

# The Pittsfield Christian

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## Coming Events

- 9/2 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
5&6:00 pm Youth Group
- 9/3 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 9/4 8:30 am Bible Study  
Noon N. A. Meeting  
5:00 pm Gym Rental  
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 9/5 5:30 pm Trustee Meeting  
6:00 pm Task Force Meeting  
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 9/6 11:30 am Circle V Meeting
- 9/7 11:00 am Curless Auction
- 9/9 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
5&6:00 pm Youth Group
- 9/10 1:00 pm Interagency Meeting  
6:30 pm Circle I Meeting  
8:00 pm AI Anon
- 9/11 8:30 am Bible Study  
Noon N.A. Meeting  
5:00 pm Gym Rental  
6:30 pm Church Board Meeting
- 9/12 8:30 am Unmet Needs Meeting  
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 9/13 9:30 am Circle IV Meeting  
Noon Bible Study

**Nominating forms** for officers and other elected officials with terms to begin January 1, 2019 will be on the sanctuary mantels on Sunday, Sept 2, 9 & 16. **Forms can be placed in the offering tray or submitted to the office by Monday morning, Sept 17.**

**Regular youth group meetings are Sunday evenings at Crossroads.** The 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade will meet 5-6:30 and the high school will meet 6-7:30. **Parents and youth can find timely information on the Facebook groups youth@first and parents@first.**

The **Trustees** will meet Wed, **Sept 5**, 5:30 at the admin building.

The **Task Force** will meet Wed, **Sept 5**, 6:00.  
Contact David Koltveit for more info.

**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.

**The Thursday noon study group will resume Sept 13 at the church building Long Room.** They will be in the book Ten Women of the Bible by Max Lucado in the chapter Mary of Bethany. Extra copies of the book are available for \$12. For more info contact Jenny Tate 248.1238.

The **Church Board** will meet Tues, **Sept 11**, 6:30.  
Packets will be ready Sun, Sept 9.

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

## CWF and CMF September Meetings

The first meeting of **Circle V** will be at the Courtyard Café for lunch at 11:30, Thurs, **Sept 6**.

**Circle I** will meet Mon, **Sept 10**, at Crossroads, 6:30.

Charlene Gleckler has graciously invited **Circle IV** to her country home for the first circle meeting of the fall on Thurs, **Sept 13**, 9:30. Meet at Crossroads at 9:15 to car pool to the meeting. Looking forward to a new fall beginning!

**Sept 18**, Tues, 6:00, **CMF Dinner Meeting** at Crossroads. Sign up at the fellowship table if you plan to attend.

**Prayer Concerns:** Karl Benjamin, Dora Lee Claus, Stacey Helms, Katie Hull, Shirley Loyd, Wanda Mendenhall, Carol Schwartze, Mary Wintjen, Linda Borrowman (friend of David Grimsley), Dick Laingor (Ann Ferguson's cousin), Vera Murr (Karl Benjamin's sister), Etta Sargent (Brenda Kramer's mother), Sharron Shannon (Friend of Karl Benjamin)

*Dear Members and Friends at First Christian Church, I thank you for your love and concerns during my recent illness. Your prayers and visits raised my spirits.*  
-Carolyn Barber.

*Sunday was such a surprise when Michael announced about the award I received at the state fair and all my friends stood up. So very moving! The flowers were precious. I value all my friends and my church very much and want all to know I value all very much! In Christian Love, Carolyn Casteel.*

*Dear Friends at First Christian Church, Thank you once again for helping us start the new school year with the platter of warm cookies! We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness.* -Pikeland Board Office Staff.



The **Children First Annual Meeting** will be Sunday, **Sept 16**, after 10:30 service.

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.

Children's Church, K-5th grade, is available at both worship services each week. Children are dismissed during greeting time to meet in the fellowship hall where they will have curriculum designed for K-5th grade. Children 6th-12th grade are welcome to attend youth group each Sunday evening.

### **Sunday School News**

The 9:15 Connection Group that meets in the Crossroads front meeting room has started a study in 1 Peter called Eyewitness to Majesty. Everyone is invited to attend!

Please come and join the Disciples class in the north part of the Crossroads dining room for the study of the book of Matthew, beginning Sunday, September 2nd. Every Christian should study one of the 4 Gospels from time to time. All are welcome!

**Kids Connection for grades K-5th will begin Wed, Oct 3. This ministry will begin immediately after school until 5:15 at Crossroads on Wednesdays from October through March and include lesson, games and light snack. Letters and permission forms will be mailed soon with a deadline of Sept 17. We will pick up kids at South School and PCS with the church bus and van and bring them to Crossroads. Contact the church office if you have any questions.**

*Thank you Hamer Tate and Brad Willman for fixing the potholes around the church and Crossroads Center!*

**September 2 will be Cookie Sunday!**

The church office will be closed Mon, Sept 3, in observance of Labor Day.

