

# The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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## Coming Events

- 5/26 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
5:00, 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 5/27 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 5/28 8:30 am Bible Study  
6:00 pm Elder Meeting  
6:30 pm Piano Recital
- 5/30 Noon Bible Study
- 6/1 Dining Room Wedding Reception
- 6/2 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
Noon SS Teachers & Volunteers Mtg  
Noon Fellowship Hall Rental  
4:00 pm Hangout 45  
5:00, 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 6/3 1:00 pm Interagency Meeting  
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 6/4 8:30 am Bible Study  
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 6/5 6:30 pm Cross Over Hoops
- 6/6 2:00 pm Circle V Meeting  
5:30 pm Hobby Horse Parent Meeting
- 6/7 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting

Do you enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking, fishing, camping, or even just going to the park for a picnic? **FCC Outdoors is a new fellowship group for all ages (0 to 99!),** with a mission to reach, teach, and empower through family-centered, outdoor activities that encourage Christian fellowship and connection with God's creation. **FCC Outdoors will have a "kickoff" family-fun event at Pittsfield Lake on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.** Join us on the south side of the lake just across the dam and to the left. We will have badminton, bag toss, and other fun games - feel free to bring a fun outdoor game of your own, lawn chairs, and/or a snack to share. Also, join us on Facebook to keep updated on upcoming events and other information. Contact Jeremy Schoenherr, Ed Picone, or Billy Fitzmaurice with questions.



The Elders will meet Tues, **May 28**, 6:00.

**Sunday School teacher / small group leaders / volunteer** meeting right after church on Sunday, **June 2**, at Crossroads. Pizza will be provided. Agenda includes scheduling for the summer. Contact Kacie for more info.

**Youth camps at Mississippi Valley begin June 2. Forms are on the sanctuary mantels and camp website. CMF will pay half the cost for youth in our church family.**

As I began to plan for the Children First fundraiser, my hope was to have just as good of a turn out as the previous year. It was such a blessing to see the outpouring of support to our day of events. As I finished the last of my "to do" list before I left the Crossroads, I was in awe of the day and stood back and reflected with the many blessings we received. To the Children First board, who has always been creative with ways to improve and support the mission of the center. To the hours that it took in the kitchen to plan, prep, cook and clean up. To the donation of food items that our families provided for the meal. To all of the table sponsors who showed their support for Children First. Everyone who donated to the silent auction and those who helped collect those items. To all those who placed bids and those who won the item, what a blessing. To the many miles Helen ran to make sure that everything was in place and that the coffee pots stayed full. Pastor Michael, who is always willing to help and give a little speech during our graduation. Rebecca, for helping with phone calls and getting things where they needed to be. To the teachers of Children First who helped throughout the day in a variety of ways. To the children we serve, we are so blessed to be able to be a part of this stage of your life. To all of our families who trust us every day to care, love and teach about the works of our Lord to your young ones. Needless to say I could not have done this without all of you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. This has been the best fundraiser that Children First has ever done and that was not possible without all of you.

With A Heart Full of Blessings,  
Jennifer Noble



**Prayer Concerns:** Dora Lee Claus, Ron Halsey, Danielle Hayes, Stacey Helms, Carol Schwartz, Kim Speckhart, Leonard Wade, Jamie Wintjen, David Allen (friend of Rick & Mary Wombles)  
Peter Roccaforte (Chuck Barber's nephew)

*We express our sympathy to the family and friends of the following who recently passed: Calvin "Andy" Anderson, Don Martin, Kay DeHart .*

Due to volunteer scheduling, there will be no **8:00 Children's Church** during the summer months; however, we will continue with 10:30 Children's Church.

Thank you to all the ladies who helped with food set up, serving, and clean up for the Don Martin funeral luncheon. Bless you all! -CWF Bereavement Committee.

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

Congratulations Kirk and Jessica Speckhart on their May 4 wedding! Also, we appreciate you thinking of us and donating your tablecloths for Crossroads Center usage.

