

The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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Coming Events

- 3/17 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00 pm Youth Group - Jr High Only
- 3/18 6:00 pm Volleyball League
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 3/19 8:30 am Bible Study
- 3/20 3:45 pm Kids Connection
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 3/21 Noon Bible Study
5:30 pm Children First Board Meeting
6:00 pm Chamber of Commerce Dnr
- 3/23 9:00 am Cross Over Hoops
2:00 pm Birthday Party
- 3/24 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am First Things First
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00 pm Youth Group - Jr High Only
- 3/25 6:00 pm Volleyball League
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 3/26 8:30 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Elder Meeting
- 3/27 8:30 am Unmet Needs Meeting
3:45 pm Kids Connection
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 3/28 Noon Bible Study
- 3/30 9:00 am Cross Over Hoops
6:00 pm Firemen Daddy/Daughter D.
- 3/31 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Baptism Class
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00 pm Youth Group - Jr High Only

The **Elders** will meet Tues, **March 26**, 6:00.

There will be a **Men's Breakfast and Bible Study** from 7:00 am – 8:30 am on Sat, **April 6**, at Crossroads. Great way to start the morning with good food and great fellowship! Contact Zack Boren for more info.

CMF will have their first Breakfast Meeting on Saturday, March 16, 8:00 a.m. at the Cardinal Inn. All men of the church are invited to attend the men's ministry. Dutch treat. This will be in place of their usual meetings at Crossroads. Contact CMF president Roger Dunham for more info.



Getting ready for spring? If you are spring cleaning and have extra items you would like to donate for the **Church Yard Sale** to be held on Friday and Saturday, **April 5 & 6**, they would be greatly appreciated! Items can include, but not limited to, knick knacks, jewelry, handbags, shoes, home décor, household items, small appliances, furniture, puzzles, books, toys, games, etc. Spring and summer clothing will also be accepted. Questions, contact Ruth Anne at 285.2705 or Linda at 285.4042.

Items may be brought to Crossroads gym beginning Monday, April 1 at 8:00 a.m. Items will be accepted Monday through Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and on Thursday from 8:00 a.m. until noon.



Holy Week

April 14, Palm Sunday - Kids will sing with the choir.

April 18, Maundy Thursday - 3 Progressive Prayer locations starting at 6:00 pm. Worship and communion service in sanctuary at 7:30 pm.

April 19, Good Friday - Service in sanctuary at 7:00 pm.

April 21, Resurrection Day - Sunrise Service led by youth in the gym at 6:30 am. Breakfast at 7:30. Sunday School 8:45. Worship Service in sanctuary at 10:00.

We need volunteers to help with the Good Friday monologue and Easter Sunday readers theater. Contact Kayla Boren if you are available to participate.

Are you new to the church or considering baptism? Pastor Michael will lead a **First Things First** meeting on Sunday, **March 24**, 9:15 and **Baptism Classes** on Sunday, **March 31, April 7 & 14**. Meet in the sanctuary. Contact Pastor Michael if interested.

Youth News

Due to many of our high school youth being involved with the upcoming PHS play presentation, we will only have junior high youth group **March 17, 24, 31**. High School youth group will resume in April.

The last two **Kids Connection** sessions of the season will be **March 20 & 27**.

Vacation Bible School will be Sunday through Friday, **July 14-19**.

Registration forms for **Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp** are on the sanctuary mantels and in the office.

Prayer Concerns: Mary Lou Chamberlain, Dora Lee Claus, Vivian Cloninger, Beth Edgar, Judy Ferguson, Mary Harshman, Betty Hayden, Stacey Helms, Hannah Hoaglin, Darren Kindle, Isabel Willard
Heather Arnold (Friend of Sonya Bishop)
Janet Lewis (Edna Baughman's sister)
Diane Santoro (Edna Baughman's sister)
We express our sympathy to Preston Dunham and family with the passing of his grandfather, Jim Craig.

Children First News

The **Children First Board** will meet Thurs, **March 21**, 5:30.

Children First Fundraiser (meal & silent auction) and Graduation will be Sunday, **May 19**. Be thinking about what you can contribute to the silent auction.

Children First will offer a Summer Program for ages 6-12 with hours from 7:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Activities will include field trips, science experiments and theme weeks. To register your child or for more info, contact Jennifer at 285-4129 or email at childrenfirst@fccpittsfield.org.

Children First offers prepaid gift cards through the Scrip program. Example: write a check payable to Children First for \$50. Receive a prepaid Walmart card worth \$50. Children First receives a % of the \$50. There are many vendors, denominations and %'s available. See the list on the sanctuary mantels or stop by the office.

