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Coming Events

- 10/28 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5&6:00 Youth Group
- 10/29 5:00 pm Basketball Practices
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 10/30 8:00 am Dining Room Rental
8:30 am Bible Study
Noon N. A. Meeting
5:00 pm Basketball Practices
- 10/31 3:45 pm Kids Connection
6:00 pm Basketball Practices
6:00 pm Financial Peace University
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 11/1 Noon Bible Study
2:00 pm Circle V Meeting
4:00 pm Basketball Practices
- 11/2 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
6:00 pm Pike County Youth League
- 11/3 10:00 am Sullivan Auction
10:00 am Pike County Youth League
- 11/4 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
11:30 am Congregational Meeting
5&6:00 pm Youth Group
- 11/5 1:00 pm Interagency Meeting
5:00 pm Basketball Practices
8:00 pm AI Anon
- 11/6 6:00 am Polling Place
8:30 am Bible Study
Noon N.A. Meeting
5:00 pm Basketball Practices
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 11/7 3:45 pm Kids Connection
6:00 pm Basketball Practices
6:00 pm Financial Peace University
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 11/8 9:30 am Circle IV Meeting
Noon Bible Study
4:00 pm Basketball Practices
6:00 pm Blessing Hospital Event
- 11/9 6:00 pm Pike County Youth League
- 11/10 10:00 am Pike County Youth League
Dining Room Rental

The all church **Turkey Dinner** will be Wednesday, **Nov 14**, 5:30. Sign up at the fellowship table if you plan to attend so we know how many to prepare for. Carryout will be available.

This coming Sunday, October 28, will be Youth Sunday! We will have our regular morning schedule with 8:00 and 10:30 services. We hope you can attend and support the youth in our church family!



Children's Church News

Children's Church will not be available on Youth Sunday, Oct 28.

Starting on Sunday, **Nov 4**, Children's Church during 10:30 service will gather in the fellowship hall first then walk supervised to Crossroads Center. Parents will need to pick up their children at Crossroads at the end of service.

The 8:00 Children's Church will continue to stay in the fellowship hall.

The November Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, Nov 4, immediately after 10:30 service. Agenda includes voting on the proposed 2019 budget, 2019 officers, and potential sale of property. Contact the church office, an Elder or the farm committee for more information. Copies of the proposed budget and a list of officers are on the sanctuary mantels.

The CWF Bazaar is fast approaching - December 7. The Treasure Chest would appreciate donations of items such as, but not limited to, seasonal decorations, home décor, miscellaneous household items (such as small appliances, dishes, pots and pans, etc), toys, games, books, puzzles, accessories (jewelry, purses). No electronics or clothing please. Items for the Treasure Chest room may be left at Crossroads Center **beginning Tuesday, December 4**, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and from 8:00 a.m. until Noon on Thursday. Your donations have made the Treasure Chest a great success in past years. If you have any questions regarding the Treasure Chest, please call Ruth Anne Goodin 285.2705 or Linda Decker 285.4042.

Tickets are available from CWF members or the church office for the quilt raffle. \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Circle V, Nov 1, 2:00.
Circle IV, Nov 8, 9:30.
Circle I, Nov 12, 6:30.

The Vesper Service at the Tate Farm was wonderful! Thank you everyone who was able to attend the time of fellowship in the great outdoors. We also appreciate Hamer and Jenny for allowing the church family to invade their home!

CMF will not meet during November due to scheduling conflicts. Next meeting will be in January.

The Outreach Committee would like all shoeboxes returned by October 28th.

The church will be covering the cost of the shipping. The Outreach Committee will be organizing and checking the Operation Christmas Child boxes on **Wednesday, October 31** beginning at 10 am. If anyone would like to help, please join us in the long room of the church. For information or questions, feel free to call Tammi Koltveit at 217-370-6194.

Prayer Concerns: Ken Bradbury, Jane Calaway, Dora Lee Claus, Keith Elledge, Stacey Helms, Penny Roig, Larry & Betty Bauer (Charlene Gleckler's family), David Bucholz (Friend of Ralph Piper)

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of the following who recently passed:

*Carrol Hoover's wife, Evelyn Hoover;
Becky Fitzmaurice's grandmother, Jacqueline Snader*

Thank you for the prayers and cards during my recent hospital visits. I now have a pacemaker and am doing much better. With Christian Love, Rosemary Clark.

