

# The Pittsfield Christian



First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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## Coming Events

- 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
- 4/1 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 4/2 8:30 am Bible Study  
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 4/3 6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 4/4 2:00 pm Circle V Meeting
- 4/5 7:00 am Yard Sale  
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 4/6 7:00 am Men's Breakfast & Study  
8:00 am Yard Sale
- 4/7 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Baptism Class  
9:15 am Sunday School  
5:00, 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 4/8 1:00 pm Interagency Meeting  
6:00 pm Volleyball League  
6:30 pm Circle I Meeting  
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 4/9 8:30 am Bible Study  
6:00 pm Church Board Meeting
- 4/10 8:30 am Unmet Needs Meeting  
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 4/11 9:30 am Circle IV Meeting
- 4/13 Dining Room Rental
- 4/14 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Baptism Class  
9:15 am Sunday School  
5:00, 6:00 pm Youth Group

Junior high youth group will meet Sunday, **March 31**. High School youth group will resume in April.

## CWF News

Thurs, **April 4**, 2:00, Circle V Meeting.  
Mon, **April 8**, 6:30, Circle I Meeting.  
Thurs, **April 11**, 9:30, Circle IV Meeting.

The last **Choir Practice** will be Wed, **April 24**, 6:30.

The **Thursday noon Bible Study** will resume on **April 25**.

The **Church Yard Sale** will be Friday, **April 5**, from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, **April 6**, from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Donations 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.



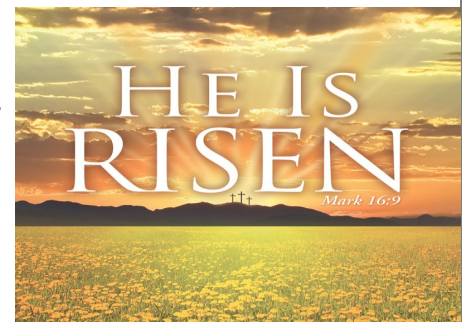
## Holy Week

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

**April 18**, Maundy Thursday  
3 Progressive Prayer locations in town starting at 6:00 pm. Please sign up at the coffee table if you plan to participate in the Progressive Prayer portion so we can call you with your starting location.  
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 at 6:30 am.  
Breakfast at 7:30.  
Sunday School 8:45.  
Worship Service in sanctuary at 10:00.



Are you considering baptism? Pastor Michael will lead **Baptism Classes** on Sunday, **March 31, April 7 & 14**. Meet in the sanctuary. Contact Pastor Michael if interested.

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

The **Church Board** will meet Tues, **April 9**, 6:00. Packets will be ready April 7.

**Prayer Concerns:** Mary Lou Chamberlain, Dora Lee Claus, Vivian Cloninger, Judy Ferguson, Edith Gant, Ron Halsey, Betty Hayden, Stacey Helms, Darren Kindle, Brenda Kramer, Isabel Willard  
Heather Arnold (Friend of Sonya Bishop)  
Janet Lewis (Edna Baughman's sister)  
Jackie Moore (Carol Schwartze's sister-in-law)  
Sharon Ramazzini Colonius (Bill Jenkins' cousin)  
Diane Santoro (Edna Baughman's sister)

*We express our sympathy to Mary Wombles and family with the passing of her mother, Emily Boehm, from Carlinville.*

Due to the return of nice weather, March 28 will be the last day for walking hours at Crossroads.

The **Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** will be at Crossroads Center on Sunday, **April 28**, from 11:30-1:30.

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](http://intentionalchurchconference.com). Let us know if you plan to attend so we can organize a car pool.

### Children First News

**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](mailto:childrenfirst@fccpittsfield.org).

**April Birthdays & Anniversaries** **1** Nic Daniel; **3** Julie Plattner, Henry & Amy Speckhart, Karlie Patterson, Shelby Patterson; **4** Buster & Wanda Mendenhall; **5** Charlene Anderson, Kadin Hittner; **8** Howard & Vera Staffy, David Freesmeyer, Juliana Lacey, Gabby Patterson; **9** Joyce Lemons, Austin Long; **10** Gaylord Rhodes, Brian Ruebush, Alicia Tate; **11** Evan Hart, Molly Dain, Rick & Mary Wombles; **13** Josie Pennock; **14** Jamie & Gabby Patterson, Jack Schoenherr, Don & Mary Lou Chamberlain; **16** Grady Schoenherr; **18** Jane Currie; **20** Sandy Herring, N.D. & Joyce Harrison; **21** Wanda Mendenhall; **22** Kadence Haskins; **23** Pat Apps, Charlotte Dunham; **25** Colby Tate; **26** Donnie Apps, Marjorie Gamble, Jo Rhodes, Kevin Tharp; **30** Mary Harshman.

