

The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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Coming Events

- 8/4 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00, 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 8/5 1:00 pm Interagency Meeting
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 8/6 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
8:30 am Bible Study
- 8/7 5:30 pm Children First Open House
- 8/8 7:00 pm Jr/Sr High Girls Bible Study
- 8/11 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00, 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 8/12 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 8/13 8:30 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Church Board Meeting
- 8/14 8:30 am Unmet Needs Meeting
6:30 pm Worship Bands Tech Training
- 8/18 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00 pm Youth Group Combined

To help with Sunday clean up, we would like to remind the serving deacons to collect and dispose of the used communion cups in the pew backs after worship service. Thank you in advance.

Choir News

Choir Practice will start Wed, **Sept 4**, 6:30.
Christmas Cantata Practice will start Wed, **Oct 2**, 6:30.
Contact Choir Director Kayla Boren if you have any questions or would like to join this music ministry.

The **Church Board** will meet
Tues, **Aug 13**, 6:00.

Zack Boren will lead the next **Men's Breakfast & Study** at Crossroads Center on Sat, **Aug 3**, from **7-8:30 a.m.** The study will be from the book "Twelve Ordinary Men." Contact Zack for more info.

It is time to complete new **servicing schedules** for 8:00 communion prep, 10:30 communion prep, scripture reader, and 10:30 nursery help from Sept 2019 through Aug 2020. If you do not currently serve on one of these but would like to start, please contact the office **by Aug 12** so we have time to prepare and distribute them. This is a great way to be involved and help serve! Those already on the schedules will remain unless the office is notified.

Worship Bands Tech Training will be Wed, **Aug 14**, 6:30. Contact Pastor Michael for more info.

Promotion Sunday will be August 18th! This is an exciting time for the kids and the youth leaders. We will be having a Promotion Celebration during Sunday School time!

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, September 11. We will have a special worship service in the sanctuary and a cookout for the entire church family. The waterslide from VBS Kickoff will be back for the young and young at heart! Watch for more info.

CWF Circle I & V are now combined and will meet on Thursday afternoons at 2:00 this fall at Crossroads. If you are interested in participating in night Circle meetings, contact the church office.

Children First offers Scrip cards for all your back-to-school shopping needs!

A complete list of participating vendors is on the sanctuary mantels or in the church office. Some include Walmart, Amazon, Best Buy, Target and Staples. How does it work? Example: You write a check payable to Children First for \$50 and receive a \$50 gift card to one of the vendors at no additional cost to you! Children First will receive a percentage of the \$50 from Scrip as a contribution.

Prayer Concerns: Tereasa Apps, Dora Lee Claus, Landon Davenport, Stacey Helms, Arthur Knake, Judy Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law)
We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Dee Reeves who passed away.

*Dear First Christian Church,
We would like to thank you for the delicious meal you provided following Kenneth's funeral. This was such a generous offering, which allowed our family to gather and celebrate Kenneth's amazing life. Your kindness is truly appreciated.
Love,
The Bonnetts.*

This coming Sunday, **August 4**, will be **Cookie Sunday!** Plan to see what sweet treats our volunteers have provided!

Our junior high and high school youth group kick-off for the school season will be Sunday, Aug 18. The Escape Room Night will begin at 5:00 and conclude around 7:30 at Crossroads. **Pizza will be provided.**

Regular youth group meetings are Sunday evenings. There will be study, worship and activities. The 6th-8th grade will meet 5-6:30 and the high school will meet 6:00-7:30.

Remaining church camps for 2019:

Young Adult Retreat, 18-25 YO, Aug 4-6
Wilderness Camp, 13 YO and up, Aug 5-9
Milton Bible Club, 6th-12th, Aug 13
Family Camp, Everyone, Sept 6-8

Children First will host Open House on Wed, **Aug 7**, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, for preschool registration and daycare. Contact Jennifer for more info 285.4129.

