

The Pittsfield Christian

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Coming Events

- 4/28 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
11:30 am MVCSC Spaghetti Dinner
5:00, 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 4/29 6:00 pm Volleyball League
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 4/30 8:30 am Bible Study
- 5/2 Noon Bible Study
2:00 pm Circle V Meeting
- 5/3 11:00 am CEO Event
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 5/4 8:00 am MVCSC Cleaning
- 5/5 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
2:00 pm Piano Recital
5:00, 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 5/6 1:00 pm Interagency Meeting
6:00 pm Volleyball League
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 5/7 8:30 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 5/8 8:30 am Unmet Needs
6:00 pm PHS Honors Banquet
- 5/9 9:30 am Circle IV Meeting
Noon Bible Study
- 5/11 10:00 am Crossover Hoops

We had so much to celebrate on Resurrection Day including 4 baptisms! Peyton Apps, Cadience Mendenhall - Roig, Josie Pennock and Justin Pennock declared their faith in Jesus Christ, were baptized and became the newest members of FCC. We are blessed to have these wonderful youth in our church family!



Graduation Sunday will be May 19. Please let us know by May 13 if you will have an 8th Grade, High School or College graduate in your family. We will recognize them at the May 19 worship services.



Sign-up sheets are at the Fellowship Table area for those who can volunteer to help with the **PHS Honors Banquet** to be on Wed, **May 8**. Prep will be on Tuesday. Times and help details are listed.

Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp News

The **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** will be at Crossroads Center on Sunday, **April 28**, from 11:30-1:30. Adults \$8, age 3-12 \$4, age 2 and under free.



Camp cleaning days will be Sat, May 4 & 18, starting at 8:00. All help is greatly appreciated!

Family Fun Day will be May 19. The first youth camp - high school - will start June 2. **Forms are on the sanctuary mantels and camp website.**



Thank you Sonya Bishop for lending your green thumb and planting the flowers around the church building!

Church League Softball will begin in May. Contact Matt Sealock if you would like to play on team FCC.



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

Congratulations David and Robyn Jacobs with the birth of their daughter, Hazel Genevieve born Monday morning, April 22. She has been welcomed by her brothers Teddy, Hunter and Dylan.

Prayer Concerns: Dora Lee Claus, Vivian Cloninger, Landon Davenport, Edith Gant, Joan Halsey, Ron Halsey, Betty Hayden, Stacey Helms, Courtney Wade, Mary Wintjen, Bertha DeJaynes (Loyd DeJaynes' mother) Jennie Johnson (Rokettia & Kathy's mother) Sharon Ramazzini Colonius (Bill Jenkins' cousin) Peter Roccaforte (Chuck Barber's nephew)

I want to thank everyone for the prayers and kind thoughts when I had my neck procedure. I am improving more and more everyday. I greatly appreciate you thinking of me. -Larry Howard.

8:00 A.M. Children's Church is looking for someone who has a calling for kids! This is on a monthly rotational basis. Our focus is Orange and building relationships with kids! If you feel like this is an area that you would love to be a part of, please reach out to Kacie 217.242.7271.

Attention parents: Please try to make every effort to pick up our children at the conclusion of Sunday School each week at 10:15. Our teachers and helpers have other responsibilities they need to tend to before the next service. Your attention to this is appreciated!

Bible School News

It's that time of year again! VBS! (POWER UP!)
Mon-Fri, **July 15-19.**

Registration and family fun time will be Sunday, **July 14.**

If you are looking to help in some way, we have a list of items we'll need to start out with! Thank you so much for your help in making VBS so awesome for our kids!

4-55 gallon trash barrels (that we can spray paint)
Green (All shades) Black square paper plates)
2 rolls of Plastic Black Tarp (We will be painting)
White Balloons-5 packs
3 Rolls of White/Cardboard color Paper
5 packs of balloons (multi-color)
Sturdy Square boxes (not broken down)
Tall Pieces (3ft-5ft) of Sturdy Cardboard
Colored square Plastic table clothes-ALL colors
LOTS of water balloons
5 packs of Construction paper
colorful Flag Banner
Green Spray Paint (5 cans)
Red Spray Paint (5 cans)
Yellow Spray Paint (5 cans)
3 Old Tires

Please contact Kacie at klipcman6@gmail.com or 217-242-7271. I can let you know if the items have already been picked up! Thank you!

Children First News Fundraiser and Graduation will be Sunday, **May 19**, at Crossroads. The breakfast brunch will be served from 10:30 until 12:45. Cost \$9 adults, \$6 children 10 and under. Preschool Graduation will be in the gym at 1:00. Silent Auction items will be available to bid on beginning May 5 and will end ten minutes after the graduation program. Ways you can help with the day include attending the brunch, donating items to or bidding on the silent auction, or be a table sponsor and be listed as one of our donors. There is no set dollar amount to become a table sponsor.

A Summer Program is available 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.

Prepaid gift cards are available through the office. They make great gifts for a birthday, anniversary, Mother's Day, Father's Day, vacation, etc. A list of vendors is on the sanctuary mantels and at the office.