To the Wonderful Crossroads Volunteers, FCC would not be the very active community partner it is without the numerous people in our congregation who help with the dinners. Cooks always prep for hours the day before an event and again the afternoon of the event. Our faithful ladies who set the tables always do a great job of making them nice and neat! Servers are there to do their important part for our guests and the clean-up crew is always a welcome sight too!! The great thing -- we have fun and build relationships at the same time. You are definitely worker bees who are a vital part of helping to provide the many ministries and services that FCC undertakes. We pray that this positive Christian outreach can carry on with your continual willingness to volunteer. THANK You, Thank YOU!!! And PS.....We can always use more help and will greet you with open arms! Watch the announcements for any dates that would work into your schedule to help and call Kay Sealock (285-4991 or 217-779-6127) who will be happy to sign you on!!

**HELPING  
HANDS**



Are you one of Illinois' estimated 720,000 hearing impaired persons? Hearing loss is probably the single most chronic disability in the United States, affecting nearly four times as many as blindness. Hearing loss takes many forms and often strikes people who may not even be aware they are losing their hearing. In some, the problem is simply that they feel like the sound has been turned down. But others may have trouble in understanding various pitches or sounds. The causes, too, vary a lot, and there are many medical and mechanical treatments to help people with hearing loss. One of the top priorities of Lions Clubs is the preservation of hearing and eyesight. **To help protect the hearing in our community, the Pittsfield Lions Club is sponsoring a FREE hearing screening on Saturday, April 6th from 8am - 2pm in the parking lot north of the Crossroads Center in Pittsfield.** Anyone 18 and older and 10-17 accompanied by an adult can have the FREE hearing screening. Since protection of our hearing is so important, the Pittsfield Lions Club hopes that the people of our community will take full advantage of the hearing screenings, which only take a few minutes. The Mobile Hearing Screening activity is conducted through the cooperation of the Lions of Illinois Foundation and is funded primarily from Candy Day, held in October. An eyeglass collection box will also be available for anyone wanting to drop off old and unused eyeglasses, hearing aids, cell phones or aluminum tabs.

## Excerpts from March 12, 2019 Church Board Meeting

**Call to Order** at 6:00 pm by Moderator Gary Mendenhall. Opening Prayer and Devotion given by Brad Willman. **Minutes from Last Meeting** were approved by general consensus.

**Minister's Report:** Highlights include: Junior high youth group trip to Believe in Springfield was well attended. Has started 2 pre-marital counseling sessions. Will do some speaking at April DHF Conference. Assisting with sanctuary remodel. Holy Week schedule is finalized.

**Treasurer:** Michelle Hart reported as of February 28: Checking/Savings = \$495,380.33. Unrestricted Operating Checking = \$100,000.00. Budgeted Receipts = \$75,259.91 (\$693.49 less than budgeted). Budgeted Disbursements = \$51,369.75 (\$26,687.37 less than budgeted). Average Attendance YTD = 276 which is down due to weekend winter weather. Excess unrestricted operating checking moved towards church construction/renovation during February = \$12,046.57. Net Nonbudgeted Activity = \$6,874.06. New Crossroads water softener was paid in March \$2,421.75. Withus distribution was received in March \$4,682.26. Black Construction has not submitted a bill yet. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Bob Clark, seconded by Roger Brokaw, all approved.

**Trustees:** Tim reported the Trustees agreed to cash in two CD's invested with Integrity Investments and reinvest at Great Rivers Bank at a higher interest rate of 3.04%, 18 months.

**Crossroads:** Helen reported spring calendar is busy. Keep the health of our cooks in your prayers. Illini Community Hospital will write the contract agreement, in collaboration with FCC, for use of the Crossroads kitchen for approximately 6 weeks this summer.

**Children's First:** Helen reported Children First might need to use 2019 church budgeted funds for the first time next week. The fundraiser will be in May.

**Balsman Property:** Bobby Smith said recent meeting with Attorney Ron Hoskin and Doug Harter indicated the closing for the Balsman property transactions might be next week.

**Task Force/Overflow Remodel:** Michael reported quote for new pew cushions was approximately \$15,000 so we will continue to use what we have. Richard Decker will help install new sanctuary & overflow room carpet. Researching LED lights that will be brighter and use less energy. Our many volunteer hours has been a tremendous help. Decorating committee recommended Cayman Bay (blue) which will compliment stained glass windows at estimated cost of \$10,150. Bobby Smith made a motion to approve the said carpet, Tim Belford seconded, all approved.

