

The Pittsfield Christian



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Coming Events

5/27 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5/28 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
5/29 Noon N. A. Meeting
5/30 9:00 am Bible Study
6/1 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
6/3 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
2:00 pm Dining Room Rental
6/4 1:00 pm Interagency Meeting
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
6/5 Noon N. A. Meeting
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
6/7 2:00 pm Circle V Meeting
6/10 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School

The church office will be closed Mon, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day.

Vacation Bible School

Kick-off registration July 15.
VBS July 16-20, 6:00-8:15.
Age 4 through finished 5th Grade.
Family Meal 5:30-6:00 M-F.

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

Thank you Donnie Houchins and Burdette Irwin for working on the lot across from Crossroads Center. We appreciate you volunteering your time to level the ground.

Prayer Concerns: Marshall Allen, Teresa Bauer, Carol Cooley, Jeff Cox, Chris Crowder, Jeff Evans, Stacey Helms, Katie Hull, Deloras Martin, Penny Roig, Jenny Tate, Heather Bell (Cindy Chamberlain's niece)

CWF sponsored an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, May 21. There were 21 people who came to donate and 14 were able to donate. Any and all donations are very much needed and appreciated. Thank you to all donors and to everyone who came and helped for the day. You helped save a life!

A new study, "Crossing the Waters" by Leslie Leyland Fields, has just begun in the 9:15 Connection Group that meets in the Crossroads front meeting room.

Youth Group will not meet May 27.

Circle V will meet Thurs, **June 7**, 2:00.

The **Church Board** will meet Tues, **June 12**, 6:30.

Church Camp clean up volunteer work day will be Sat, June 2. Start at 9 a.m. and leave when you are ready. If you have a power washer, shop vacs, tools, etc, and can bring it then clean up will go faster. Also, cleaning stuff, brooms, mops, rags and buckets to wash things down. There is some staining/painting to do if that's your thing. Hope to see you there! Contact Jim Dain for more info. The first camp starts June 10. Forms are on the mantels and at the church office. CMF will pay one half of each camper's fee in our church family.

Come celebrate **Pastor Michael's 50th birthday** with cake and fellowship after each service on Sunday, **June 3**. Let's shower him with hugs, cards, and appreciation for all he does for us! (Cookie Sunday will be the following week, June 10)

We will need volunteers to help with the Whitetail Properties meals **July 24-26**. Save the dates and watch for more info.

Contact Matt Sealock if you are interested in playing on team FCC for **Church League Softball** this summer!

Children First will offer a **Summer Program** for ages 6-12 **starting June 4** with hours from 7:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Activities will include field trips, science experiments and theme weeks. Call Jennifer 285.4129.

Board Meeting Excerpts from May 8, 2018

Call to order at 6:34 pm by Moderator David Koltveit. The minutes were approved by general consensus.

Minister's Report: Pastor Michael Ten Eyck moved to approve Rod's internship beginning Memorial Day weekend and lasting through the first week of August. Rod will be compensated with a \$2,000 stipend and use of the parsonage for the summer, with the understanding that if the open staff position is filled, Rod will find another housing arrangement for the remainder of his internship. Gary Mendehall seconded and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Total Checking/Savings \$517,711.69. Total Unrestricted Checking \$100,000. Budgeted Receipts \$158,225.65. Budgeted Disbursements \$107,634.15. Nonbudgeted Receipts \$25,468.54. Nonbudgeted Disbursements \$13,178.84. Rebecca noted that while YTD receipts are slightly below budget, disbursements are significantly under budget. She also noted that 3 new deposits designated for the church construction/renovation totaling \$700 were made in the month of April. Also, \$24,481.04 was reclassified from the general unrestricted checking account. The church construction/renovation fund now totals \$128,555.42. Rebecca also verified that the April's redesignation is particularly high because of the unfilled ministry position; more funds were left in unrestricted checking due to lower payroll while the position remains vacant. YTD worship attendance averaged 284 per week through April 30. The high and low Sundays are omitted in calculating average worship attendance. Judy Ferguson moved to approve the Treasurer's report; Larry Wigington seconded, and the motion carried.

Crossroads Center: Helen Earls stated that Crossroads Center has been very busy this spring, and she thanked the volunteers who have stepped in, noting in particular that there have been several new volunteers who have gotten involved.

Children First: Helen is hoping for a successful fundraiser.

Balsman Property: Rebecca stated that \$4,320 cash rent was received in April.

