

The Pittsfield Christian

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Schedule for Sunday, November 1st

8:00 a.m. - A previously recorded stream will be played on YouTube and Facebook with Becky and Charlotte playing your favorite hymns.

9:15 a.m. - Youth Sunday School will meet as long as Pikeland has not completely switched to online learning. Adult small groups will meet at the leader's discretion.

10:30 a.m. - Service will be outside on the south lawn with acapella hymn sing. Bring your lawn chair, coffee or hot chocolate.

The November Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, November 1, immediately after the 10:30 service at 11:30am. We are planning to move the meeting outside to the south lawn to allow for social distancing. Bring your hot chocolate or a cup of coffee. Contact the office asap if you would like a copy of the meeting info packet. Agenda includes election of officers and other elected officials to assume office January 1, 2021; adopt 2021 budget; update on Children First; update on building construction & research of adjacent properties; Admin Building discussion; tithing from 2020 cash rent and sale proceeds. The Children First Annual Meeting will also be at that time too.



Madilyn Jo Wombles

Oct 20, 2020

2:20 pm

7 lbs, 1 oz

20.5"

**Congratulations Hayley, Caleb,
& big brother Lucas!**

Pastor Michael will host **Leadership Training** for all Sunday School teachers, small group leaders and anyone interested via virtual Zoom meeting on Wed, **Nov 11**, 8:00 p.m. Contact the office if you plan to participate so we can arrange for you to login.

The Turkey Dinner scheduled for Sunday, Nov 15, has been cancelled. Thank you for your consideration but we needed to make the decision now for planning purposes. We hope 2021 will allow us to come together again for meals!

Thank you everyone who donated and helped at the October 19th Blood Drive. There were 16 donations which is really good. American Red Cross is hopeful to have more Blood Drives at Crossroads next March, July and November.



Don't forget to move your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday night, Oct 31.

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

Thank you so much for your love, prayers and cards in the loss of Jim's mother. Also thank you Pastor Michael for checking on us. We love all of you. In Christ, Jim & Judy Kallal.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES 1 Edna Baughman, Justin Poor; 2 Rosie Picone, Seth Boren; 3 Zack & Libby Boren; 5 Bob & Shari Clark; 6 Lori Johnson; 7 Jeannine Robertson, Amy Boltz, Rhonda Irwin, Bill Schwartz, Kacie Lipcaman; 8 Dave Herring, Phoenix Bacon; 9 Clinton McNulty, Kevin Masters; 10 Joelle Masiulis; 11 Raeanna Grimes; 12 Isabelle Willard, Chad Ferguson, Debbie Robinson; 14 Anna Speckhart, Dustin Wintjen; 16 Korey Wombles; 17 Carole Elledge, Elizabeth Rowland, Maurine Boren, Paul Ruble, Vince Havens, Vivian Havens; 21 Eleanor Jenkins, Brittany Dain, Tucker Kunzeman; 22 Bob Evans, Griffin Moss; 23 Kay Sealock; 24 Gary & Angie Hittner, Eli Ten Eyck; 25 David Smith, Kathy Curfman; 27 Gaylord & Jo Rhodes; 29 Dr. Dan Speckhart, Mason Lamb.

We appreciate your continued giving while we navigate through the pandemic. Our offering goes down a bit during the weeks we go to more virtual services. Keep the church in your prayers during these unprecedented times.

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 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.

Dear Church Family,

My family and I would like to convey our sincere appreciation for all the gifts, cards, and gestures of appreciation that you have shared with us this month. We certainly are blessed to be a part of such a loving Church Family!

I wanted to also take a moment to once again remind everyone of some important things to remember and reflect on over the next week.

John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." ESV

I sincerely hope everyone will prayerfully execute their civic duty to vote. I also exhort us to execute our Christian duty to love. No matter how the election goes, God is still in control. Our calling to love God and love our neighbor stands paramount. I truly believe that our faithfulness in fulfilling our calling to love is what will ultimately bring the change God desires, both in us and through us.

Please join me in praying for our nation. Do your part. Love, Prayerfully Vote... and then Love some more!

Loving you all,

Michael

Excerpts from October 13 Church Board Meeting

Call to order at 6pm by Moderator Gary Mendenhall. Elder devotion and opening prayer was led by Pastor Michael reading from Romans 8:37. In these uncertain times, we need to lean on each other for support to get through so many situations. Minutes from September 8, 2020 were approved by general consensus.

Minister's Report: Approximately 85 attended the Vesper Service at Hamer and Jenny Tate's.

Treasurer: Unrestricted Operating Checking = \$141,561.99. Total General and Trustee Checking/Savings = \$1,325,426.98. Budgeted Receipts = \$329,850.98 (\$40,423.02 under budget). Budgeted Disbursements = \$291,939.06 (\$79,256.94 under budget). Net Nonbudget Receipts / Disbursements = \$134,563.77. Average Attendance YTD = 283 thru March 8. Funds received towards Construction / Renovation during September = \$324. Total funds available for Construction / Renovation = \$930,451.38. Motion to accept Treasurers' Report was made by Ruth, seconded by Roger. Motion carried.

