

# The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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## Coming Events

- 4/1 6:30 am Sunrise Service  
7:45 am Breakfast  
8:45 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship
- 4/2 1:00 pm Interagency Meeting  
6:00 pm Volleyball League  
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 4/3 Noon N. A. Meeting  
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 4/4 9:00 am Bible Study
- 4/5 Noon Bible Study  
2:00 pm Circle V Meeting
- 4/6 7:00 am - 3:00 pm Garage Sale  
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 4/7 8:00 am - Noon Garage Sale
- 4/8 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
5:30 pm youth@first
- 4/9 6:00 pm Illini Event  
6:30 pm Circle I Meeting  
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 4/10 Noon N. A. Meeting  
4:30 pm Kitchen Comm Meeting  
6:00 pm Volleyball League  
6:30 pm Church Board Meeting
- 4/11 8:30 am Pike County Unmet Needs  
9:00 am Bible Study  
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 4/12 9:30 am Circle IV Meeting  
Noon Bible Study
- 4/14 Dining Room Rental

## Maundy Thursday Communion Service

An evening of worship and prayer

**March 29, 7:00 p.m.**

(childcare provided)

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"The Story" presented by the Vesper Choir

**Friday, March 30, 7:00 p.m.**

(childcare provided)

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Join us for Sunrise Service Easter Sunday presented by youth@first

April 1, 6:30 a.m. at Crossroads

Breakfast served in the dining room

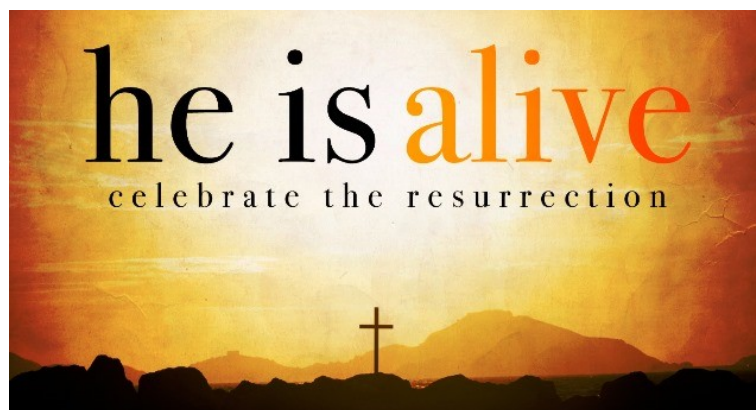
7:45 a.m.

Sunday School

8:45 a.m.

Celebrate the Resurrection!

10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary



The Trustees will award the Carol V. Claus Baughman Scholarship to the student pursuing a degree in the education field or in religious studies. **Contact the church office by April 4 for an application or for more info.**

The **choir** will not practice Wed, April 4. Practice will resume at 7:00 on Wed, **April 11**.

The **Kitchen Committee** will meet Tues, **Apr 10**, 4:30 at Crossroads.

**Church Board** will meet at 6:30 on Tues, **Apr 10**. Packets will be ready Sun, Apr 8.

## CWF Dates

Apr 5, Thurs, 2:00 Circle V

Apr 9, Mon, 6:30 Circle I

Apr 12, Thurs, 9:30 Circle IV

Apr 17, Tues, Spring Fling

**Prayer Concerns:** Jaunae Bacon, Teresa Bauer, Carol Cooley, Mary Gates, Stacey Helms, Joyce Lemons, Harold Loyd, Bill Schwartze, Josh Taylor, Emma Kaleta (John Calaway's sister), Vera Murr (Karl Benjamin's sister), Sharon Shannon (Friend of Karl Benjamin)

Do you have an account with Rightnow Media? If not, contact the church office for details. Do you have an account but have not seen the latest Bible studies available? Log on today!

**rightnow** MEDIA

The Health Dept will hold a **Food Certification Class** at Findley Apartments **April 9&16**. Contact Helen if you are interested in getting certified to one of our cooks.

The **Intentional Church Conference** will be Sat, **April 21**, at First Christian Church in Decatur. Featured speakers are Dave Summit of 2/42 Community Church and Roger Storms of Compass Christian Church. Cost is \$20 for advanced registration or \$25 at the door after Friday, April 13. Lunch and snacks are included. Visit [intentionalchurchconference.com](http://intentionalchurchconference.com) to register.

