

The Pittsfield Christian

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Coming Events

- 11/18 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5&6:00 pm Youth Group
- 11/19 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 11/20 8:30 am Bible Study
4:00 pm Basketball Practices
- 11/23 6:00 pm Gym Rental
- 11/25 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5&6:00 pm Youth Group
- 11/26 8:00 pm AI Anon
- 11/27 8:30 am Bible Study
4:00 pm Basketball Practices
6:30 pm Elder Meeting
- 11/28 8:30 am Pike County Unmet Needs
3:45 pm Kids Connection
6:00 pm Financial Peace University
6:00 pm Basket Practices
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 11/29 Noon Bible Study
4:00 pm Basketball Practices
- 11/30 6:00 pm Pike County Youth League
- 12/1 10:00 am Pike County Youth League
- 12/2 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5&6:00 Youth Group

The CWF Bazaar will be Friday, 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.

Lunch prep usually done on Thursday will be done Wed, Dec 5 instead. If you can help that Wed in the kitchen, contact Jenny Tate 217.248.1238.

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

The first annual **Girls Only! Lock-in** will be this Fri, **Nov 16**, 6pm - 6am on Sat, **Nov 17**. Bring a sleeping bag, pillow and a snack. It is for all 6th-12th grade girls. If you have any questions contact Kayla Boren or Katie McDevitt.

Youth Group News We will meet on Sunday, **Nov 18**, Middle School 5-6:30, High School 6-7:30. Middle School will be continuing a study on change and the High School will be doing a study on self-harm. We look forward to connecting on the 18th.

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

All kids K-6th are welcome to sing with the FCC choir for Cantata this year. We will be practicing on Wed, **Dec 12**, at 6pm and Sat, **Dec 15** at 10am. Cantata is on Sun, Dec 16 at 5pm. Contact Kayla Boren with any questions 217.370.2166.

The **Elders** will meet Tues, **Nov 27**, 6:30.

Jordyn Audrey Schoenherr was born Aug 16 to Jonathan and Jennifer Schoenherr. Arden James Masiulis was born Oct 20 to Joelle and Aidas Masiulis. Grandparents are John and Cindi Schoenherr and great grandmother is Darlene Smith. Congratulations to all!

Crossroads Center will be open for walking starting Dec 10. Hours will be Monday through Thursday mornings from 8:00 until 10:00. The gym office will be staffed during that time. Special events may alter the schedule and will be posted.



**Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; his love
endures forever.**

-1 Chronicles 16:34

Prayer Concerns: Ken Bradbury, Jane Calaway, Dora Lee Claus, Keith Elledge, Stacey Helms, Gary Mendenhall, Kay McKinney, Evelyn Ransom, Vera Staffy, Mary Wintjen, Larry & Betty Bauer (Charlene Gleckler's family), David Bucholz (Friend of Ralph Piper) Faith Skirvin (Friend of Wayne Chamberlain family)

Your designated, predated 2019 **offering envelopes** will be available soon. Let the office know if you would like to start using your own box so you can prepare offering at the convenience of home.

The church will be decorated for the Christmas season with **poinsettias**. Contact the office if you would like to defray the cost and purchase one in memory/honor of loved ones. Cost is \$10.

The 2019 Elder, Deacon, Communion to Shut-ins, and Fellowship Treats serving schedules will be ready soon. Let the office know if you have a change to your availability to serve on the Shut-in and Fellowship Treat schedule.

Children First is still collecting **1 gallon plastic milk/ water jugs** for plans to build an igloo.

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!

Julia Turnbaugh will be going on a mission trip to Puer-to 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 jturnbaugh@lincolnchristian.edu or via phone call or text 217.473.9873. Thank you for your consideration.

The **Thursday noon Bible Study** will meet Nov 15 and Nov 29 then break for Christmas and resume Jan 3. Current study is Mary Magdalene.

The Lions Club collects used reading glasses and distributes them to those in need. Glasses can be placed in the collection box outside the church building Long Room, brought to the office, or see Mary Gates.

Looking Ahead...

Dec 9, Sun - Christmas Caroling.

