Hartsock.

*To Our Church Family,
Burdette and I want to thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers during our time of illness. It was greatly appreciated and we're looking forward to a healthy 2018.
Thank you again,
Burdette & Becky Irwin*

Children First is starting a new fund raiser which will be an ongoing fund raiser with the Scrip Gift Card organization. Gift cards can be purchased from Children First and they will receive a rebate on each one. They will be starting this in February and are taking orders now. Please watch for a list of the vendors participating in the next newsletter. You may go online at shopwithscrip.com to get more information about this. Walmart, Sam's, Amazon, most gas companies, convenience stores, and many, many more companies participate in this. We feel this will help us get Children First on a better footing financially and help us to keep costs down for the families that entrust us with their children.

The **Volleyball League** will begin in **March**. More information will soon be available or you can contact Matt Sealock.



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Dear Church Family,

Solomon said: "To everything there is a time and season..."

We, as a church, have been blessed with the season that we have shared together with Chaz Waterman. Chaz and his wife, Kate, will always be a part of our Church Family, however, after much prayer and discussion with Chaz, we have come to the mutual understanding that our church culture is not the perfect fit for many of his long-term aspirations.


Chaz will be transitioning to pursue other ministry possibilities in the coming weeks. Kate will also be making a transition by increasing her responsibilities at the new Free Press locations in Springfield. They have rented an apartment in Springfield and will be moving there in the near future.

Chaz has graciously agreed to stay on through February and possibly help out with some projects in the future.

Please join me in sharing appreciation for all he has blessed us with over the last few years, as well as pray for God's leading for his future ministry.

Once again, Chaz and Kate will always be a part of our Church Family, and we look forward to treating them as such. They are a unique blessing to the kingdom.


Michael Ten Eyck, Pastor


Chaz Waterman, Youth/Associate Pastor

Excerpts from January 9, 2018 Church Board Minutes

Opening devotion and prayer were led by Larry Wigington, who encouraged those present to run with perseverance the race marked out for you, eagerly pursuing God's will and looking to the next step in life and work. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Minutes from last Board meeting were approved by general consensus. N.D. Harrison gave a brief summary of the Modern Rules of Order, which guide the FCC Board meetings.

Minister's Report Pastor Michael encouraged those present to participate in the Intentional Church Conference in April. He also said that he hopes to work with new families to get involved in ministries around the church.

Officers: Treasurer's Report:

Rebecca Rhodes reported that as of December 31, 2017: Total Checking/Savings Assets = \$459,255.91. Total Unrestricted Checking = \$100,000.00. Total Budgeted Receipts = \$478,738.90. Total Budgeted Disbursements = \$393,095.35. Statement of Cash Flow on Nonbudgeted Receipts Total = \$87,394.80 and Nonbudgeted Disbursements = \$59,681.12 for a difference of \$27,713.68. Rebecca noted that \$13,095.37 was reassigned from the general unrestricted funds to the Church Construction/Renovation fund for the month of December. Additionally, the church received 3 new donations toward Construction/Renovation, and the balance of the account is \$78,148.97. Rebecca also noted that all ministry areas came in under budget for 2017, and that receipts came in over budget for the year. Average attendance for 2017 through the month of November 253. Rebecca informed the Board that the \$85,000.00 CD that was taken out in April 2017 and designated toward church construction has received earnings of \$578.65 that was not yet reflected on the Treasurer's report when printed. That CD now holds \$85,578.65. David Bishop motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report with the \$578.65 CD adjustment; Charlie Gates seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Properties: Keith Elledge gave a summary and update on the progress on the electronic sign. It has been more involved and costly than originally expected, but he hopes to have the sign installed this week.

Crossroads Center: Helen Earls highlighted some of the upcoming events that will need volunteers, and encouraged everyone to find a way to help out. She stated that fundraising needs to pick up as the church looks forward to a new building.

Children First: Helen Earls reported that the new 3 to 5 year-old classroom is now licensed. The teacher is now working on contacting families that were on the waiting list to see if they are still interested. Once all waiting list families have been contacted, they will begin to advertise openings. The delay in getting the room set up, licensed, and populated has continued to drain Children First's resources, and she expressed that they are still playing catch up until kids arrive.

Helen explained how the Scrip gift card fundraiser will work, and she asked the Board to move forward with the program and market it to the Children First and FCC families.

Gary Mendenhall motioned to allow Children First to start and market the Scrip fundraising service. Larry Wigington seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business

Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp Board Representative: Pastor Michael asked for suggestions for possible representatives.

New Business

*Pastor Michael Ten Eyck highlighted policies within the current Constitution and Bylaws, which were revised by the congregation in 2015. Hamer Tate moved to accept all policies which included - Constitution and Bylaws, Oversight Team Policy, Conflict of Interest, Policy for Church Attendees with "Troubled" Background, Policy of Church Representation to Other Organizations, Safety Policy, Unpaid Leave. Larry seconded. Everyone on the board signed the letter of acceptance except Kathy Hull who was not able to attend the meeting.