Julia Turnbaugh will be going on a mission trip to Puerto Rico in March 2019 for Lincoln Christian University. The trip will cost \$1,100. If you would like to contribute towards her mission trip, mark your envelope or check "Julia" and funds will be directed accordingly. The deadline for funding is January 2. If it is a check it would need to be made payable to Julia Turnbaugh. If there are any questions, you can contact her directly at jaturnbaugh@lincolnchristian.edu or via phone call or text 217.473.9873. Thank you for your consideration.

The holiday season is drawing near. Scrip prepaid cards are available for all your shopping needs. A list of vendors is on the sanctuary mantels. There is no additional cost to you and a percentage of your purchase is a contribution towards Children First. Call the office and order your cards today!

Starting Oct 20, several brands will offer low denomination cards through Dec 14. Some include Amazon, Applebee's, Barnes & Noble, Olive Garden, Longhorn Steakhouse, The Home Depot, IHOP, Outback Steakhouse, Panera Bread, Red Lobster, Starbucks, Target, Taco Bell, Walmart.

Aidas and Joelle (Schoenherr) Masiulis of Chatham, IL, welcomed a new son, Arden James Masiulis, Saturday, October 20. He was 22" long and weighed 10 lbs. 2 oz., which was one ounce more than his big brother, Jonas, weighed 19 months ago at birth! Grandparents are John and Cindi Schoenherr of Pittsfield and great-grandmother is Darlene Smith, now in Springfield at Concordia Village Nursing Home.

A small item in the Pike County Democrat of 125 years ago (Oct. 18, 1893) simply stated, "Electric lights have been place in the Christian Church." I am sure it was a major advance for our forebears, giving them more "light" to share with the Pittsfield community. Evidence of the old "knob and tube" type of electrical wiring is still visible up in the attic, and such early wiring is still visible in our house which was built around 1880. -Mike Boren.

Several individuals in the area are working to help those affected by the recent hurricane in Florida. A semi trailer will soon be on the Crossing Thrift parking lot collecting nonperishable food and clothing.

Looking Ahead...

Dec 9, Sun - Christmas Caroling.

Dec 12, Wed - Family Meal.

Dec 16, Sun - Christmas Cantata.

Dec 19, Wed - Family Meal and Kids Connection Christmas Program.

Dec 20, Thurs - Children First Christmas Program.

Dec 24, Mon - Christmas Eve Service.

Trivia Night: Sat, Oct 27, 6:00 p.m., Farm Bureau Hall.

Proceeds benefit Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp.

Teams will be \$100 for 6 members.

Sandwiches, chips and drinks will be available for purchase.

Please do not bring outside food or drinks.

Please pre-register and make check to MVCSC.

Contact Becky Winner 285-5116

Elder Corner

Growing up I can remember when my parents purchased our first computer – we had no internet and mostly just used it to play games. To be honest, my brothers and I had more interest in playing with Legos. Of course, since then technology has come a long way and we are now "plugged in" all the time with our phones, tablets, and even our wrist watches! We are fed with news from all over the world on our TVs, learn about interesting concepts and ideas on podcasts, and of course, read and share information on social media within our network of family, friends, and followers.

With the platforms that we are given today (especially with social media), almost everyone now has access to broadcast their thoughts to wide audiences. But when we read or hear something on the internet, TV, etc., it can be difficult to remember to read with a critical eye or listen with a critical ear and filter opinion from fact or truth. I recently read an article claiming that we are living in a "posttruth" world – meaning, objective facts have become less important than emotional persuasion in cultivating our opinions about something; truth is no longer significant. So, are we letting the things we read and hear sway us, even though they might not be from reliable or truth-bearing sources? Is the louder voice winning our attention just because?