Lovell Town Lot: A sign has not been placed on the property.

Youth Minister Update: of the inquiries received, none have worked out.

Helen submitted an Orange Conference report.

David Koltveit reported that the Task Force is moving forward. On May 16, there will be a lunch meeting with the Solomon Group, that offers consultation services to determine the needs of the church, and what the church can afford to build. He also noted that Kay Sealock has finished and posted safety guidelines throughout the church buildings. Finally, he stated the Executive Committee has renewed FCC's membership in the Chamber of Commerce for \$60.

Roger Dunham stated that there has been some transition in the CMF Board, and that he will be taking over the Treasurer's responsibilities until a new Treasurer is appointed May 15.

Brad Willman announced MVCSC spaghetti dinner fundraiser went well, and the camp raised \$1,000 more than last year.

Judy Ferguson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm; Charlie Gates seconded, and Larry Wigington closed the meeting in prayer.

As May is winding down, and the busy summer days are approaching, the Orange Crew is on a mission, that is mission-critical. Investing in our children, building relationships with them, having a "safe place" within our church, and GIVING them a life with Jesus. When we invest in our children, we are INVESTING in their hearts as the future of the church, the next generation. A generation that would rather give than receive, that shares the Gospel, that is the CHANGE in our ever-so-changing world. God has called us to the stage as a church to lead alongside of parents to instill in our youth humility, kindness and honesty. But most importantly, to fully understand that their being is worth EVERYTHING, that WE love them, God loves them, and Jesus wants to be their friend forever. WE can do more together to make a difference in the life of every child.

There are two ways to do life:

You can exist.

Or you can REALLY LIVE!

Really living is a choice that takes confidence. It means really believing what God says is true so you can not only make good choices, but the BEST choices. Then, You can LIVE fully alive!

This summer, we are "AMPED" with the opportunity to serve our Awesome God by leading our youth with a curriculum that is for sure going to Amp up the hearts in our littles and our leaders! "AMPED-Live Fully Alive" is our Summer theme with our youth!

The Orange Crew will be passing out 9 week devotionals, ("AMPED-Live fully Alive") to each family with children ages kindergarten through 5th grade that will guide you in growing their faith. Every day, there is a message that our kids need to hear, over and over. God sees your potential, God can use you even when you make mistakes, God can do the impossible, with God-there is no IMPOSSIBLE, You are NEVER Alone! This is powerful and it is at your fingertips! Not only will the children be getting the same conversations on Sundays, they will be hearing the messages at home through the week. As we know, what we hear on Sunday matters on Wednesday! This devotional allows for amazing conversations with your kids, time dedicated to growing relationships with God and each other! We are SO excited that the Lord has blessed us with the opportunity to share this! Watching God's plan unfold is powerful. We are humbled!

IF you have ANY questions about the devotional, if you need a book, or you just simply need anything-the Orange Crew is ready for you! We are in prayer for our youth, the parents, and for our mission to be alongside of you as we ALL grow in our Walk with Christ!