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: 1 Angie Hittner, David James, Jeremy Schoenherr; 2 Jeff Cox; 3 Shirley Loyd, Sharron Houchins; 4 Buster Mendenhall; 5 Morgan Plattner, Cadience Mendenhall-Roig; 6 Beryl Richards, Angie Ruebush; 7 Isaac Hayes, Will Freesen; 8 Kathy Kindle; 9 Dora Lee Claus, Paul & Patty Ruble, Brenda Kramer; 10 Julie Lierly; 11 Vera Staffy, Katie Hull, Jack Palmer; 12 Corinne Pennock, John Plattner; 13 Randy & Marjie Guthrie; 15 Ashli Freesmeyer; 16 Brad Losch, Luke Saxe, Maxwell Bonnett, Wayne & Edna Baughman; 18 Abby Lipcaman, Lainey Ten Eyck; 21 Ralph Piper; 22 Zachary Boren, Benjamin Boren; 23 Mackenzie Lipcaman, Wesley Picone; 24 Jamie & Brandi Pennock, Braxton & Laura Boren, Lia Picone; 25 Phil Shaw, Brian Daniel, Jonathan & Jennifer Schoenherr; 26 Skyler Schoenherr; 27 Delbert Robertson; 28 Rick Curfman, Randy Guthrie; 29 Isabel Smith, Olivia Smith; 30 Seth Daniel; 31 Henry Speckhart.

Wow, is winter finally over?! Seems like it hung on f-o-r-e-v-e-r.... I usually don't complain about the weather too much but this year I have... to anyone that would listen. AND yes, to God as well. As usual, complaining didn't do any good; but it did feel nice to know that I can make my feelings known to the Creator and know that not only does He hear me, but He very patiently listens to me, ignores my spoiled brat attitude, and gently reminds me of all He has blessed me with. And then I think He has a good laugh while He watches me go slogging off through the mud again!

Along with the weather, the past year seems to have been a bit chaotic around the world. Maybe I watch too much cable news, but it seems like all of creation has gone crazy sometimes. We are a bit insulated here in Pike county I think, but its obvious to me that there is a lot of turmoil, disaster and drama in this old world. It's enough to give anybody at least a little anxiety and worry about what's to come in life. Fortunately, the other thing the Father reminds me of is that HE IS IN CONTROL!!!

Isaiah 41:10

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Luke 12:22-26

"Do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?"

Revelation 1:17

"Then He placed His right hand on me and said: Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last."

Luke 12:6-7

"What's the price of two or three pet canaries? Some loose change, right? But God never overlooks a single one. And he pays even greater attention to you, down to the last detail—even numbering the hairs on your head! So don't be intimidated by all this bully talk. You're worth more than a million canaries."

No matter what goes on in this crazy world, no matter what challenges we face or what hardships may come along, we can rest in the knowledge that our heavenly Father, the All Mighty Creator of the universe, is on His throne and orchestrating His perfect plan for us. He never sleeps, never takes a break, never misses anything that goes on in our lives, and is in perfect control of all of it! He told us we would have trouble in this world, but He also promised He would never forsake us. So rest easy when this world gets a little scary, and always keep your rubber boots well within reach!

Matt Saxe
Elder

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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)	4/14	4/21
Operational	\$6,801.56	\$9,880.81
Property Improvement	12.00	116.00
Outreach-Missionaries	110.00	140.00
DHF	25.00	50.00
Outreach-General	3.00	56.00
Church Constr/Renova	0.00	50.00
Unmet Needs	3.00	0.00
Children First	<u>50.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>
Total	\$7,004.56	\$10,542.81

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$6,781.39 \$10,068.99
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

Lectionary

4/28: Acts 5:27-32; Ps 118:14-29; Rev 1:4-8; John 20:19-31
 4/29 : Ps 122; Esther 7:1-10; Rev 1:9-20
 4/30: Ps 122; Esther 8:1-17; Rev 2:8-11
 5/1: Ps 122; Esther 9:1-23; Luke 12:4-12
 5/2: Ps 30; Isaiah 5:11-17; Rev 3:14-22
 5/3: Ps 30; Isaiah 6:1-4; Rev 4:1-11
 5/4: Ps 30; Gen 18:1-8; Luke 14:12-14
 5/5: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 30; Rev 5:11-14; John 21:1-19
 5/6: Ps 121; Ezekiel 1:1-25; Acts 9:19-31
 5/7: Ps 121; Ezekiel 1:26-2:1; Acts 26:1-18
 5/8: Ps 121; Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 5:1-11
 5/9: Ps 23; Ezekiel 11:1-25; Rev 5:1-10
 5/10: Ps 23; Ezekiel 20:39-44; Rev 6:1-7:4
 5/11: Ps 23; Ezekiel 28:25-26; Luke 12:29-32

Serving Schedule**April 28, 2019**

Elder: Judy Ferguson, Helen Earls
Diaconate: Ann Ferguson, Tammi Koltveit, Charlie Hull, Jessica Hull, Billy Fitzmaurice, Becky Fitzmaurice
8:00 Communion: Dan & Sue Speckhart
10:30 Communion: Jamie & Sarah Sweeting
Scripture: Teresa Bauer
10:30 Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck
Children's Church: 8:00 Michelle 10:30 Matt
Shut-ins: Greg & Kim Bonnett

May 5, 2019

Elder: Matt Saxe, Judy Ferguson
Diaconate: Stan Moss, Jill Moss, Kevin Tharp, Steve Tharp, Vickie Tharp, Scott Bacon
8:00 Communion: Hamer & Jenny Tate
10:30 Communion: Ruth Bennett, Kay Sealock
Scripture: Wayne Baughman
10:30 Nursery: Jordyn Apps
Children's Church: 8:00 Bethany 10:30 Korey & Lisa
Shut-ins: Brad & Kathy Willman
Fellowship Treats: Betty Hoover, Carolyn Capps, Bethany Dunham, Kayla Boren

Wishes & Wants

Wanted: Music stand.
 Edna Baughman 285.2948.

	4/14	4/21
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	106	214
10:30 AM	<u>206</u>	<u>359</u>
Total	312	573

Christian Education

Age 3-PK	7	6
K-1st	7	4
2nd-3rd	4	4
4th-5th	12	9
Jr/Sr High	17	18
Disciples	10	13
New Beginnings	7	8
Sermon Study	0	7
Misc Adult Grps	<u>22</u>	<u>17</u>
Total	86	86