*Pastor Michael Ten Eyck read a letter regarding Pastor Chaz and Kate Waterman's upcoming departure from FCC Pittsfield, and he expressed gratitude to Pastor Chaz for his service and work in his tenure at FCC. A copy of the announcement will be sent to families of the youth at the church, and the news will be announced to the congregation and discussed at youth group on 1/14/18. There will be a time of appreciation for Chaz and Kate in the near future, and details will be forthcoming. Larry Wigington motioned to accept the notification of Chaz's change of employment status, N.D. Harrison seconded, and it carried.

*Helen Earls noted that there were 14 children in the nursery at the 10:30 service on Sunday; she said that additional staff may be required. There are plenty of funds in the budget for this, and she is working on filling this need if attendance continues to be high.

*David Koltveit stated that there are 13 members of the New Construction/Renovation Task Force. The first meeting's agenda is ready, and members will be emailed soon.

*Judy Ferguson made a motion to adjourn at 7:47pm. Jeremy Schoenherr seconded, and Pastor Michael Ten Eyck closed the meeting in prayer.

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 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)	<u>1/7</u>	<u>1/14</u>
Operational	\$5,363.80	\$9,651.80
Property Improvement	3.00	28.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	270.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	48.00	3.00
Snack Pack	100.00	15.00
Unmet Needs	103.00	25.00
Children First	<u>105.00</u>	<u>175.00</u>
Total	\$5,817.80	\$10,192.80

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)
 Received Last 7 Days \$5,863.80 \$9,936.63
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,004

Serving Schedule

January 21, 2018

Elder: Jeremy Schoenherr, Larry Wigington
Diaconate: Taylor Sweeting, Lauren Saxe, Debbie Robinson, Tom Robinson, Eli Ten Eyck, Lainey Ten Eyck
8:00 Communion: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes
10:30 Communion: Ann Ferguson, Joyce Lemons
Scripture: Ruth Bennett
10:30 Nursery: Shelby Bauer
10:30 Sound System: Kate Waterman
Shut-ins: Howard & Vera Staffy, Brad & Kathy Willman
Sunday School Superintendent: Kathy Curfman
Kids Connection Treats Jan 24: Kay Sealock, Wanda Mendenhall

January 28, 2018

Elder: David Bishop, Judy Ferguson
Diaconate: Burdette Irwin, Amy Casto, Kathy Curfman, Carole Elledge, Keith Elledge Ann Ferguson
8:00 Communion: Hamer & Jenny Tate
10:30 Communion: Jamie & Sarah Sweeting
Scripture: Julie Boren
10:30 Nursery: Emma Saxe
10:30 Sound System: Cherise Anderson
Shut-ins: Hamer & Jenny Tate, Roger & Charlotte Dunham
Sunday School Superintendent: Kay Sealock
Kids Connection Treats Jan 31: Bev White, Kay Sealock

Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp Dates for 2018

Grades are the grade they will enter this fall
 High School June 10-15, 9th - grad
 Junior High June 17-22, 7-8th
 Junior Week June 24-28, 5-6th
 Christian Climbers July 1-3, 3-4th
 First Chance July 5-6, 1-2nd
 Day Camp July 7, K-2nd
 Wilderness Aug 5-9, 8th-grad
 Family Camp Sept 7-9, Everyone

Lectionary

1/21: Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 62:5-12; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20
 1/22: Ps 46; Gen 12:1-9; 1 Cor 7:17-24
 1/23: Ps 46; Gen 45:25-46:7; Acts 5:33-42
 1/24: Ps 46; Prov 8:1-21; Mark 3:13-19a
 1/25: Ps 111; Deut 3:23-29; Rom 9:6-18
 1/26: Ps 111; Deut 12:28-32; Rev 2:12-17
 1/27: Ps 111; Deut 13:1-5; Matt 8:28-9:1
 1/28: Deut 18:15-20; Ps 111; 1 Cor 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28
 1/29: Ps 35:1-10; Num 22:1-21; Acts 21:17-26
 1/30: Ps 35:1-10; Num 22:22-28; 1 Cor 7:32-40
 1/31: Ps 35:1-10; Jer 29:1-14; Mark 5:1-20
 2/1: Ps 147:1-20c; Prov 12:10-21; Gal 5:2-15
 2/2: Ps 147:1-20c; Job 36:1-23; 1 Cor 9:1-16
 2/3: Ps 147:1-20c; Isa 46:1-13; Matt 12:9-14

	<u>1/7</u>	<u>1/14</u>
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	95	129
10:30 AM	<u>126</u>	<u>151</u>
Total	221	280

Christian Education

Age 3-PK	5	6
K-1st	2	3
2nd-3rd	5	4
4th-5th	5	0
6th-8th	3	1
Sr High	3	3
Disciples	7	14
New Beginnings	5	4
Sermon Study	3	4
Misc Adult Grps	<u>24</u>	<u>19</u>
Total	62	58