

# The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

Volume 62 Issue 22

October 13, 2020



**American Red Cross Blood Drive**  
Hosted by CWF  
Crossroads Center  
**Monday, Oct 19**  
11:00-4:00  
Contact Barbara Fosco if you would like to help!

There is a sign-up sheet in the sanctuary for any volunteers who wish to serve in Children's church during 10:30 service. We are restructuring due to circumstances. Children's Church will be for 6-8 year olds. We have a staffed nursery available for anyone under 6. Feel free to contact Kacie Lipcaman if you have any questions!

The November Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, November 1, immediately after the 10:30 service in the sanctuary. Agenda includes

- Proposed officers and other elected officials to assume office January 1, 2021
- Proposed 2021 Budget

The Children First Annual Meeting will also be held at that time.



On Sunday, November 1st, we will be having roll-back hymn-sing Sunday morning services. We will be singing some good old-fashioned hymns with our fabulous pianist, Becky Irwin and organist, Charlotte Dunham! We hope you will join us for a great Sunday and congregational meeting directly after the second service!



Youth Group is meeting on Sunday's at the Crossroads.  
Middle School from 5:00-6:30 and High School from 6:00-7:30.



If you would like to be a part of a video "Thank you" to Pastor Michael and his family, please read on. Simply record a video of yourself or your whole family answering the following questions, pausing in between each question:

1. What is one word you would use to describe Pastor Michael?
2. In one sentence or less, in what ways do you appreciate the Ten Eyck family?
3. What is one thing that you want them to know?

Please send your video to [kayla.boren88@gmail.com](mailto:kayla.boren88@gmail.com) or text it to Kayla Boren at 217-370-2166.

**Pastor Michael is leading Coffee Talk is on Tuesdays** at 10:30 on Facebook and YouTube.

Copies of the Church Directory are at the office or in the sanctuary near the coffee table. Everyone who had their picture taken receives a copy. Please let us know if you have a correction so we can update our records.

The **Elders** will meet Tues, **Oct 27**, 6pm.

The **Thursday noon study** has resumed at the Church Long Room. The ladies are reading the book "Glory Days". Call the office if you want to attend but need a book.

Did you forget your offering on Sunday morning? Would you like to be able to have your weekly or monthly giving taken out automatically? We've got you covered! Online giving will go towards our General Operating Fund. Let the office know if you want your contribution designated to something other than General Operating Fund. Follow the steps below:

Go to the [fccpittsfield.org](http://fccpittsfield.org) site. There appears several headings:  
New Here? Who we are Ministries **Resources** Special Events

Click **under Resources** and there should be a dropdown which includes  
Calendar Sermons Activities Bulletin Announcements Newsletter **Online Giving**

**Click Online Giving** and you can see **gold letters** that read: **Click here to access giving page.**

There will be two boxes and the one to the left is the one to set-up your account.

**We would like to offer our annual all church turkey dinner this year even though we are still in the midst of uncertainty due to the Covid 19 restrictions. After much thought, discussion, and prayer, we have decided to try it in a different way.**

First change is to move it to a Sunday instead of Wednesday evening. Second change is to have two seating times and to require reservations for each of the times as we will be limited to 50 in the dining room and 50 in the gym at either time. We will do carry outs that can be picked up at the alley door behind the kitchen (water tower door) at two different times also. So here is what it will look like:

**On Sunday, November 15:**

**Carry outs available from 10:15-10:30 a.m. in the alley.**

**Carry outs available from 11:30 – 11:45 a.m. in the alley.**

**First seating for dinner from 10:45 – 11 a.m.**

**Second seating for dine in at 11:45 – 12 noon.**

**The deadline for reservations is Monday, November 9 by noon.** All reservations should be either called in or emailed to the church office. The cost of the meal is by donation only. We don't want anyone who can't afford it not to eat. No one will be checking off who pays and who doesn't. But for those of you who can donate, please be mindful of the fact that we lost all our income this spring and summer for Crossroads that helps keep our kitchen operating so please be generous if you are able.

Please know that this information could change if the Covid situation in the county or the state changes. If the situation dictates, we will go to carry out only or cancel it completely but we are praying that we can do some in person seating because we know we are all missing being together with our church family.

And finally, please know that all our cooks and volunteers will be in masks and gloves and everything will be sanitized. They will take every effort to keep us all safe while we strive to regain some sense of normalcy.

I really love our annual Vesper service at the Tate's farm, and to be quite honest, I really needed it this year. It was wonderful to gather together and just be "normal" for a few hours. As I watched the kids fishing and paddling across the pond a sense of appreciation grew within me for the blessings we have. I shared a few brief thoughts about the importance of growing together as a Church Family. I wanted to recap those thoughts for those who were not able to join us.

