

# The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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## Coming Events

8/12 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
5:00 pm Youth Group

8/13 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting

8/14 9:00 am Bible Study  
Noon N. A. Meeting  
6:30 pm Church Board Meeting

8/19 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
5&6:00 pm Youth Group

8/20 8:00 pm AI Anon

8/21 9:00 am Bible Study  
Noon N.A. Meeting

8/22 8:30 am Pike County Unmet Needs

8/23 5:30 pm Children First Board Meeting

8/26 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
5&6:00 pm Youth Group

Our next Church League Softball game will be Monday, **Aug 13**, 7:00.

**Circle I and Circle V** will host the birthday party at Eastside Nursing Home on Tues, **Aug 14**, 2:15.



**Promotion Sunday will be Aug 19.** Youth will move to their new classroom that day and incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will receive a Bible during class time.

The Prayer Shawl Group will resume in September. Contact Charlotte Dunham for more info 833.2725.

This coming Sunday, Aug 12, we will pray for safety and success for our teachers and students as the new school season is upon us.



**Our junior high and high school youth group kick-off will be Sunday, Aug 12.** The Mystery Room Night will begin at 5:00 and conclude around 7:00 at Crossroads. **Pizza will be provided, and we would appreciate your RSVP to the office so we can plan accordingly.**

Regular youth group meetings will be Sunday evenings beginning **Aug 19**. There will be study, worship and activities. The 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade will meet 5-6:30 and the high school will meet 6:00-7:30.

The serving schedule for **8:00 communion preparation, 10:30 communion preparation, and scripture reader** will expire August 31. Everyone will remain on these schedules unless the office is notified **by Monday, August 13**. If you would like to help with any of these areas, please contact the office for more info. Since our **media ministry** has become more complicated, we have been using a dedicated crew of weekly volunteers to run the controls but please let us know if you would like to train up and be a substitute.



The **Church Board** will meet Tues, **Aug 14**, 6:30. Packets will be ready Sun, **Aug 12**. The **Children First Board** will meet Thurs, **Aug 23**, 5:30.



## Choir News:

Choir Practice will start Wed, **Sept 5**, 6:30.  
Christmas Cantata Practice will start Wed, **Oct 3**, 6:30.  
Contact Choir Director Kayla Boren if you have any questions.

Pastor Michael wants to remind you to do your homework this week. Everyone is encouraged to tell a family member or close friend the good things God has done in your life.

**Prayer Concerns:** Carolyn Barber, Karl Benjamin, Liam Bonnett, Florence Clendenny, Stacey Helms, Katie Hull, Shirley Loyd, Sharron Shannon (Friend of Karl Benjamin)

*We express sympathy to the family and friends of Helen Burbridge who passed away.*

Children First is taking registration for the 3 year old and 4 year old preschool that will begin Sept 4th and 5th respectively. Contact Jennifer for more info 285.4129.

If you experience trouble trying to login to RightNow Media, please call them at 972.560.4000 or the church office.



Still need to purchase school supplies and back to school clothes? Consider purchasing a Scrip card from a long list of participating vendors including your local Walmart. A % of the card cost will be donated to Children First. Contact the office today!

The start of school also starts the need for our local Snack Pack programs. If you would like to make a financial contribution, mark your offering envelope Snack Pack and funds will be directed accordingly.



*Thank  
you*

*Dear Church Family,  
My heart is full of gratitude and love for the God loving people of FCC. Words cannot tell you how much we thank you for all the prayers, food, cards, calls, flowers and visits to me and Don when I was in the nursing home. There are several who should have trouble dressing because of their wings. We will always remember all the blessings. Thanks to Elder Brad Willman and Pastor Michael Ten Eyck.  
In Christian Love,  
Don and Deloras Martin.*

*It is with much love and appreciation that we convey to you this sincere expression of thanks and gratitude. The cards and food and the many prayers demonstrated to us the warmth of true Christian love and kindness. -Vera Staffy.*

Words could not even begin to express our deepest joy and gratitude for all the volunteers who helped make the Whitetail Properties annual meeting another huge success! There were 61 different people who helped with the meals throughout the week. Our faithful kitchen team were there, most of them were there for 4 days straight, starting with preparations on Monday, and throughout the event Tuesday through Thursday. Most of the days were 10 hour days and Wednesday was a marathon with some of them there for 14-15 hours! Many of them had just helped with meals all week at VBS!