Approximately every three months I receive a statement in the mail that summarizes my retirement investment account. It reflects additions to the account as well as growth or decline from those investments. I must admit that I try not to pay too much attention to it from quarter to quarter, but rather understand that it is a long term investment. It is quite helpful to make sure that the appropriate amount is being set aside for retirement, however.

I can imagine the panic someone would feel if they were to come to the age of retirement and have the startling realization that none of their retirement funds had been deposited in their account.

As I filed my last statement away, a chapter in Matthew crossed my mind.

Matt 6:1-4, 19-21

*"Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.*

*2 "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.*

*"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. -NIV*

In considering the planning that we do for our natural lives, are we giving ample consideration for our eternal planning? Our heavenly home is not one that is earned by our good deeds, but rather by our faith in Jesus as our Savior and Lord. Although our deeds do not earn our heavenly home, perhaps we may think of them as providing furnishing for it. We will be discussing this in a few weeks.

We do not get a mailed statement that breaks down our deeds, but we do have a mind and a memory that help us review opportunities seized, as well as those passed over. I would like to encourage us all to be mindful of the real reason that we are all here. Not to gain possessions, but to have relationships. Hopefully relationships that will be eternal in nature.

I believe it would be time well spent to take a moment and consider heeding the teaching in Matthew 6. I know I need to.

Loving you all,  
Michael

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 Michael Ten Eyck, Pastor  
 Helen Earls, Programs & Christian Ed  
 Kayla Boren, Music  
 Rebecca Rhodes, Administrative Secretary  
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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

<b>Stewardship (Offering Only)</b>	<b>8/26</b>	<b>8/19</b>
Operational	\$7,581.61	\$7,566.01
Property Improvement	23.00	23.00
Church Construction/Renova	0.00	25.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	70.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	7.00	7.00
Unmet Needs	3.00	4.00
Snack Pack	0.00	40.00
Children First	<u>120.00</u>	<u>255.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,829.61</b>	<b>\$8,015.01</b>

**Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)**  
 Received Last 7 Days \$7,265.79 \$7,566.01  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,328

**Lectionary**

9/2: Solomon 2:8-13; Deut 4:1-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-23  
 9/3: Ps 144:9-15; Solomon 3:6-11; 1 Tim 4:6-16  
 9/4: Ps 144:9-15; Solomon 5:2-6:3; 1 Peter 2:19-25  
 9/5: Ps 144:9-15; Solomon 8:5-7; Mark 7:9-23  
 9/6: Ps 125; Proverbs 1:1-19, Romans 2:1-11  
 9/7: Ps 125; Proverbs 4:10-27; Romans 2:12-16  
 9/8: Ps 125; Proverbs 8:1-31; Matt 15:21-31  
 9/9: Prov 22:1-23; Isa 35:4-7; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37  
 9/10: Ps 73:1-20; Prov 8:32-9:6; Heb 11:29-12:2  
 9/11: Ps 73:1-20; Prov 11:1-31; Heb 12:3-13  
 9/12: Ps 73:1-20; Prov 14:1-9; Matt 17:14-21  
 9/13: Ps 19; Prov 15:1-17; Heb 11:17-22  
 9/14: Ps 19; Prov 19:24-29; James 2:17-26  
 9/15: Ps 19; Prov 21:1-17; Matt 21:23-32

**Serving Schedule**

**September 2, 2018**

**Elder:** N.D. Harrison, David Bishop  
**Diaconate:** Kay Sealock, Steve Tharp, Vickie Tharp, Rokettia Brokaw, Glen Cooley, Betty Hayden  
**8:00 Communion:** Steve & Vickie Tharp  
**10:30 Communion:** Kathy Curfman, Edith Gant  
**Scripture:** Eli Mendenhall  
**10:30 Nursery:** TBA  
**Shut-ins:** Roger & Charlotte Dunham, Howard & Vera Staffy  
**Children's Church:** 8:00 Bethany 10:30 Korey & Lisa  
**Fellowship Treats:** Kathy Wainman, Sue Speckhart, Rosemary Clark, Becky Irwin

**September 9, 2018**

**Elder:** Brad Willman, Jeremy Schoenherr  
**Diaconate:** Christie Mendenhall, Gary Mendenhall, Kevin Hittner, Sonya Bishop, Zack Boren, Michelle Hart  
**8:00 Communion:** Carolyn Casteel, Kathy Willman  
**10:30 Communion:** Roger & Charlotte Dunham  
**Scripture:** Faith Saxe  
**10:30 Nursery:** TBA  
**Shut-ins:** Larry & Sandy Wigington, Hamer & Jenny Tate  
**Children's Church:** 8:00 Bethany 10:30 Korey & Lisa

**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>8/26</b>	<b>8/19</b>
<b>Worship Attendance</b>		
8:00 AM	119	130
10:30 AM	<u>170</u>	<u>129</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>259</b>

**Christian Education**

Age 3-PK	7	6
K-1st	7	6
2nd-3rd	5	3
4th-5th	9	10
6th-8th	9	6
Sr High	0	4
Disciples	11	11
New Beginnings	6	0
Sermon Study	8	4
Misc Adult Grps	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>66</b>