Be at Crossroads by 4:45 so we can divide in groups and leave by 5:00. Supper will be provided upon our return.

Dec 12, Wed - Family Meal.

Meal served by 5:30 so kids singing in the Cantata can practice at 6:00.

Dec 15, Sat - Choir Practice.

Cantata practice at 10:00. Childcare will be provided.

Dec 16, Sun - Christmas Cantata.

Cantata starts at 5:00. Doors open at 4:00.

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

Meal served by 5:30. Program in the gym at 6:30.

Dec 20, Thurs - Children First Christmas Program.

Program at 6:30 in the sanctuary.

Dec 24, Mon - Christmas Eve Service.

The church office will be closed Nov 22 & 23 in observance of Thanksgiving.

First Christian Church of Pittsfield Congregational Meeting November 4, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 11:47 am by Moderator David Koltveit. Administrative Secretary Rebecca Rhodes confirmed that the quorum of 17 was met. Elder Helen Earls led in an opening prayer.

Recording Secretary Libby Boren read the minutes from the February 4, 2018 Congregational Meeting. Keith Elledge moved to approve the minutes, Roger Dunham seconded, and the motion carried

N.D. Harrison gave the nominating committee report. The 2018 Nominating Committee of N.D. Harrison (chair), Judy Ferguson, Burdette Irwin, Michelle Hart, Judy Sweeting, and Linda Belford nominated the following slate of officers: Moderator David Gary Mendenhall; Vice-Moderator Bobby Smith; Treasurer Michelle Hart; Recording Secretary Betty Hayden; Trustee Brad Losch; Elders Roger Brokaw, Zack Boren, and Bob Clark; Deacons, Billy and Becky Fitzmaurice, Brian and Angie Ruebush, Stan and Jill Moss, Faith Saxe, Kacie Lipcaman, Kevin Tharp, Greg Bonnett, Bethany Dunham, and Scott Bacon. N.D. Harrison moved to approve all nominations; Carolyn Barber seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Hamer Tate, Chair of the Budget and Stewardship Committee, presented the budget for 2019. He highlighted some of the changes made for 2019, and Pastor Michael Ten Eyck noted that there are two new part-time positions (Kacie Lipcaman in Christian Education, and Bob Clark in Media Technology) that necessitated an increase in Admin costs for 2019. The total budget for 2019 equals \$493,696 and requires an average weekly receipt of \$9,494.

Hamer Tate moved to accept the 2019 Budget; this was seconded by Bobby Smith, and the budget passed unanimously.

Bobby Smith, Chair of the Farm Committee, presented an update on two properties given to the church. First, he stated that there have been no offers in over a year for the Lovell Lot between East Adams and East Washington Streets. An adjacent landowner was approached again and offered \$5,000 for the property, and the Farm Committee felt that this is a fair price, given the location and other difficulties. Jenny Tate moved to approve the sale of the property for \$5,000; Howard Staffy seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Bobby Smith then presented a summary of the Farm Committee's proposal regarding the Balsman Farm. FCC has had no success in securing an easement, and as a church, does not qualify for eminent domain. The church has been cash renting the farm to Harter Family Farms for the past several years, and the Harter family has made an offer on the property for \$6,500 per acre. The property needs to be surveyed. But the Farm Committee believes that the total acreage is 67-69 acres, 49 of which is tillable. The Farm Committee recommends that the Congregation approve the sale of the property. However, the Farm Committee also asked to give a portion of the property, approximately 2 acres and George Balsman's cabin to his niece Dala Watson. Ms. Watson has been notified of this, and she would accept the offer pending Congregational approval.

Following this proposal, there was discussion regarding whether the congregation should allow the sale. While there was dissent from a community member, all comments from the congregation were made in support of the sale.

Helen Earls moved to approve the sale of the property for \$6,500 per acre, with 2 acres plus the cabin to be given to Dala Watson. Harold Loyd seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Pastor Michael Ten Eyck briefly summarized some of the work that Kay Sealock and the Safety Committee have done to establish escape routes in case of emergencies. He also highlighted some of the principles of the ALICE training that took place in the summer.