*Luke 17:1-4 And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! 2 It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. 3 Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, 4 and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him." ESV*

1. We have been through an unprecedented time in our nation. The impact and effects that the last few months have had upon us are not fully discernable, but make no mistake, we have all been affected. For many of us, the changes have meant getting "used" to less interaction with others. For some of us, we may have become a bit more irritable in our social interactions. Whatever the extent of the impact of the last 8 months may have had on you personally, just know that it will also affect us corporately as well. Because of all of this, the church needs each other like never before.
2. We need to extend grace to one another and be careful to not cause one another to "stumble." This does not mean that we avoid one another, but rather we look to be gracious to one another. Our nation is growing more and more polarized, especially in a contentious election season. Rather than retreating to avoid one another within the church, we should look to prioritize our bonds in Christ above all. We need to continue to engage and interact with one another. It helps us continue to grow and be effective witnesses.
3. We need to be honest, open, and loving with one another when there are offenses. As members of the same body, we should not avoid conflict, but we should do it better and more Christ-like, casting off self-righteousness for humility. When we refuse to lovingly have the conversations that need to be had, we stunt the growth of the body enabling poor behavior and creating a bad witness.
4. We need to practice forgiveness with one another. Christ is using "seven times" as a figurative example of completeness.

Our relationships have been strained over the course of the pandemic. Don't give up on them... strive to recognize that they are the building blocks of the kingdom!

Loving you all,  
Michael

**First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois**

Church Building: 225 N. Memorial Street  
 Crossroads Center: 125 W. Jefferson Street  
 Administrative Building: 201 N. Mississippi, PO Box 306  
 Phone (217) 285-4129  
 Fax (217) 285-9649  
 Crossroads (217) 285-6171  
 E-mail: info@fccpittsfield.org

**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: M 8:00am–4:00pm; T, W, TH 8-12****Worship Times:** Every Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

**Prayer Concerns:** Chip Barber, Barb Bradburn, Dora Lee Claus, Joyce Harrison, Larry & Jeanne Howard, Brenda Kramer, Curt Loyd, Shirley Loyd, Wanda Mendenhall  
 Donald & Samantha Clostermery (Friends of Karl Benjamin)  
 Michael Guillory (Carolyn Barber's nephew)  
 Debbie Harshman (Friend of Rhodora Pursley)  
 Opal Kallal (Jim Kallal's mother)  
 Kay Matthews (Jean Sanderson's sister)  
 Mark Reeves (Ashli Freesmeyer's father)  
 Peter Roccaforte (Chuck Barber's nephew)  
*We express our sympathy to Rodney Gordley and family with the passing of his brother, Josh Gordley.*

**Ways To Watch/Listen**

**fccpittsfield.org** - Ministries, Live Stream or Resources, Sermons.  
**YouTube** - Search First Christian Church of Pittsfield and subscribe.  
**Facebook** - Search First Christian Church of Pittsfield.  
**WBBA 97.5**, Sundays, 10:30 a.m., Sermon only.  
**90.9 FM** while parked next to the church building.

**Stewardship (Offering Only) 9/28-10/4 10/5-11**

Operational	\$7,292.13	\$9,808.20
Property Improvement	3.00	103.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	270.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Children First	20.00	20.00
Unmet Needs	500.00	0.00
Construction/Renovation	0.00	0.00
Outreach-General	<u>43.00</u>	<u>43.00</u>
Total	\$7,953.13	\$10,269.20

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

Received Last 7 Days \$7,292.13 \$9,483.20  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

Bulletin announcements are posted to our website each week. Go to Resources, Bulletin Announcements.

**Lectionary**

10/18: Exodus 33:12-23; Isaiah 45:1-7; 1 Thess 1:1-10; Matt 22:15-22  
 10/19: Ps 63:1-8; Exodus 40:34-38; Rev 18:1-20  
 10/20: Ps 63:1-8; Num 12:1-9; Rev 18:21-24  
 10/21: Ps 63:1-8; Num 13:1-14:9; Matt 17:22-27  
 10/22: Ps 90:1-17; Deut 31:14-22; Titus 1:5-16  
 10/23: Ps 90:1-17; Deut 32:1-18; Titus 2:7-15  
 10/24: Ps 90:1-17; Deut 32:44-47; John 5:39-47  
 10/25: Deut 34:1-12; Lev 19:1-18; 1 Thess 2:1-8; Matt 22:34-46  
 10/26: Ps 119:41-48; Num 33:38-39; James 2:8-13  
 10/27: Ps 119:41-48; Exod 34:29-35; James 2:14-26  
 10/28: Ps 119:41-48; Deut 26:16-27:7; Matt 19:16-22  
 10/29: Ps 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 1:1-11; Rom 2:17-29  
 10/30: Ps 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 2:1-14; 2 Peter 2:1-3  
 10/31: Ps 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 2:15-24; Matt 23:13-28

**Ways to Give**

- Mail: PO Box 306, Pittsfield, IL 62363
- Online: Website fccpittsfield.org then Resources
- At the Office: 201 N. Mississippi Street

We still have expenses even with adjusted operations. Thank you for your continued prayers and support during this unprecedented time. Black metal offering boxes are secured on the sanctuary mantels, gym and fellowship hall for your convenience.

**Wishes & Wants****None At This Time.**