August Birthdays & Anniversaries: **1** Gary Pursley, Renna Walters, Audriana Mendenhall-Roig; **2** Justin & Amber Poor; **3** Becky Fitzmaurice; **4** Charlie & Jessica Hull; **6** Tereasa Apps, Sue Evans, Lindsey Hull; **7** Danielle Hayes; **8** Bill Ferguson, Denny & Beryl Richards, Brennan Tomhave; **9** Noah Mendenhall, Cameron Sweeting, Rachel Boatright; **10** Faith Saxe, Stan & Jill Moss; **11** Wayne Baughman; **12** Don Chamberlain; **13** Michael & Renita Ten Eyck; **14** Myron Casteel, Reggie Pennock, Brandi Pennock, Bobby Smith; **15** Carolyn L. Casteel, Terry & Judy Sweeting, Larry Wigington, Kathy Wainman; **16** Emma Saxe, Alysia Cooley, Jordyn Schoenherr; **17** John & Cheryl Birch, Madelyn Saxe; **18** Gary & Rhodora Pursley, Anna Gengler; **19** Butch & Jacque Walston, Sarah McNulty; **20** Chris Apps; **21** Ron & Joan Halsey, Sophia Freesen; **22** Terry & Bryn Fine; **23** Nancy Collard, Sarah Sweeting, Judy Ferguson, Judy Kallal, Roger & Rokettia Brokaw; **24** Dee Reeves, Steve Lehr; **25** Kelly Rhodes; **29** Ciera Anderson; **31** Caroline Smith.

Vacation Bible School

What an amazing week!! From the kick off, complete with two giant water slides and a great meal, to the swimming party on Friday night, it was a fantastic week!

A great time was had by all and what fun to watch the kids learning, moving through the different stations, playing, singing and praising the Lord! We want to send a very big thank you to all who helped in any way with Vacation Bible School. There were 160 kids who attended some time during the week as well as 107 volunteers who assisted in some way.

A special thank you goes to Ashley Ferguson for chairing this event, to her co-chair Danielle Hayes, to Cindy Chamberlain for her leadership as Christian Education Chairman, to Kayla Boren for her leadership with music and skits, to Ashli Freesmeyer for her leadership in crafts, and to Kacie Lipcaman for her leadership with all things Christian Education. These ladies were amazing! Everything went very smoothly all week. We really appreciate all the time and effort that everyone involved spent making that happen! It was truly awesome!

We also want to thank the decorating crew, set up crew, and tear down crew of Kacie Lipcaman, Evan Lipcaman, Kayla Boren, Spencer Boren, Michelle Hart, Cindy Chamberlain, Ellie Ten Eyck, Larry Wigington, Gina Bryant, Linda Belford, Brianne Sealock, Matt Sealock, Lexie Lipcaman, Conner Sweeting, Phoenix Bacon, Katie McDevitt, Katie Hull, C.J. Hayes, Danielle Hayes, Brandi Pennock, Renita Ten Eyck, Kim Bauer, Jade Roseberry, Libby Boren, Rhodora Pursley, and Michael Ten Eyck who helped turn the Crossroads Center and the church education building into an fantastic place!

So many adults helped in so many different ways! From the crew leaders, crew leader assistants, worship & music leaders, game leaders, craft leaders and helpers, the registration people, our wonderful sound and computer technician, the people who helped clean up on Friday night and Saturday morning, and the wonderful volunteer kitchen staff who prepared supper for and cleaned up every night, we cannot thank you enough!

We raised \$1,243.37 for their mission which went to Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp. The kids love helping with a local project!

It was a wonderful week and all who participated were truly blessed. Below is a list of those who helped that we know of. It takes lots of people to make this possible and we thank God for each and every one of you. We hope we did not miss anyone. God Bless you all!

VBS staff:

Ashley Ferguson, Danielle Hayes, Kacie Lipcaman, Ashli Freesmeyer, Bethany Dunham, Rodney Gordley, Cindy Chamberlain, Kayla Boren, Lainey Ten Eyck, Ellie Ten Eyck, Eli Ten Eyck, Michael Ten Eyck, Renita Ten Eyck, Cherise Anderson, Libby Boren, Jade Roseberry, Lisa Wombles, Korey Wombles, Michelle Hart, Amy Pressey, Angie Willard, Kathy Curfman, CJ Hayes, Dawn Smith, Justin Poor, Amber Poor, Lauren Hull, Jordyn Apps, Lauren Archer, Lexie Lipcaman, Phoenix Bacon, Heather Evans, Jessica Shade, Kendra Sydney, Rosi Picone, Rhodora Pursley, Hannah Roig, Amy Ruebush, Melissa Douglas, Ava Douglas, Tonya Douglas, Judy Losch, Maddie Palmer, Rachel Cawthon, Katie Hull, Katie McDevitt, Emma Saxe, Luke Saxe, Matthew Sealock, Brianne Sealock, Chris Sydney, Bev White, Sydney Bauer, Shelby Bauer, Sophia Freesen, David Freesmeyer, Ace Freesmeyer, Larry Wigington, Sandy Wigington, Verity Wigington, Tim Hull, Phil Graham, Hazel Hill, Gracie Smith, Isabel Smith, Olivia Smith, Kyle Spangler, Brenna Williams, Linda Belford, Bob Clark, Jim Dain, Brittany Dain, David Bishop, and Sonya Bishop.