Lincoln Christian University will host a **Christian Women's Conference**, "Joy in the Journey", on Wed, **April 25**. Go to [lincolnchristian.edu/cwc](http://lincolnchristian.edu/cwc) for more info or to register by April 18, \$35. Speakers will be Gwen Smith and Mandy Harvey.

*Thank you to all the people who sent cards, prayers and brought yummy food when I had my leg surgery. I'm feeling much better and walking better. I couldn't have a more loving church family. I love you all. Thank you. -Brenda Kramer.*

*First Christian Church,  
We wish to express our appreciation for your generosity in support of the Pikeland Snack Pack Program. Your contribution was incredibly helpful and has allowed us to continue assisting students in the Pike-land community. Thank you from all of us.*

*Sincerely,  
The Board of the Pikeland Snack Pack.*

*First Christian Church,  
We want to thank you for your very kind support at the time of Jim's death. He enjoyed his association with the church and all of the loving people he encountered there. May God continue to bless you.  
- The Family of Jim McKinney*

#### **Kudos to Crossroads Volunteers!!**

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who have helped in any way during the GOP and the Chamber of Commerce dinners. Our trusty main chefs, Judy Ferguson and Karen Goodwin, keep us organized and it takes many others to do the numerous tasks required.

FCC willingly helps our community in numerous ways and one is serving a variety of meals for various groups. AND as we are looking forward to our future church property plans, these Crossroads dinners will help us financially as well.

We know that no one can help with every event but please sign up where you can for the upcoming April dates (Lincoln Dinner Theatre - April 14, RSVP luncheon - April 24, Pike Press Scholars Banquet - April 25). Preparations for these meals is the day before and usually at 9:00 AM. Event day times vary according to the number to be served and the menu selections. We will have the sign-up sheets on the coffee bar in the Overflow Room after Easter. Thank you again.

\*Children First will offer a **Summer Program** for ages 6-12 with hours from 7:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Activities will include field trips, science experiments and theme weeks.

\*Children First Daycare is seeking a **part-time summer cook** to facilitate meal preparation for the center. The cook is responsible for preparing and/or directing the preparations of food to be served, complying with all applicable sanitation, health and personal hygiene standards and following established food production programs and procedures. Preferred Education: High School diploma or equivalent. Applicate should have their Certified Food Manager Certification.

\*Orders have been coming in for the Children First **gift card fundraiser** through Scrip. If you do not need a gift card for someone, then you can purchase a card and use it for yourself.

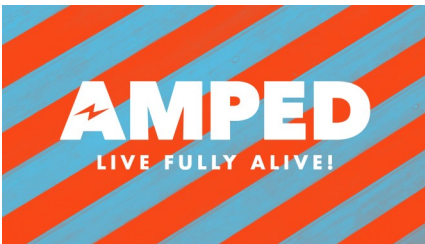
\***The Children First Graduation and Fundraiser will be Sunday, May 20, at Crossroads.** Brunch will be served 10:30-12:45. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$6 for children. Graduation will be in the gym at 1:00 with the silent auction winner announcement to follow. Donated items for the auction will be on display at the church and Crossroads prior to the event. Individual or business sponsors with a monetary donation will have your name or company on the table center piece display. **All donations are due by Friday, May 4.**

\*Contact Jennifer Noble for more information 285.4129.



### April Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Nic Daniel; 3 Julie Plattner, Henry & Amy Speckhart, Karlie Patterson, Shelby Patterson; 4 Buster & Wanda Mendenhall; 5 Charlene Anderson, Kadin Hittner; 8 Howard & Vera Staffy, David Freesmeyer, Juliana Lacey, Gabby Patterson; 9 Joyce Lemons, Austin Long, Jeff & Cathy Lacey; 10 Gaylord Rhodes, Brian Ruebush, Alicia Tate; 11 Evan Hart, Molly Dain, Rick & Mary Wombles; 13 Josie Pen-nock; 14 Jamie & Gabby Patterson, Jack Schoenherr, Don & Mary Lou Chamberlain; 16 Grady Schoenherr; 18 Jane Currie; 20 Sandy Herring, N.D. & Joyce Harrison; 22 Kadence Haskins; 23 Pat Apps, Charlotte Dunham; 24 Wanda Mendenhall; 25 Colby Tate; 26 Donnie Apps, Marjorie Gamble, Jo Rhodes, Kevin Tharp; 30 Mary Harshman.