Christian Education: Sunday School attendance has been good. The 5/6 grade class meets on Thursday evenings at Crossroads.

Crossroads: Illini Fitness will hold a Breast Cancer Awareness fundraiser at Crossroads on October 26 for 2 hours. Bob C. made a motion to waive the fee for the event. Brad W. seconded, motion carried. Helen and Judy Ferguson have simplified the menu. Helen, Zack, and Rebecca will review and edit the rental contract. Rent has been included in the set-up cost but will be separated out due to changing times.

Children First: Helen presented Children First estimated financial activity Sept 30 – Dec 18. There is a net loss of \$15,470 which is over \$200 loss per day due to a lack of children and the need for staff. Children First will need to ask for a loan at the Church November Congregational Meeting to meet financial obligations through the end of 2020.

Building Team: Discussions are on hold due to Covid-19 concerns.

New Business:

Gary announced we need to suspend the attendance requirement for voting members at congregational meetings because of Covid-19. Zack made the motion to accept this recommendation. Brad L. seconded; motion carried.

Roger presented the proposed slate of officers and other elected officials to take office January 1, 2021. Moderator Bobby Smith. Vice Moderator Brad Losch. Treasurer Bethany Dunham. Recording Secretary Kathy Curfman. Trustee 5-year term Ashley Ferguson. Trustee 3-year term Kay Sealock. Elders Helen Earls, Judy Ferguson, Matt Saxe, Hamer Tate. Deacons David Bryant, Leecia Carnes, Barbara Fosco, Michelle Hart, Betty Hayden, Eleanor Jenkins, Katie McDevitt, Jenny Palmer, Scott Palmer, Debbie Robinson, Tom Robinson, Ellie Ten Eyck. Ruth made a motion to accept the proposed slate. Bob C. seconded; motion carried. The Elders will discuss at their next meeting the possibility of Deacons doing more during our current worship service format.

The proposed 2021 budget was submitted. Bobby S. made a motion to accept the budget. Brad L. seconded; motion carried.

Pastor Michael reported that he has heard from the entity interested in the Admin Building. Negotiations should begin for possible purchase.

Pastor Michael asked for ideas on ways to have a Christmas Eve service given our current COVID-19 situation. Planning for Advent and Christmas needs to begin this month. More will be discussed at next Elder meeting.

Larry made a motion to adjourn. Bethany seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 7:16pm. Next meeting set for Tuesday, November 10, 2020. Pastor Michael closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Rhodes
Recording Secretary pro tem

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 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, Brian Douglas, Joyce Harrison, Larry & Jeanne Howard, Brenda Kramer, Wanda Mendenhall, Bev White
 Donald & Samantha Clostermery (Friends of Karl Benjamin)
 Michael Guillory (Carolyn Barber's nephew)
 Kay Matthews (Jean Sanderson's sister)
 Mark Reeves (Ashli Freesmeyer's father)
 Peter Roccaforte (Chuck Barber's nephew)
We express our sympathy to Jim Kallal and family with the passing of his mother, Opal Kallal.

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) 10/12-18 10/19-25

Operational	\$5,942.39	\$3,025.92
Property Improvement	3.00	3.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	70.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Children First	20.00	20.00
Unmet Needs	3.00	0.00
Construction/Renovation	1,000.00	0.00
Outreach-General	<u>46.00</u>	<u>83.00</u>
Total	\$7,109.39	\$3,226.92

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$5,942.39 \$3,025.92
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

Ways to Give

- Mail: PO Box 306, Pittsfield, IL 62363
 - Online: Website fccpittsfield.org then Resources
 - At the Office: 201 N. Mississippi Street
- Black metal offering boxes are secured on the sanctuary mantels, gym and fellowship hall for your convenience.

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

Lectionary

11/1: Joshua 3:7-17; Micah 3:5-12; 1 Thess 2:9-13; Matt 23:1-12
 11/2: Ps 128; Joshua 4:1-24; 1 Thess 2:13-20
 11/3: Ps 128; Joshua 6:1-16; Acts 13:1-12
 11/4: Ps 128; Joshua 10:12-14; Matt 15:1-9
 11/5: Ps 78:1-7; Joshua 5:10-12; Rev 8:6-9:12
 11/6: Ps 78:1-7; Joshua 8:30-35; Rev 9:13-21
 11/7: Ps 78:1-7; Joshua 20:1-9; Matt 24:1-14
 11/8: Joshua 24:1-25; Solomon 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18
 11/9: Ps 78; Joshua 24:25-33; 1 Cor 14:20-25
 11/10: Ps 78; Nehemiah 8:1-12; 1 Thess 3:6-13
 11/11: Ps 78; Jer 31:31-34; Matt 24:29-35
 11/12: Ps 123; Judges 2:6-15; Rev 16:1-7
 11/13: Ps 123; Judges 2:16-23; Rev 16:8-21
 11/14: Ps 123; Judges 5:1-12; Matt 12:43-45

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