*Dear Church Family @ FCC,  
Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity to Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp. Your support is a great encouragement to us. Your donation was a significant help to this ministry, and is very appreciated. Because of you, and others like you, MVCSC can keep our camp rates low and bring as many kids to camp as possible! This means the youth and children of our area can enjoy a Christ centered, fun, positive, life-affirming and leadership building week at MVCSC. -Jim Dain*

*First Christian Church,  
We wish to express our appreciation for your generosity in support of the Pikeland Snack Pack program. Your contribution was incredibly helpful and has allowed us to continue assisting students in the Pikeland community. Thank you from all of us. -The Pikeland Snack Pack Board*

*I would like to thank Ronnie and Paula Goewey for taking me in for 2 weeks and Dawson for giving me his room. Elbie and Mary Buchanan and Dora Couch also took care of me. Thanks for the cards, flowers, phone calls, visits and prayers from friends here at the church. It has been a real blessing and appreciated. -Edith Gant*

Congratulations to Jason and Megan Buss on the birth of their daughter. Peyton Ann was born May 9 weighing 8 lbs, 9 oz. Great grandparents are Buster and Wanda Mendenhall. Congratulations to all!

### **Bible School News**

VBS - POWER UP! - will be 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 [klipcaman6@gmail.com](mailto:klipcaman6@gmail.com) or 217-242-7271. I can let you know if the items have already been picked up! Thank you!

On Wednesday, **May 29**, between 5:00-9:00, 20% of Pizza Hut proceeds will benefit Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp. Dine-in, Carry-out, or Delivery. Be sure to mention your purchase is for MVCSC.

## Board Meeting Excerpts May 14, 2019

Call to Order at 6:00 pm by Moderator Gary Mendenhall. In the absence of Elder Zack Boren, Helen Earls gave the opening devotion reading an excerpt from the book "When Relationships Matter." Minutes from last meeting approved by consensus.

**Minister's Report:** Highlights include: Sanctuary remodel was finished by Easter. Thank you to all volunteers who helped make that possible and kept the Black Construction labor expense lower than expected. A ramp will soon be installed leading to the coffee table room. Had several hospital visits, baptism class, and Georgia Soloway funeral. Thanked youth and leaders for Sunrise service. Easter attendance was 573. In May, plans are to finish small sanctuary remodel details and discuss future of current education building.

**Treasurer:** Michelle Hart reported as of April 30:

Checking/Savings = \$513,198.89

Unrestricted Operating Checking = \$100,000.00

Budgeted Receipts = \$159,085.27 (\$2,315.48 below budget)

Budgeted Disbursements = \$105,683.74 (\$58,503.35 below budget)

Average Attendance YTD = 280

Excess Unrestricted Operating Checking moved towards church constr/renovate during April = \$11,623.15 plus \$1,600 offering designated towards church con/renovate

Net Nonbudgeted Activity = \$19,201.02

Church Remodeling 2019 Disbursements as of April 30 = \$23,143.17

Black Construction was paid \$48,593.03 on May 8

Motion to accept Treasurers Report was made by Roger Brokaw, seconded by Kathy Hull. Motion Carried.

**Christian Education:** Helen Earls attended 2019 Orange Conference along with Kacie Lipcaman, Ashli Freesmeyer, Ashley Ferguson, Danielle Hayes, and Michelle Hart who each submitted a report.

**Children First:** Still have not needed any budgeted funds from the church.

**Balsman Property:** Finalizing contract.

**Task Force:** The committee and church board will visit Macomb church building project May 23 and start education building ideas.

### Old Business:

The U.S. Cellular engineer is leaning towards City owned property, but we have not been eliminated.

### New Business:

Gary appointed Bobby Smith and Rebecca Rhodes to research the proposed Ameren subsidized lighting project for the church and Crossroads. Specifically see how long it would take to recoup our expense to do Crossroads and do the church without including the education wing.

Michael highlighted a security system bid from a Jacksonville company that would include recorders, hard drives and cameras. Items would be installed at all buildings, park and playground. Cost should be less than \$4,000. The Trustees will be asked if they have funds available. Kathy Hull approved purchasing the security system. N.D. Harrison seconded. All approved.

Gary has appointed a committee of our bus drivers (Charlie Gates, Hamer Tate, Larry Wigington) and Elder Brad Willman to research more possible buses to trade for.

The Executive Committee has agreed to hire Rodney Gordley for summer internship to assist with Children's Church, youth group, VBS, music, etc. He will live in the parsonage and the church will pay the City and Ameren bills. Rodney's schedule will be flexible so he can work another part time job if desired. Salary will be \$2,250. N.D. Harrison made the motion to approve the said internship agreement. Matt Saxe seconded. All approved.