Recently in a meeting, I and the other elders prayed for truth. Second John, verses 7-10 says "Many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh; any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist! Be on your guard, so that you do not lose what we have worked for, but may receive a full reward". Luckily, we have a standard for truth, and that is God's word and the teachings of Jesus Christ. If we are in fact living in a post-truth world, we need to be on guard to protect our faith and hold close to the truth. God is truth – let us share this with others, and pray for truth in all aspects of our lives.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Schoenherr

Excerpts from October 9, 2018 Church Board Meeting

Call to Order at 6:30pm by Moderator David Koltveit. Opening prayer and devotion on truth were led by Elder Jeremy Schoenherr. The minutes were approved by general consensus.

Minister's Report: Pastor Michael has negotiated for a possible better price for the stolen logs from the Balsman Property; the funds have not yet been received.

Treasurer's Report: As of September 30, 2018: Total Checking/Savings Assets = \$427,774.57. Total Unrestricted Checking = \$100,000.00. Total Budgeted Receipts = \$392,121.33. Total Budgeted Disbursements = \$266,908.01. Statement of Cash Flow on Nonbudgeted Receipts Total = \$51,134.33 and Nonbudgeted Disbursements = \$27,496.56 for a difference of \$23,637.77. Michelle noted that \$17,944.16 was reclassified from the general unrestricted checking account toward church construction/renovation. Additionally, \$150,010.00 of the construction/renovation fund was placed in LPL Financial CDs. Year-to-date worship attendance averaged 282 per week through September 30. David Bishop moved to approve the Treasurer's report; Hamer Tate seconded, and the motion carried.

Trustees: Charlie Gates reported that the Trustees placed approximately \$150,000 in the LPL Financial CD designated toward Church Construction/Renovation

Outreach: Pastor Michael noted that the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are due at the end of the month.

Education: Children's and Youth Group volunteers will receive ALICE training this Sunday.

Balsman Property : David Koltveit presented items that came from the recent Farm Committee Meeting and Task Force Meeting. The building task force not only is continuing to research long term replacement of the educational building, but also has recommended that we re-open up the areas of the former pastor's office and the former Christian education office. These areas would offer extra seating in the back of the overflow room when needed.

Along with this, the task force recommended a sanctuary beautification project consisting of wall repair, painting, new carpet, technical media upgrades and expanding the worship platform to include the choir storage room as well as possibly replacing the baptistery with a smaller one.

The board unanimously voted on the measure with a budget not to exceed \$35,000. We will begin researching and planning for this project immediately.

The farm committee has also brought the following items that the board passed for consideration at the November Meeting.

1. We have tried to sell the lot given to the church at the end of east Adams street, but we have been unsuccessful. Rick Curfman has generously offered to auction the lot for us, free of charge (we would pay for publicity.) We feel that this is now our best option for selling this lot.

2. The Farm Committee has received an offer to purchase the Balsman farm. The details of the offer were discussed at the board meeting. They are in the process of getting formalized but pursuant to our Bylaws, any sale of property must be done through an act of the voting members of the congregation.

The church board is proposing the sale of both properties to be on the November Meeting agenda.

Nominating Committee: N.D. Harrison presented the nominations for church offices for 2019. N.D. also clarified that the Church Constitution and Bylaws allow for up to 4 elders in each new class, but that fewer than 4 nominations are also acceptable. David Bishop moved to accept the nominations, Larry Wigington seconded, and the motion carried.

Stewardship Committee: Hamer Tate, Elder over Stewardship, presented the proposed 2019 budget. Each area of the budget was reviewed, and several increases/decreases were highlighted. Larry Wigington made the motion to accept the proposed 2019 budget as presented, Jeremy Schoenherr seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, Charlie Gates made a motion to adjourn, Ruth Bennett seconded, and the motion carried at 8:00 p.m. Pastor Michael led in closing prayer. Next board meeting will be Tuesday, November 13, 6:30.