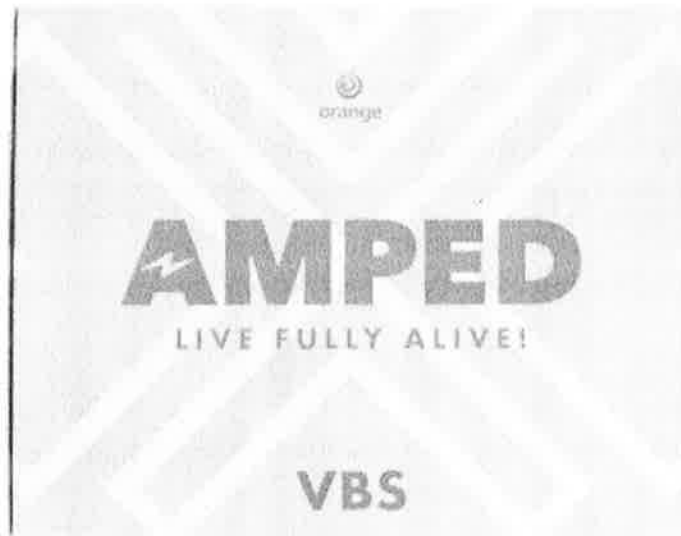
With so much love,
Kacie Lipcaman

The Orange Crew
Lisa Wombles, Ashli Freesmyer, Kacie Lipcaman, Helen Earls

As I began to plan for the Children First fundraiser, my hope was to have just as good of a turn out as the previous year. It was such a blessing to see the outpouring of support to our day of events. As I finished the last of my "to do" list before I left the Crossroads yesterday, I was in awe of the day and stood back and reflected with the many blessings we received. To the Children First board, who has always been creative with ways to improve and support the mission of the center. To the hours that it took in the kitchen to plan, prep, cook and clean up. To the donation of food items that our families provided for the meal. To all of the table sponsors who showed their support for Children First. Everyone who donated to the silent auction and those who helped collect those items. To all those who placed bids and those who won the item, what a blessing. To the many miles Helen ran to make sure that everything was in place and that the coffee pots stayed full. Pastor Michael, who is always willing to help and give a little speech during our graduation, while planning for his own son's graduation. To the sound crew helpers, no one would be able to hear me without doing what you do! Rebecca, for helping with phone calls and getting things where they needed to be. To the teachers of Children First who helped throughout the day in a variety of ways. To the children we serve, we are so blessed to be able to be a part of this stage of your life. To all of our families who trust us every day to care, love and teach about the works of our Lord to your young ones. Needless to say I could not have done this without all of you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. This has been the best fundraiser that Children First has ever done and that was not possible without all of you.

With A Heart Full of Blessings,
Jennifer Noble

June Birthdays & Anniversaries: **1** Brad & McKenzie Tomhave, Becky Daniel, Marjie Guthrie; **3** Gina Bryant, Carlos Quirarte & Anna Speckhart; **4** Carrol & Evelyn Hoover, John Calaway, Jenny Palmer; **5** Michael Ten Eyck, Silas Smith, Calvin & Charlene Anderson; **6** Charles & Mary Gates, Tom Robinson, Jim & Judy Kallal, Eric & Jill Kunzeman; **7** Delbert & Jeannine Robertson, Michael & Jessica Smith; **8** Jeff & Amy Cox; **9** Matt & Faith Saxe, Bob & Sue Evans; **10** Richard & Linda Decker, Chad & Ashley Ferguson; **11** Clinton Hayden, David & Marie Awbrey, Eric Kunzeman, Ezra Justice; **12** Joyce Harrison; **13** Jacque Walston, Ainsley Havens; **14** Tim & Linda Belford, Edith Gant, Knox Dunham, Jim & Brittany Dain, Reagyn Apps; **15** Robert & Cara McNulty, Judy Dunham, David & Tammi Koltveit, Anita Kuntz, Ron & Chris Phipps; **16** Luke Hart, Don & Sharron Houchins; **17** David & Donna James, Donna James; **18** Brandon Belford, Rick & Kathy Curfman, Kim Speckhart, Roger Dunham, Addison Korte; **19** Evelyn Black, Dan & Sue Speckhart, Rodney Gordley; **20** Libby Boren, Frank & Elaine Hoaglin, Jamie & Sarah Sweeting; **21** Rosemary Clark, Julie Myers, John & Cindi Schoenherr, Isaac Ferguson; **22** Lexie Lipcaman; **23** Hayley Cox, Billy & Becky Fitzmaurice; **24** Randy Zimmerman, Stone Wintjen, Richard & Sara Hobbs; **25** Molly Shaw, Terry & Sandy Reel; **26** Chris Smith, DJ Westmaas; **27** Greg Bonnett, Mary Wintjen, Paul Borrowman, David Grimsley; **28** Dave & Gina Bryant, Mike & Tammy Herren; **29** Jeffrey Schoenherr, Glen & Carol Cooley; **30** Amber Apps.



Vacation Bible School

July 15-20

As a child, (Yes, a very long time ago) I loved to experiment with recipes and make changes with ingredients or possibly even the color of the finished product. On a Saturday, my Mom had a hair appointment and asked me to take care of lunch for my five younger brothers and sisters and my Dad. No problem!! I knew I wanted to fix a white cake for dessert. But the icing.... oh, the icing... I'm thinking something *purple!* Yes!!! I knew if you combined blue and red together you would end up with purple. True!! But, if you combine too much blue with the red, you end up with BLUE. I tried to tone down the blue by adding more red, but it was going to take more than I had at my disposal. So... I decided to leave the icing blue, like Smurf Blue! I was pretty proud of myself. When my Mom arrived home and I offered her some cake, she couldn't eat it. The color made her ill! Go figure!