Judy Ferguson made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Ruth Bennett. Motion Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm. Next meeting set for Tuesday, June 11, 2019 @ 6:00 pm.

"How can we say thanks for the things you have done for us" is what our church family and the whole community are saying to our faithful, energetic, talented garage sale team. These ladies have given countless hours twice a year, Christmas Bazaar time and spring time garage sale for 15 plus years. They encouraged us to clean out, empty out, tidy up, spruce up our closets, basements kitchen cupboards, garages, etc, and there was no "overhead". The proceeds all went back into the church programs, Unmet Needs, Children First, Two Rivers Food Pantry, Crossroads Center, etc.

These ladies are Ruth Anne Goodin, Linda Decker, Cheryl Birch, Ruth Bennett, Edna Baughman, and Charlene Gleckler plus many, many other ladies who have helped throughout the years. Thank you also to all the gentlemen who have carried tables, boxes, loaded trucks and been a great support.

We realize there would have been no garage sales without the generous donations from all of our church family. Thank you all so much.

So for now, please stay tuned in to see what the future holds for all of our "treasures and gently used items".

Lovingly,  
Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)

**June Birthdays & Anniversaries** 1 Brad & McKenzie Tomhave, Becky Daniel, Marjie Guthrie; 2 Rome Bacon; 3 Gina Bryant, Carlos Quirarte & Anna Speckhart; 4 John Calaway, Jenny Palmer; 5 Michael Ten Eyck, Silas Smith, Calvin & Charlene Anderson; 6 Charles & Mary Gates, Tom Robinson, Jim & Judy Kallal, Eric & Jill Kunzeman; 7 Delbert & Jeannine Robertson, Michael & Jessica Smith, Scott & Jaunae Bacon; 8 Jeff & Amy Cox; 9 Matt & Faith Saxe, Bob & Sue Evans; 10 Richard & Linda Decker, Chad & Ashley Ferguson; 11 Clinton Hayden, David & Marie Awbrey, Eric Kunzeman; 12 Joyce Harrison; 13 Jacque Walston, Ainsley Havens; 14 Tim & Linda Belford, Edith Gant, Knox Dunham, Jim & Brittany Dain, Reagyn Apps; 15 Robert & Cara McNulty, Judy Dunham, David & Tammi Koltveit, Anita Kuntz, Ron & Chris Phipps; 16 Luke Hart, Don & Sharron Houchins; 17 David & Donna James, Donna James; 18 Brandon Belford, Rick & Kathy Curfman, Kim Speckhart, Roger Dunham, Addison Korte; 19 Evelyn Black, Dan & Sue Speckhart, Rodney Gordley; 20 Libby Boren, Frank & Elaine Hoaglin, Jamie & Sarah Sweeting; 21 Rosemary Clark, Julie Myers, John & Cindi Schoenherr, Isaac Ferguson, Brad & Kathy Willman; 22 Lexie Lipcaman; 23 Hayley Cox, Matt & Brianne Sealock, Billy & Becky Fitzmaurice; 24 Randy Zimmerman, Stone Wintjen, Richard & Sara Hobbs; 25 Molly Shaw, Terry & Sandy Reel; 26 Chris Smith; 27 Greg Bonnett, Mary Wintjen, Paul Borrowman, David Grimsley, Kendra Sydney; 28 Dave & Gina Bryant, Mike & Tammy Herren; 29 Jeffrey Schoenherr, Glen & Carol Cooley; 30 Amber Apps