November Birthdays & Anniversaries: 1 Edna Baughman; 2 Rosie Picone, Chris Sydney, Seth Boren; 3 Zack & Libby Boren; 5 Allison Korte; 6 Lori Johnson; 7 Jeannine Robertson, Amy Boltz, Rhonda Irwin, Bill Schwartze, Kacie Lipcaman; 8 Dave Herring, Phoenix Bacon; 9 Clinton McNulty, Kevin Masters; 10 Joelle Masiulis; 11 Raeanna Grimes; 12 Isabelle Willard, Chad Ferguson, Debbie Robinson; 13 Piper Gorton, Maylin Hittner; 14 Anna Speckhart, Dustin Wintjen; 16 Korey Wombles; 17 Carole Elledge, Elizabeth Rowland, Maurine Boren, Paul Ruble; 21 Eleanor Jenkins, Brittany Dain, Tucker Kunzeman; 22 Bob Evans, Nate Sydney; 23 Kay Sealock; 24 Gary & Angie Hittner, Eli Ten Eyck, Logan Borrowman; 25 David Smith, Kathy Curfman; 27 Gaylord & Jo Rhodes; 28 Barbara Goertz; 29 Carrol Hoover, Dr. Dan Speckhart, Aubrie Westmaas, Ronnie & Paula Goewey.

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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)	10/14	10/21
Operational	\$6,604.03	\$6,447.57
Property Improvement	3.00	8.00
Church Construction/Renova	150.00	25.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	90.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	23.00	28.00
Unmet Needs	256.00	0.00
Christian Education	50.00	0.00
Operation Christmas Child	100.00	20.00
Snack Pack	70.00	0.00
Children First	<u>200.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>
Total	\$7,551.03	\$6,718.57

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days	\$6,229.06	\$6,720.07
Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget	\$9,328	

Lectionary

10/28: Job 42:1-17; Jer 31:7-9; Heb 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52
 10/29: Ps 28; Isa 59:9-19; 1 Peter 2:1-10
 10/30: Ps 28; Ezek 18:1-32; Acts 9:32-35
 10/31: Ps 28; Ezek 14:12-23; Matt 20:29-34
 11/1: Solomon 3:1-9; Rev 21:1-6; John 11:32-44
 11/2: Ps 146; Ruth 2:1-9; Romans 3:21-31
 11/3: Ps 146; Ruth 2:10-14; Luke 10:25-37
 11/4: Ruth 1:1-18; Deut 6:1-9; Heb 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34
 11/5: Ps 18:20-30; Ruth 2:15-23; Romans 12:17-21
 11/6: Ps 18:20-30; Ruth 3:1-7; Acts 7:17-29
 11/7: Ps 18:20-30; Ruth 3:8-18; John 13:31-35
 11/8: Ps 127; Ruth 4:1-10; Romans 5:6-11
 11/9: Ps 127; Ruth 4:11-17; Heb 9:15-24
 11/10: Ps 127; Ruth 4:18-22; Mark 11:12-24

Serving Schedule

October 28, 2018 - Youth Sunday

Elder: Judy Ferguson, Jeremy Schoenherr
Diaconate: Youth
8:00 Communion: N.D. & Joyce Harrison
10:30 Communion: Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain
Scripture: Youth
10:30 Nursery: Olivia Smith
Shut-ins: Kay Sealock, Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain
Children's Church: Not Available Youth Sunday
Kids Connection Treats Oct 31: Cheryl Birch, Barbara Fosco

November 4, 2018

Elder: Hamer Tate, Kathy Hull
Diaconate: Michelle Hart, Steve Tharp, Vickie Tharp, Taylor Sweeting
8:00 Communion: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes
10:30 Communion: Glen & Carol Cooley
Scripture: Chuck Barber
10:30 Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck
Shut-ins: Dan & Sue Speckhart, Brenda Kramer & Ann Ferguson
Children's Church: 8:00 Bethany 10:30 Korey & Lisa
Fellowship Treats: Faith Saxe, Jenny Tate, Kathy Curfman, Carolyn Barber
Kids Connection Treats Nov 7: TBA

Wishes & Wants

Free: 3 #02 inks new still in the box for a printer. Carole Elledge 285.4929.

Children First still needs **1 gallon plastic milk/water jugs** for a project. You can bring your empty, rinsed jugs to the admin building. The lids are not necessary.

	10/14	10/21
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	119	101
10:30 AM	<u>218</u>	<u>173</u>
Total	337	274
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	6	6
K-1st	6	6
2nd-3rd	5	5
4th-5th	12	10
6th-8th	12	7
Sr High	0	0
Disciples	12	11
New Beginnings	7	6
Sermon Study	8	7
Misc Adult Grps	<u>26</u>	<u>13</u>
Total	94	71