Several weeks ago, my siblings and I had an 80th Birthday Celebration for my Mom at my childhood home. As we were texting each other stating what we were going to bring to the potluck – "I'll bring hash brown casserole", "I'll bring baked beans", "I'll bring green beans", "I'll bring coleslaw". What am I going to take? **White cake with blue icing.** I didn't, but it brought a chuckle to an old memory.

Then, I started thinking about the color **blue**. Was there spiritual significance?

- **Blue** spiritually signifies the Healing Power of God, the color of God's Glory, and Heaven.
- The **blue** sky stands for the presence of YahWeh.
Exodus 24: 9-10 – Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the older leaders of Israel went up the mountain and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was a surface that looked as if it were paved with **blue sapphire** stones, and it was as clear as the sky.
- **Blue** brings peace, meditation, or restfulness.
- **Blue** was made from a dye extracted from a Mediterranean snail called the hilazon.
Numbers 15: 37-39 – And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of **blue**: And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the Lord, and do them...
- Many items in the portable tabernacle (Mishkan) were covered with **blue** cloth when transported from place to place. Numbers 4: 6-12

God is always seeking you. Every sunset, every clear blue sky, every ocean wave, the starry host of night. He blankets each day with the invitation, "I am here." Louie Giglio

In Christian Love,

Judy Ferguson, Elder

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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)	5/13	5/20
Operational	\$6,767.84	\$6,162.80
Property Improvement	48.00	3.00
Church Construction/Renova	50.00	50.00
Outreach-Missionaries	270.00	70.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	88.17	53.00
Unmet Needs	200.00	3.00
Children First	<u>325.00</u>	<u>220.00</u>
Total	\$7,774.01	\$6,586.80

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$6,767.55 \$9,666.80
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,328

Lectionary

5/27: Isa 6:1-8; Ps 29; Rom 8:12-17; John 3:1-17
 5/28: Ps 20; Num 9:15-23; Rev 4:1-8
 5/29: Ps 20; Exodus 25:1-22; 1 Cor 2:1-10
 5/30: Ps 20; Num 6:22-27; Mark 4:21-25
 5/31: Ps 139:1-18; 1 Sam 1:1-18; Acts 25:1-12
 6/1: Ps 139:1-18; 1 Sam 1:19-27; Rom 8:31-39
 6/2: Ps 139:1-18; 1 Sam 2:1-10; John 7:19-24
 6/3: 1 Sam 3:1-10; Deut 5:12-15; 2 Cor 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6
 6/4: Ps 99; 1 Sam 2:11-17; Rom 9:19-29
 6/5: Ps 99; 1 Sam 2:18-21; Acts 15:1-5, 22-35
 6/6: Ps 99; 1 Sam 2:22-36; John 5:1-18
 6/7: Ps 138; 1 Sam 4:1-22; 1 Peter 4:7-19
 6/8: Ps 138; 1 Sam 5:1-12; 2 Cor 5:1-5
 6/9: Ps 138; 1 Sam 6:1-18; Luke 8:4-15

Serving Schedule**May 27, 2018**

Elder: David Bishop, Ruth Bennett
Diaconate: Christie Mendenhall, Gary Mendenhall, Rokettia Brokaw, Glen Cooley, Betty Hayden, Noah Mendenhall
8:00 Communion: Dan & Sue Speckhart
10:30 Communion: Glen & Carol Cooley
Scripture: Donnie Apps
10:30 Nursery: Shelby Bauer
Shut-ins: Matt & Faith Saxe, Roger & Rokettia Brokaw
Children's Church: 8:00 TBA, 10:30 Matt & Kathy

June 3, 2018

Elder: Brad Willman, Hamer Tate
Diaconate: Michelle Hart, Kevin Hittner, Ciera Anderson, Cherise Anderson, Sonya Bishop, Zack Boren
8:00 Communion: Hamer & Jenny Tate
10:30 Communion: Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain
Scripture: Carolyn Barber
10:30 Nursery: Emma Saxe
Shut-ins: Kay Sealock, Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain
Children's Church: 8:00 Bethany, 10:30 Kacie

Wishes & Wants

Have an item for sale, trade, give-away? Let us know and we will list it for 4 newsletters.

	5/13	5/20
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	130	123
10:30 AM	<u>186</u>	<u>215</u>
Total	316	338

Christian Education

Age 3-PK	4	7
K-1st	5	6
2nd-3rd	8	7
4th-5th	7	11
6th-8th	4	5
Sr High	5	3
Disciples	8	8
New Beginnings	6	8
Sermon Study	6	7
Misc Adult Grps	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
Total	71	81