Vacation Bible School  
July 15 - 20

### 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

Getting ready for spring? If you are spring cleaning and have extra items you would like to donate for the **church yard sale** to be held on **April 6 & 7**, they would be greatly appreciated. Items can include, but not limited to, knick knacks, jewelry, handbags, household items, small appliances, furniture, puzzles, books, toys, games, etc. Clothing will be accepted. Any questions contact Ruth Anne Goodin 285.2705 or Linda Decker 285.4042. **Items can be brought to Crossroads Center beginning Monday, April 2. The ladies will be there Monday-Wednesday 8:00-3:00 and Thursday 8:00-Noon.**



## Excerpts from March 13, 2018 Board Minutes

Call to Order at 6:29 pm by Vice-Moderator Gary Mendenhall. Minutes from last Board meeting were approved by general consensus.

**Minister's Report:** Pastor Michael stated that much of the month of February was spent navigating the recent staffing transition. He also briefly summarized that while attendance in 2018 has been increasing, weekly giving has been down. He attributes this in part to new tax rules and an increase in the standard deduction.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Michelle Hart reported that as of February 28, 2018:

Total Checking/Savings Assets = \$469,664.46

Total Unrestricted Checking = \$100,000.00

Total Budgeted Receipts = \$71,831.57

Total Budgeted Disbursements = \$60,719.91

Statement of Cash Flow on Nonbudgeted Receipts Total = \$5,483.69 Nonbudgeted Disbursements = \$6,0169.95 for a difference of -\$533.26. Michelle noted that receipts fluctuate month to month because often food for events is purchased in advance.

She also noted that \$7,820.03 was reassigned from the general unrestricted funds to the Church Construction/ Renovation fund for the month of January. Additionally, the church received 2 new donations toward Construction/Renovation, and the balance of the account is \$90,508.33.

Average attendance for 2018 through the month of February: 273

Hamer Tate moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; Roger Dunham seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Trustees:** Pastor Michael Ten Eyck informed the Board that Tim Belford has been named interim Chair of the Board of Trustees in place of Charlie Gates. Additionally, the Church's insurance agent recommended increasing electronic liability coverage and umbrella policy.

**Children First:** David Bishop moved to approve the change to the Children First graduation ceremony, with a lunch and auction to be held immediately after the 10:30 service, and the graduation ceremony held at 1:00pm. Judy Ferguson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Balsman Property:** No update

**Lovell town lot:** No update.

### New Business

- Youth Minister Update: Pastor Michael has received several resumes for the open position.
- Pastor Michael Ten Eyck reported that Rod Gordley has expressed interest in doing another internship with FCC this summer. Board members present were generally enthusiastic about this possibility, but will wait to see what happens in the next few months in regards to the open position before making a decision on this matter.
- Suggested LED sign policy: Michael Ten Eyck moved to give discretion to the office staff to promote missions and events supported by FCC. David Bishop seconded, and the motion carried.
- Brad Willman presented the Board with a request from the MVCSC Board to host a revival-type service plus board meeting. The FCC Board did not come up with a date at this time. Brad will report this information back to the MVCSC Board.
- Judy Ferguson moved to adjourn at 7:20pm. David Bishop seconded, and Pastor Michael Ten Eyck closed the meeting in prayer.

Holy Week is always a compelling and challenging week for us at First Christian Church. Certainly it is a busy time, but the reason for the added activities and worship experiences is for spiritual growth. It is a time of reflecting and remembering the extent of God's great love for us. It is a time for us to examine our lives in response to this love. It is a time for careful examination of our walk with Christ, as well as our walk with each other.

I had the privilege of talking with a dear person this week who had just begun worshipping with us. I asked her what led her to give us a try, and her response was sobering. She simply said that someone had asked her. She had wanted to get back to church and was simply awaiting an invitation.

I believe there are many around us who are in the same boat. Perhaps they used to be frequent worshippers, but due to conflicts with work schedules, they have fallen out of the regular practice of worshipping. Perhaps they may have hit a rough patch in their life, or a health issue, or the bad weather has kept them from worshipping and are wanting to return, but they just feel awkward. You can be the one whom Christ uses to open up the door and welcome them in.

I hope that we all will take some time and consider those around us. Are there people near who need to experience God's love? Invite them! Remember Christ's instructions to quickly go and spread the news of the resurrection.

I am looking forward to our special services this week. Thursday will be a time of personal sharing, prayer, worship, and communion. I view this service as a much needed "family dinner table time." Come prepared to share and be blessed.

The choir has been working hard on "The Story" and will present that to us on Friday. The Vesper Choir has been an integral part of the history of First Christian Church. You will be blessed by them on Friday and on Sunday at the 10:00 service.