Thank you to those who prayed for me, to God who is in the process of healing me, the wonderful, thoughtful get well cards and to Rebecca, Richard and Kelly Rhodes who were a friend to my kitty, Tommy, in his last days and for taking care of my home and mail when I was gone. I am richly blessed to have such wonderful friends and a great God getting me through this! -Vivian Cloninger

*Dear Outreach Ministry, N.D. & Joyce,
Thank you for your friendly visit and delivery of fruit and candy! I enjoyed seeing familiar faces and always appreciate my church family and the goodies. -Marjorie Gamble.*

*First Christian Church Family,
Thank you to all for your prayers and good wishes. It gave me strength and warmed my heart! Thank you Mary Gates and your kitchen crew. The lunch after Mom's service could not have been nicer. Thank you so much for planning and giving of your time. It was very much appreciated. I was and continue to be overwhelmed by so many acts of kindness. I am so blessed. From the bottom of my heart—thank you! - Beryl Richards and Jane Currie family.*

Western IL Fellowship of Christian Athletes will hold its annual banquet on Sunday, **March 17th**, at 4:00, at The Ambiance. The featured speaker will be Prince Amukamara of the Chicago Bears. Seating will be limited this year and we wanted to offer you an early opportunity to reserve a table(s) or individual tickets. There is no charge to attend, but you must make reservations. Please, do so soon by going to www.westernilfca.org or by emailing Todd Sweatman at tsweatman@fca.org.
Thanks, for your continued support of FCA!!!

The **Disciple Heritage Fellowship National Conference** will be Fri & Sat, **April 5 & 6**, at Decatur Christian Church. This will coincide with the **Intentional Church Conference**. For more info or to register, go to intentionalchurchconference.com. Let us know if you plan to attend so we can organize a car pool.

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

The 2018 Scrapbook is finished and in the church Long Room. Thank you Brenda Kramer for working so diligently on preserving our history!

Excerpt from Pike County Republican, June 15, 1932

At a Family Day observed at the Pittsfield Christian Church, recognition was given to those who had been members for 50 years or longer. Thirty-four were honored for being members of at least 50 years. R.T. Hicks, cashier of the First National Bank, has had a continuous membership with the Pittsfield Christian Church of 71 years, and has given faithful and substantial support to the church. He has never been absent from a service until the past year when ill health has prevented. His record is an unusual one of Christianity and loyalty. (That would span from about 1861 to 1932. Brother Hicks was one of the many people who have held First Christian together through the decades, and a good example for all of us.)

Thank you for thinking of me on Valentines Day. It was so appreciated. Love, Barbara Bradburn.

*Outreach Ministry,
Thank you for the Valentines bag of fruit. The fruit was great! I appreciated being included in your efforts. Hope to be back by the end of March! Love, Judy Ferguson.*

Elder Corner

What does it mean to build your house on a rock?

Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV) 24 "Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like the wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like the foolish man who built his house upon the sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against the house, and it fell with a great crash."

Jesus was not concerned with house building or building codes; he was concerned with life building.

1 Corinthians 3:11 (NIV) 11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

If we build our life on a rock foundation, then we can stand the storms of life. If we build our life on something other than Jesus, we will fall like the house built on the sand.

In Christian Love,
Brad Willman
Elder

Greetings to the Women of First Christian Church of Pittsfield. Come enjoy fun, fellowship, study and service as we continue our ministry to our church and our community through Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF). Please keep this calendar as a reminder of events for the coming year.

CWF calendar for 2019 -2020

Fri & Sat April 5 & 6-----Church Yard Sale, Crossroads
TBA Blood Drive May 2019 & Feb 2020---- Crossroads
Dec 6, 2019 Christmas Bazaar----- Crossroads
First Fri in March 2020----- World Day of Prayer TBA

Circle leaders

Carole Elledge-----285-4929-----Circle V
Carol Schwartze-----370-1580-----Circle I
Joyce Lemons-----248-4862-----Circle IV
Barbara Fosco----- 285-2608-----Secretary/Treasurer
Bev White----- 285-2420----- Worship/Study
Ruth Ann Goodin-----653-5158----- Yard Sale/Treasure Chest
Linda Decker-----285-4042----- Yard Sale/Treasure Chest
Cheryl Birch-----833-2880----- Bereavement
Mary Gates-----285-4905----- Bereavement
Karen Goodwin----- 437-2087----- Bereavement