Family Meal staff: Judy Ferguson, Betty Hayden, Joyce Lemons, Jenny Tate, Angie Hittner, Kay Sealock, Ann Ferguson, Eleanor Jenkins, Carrie Collver, Melba Foster, Wanda Mendenhall, Charlene Gleckler, Austin Long, Carolyn Capps, Chuck Barber, Carolyn Barber, Julie Myers, Brianne Sealock, Vivian Cloninger, Barbara Fosco, and Hamer Tate.

Donations: Carolyn Casteel, Becky Daniel, Bev White, Carolyn Barber, Dot Foods.

What a blessing Kacie Lipcaman has been to the church staff! Her leadership has been amazing in Sunday School, Children's Church, Kids Connection, and VBS. She and Kayla work so well together and complement each other in all the things we are trying to accomplish with our children and youth! It has been pure joy getting to mentor these two and I couldn't resist the opportunity to brag on them! When I see all the young families getting involved I am thrilled beyond words and I believe there are more blessings to come!

I want to again say a big thank you to all who helped make VBS not only a fantastic week but a life changing event! This is a huge endeavor and we could not do it without all of you! Also, thank you to all of you who support our church financially because without you, we could not do all the wonderful ministries that we do.

Love and Blessings,

Helen

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 Helen Earls, Programs & Christian Ed
 Kayla Boren, Music
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 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)	7/21	7/28
Operational	\$6,324.58	\$9,924.17
Property Improvement	38.00	63.00
Outreach-Missionaries	0.00	70.00
DHF	0.00	25.00
Outreach-General	75.00	53.00
Church Constr/Renova	1,000.00	0.00
Church Bus	1,000.00	0.00
Children First	<u>100.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$8,537.58	\$10,185.17

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$6,350.32 \$15,789.17
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

Lectionary

8/4: Hosea 11:1-11; Ecclesiastes 1:2-14; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21
 8/5: Ps 60; Hosea 11:12-12:14; Colossians 3:18-4:1
 8/6: Ps 60; Hosea 13:1-16; Colossians 4:2-6
 8/7: Ps 60; Hosea 14:1-9; Luke 12:22-31
 8/8: Ps 50:1-8; Isaiah 9:8-17; Romans 9:1-9
 8/9: Ps 50:1-8; Isaiah 9:18-10:4; Acts 7:1-8
 8/10: Ps 50:1-8; Isaiah 1:2-9; Matt 6:19-24
 8/11: Isa 1:1-20; Gen 15:1-6; Hebrews 11:1-16; Luke 12:32-40
 8/12: Ps 11; Isa 2:1-4; Hebrews 11:1-7
 8/13: Ps 11; Isa 24:1-13; Hebrews 11:17-28
 8/14: Ps 11; Isa 24:14-23; Luke 12:41-48
 8/15: Ps 80:1-19; Isa 2:5-11; Heb 10:26-31
 8/16: Ps 80:1-19; Isa 3:1-17; Heb 10:32-39
 8/17: Ps 80:1-19; Isa 3:18-4:6; Matt 24:15-27

Serving Schedule

August 4, 2019

Elder: Roger Brokaw, Ruth Bennett
Diaconate: Taylor Sweeting, Lainey Ten Eyck, Amy Casto, Scott Bacon, Ann Ferguson, Tammi Koltviet
8:00 Communion: Steve & Vickie Tharp
10:30 Communion: Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain
Scripture: Lauren Saxe
10:30 Nursery: TBA
Children's Church: 10:30 Libby & Matt
Shut-ins: Matt & Faith Saxe
Fellowship Treats: Kim Speckhart, Kathy Wainman, Sarah Sweeting, Barbara Fosco

August 11, 2019

Elder: Bob Clark, N.D. Harrison
Diaconate: Charlie Hull, Jessica Hull, Billy Fitzmaurice, Becky Fitzmaurice, Keith Elledge, Carole Elledge
8:00 Communion: Carolyn Casteel, Kathy Willman
10:30 Communion: Glen & Carol Cooley
Scripture: Matt Saxe
10:30 Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck
Children's Church: 10:30 Libby & Matt
Shut-ins: Kay Sealock

Wishes & Wants

None at this time.

	7/21	7/28
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	93	105
10:30 AM	<u>177</u>	<u>165</u>
Total	270	270
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	0	4
K-1st	2	6
2nd-3rd	7	4
4th-5th	8	7
Jr/Sr High	14	5
Disciples	12	11
New Beginnings	5	8
Sermon Study	6	4
Misc Adult Grps	<u>14</u>	<u>6</u>
Total	68	55