The people who came and helped serve, clean up, and do dishes were amazing! The food was delicious and everything went very smoothly. The comments from the Whitetail employees and from the out of town attendees were nothing but praise and compliments. They were impressed with the food, the facility, and the willingness of so many volunteers to serve so graciously and professionally!

A special thank you goes to Judy Ferguson and Karen Goodwin for heading up this event and to the dedicated kitchen staff of Betty Hayden, Joyce Lemons, Jenny Tate, Cheryl Birch, Kay Sealock, Angie Hittner, Kathy Curfman, David Koltweit, and Ann Ferguson. Almost all of them are certified kitchen managers or have been. Without their willingness to get and keep their certification, we could not do what we do.

Many others came one day or more and helped out in the kitchen. Many of our servers, dish washers, and scrapers came all week. We have the best cooks in the world and I love that they all enjoy working together. They make it a fun and blessed week for all! Also, I want to thank my wonderful husband, Bill and our custodian, Gina Bryant. I could not do my job without all their help!

This event was a blessing to the church and a blessing to the entire county. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve and to be a blessing to others through our facilities. Thank you to all who helped in any way and to all those who covered us with prayer!

Love,  
Helen

With only a few exceptions, I usually enjoy driving. Getting in the car and experiencing relief from the norm, as well as the change of scenery that our beautiful country affords, is quite pleasing to me. This is true as long as I am not terribly rushed or stressed due to inclement weather.

There is one drive, however, that I am not looking forward to in a few days. It is not because it is excessively laborious or tedious, it is because of what it represents: change, finality, and trust on a new level for me. It is a drive I have wondered about for over 18 years, and now it is just a few short days away -- the drive to take my child to college. It's similar to the drive that took him to the first day of school. That drive was shorter, mind you, but many of the feelings were just the same.

Many have taken this drive before me, some with very little trepidation and others nearly torturously. For some it offered a much needed respite, while for others it brought stress and worry. Some were eager to load up the car and get on to bigger and better things. Others felt like it was a trek into the unknown. One thing is true for me, this drive is certainly not what I thought or expected it to be. Life looks a lot different now than it did 18 years ago.

But with all new adventures and changes, perspective is of crucial importance. This is an opportunity for us as believers to tap into the great strength of our Loving Eternal Father's promise.

Isa 41:10, 13

*10 fear not, for I am with you;  
be not dismayed, for I am your God;  
I will strengthen you, I will help you,  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand...*

*13 For I, the Lord your God,  
hold your right hand;  
it is I who say to you, "Fear not,  
I am the one who helps you." ESV*

There are several truths that help me, and anyone who has or will take this drive or one like it.

- We are not alone on this drive. A sovereign God will "hold our right hand..."
- Life is going to happen and needs to happen. Good and tough times will come, but in those times refer to the first point.
- God's love for our kiddos is far greater than ours.
- Our children were, and are, God's first.
- Because of these points, we can rejoice and be glad in the midst of transitions, challenge, and change.
- Our outlook can significantly impact our journey. You can choose to be anxious or choose to trust and be thankful. The latter opens the door for peace, while the former robs us of joy.
- Challenging times are good classrooms, and sometimes we need to graduate to a bigger classroom.
- Tears of sorrow can also be tears of joy.
- Never quit praying.

My prayers will be for all making similar drives in the next few weeks. These are wonderful and needful journeys that will be the first of many.