CWF leaders meetings as needed - TBA

Nursing Home Parties

Aug---Healthcare Circle I & V
Manor Circle IV

Feb---Healthcare Circle IV & I
Manor Circle V

Circle I meets 2nd Monday at 6:30 pm at Crossroads

Circle IV meets 2nd Thursday at 9:30 am at the Cardinal Inn (Dutch treat)

Circle V meets 1st Monday at 2:00pm at Crossroads

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Staff:
 Michael Ten Eyck, Pastor
 Helen Earls, Programs & Christian Ed
 Kayla Boren, Music
 Kacie Lipcaman, Christian Ed
 Rebecca Rhodes, Administrative Secretary
 Gina Bryant, Custodian
 Bob Clark, Audio/Video

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) | 3/3 | 3/10 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Operational | \$8,097.49 | \$7,647.88 |
| Property Improvement | 31.00 | 106.00 |
| Outreach-Missionaries | 70.00 | 70.00 |
| DHF | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Outreach-General | 23.00 | 53.00 |
| Church Constr/Renova | 212.00 | 25.00 |
| Snack Pack | 0.00 | 15.00 |
| Unmet Needs | 20.00 | 103.00 |
| Youth Group | 50.00 | 0.00 |
| Children First | <u>90.00</u> | <u>50.00</u> |
| Total | \$8,618.49 | \$8,094.88 |

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)
 Received Last 7 Days \$8,400.98 \$7,647.88
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

Lectionary
 3/17: Gen 15:1-18; Ps 27; Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35
 3/18: Ps 105:1-42; Exodus 33:1-6; Romans 4:1-12
 3/19: Ps 105:1-42; Numbers 14:10b-24; 1 Cor 10:1-13
 3/20: Ps 105:1-42; 2 Chronicles 20:1-22; Luke 13:22-31
 3/21: Ps 63:1-8; Daniel 3:19-30; Rev 2:8-11
 3/22: Ps 63:1-8; Daniel 12:1-4; Rev 3:1-6
 3/23: Ps 63:1-8; Isa 5:1-7; Luke 6:43-45
 3/24: Isa 55:1-9; Ps 63:1-8; 1 Cor 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9
 3/25: Ps 39; Jer 11:1-17; Rom 2:1-11
 3/26: Ps 39; Ezekiel 17:1-10; Romans 2:12-16
 3/27: Ps 39; Numbers 13:17-27; Luke 13:18-21
 3/28: Ps 32; Joshua 4:1-13; 2 Cor 4:16-5:5
 3/29: Ps 32; Joshua 4:14-24; 2 Cor 5:6-15
 3/30: Ps 32; Exodus 32:7-14; Luke 15:1-10

Serving Schedule

March 17, 2019

Elder: Roger Brokaw, Brad Willman
Diaconate: Lauren Saxe, Faith Saxe, Debbie Robinson, Tom Robinson, Taylor Sweeting, Lainey Ten Eyck
8:00 Communion: Dan & Sue Speckhart
10:30 Communion: Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain
Scripture: TBA
10:30 Nursery: Olivia Smith
Children's Church: 8:00 Bethany, 10:30 Korey & Lisa
Shut-ins: Kay Sealock
Kids Connection 3/20: Cheryl Birch, Barbara Fosco

March 24, 2019

Elder: Ruth Bennett, Roger Brokaw
Diaconate: Amy Casto, Keith Elledge, Ann Ferguson, Charlie Hull, Jessica Hull, Tammi Koltveit
8:00 Communion: Hamer & Jenny Tate
10:30 Communion: Glen & Carol Cooley
Scripture: Cherise Anderson
10:30 Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck
Children's Church: 8:00 Bethany, 10:30 Korey & Lisa
Shut-ins: Dan & Sue Speckhart
Kids Connection 3/27: Cheryl Birch, Barbara Fosco

Wishes & Wants
 None at this time.

| | 3/3 | 3/10 |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Worship Attendance | | |
| 8:00 AM | 98 | 93 |
| 10:30 AM | <u>139</u> | <u>186</u> |
| Total | 237 | 279 |
| Christian Education | | |
| Age 3-PK | 7 | 8 |
| K-1st | 4 | 7 |
| 2nd-3rd | 6 | 6 |
| 4th-5th | 9 | 8 |
| Jr/Sr High | 21 | 12 |
| Disciples | 7 | 11 |
| New Beginnings | 7 | 7 |
| Sermon Study | 6 | 0 |
| Misc Adult Grps | <u>19</u> | <u>19</u> |
| Total | 86 | 78 |