### **Orange Conference Report—Ashley Ferguson**

I am so grateful to have been given the opportunity to attend Orange Conference 2019. For the last few years, I've listened to the reports of others who have attended but I really didn't understand how powerful this conference would be until I experienced it for myself. As Kacie counted down the days until the conference and encouraged us that this would be life changing, I still thought it would be similar to the other leadership conferences I've attended in my career. While most of those conferences were good, they weren't even close to Orange! "It's Personal" was the theme this year and it was indeed very personal for me. Worshipping with 8,000 fellow Christians and learning from some of the nation's best motivational speakers and ministry leaders was inspiring, thought provoking and energizing. The opportunity to rest in Jesus and reconnect spiritually was refreshing and long overdue. For 3 days, I allowed myself to disconnect from the hundreds of work emails I receive daily, the hours of meetings I attend and the management expectations of my job. I reflected on the priorities in my life and quickly realized I need to make some changes. You see, when Chad and I joined FCC 10 years ago, I quickly became involved in serving in the church and over time I helped in many different areas. My accounting background and work experience seemed like a good fit for some of the business needs at the church. I was eager to help with things like treasurer responsibilities, stewardship committee and teaching Dave Ramsey classes because those were comfortable tasks that I had proven success in. I didn't speak up about my passion to work with kids or identify my strengths of teambuilding, mentoring and relationships. I was less confident in teaching or mentoring at church because I didn't feel educated enough and worried that I'd say the wrong things. I stayed quiet and introverted when in reality, the people who know me well know that I'm loud and extroverted....maybe not as much as Kacie, but definitely more than was seen at church. I grew up in a church where I often felt condemned, so I learned to be more invisible at church because I don't like to disappoint people and I worry too much about what others think. But, I didn't think about how I was disappointing God and about how His opinion is the only one that truly matters.

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I've led and managed a lot of people in my career and have been successful in influencing others and helping them grow professionally but I ignored the whispers to lead in other ways. More specifically, I ignored using those strengths to help people grow in the most important way...spiritually. As I continued to ignore this calling, I started struggling with managing a growing career in the corporate world while also meeting my responsibilities in my personal life as a wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend. Like many of us become, I was overwhelmed and exhausted. I realized I needed to make some changes with my schedule. Many of the things I stepped away from at the time were the things that I should have been running toward. I stopped attending church activities regularly, I wasn't volunteering or serving anymore, and I grew more distant in my relationship with Jesus. I was a part timer. My happiness, health and attitude suffered, but God didn't give up on me! He started putting people or opportunities in front of me and continued to bless me. I started to slowly feel connected again and my eyes and heart were opened to focus on the purpose of my life and relationship with Jesus. I'm grateful for this because now I know that ***I'm not enough by myself, but I am enough through Jesus because he is more than enough for me!***

During the conference we had the opportunity to attend 4 breakout sessions on various topics in addition to the main sessions each day. One of the breakouts I attended was "Unlock & Live My Truest Self" with Mike Foster. The breakout focused on identifying who we really are and maintaining self/soul care. We were reminded that we were all created in the image of God and we are all God's beloved, but we each have unique strengths and gifts. Once we identify those, we can begin living to our fullest potential. Instead of living in judgement and unworthiness, we should look for potential and possibility and then we will feel true love and belonging. I also attended the session "Bust Through Leadership & Strategy Roadblocks". Strategy is about knowing where you want to go and then building a path to get there. The strategy can be very simple but also challenging to build. If you don't understand the strategy, neither will the people you lead. What inspires you might not be the same for someone else. However, what matters to you as a leader will matter to those who follow you. This made me think about how excited we are to bring back what we learned and start putting the words into action but also how important having a good strategic plan in place will help us accomplish those goals.

The Orange Conference is needed for anyone who has a calling for youth ministry or needs a reminder about purpose. Witnessing the impact Kacie has made within the last year with our youth, especially our pre-teens, gives me confidence that we can continue to build our youth program and reach, teach and empower more kids! The church may be the only place that some kids feel loved, a sense of belonging and learn about Jesus. As a mother to one of Kacie's pre-teens I am regularly brought to tears when I see how much love, guidance & support she is providing to our kids and I'm excited for more of us to become engaged in our mission to be purpose partners to our youth. We invest so much time in our over-complicated, busy schedules of work, sports, activities and fun. Are we letting the busy-ness of our daily lives get in the way of our focus on eternity? I've certainly been guilty of it. I don't want to get to the gates of Heaven and hear Jesus say, "I never knew you" and I pray that you and our children will know Him too. Danielle Strickland was one of my favorite speakers at the conference. She said, "We are really good at judgement and religious processes, but we do not know the ways of Jesus well." We need to live more like Jesus and stop pointing toward but walking with. We must make it personal. Leadership becomes powerful when your ministry becomes personal. Helen, Kacie, Ashli, Danielle, Michelle and I committed to making it personal and hope and pray that you will too!