Sunrise service will once again spotlight the youth at First Christian Church. Their energy, talent, and desire to serve the Lord are truly an inspiration. You won't want to miss this 6:30 A.M. service.

Holy Week will conclude with our 10:00 A.M. Sunday service in the sanctuary. It is always one of my favorite services of the entire year. This year we will focus on what the resurrection means to us. If you have friends who have never heard the gospel or who don't have a church home, this would be a great opportunity for them.

I know this year has been a year of transition, and those times are not always easy, but I want the entire Church Family to know how much I love and appreciate you all. We are in exciting times. Let's go Reach, Teach, and Empower as we fulfill Christ's commission.

Loving you all,

Michael

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**Staff:**  
 Michael Ten Eyck, Pastor  
 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

<b>Stewardship (Offering Only)</b>	<b>3/18</b>	<b>3/25</b>
Operational	\$8,965.36	\$7,642.32
Property Improvement	88.00	38.00
Church Construction/Renova	25.00	0.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	110.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	61.00	67.00
Snack Pack	15.00	15.00
Unmet Needs	3.00	225.00
Children First	<u>300.00</u>	<u>125.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,552.36</b>	<b>\$8,247.32</b>

**Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)**  
 Received Last 7 Days \$11,300.82 \$8,237.99  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,328

**Lectionary**  
 4/1: Exodus 14  
 4/2: Ps 118:1-2, 14-24; Gen 1:1-19; 1 Cor 15:35-49  
 4/3: Ps 118:1-2, 14-24; Gen 1:20-2:4a; 1 Cor 15:50-58  
 4/4: Ps 118:1-2, 14-24; Song of Solomon 3:1-11; Mark 16:1-8  
 4/5: Ps 133; Dan 1:1-21; Acts 2:42-47  
 4/6: Ps 133; Dan 2:1-23; Acts 4:23-31  
 4/7: Ps 133; Dan 2:24-49; John 12:44-50  
 4/8: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31  
 4/9: Ps 135; Dan 3:1-30; 1 John 2:3-11  
 4/10: Ps 135; Dan 6:1-28; 1 John 2:12-17  
 4/11: Ps 135; Isa 26:1-15; Mark 12:18-27  
 4/12: Ps 4; Dan 9:1-19; 1 John 2:18-25  
 4/13: Ps 4; Dan 10:2-19; 1 John 2:26-28  
 4/14: Ps 4; Acts 3:1-10; Luke 22:24-30

**Serving Schedule**

**April 1, 2018**  
**Elder:** David Bishop, Judy Ferguson  
**10:00 Diaconate:** Debbie Robinson, Tom Robinson, Eli Ten Eyck, Laine Ten Eyck, Taylor Sweeting, Lauren Saxe  
**10:00 Communion:** N.D. & Joyce Harrison, Roger & Charlotte Dunham  
**Scripture:** Noah Mendenhall  
**10:00 Nursery:** Emma Saxe  
**Shut-ins:** Brad & Kathy Willman, Julie Myers

**April 8, 2018**  
**Elder:** Hamer Tate, Larry Wigington  
**Diaconate:** Kathy Curfman, Carole Elledge, Keith Elledge, Ann Ferguson, Burdette Irwin, Amy Casto  
**8:00 Communion:** Richard & Rebecca Rhodes  
**10:30 Communion:** Keith & Carole Elledge  
**Scripture:** Faith Saxe  
**10:30 Nursery:** Ellie Ten Eyck  
**Shut-ins:** Roger & Charlotte Dunham, Howard & Vera Staffy  
**Fellowship Treats:** Donna James, Chris Smith, Dorothy Yaeger, Bev White, Michele Westmaas  
**Children's Church:** 8:00 Michelle Hart, 10:30 Kacie Lipcaman

**Wishes & Wants**  
**For Sale:** Huffy All Terrain Girls 10 Speed. \$30. Karl Benjamin 217.408.6836.  
**Needed:** Small window air conditioner. Rosemary Clark 285.2931

	<b>3/18</b>	<b>3/25</b>
<b>Worship Attendance</b>		
8:00 AM	108	116
10:30 AM	<u>217</u>	<u>182</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>298</b>
<b>Christian Education</b>		
Age 3-PK	6	10
K-1st	7	7
2nd-3rd	8	8
4th-5th	6	6
6th-8th	7	3
Sr High	5	1
Disciples	11	11
New Beginnings	6	7
Sermon Study	6	6
Misc Adult Grps	<u>23</u>	<u>26</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>