Julie Boren, Chair of the Sanctuary Beautification subcommittee of the Building Task Force, and Pastor Michael Ten Eyck presented some ideas for sanctuary updates to be done in the coming months. The Church Board has already approved \$35,000 to be used for sanctuary beautification, technology updates and reworking of the worship stage area.

Following this discussion, Jenny Tate expressed support for moving forward with building a new Education Wing. She moved that the Congregation recognizes the need for a new building and supports the Task Force and Elders in making plans for getting the construction underway. Helen Earls seconded this motion, and all agreed.

Judy Ferguson motioned to adjourn at 12:53 pm. Bobby Smith seconded, and it carried. Pastor Michael Ten Eyck closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Libby Boren

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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)	11/4	11/11
Operational	\$10,468.21	\$6,664.79
Property Improvement	158.00	38.00
Church Construction/Renova	25.00	25.00
Outreach-Missionaries	270.00	70.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	33.00	5.00
Unmet Needs	3.00	3.00
Operation Christmas Child	30.00	0.00
Adopt a Family	.00	200.00
Children First	<u>750.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$11,762.21	\$7,130.79

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)
 Received Last 7 Days \$10,955.06 \$8,284.20
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,328

Lectionary

11/18: 1 Sam 1:4-20; Dan 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14; Mark 13:1-8
 11/19: Ps 3; 1 Sam 3:19-4:2; Heb 10:26-31
 11/20: Ps 3; Deut 26:5-10; Heb 10:32-39
 11/21: Ps 3; 1 Kings 8:22-30; Mark 13:9-23
 11/22: Ps 132:1-12; 2 Kings 22:1-10; Acts 7:54-8:1a
 11/23: Ps 132:1-12; 2 Kings 22:11-20; 1 Cor 15:20-28
 11/24: Ps 132:1-12; 2 Kings 23:1-14; John 3:31-36
 11/25: 2 Sam 23:1-7; Dan 7:9-14; Rev 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37
 11/26: Ps 63; 2 Kings 23:15-25; Rev 11:1-14
 11/27: Ps 63; 1 Sam 17:55-18:5; Rev 11:15-19
 11/28: Ps 63; 2 Sam 2:1-7; John 16:25-33
 11/29: Ps 25:1-10; Neh 9:6-15; 1 Thess 5:1-11
 11/30: Ps 25:1-10; Neh 9:16-25; 1 Thess 5:12-22
 11/31: Ps 25: 1-10; Neh 9:26-31; Luke 21:20-24

Serving Schedule

November 18, 2018

Elder: David Bishop, Hamer Tate
Diaconate: Debbie Robinson, Tom Robinson, Michelle Hart, Amy Casto
8:00 Communion: Hamer & Jenny Tate
10:30 Communion: Roger & Charlotte Dunham
Scripture: Teresa Bauer
10:30 Nursery: Shelby Bauer
Shut-ins: Howard & Vera Staffy; Roger & Charlotte Dunham
Children's Church: 8:00 Bethany 10:30 Korey & Lisa

November 25, 2018

Elder: Jeremy Schoenherr, David Bishop
Diaconate: Tammi Koltveit, Ann Ferguson, Betty Hayden, Charlie Hull, Jessica Hull
8:00 Communion: Steve & Vickie Tharp
10:30 Communion: Keith & Carole Elledge
Scripture: Wayne Baughman
10:30 Nursery: Emma Saxe
Shut-ins: Larry & Sandy Wigington, Brad & Kathy Willman
Children's Church: 8:00 Bethany 10:30 Korey & Lisa
Kids Connection Treats Nov 28: Joyce Lemons

Wishes & Wants

For Sale: Several pieces of pink depression glass. Judy Dunham 285.2738.

	11/4	11/11
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	126	112
10:30 AM	<u>188</u>	<u>180</u>
Total	314	292
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	6	6
K-1st	6	2
2nd-3rd	4	5
4th-5th	10	7
6th-8th	11	7
Sr High	6	3
Disciples	11	14
New Beginnings	6	6
Sermon Study	6	6
Misc Adult Grps	<u>13</u>	<u>3</u>
Total	79	59