FCC Family, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for praying for us on this journey and for allowing us the opportunity to represent FCC at the Orange Conference. I will never forget this experience and am humbled that I was chosen to attend. To Helen – thank you for seeing our potential, for mentoring us, loving us and investing in us. To Kacie – thank you for making everything fun all the time, for being authentic and encouraging and for loving our kids unconditionally. To Ashli, Danielle and Michelle – thank you for answering your call to be involved, for committing to hold each other accountable and for your friendship throughout this journey.

In closing, Dr. Bernice King reminded us that the Bible says, "You are the light of the world" and "light doesn't belong with light; it belongs in darkness." It is our purpose to take light into the darkness and share the good news of our savior with everyone we meet! This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine! Will you join me?

With love,  
Ashley Ferguson

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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

<b>Stewardship (Offering Only)</b>	<b>5/12</b>	<b>5/19</b>
Operational	\$7,366.41	\$8,072.32
Property Improvement	73.00	13.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	270.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	53.00	203.00
Church Constr/Renova	1,130.00	50.00
Unmet Needs	50.00	400.00
Children First	<u>285.00</u>	<u>110.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,052.41</b>	<b>\$9,143.32</b>

**Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)**

Received Last 7 Days \$6,824.14 \$10,327.32  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

**Lectionary**

5/26: Acts 16:9-15; Ps 67; Rev 21:10-22:5; John 14:23-29  
 5/27: Ps 93; 1 Chronicles 12:16-22; Rev 21:5-14  
 5/28: Ps 93; 2 Chronicles 15:1-15; Rev 21:15-22  
 5/29: Ps 93; 2 Chronicles 34:20-33; Luke 2:25-38  
 5/30: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53  
 5/31: Ps 97; Exodus 33:12-17; Rev 22:6-9  
 6/1: Ps 97; Exodus 33:18-23; John 1:14-18  
 6/2: Acts 6:16-34; Ps 97; Rev 22:12-21; John 17:20-26  
 6/3: Ps 29; Exodus 40:16-38; Acts 16:35-40  
 6/4: Ps 29; 2 Chronicles 5:2-14; Acts 26:19-29  
 6/5: Ps 29; Ezekiel 3:12-21; Luke 9:18-27  
 6/6: Ps 104:24-34; Isaiah 32:11-17; Galatians 5:16-25  
 6/7: Ps 104:24-34; Isaiah 44:1-4; Galatians 6:7-10  
 6/8: Ps 104:24-34; 2 Kings 2:1-15; Luke 1:5-17

**Serving Schedule****May 26, 2019**

**Elder:** Roger Brokaw, Bob Clark  
**Diaconate:** Taylor Sweeting, Lainey Ten Eyck, Amy Casto, Scott Bacon, Ann Ferguson, Michelle Hart  
**8:00 Communion:** N.D. & Joyce Harrison  
**10:30 Communion:** Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain  
**Scripture:** Kathy Curfman  
**Children's Church:** 8:00 Bethany 10:30 Korey & Lisa  
**Shut-ins:** Roger & Rokettia Brokaw

**June 2, 2019**

**Elder:** Zack Boren, Ruth Bennett  
**Diaconate:** Billy Fitzmaurice, Becky Fitzmaurice, Keith Elledge, Carole Elledge  
**8:00 Communion:** Richard & Rebecca Rhodes  
**10:30 Communion:** Glen & Carol Cooley  
**Scripture:** Bryn Fine  
**10:30 Nursery:** Ellie Ten Eyck  
**Children's Church:** 10:30 Matt, Hannah, Jessica  
**Shut-ins:** Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain  
**Fellowship Treats:** Linda Belford, Deloras Martin, Cathy Lacey, Libby Boren

**Wishes & Wants**

**For Sale:** Toro Recycler push mower, 22", self propelled, 190cc. Rhodes 217.653.9089.

	<b>5/12</b>	<b>5/19</b>
<b>Worship Attendance</b>		
8:00 AM	114	112
10:30 AM	<u>198</u>	<u>152</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>264</b>
<b>Christian Education</b>		
Age 3-PK	9	7
K-1st	5	6
2nd-3rd	7	6
4th-5th	10	12
Jr/Sr High	13	14
Disciples	8	9
New Beginnings	7	5
Sermon Study	8	2
Misc Adult Grps	<u>27</u>	<u>17</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>78</b>