

# The Pittsfield Christian



First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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## Worship Schedule November 22 & 29

Due to the alarming rise in Covid-19 cases in our area and in consideration of the strain on our healthcare resources, we are encouraging our church family to use our streaming options for Sunday morning worship for the next 2 weeks. The worship team will live stream our 8 am service and it will be posted for viewing. We will continue to make the Crossroads Center and Fellowship Hall available for those who do not have internet availability to view the service in limited numbers while wearing masks and practicing social-distancing. We appreciate your flexibility and ask that you join us in prayers and responsible actions during this time. Please check on those within the church family who may be alone this Thanksgiving. Show the love of Christ to those who are isolating due to health conditions. It is time for us to BE the Church.



We will do an **Adopt A Family** project for Christmas but it might look a little different than prior years. Stay tuned to your newsletter, email, and website for more info to come. Contact Libby Boren if you want to help or have questions 217.491.8909.



The December, January, February edition of **Our Daily Bread devotional** can be found at the office or on the sanctuary mantels.

**Elder Meeting** will be Tues, **Nov 24**, 6pm. The church office will be closed Nov 26 & 27 for Thanksgiving.

## Excerpts from November 10, 2020 Church Board Meeting

Call to order at 6:00 pm by Moderator Gary Mendenhall. Minutes from October 13, 2020 were approved by general consensus.

Minister's Report: Attached. Prepared a document for the Nov 1, 2020 Congregational Meeting to get the info to as many people early as possible. Assisted with negotiations on possible sale of admin building. Officiated the Buck/Jacobson wedding. Youth Group meetings have moved from Sunday to Thursday and are going well. Sunday school attendance is down but teachers feel this is manageable with COVID-19. Stepping down from extended term as DHF Board President at the end of 2020 and appreciates the flexibility afforded to serve this wonderful ministry. Tentative plans for Christmas Eve include an outside event at sunset with nativity and singing followed by a prerecorded stream indoors.

Treasurer: Unrestricted Operating Checking = \$139,109.59. Total General and Trustee Checking/Savings = \$1,323,547.35. Budgeted Receipts = \$361,511.63 (\$46,738.37 under budget). Budgeted Disbursements = \$326,330.17 (\$83,865.83 under budget). Net Nonbudget Receipts / Disbursements = \$135,190.19. Average Attendance YTD = 283 thru March 8. Funds received towards Construction / Renovation during October = \$1,000. Total funds available for Construction / Renovation = \$931,598.99. The title of \$50,000 sale proceeds will be reflected in the November 30, 2020 statements. Wayne stated we need to continue to keep the congregation engaged so we remain financially stable. Motion to accept Treasurers' Report was made by Bob C., seconded by Ruth. Motion carried.

Trustees: Gary reported for Brad L. that Trustees met to review a submitted insurance proposal.

Christian Education: Kacie is meeting with our large 6<sup>th</sup> grade class on Thursday evenings which is going great. Youth Group is meeting that evening too.

Crossroads: The Board thanked Zack for editing the Crossroads Center contract. N.D. made a motion to accept the edited contract as submitted. Wayne seconded; motion carried.

Building Team: The Building Team will reconvene next week to discuss possible future building plans.

Michael made a motion to continue to suspend Safety Policy for nursery until December Board Meeting. N.D. seconded; motion carried.

The contract to sell the admin building has been signed.

No New Business.

Ruth made a motion to adjourn. Bob C. seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 7:00pm. Next meeting set for Tuesday, December 8, 2020. Pastor Michael closed in prayer.

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**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, Dora Lee Claus, Brian Douglas, Joyce Harrison, Gary Hittner, Deana Jones, Shirley Loyd, Wanda Mendenhall, Michael Guillory (Carolyn Barber's nephew)  
 David Holm (Shari Clark's brother)  
 Kay Matthews (Jean Sanderson's sister)  
 Mark Reeves (Ashli Freesmeyer's father)  
 Peter Roccaforte (Chuck Barber's nephew)  
 Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law)  
*We express our sympathy to the following for the loss of loved ones:  
 Marjie Guthrie's mother, Kathrine Guthrie.  
 Becky Irwin's mother, Maurine Boren.*

**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.

**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.

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.

**Pastor Michael is leading Coffee Talk on Tuesdays** at 10:30 on Facebook and YouTube. Tune in for worship, song and announcements.



The 2021 predated offering envelopes are available at the office. If you had a box for 2020 then we will also have one for you for 2021. Let Rebecca know if you would like to start using them.

<b>Stewardship (Offering Only)</b>	<b>11/2-8</b>	<b>11/9-15</b>
Operational	\$7,808.11	\$4,488.80
Property Improvement	103.00	3.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	90.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Children First	163.00	0.00
Unmet Needs	0.00	0.00
Construction/Renovation	2,574.00	0.00
Outreach-General	<u>181.69</u>	<u>103.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,924.80</b>	<b>\$4,709.80</b>

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

Received Last 7 Days \$7,808.11 \$4,488.80  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

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

**Lectionary**

11/29: Isa 64:1-9; Ps 80:1-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37  
 11/30: Ps 79; Micah 4:1-5; Rev 15:1-8  
 12/1: Ps 79; Micah 4:6-13; Rev 18:1-10  
 12/2: Ps 79; Micah 5:1-5; Luke 21:34-38  
 12/3: Ps 85:1-13; Hosea 6:1-6; 1 Thess 1:2-10  
 12/4: Ps 85:1-13; Jer 1:4-10; Acts 11:19-26  
 12/5: Ps 85:1-13; Ezekiel 36:24-28; Mark 11:27-33  
 12/6: Isa 40:1-11; Ps 85:1-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15; Mark 1:1-8  
 12/7: Ps 27; Isa 26:7-15; Acts 2:37-42  
 12/8: Ps 27; Isa 4:2-6; Acts 11:1-18  
 12/9: Ps 27; Malachi 2:10-3:1; Luke 1:5-17  
 12/10: Ps 126; Habakkuk 2:1-5; Philippians 3:7-11  
 12/11: Ps 126; Habakkuk 3:2-6; Philippians 3:12-16  
 12/12: Ps 126; Habakkuk 3:13-19; Matt 21:28-32

Rally Around the Troops will be mailing our troops around the world Christmas gift boxes on Nov 27 & 28. Due to the pandemic, they are using monetary donations to help purchase items to fill their boxes. We want our men and women, who are willing to lay their lives down for our freedoms, to know we support and appreciate them. If you would like to help with the Military Christmas Gift boxes, contact Dawn Adams 217.242.1100 or Vickie Harshman 217.285.6520.

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