Loving you all,  
Michael

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

<b>Stewardship (Offering Only)</b>	<b><u>7/29</u></b>	<b><u>8/5</u></b>
Operational	\$9,253.56	\$9,226.80
Property Improvement	28.00	3.00
Church Construction/Renova	0.00	550.00
Outreach-Missionaries	110.00	70.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	96.17	12.00
Unmet Needs	25.00	25.00
Snack Pack	0.00	0.00
Children First	<u>175.00</u>	<u>620.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,712.73</b>	<b>\$10,531.80</b>

**Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)**  
 Received Last 7 Days \$8,481.29 \$29,613.14  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,328

**Lectionary**

8/12: 2 Sam 18:5-33; 1 Kings 19:4-8; Eph 4:25-5:2; John 6:35-51  
 8/13: Ps 57; 2 Sam 15:13-31; Eph 5:1-14  
 8/14: Ps 57; 2 Sam 18:19-33; 2 Peter 3:14-18  
 8/15: Ps 57; 2 Sam 19:1-18; John 6:35-40  
 8/16: Ps 111; 1 Kings 1:1-30; Acts 6:8-15  
 8/17: Ps 111; 1 Kings 1:28-48; Rom 16:17-20  
 8/18: Ps 111; 1 Kings 2:1-11; John 4:7-26  
 8/19: 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Prov 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; John 6:51-58  
 8/20: Ps 101; 1 Kings 3:16-28; Acts 6:1-7  
 8/21: Ps 101; 1 Kings 7:1-12; Acts 7:9-16  
 8/22: Ps 101; 1 Kings 8:1-21; Mark 8:14-21  
 8/23: Ps 84; 1 Kings 4:20-28; 1 Thess 5:1-11  
 8/24: Ps 84; 1 Kings 4:29-34; Rom 13:11-14  
 8/25: Ps 84; 1 Kings 5:1-12; Luke 11:5-13

**Serving Schedule**

**August 12, 2018**

**Elder:** Judy Ferguson, Brad Willman  
**Diaconate:** Sonya Bishop, Zack Boren, Michelle Hart, Kevin Hittner, Taylor Sweeting, Lauren Saxe  
**8:00 Communion:** Dan & Sue Speckhart  
**10:30 Communion:** Zack & Libby Boren  
**Scripture:** Brenda Kramer  
**10:30 Nursery:** Ellie Ten Eyck  
**Shut-ins:** Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain, Matt & Faith Saxe  
**Children's Church:** 8:00 Michelle, 10:30 Kacie

**August 19, 2018**

**Elder:** Jeremy Schoenherr, Kathy Hull  
**Diaconate:** Debbie Robinson, Tom Robinson, Lainey Ten Eyck, Burdette Irwin, Amy Casto, Kathy Willman  
**8:00 Communion:** Richard & Rebecca Rhodes  
**10:30 Communion:** Glen & Carol Cooley  
**Scripture:** Tate Kunzeman  
**10:30 Nursery:** Shelby Bauer  
**Shut-ins:** Brenda Kramer, Ann Ferguson; Kay Sealock  
**Children's Church:** 8:00 Michelle 10:30 Kacie

**Wishes & Wants**

For Sale: 3 cushion couch in beige/light brown with texture, \$80. Small white antique china cabinet, make offer. Judy Dunham 285.2738.

	<b><u>7/29</u></b>	<b><u>8/5</u></b>
<b>Worship Attendance</b>		
8:00 AM	97	133
10:30 AM	<u>128</u>	<u>138</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>271</b>

**Christian Education**

Age 3-PK	8	7
K-1st	6	2
2nd-3rd	4	5
4th-5th	6	6
6th-8th	2	8
Sr High	3	5
Disciples	9	6
New Beginnings	7	6
Sermon Study	5	5
Misc Adult Grps	<u>9</u>	<u>20</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>70</b>