### **New Business:**

Executive Committee agreed to let US Cellular research the potential to build a cell tower on the Crossroads parking lot, far north end. We are waiting their further correspondence.

The Executive Committee agreed to renew the annual Chamber of Commerce membership.

Our bus drivers have expressed concern about the vehicle's electrical issues. The bus has been a blessing, but we have nearly outgrown it. We would consider trading for a bigger bus if one is found.

Bobby made a motion to adjourn, Bob Clark seconded, all approved. Meeting adjourned @ 6:30 pm. Next Meeting set for Tuesday, April 9, 2019 @ 6:00pm.

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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

<b>Stewardship (Offering Only)</b>	<b>3/17</b>	<b>3/24</b>
Operational	\$9,186.32	\$10,501.81
Property Improvement	3.00	3.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	70.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	128.00	28.00
Church Constr/Renova	134.37	75.00
Snack Pack	100.00	0.00
Unmet Needs	103.00	3.00
CMF	25.00	0.00
Children First	<u>365.00</u>	<u>240.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,139.69</b>	<b>\$10,945.81</b>

**Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)**  
 Received Last 7 Days \$11,296.56 \$10,453.28  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

**Lectionary**  
 3/31: Joshua 5:9-12; Ps 32; 2 Cor 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32  
 4/1: Ps 53; Lev 23:26-41; Rev 19:1-8  
 4/2: Ps 53; Lev 25:1-19; Rev 19:9-10  
 4/3: Ps 53; 2 Kings 4:1-7; Luke 9:10-17  
 4/4: Ps 126; Isa 43:1-7; Phil 2:19-24  
 4/5: Ps 126; Isa 43:8-15; Phil 2:25-3:1  
 4/6: Ps 126; Exodus 12:21-27; John 11:45-57  
 4/7: Isa 43:16-21; Ps 126; Phil 3:4-14; John 12:1-8  
 4/8: Ps 20; Exodus 40:1-15; Hebrews 10:19-25  
 4/9: Ps 20; Judges 9:7-15; 1 John 2:18-28  
 4/10: Ps 20; Habakkuk 3:2-15; Luke 18:31-34  
 4/11: Ps 31:9-16; Isa 53:10-12; Hebrews 2:1-9  
 4/12: Ps 31:9-16; Isa 54:9-10; Hebrews 2:10-18  
 4/13: Ps 31:9-16; Levi 23:1-8; Luke 22:1-13

**Serving Schedule**

**March 31, 2019**

**Elder:** N.D. Harrison, Zack Boren  
**Diaconate:** Billy Fitzmaurice, Becky Fitzmaurice, Stan Moss, Jill Moss, Kacie Lipcaman, Scott Bacon  
**8:00 Communion:** Steve & Vickie Tharp  
**10:30 Communion:** Kathy Curfman, Edith Gant  
**Scripture:** Donnie Apps  
**10:30 Nursery:** Jordyn Apps  
**Children's Church:** 8:00 Bethany, 10:30 Korey & Lisa  
**Shut-ins:** Hamer & Jenny Tate

**April 7, 2019**

**Elder:** Kathy Hull, Bob Clark  
**Diaconate:** Kevin Tharp, Steve Tharp, Vickie Tharp, Angie Ruebush, Brian Ruebush, Bethany Dunham  
**8:00 Communion:** Carolyn Casteel, Kathy Willman  
**10:30 Communion:** Roger & Charlotte Dunham  
**Scripture:** Carolyn Barber  
**10:30 Nursery:** Shelby Bauer  
**Children's Church:** 8:00 Michelle, 10:30 Matt  
**Shut-ins:** Larry & Sandy Wigington  
**Fellowship Treats:** Chris Smith, Dorothy Yaeger, Bev White, Leanna Schlabowske

**Wishes & Wants**  
 None at this time.

	<b>3/17</b>	<b>3/24</b>
<b>Worship Attendance</b>		
8:00 AM	98	110
10:30 AM	<u>177</u>	<u>170</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>280</b>
<b>Christian Education</b>		
Age 3-PK	8	8
K-1st	8	8
2nd-3rd	7	6
4th-5th	13	10
Jr/Sr High	16	20
Disciples	9	12
New Beginnings	6	5
Sermon Study	5	6
Misc Adult Grps	<u>21</u>	<u>19</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>94</b>