

# The Pittsfield Christian



First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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## Holy Week

**Palm Sunday, March 28.** Our Sunday School Youth will provide special music at 10:30 service.

**Maundy Thursday, April 1, 7:00 pm.** Informal time of testimony, prayer and communion. The evening will not be streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

**Good Friday, April 2, 7:00 pm.** Service remembering the death of Jesus on the Cross.

## **Resurrection Day, April 4**

6:00 am Sunrise Service – Youth will lead.

7:30 am Dine-in breakfast at Crossroads.

8:45 am Sunday School.

10:00 am Worship Service.

All services will be in the sanctuary.

Help is needed to prepare for breakfast on Sat, April 3, 9:00. We could also use volunteers Easter morning starting at 5:30 to cook, and/or serve, and/or clean up. Contact Jenny Tate if you can help or have questions 217.248.1238.

**There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 28, immediately after 10:30 service to discuss the financial aspect of both the church building roof project and the project involving tuck point on the church building and Crossroads Center.**

**Circle V Meeting, Thurs, April 1, 2:00** at Crossroads.

**Church Board Meeting** will be Tues, **April 13, 6:00.**

The American Red Cross Blood drive at Crossroads was a huge success! All appointment times were filled and 28 of 31 donors were accepted! Thank you everyone who donated and to our CWF ladies Barbara Fosco, Carole Elledge and Carol Schwartze for volunteering their time during the day!

**The Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will be carryout only on Sunday, April 18, 11:30-1:30 at Crossroads.** Adults \$10, Children 3-12 \$4, Age 2 and under free. Tickets will be for sale at a tent outside of the building. People with presold tickets can skip the tent and walk through the line. Thank you for your support!

Has everyone started their Spring cleaning? Now's the time to gather all of those 'treasures' you are tired of looking at, or items that have shrunk in the dryer! **The FCC Yard Sale will be Sat, May 1, 7:00 - 2:00** with half price beginning at noon. We will NOT take large appliances, computers, printers, monitors nor TVs. We will take household items (INCLUDING CLOTHING IN VERY GOOD SHAPE) and outdoor/garden items. If you have something too big/numerous to bring in, we can take photos and post at the sale with your contact number. Help will be needed, so let Kathy Curfman (217-248-5214) or Rebecca/office (217-285-4129) know that you are willing and able to help the week of April 25 and/or sale day. Let the sorting begin!



**Prayer Vigil in the sanctuary from 12-1:00, Mon-Fri, through Holy Week.** The **Fireside Chat** will be a devotional service during this time on Tuesdays from 12-1:00 through Holy Week on Facebook and YouTube.

## Youth News

The youth has been busy preparing for Holy Week! Please let Kacie Lipcaman know if you have any questions.

March 25, Thurs: Youth Group sunrise service practice 5:30-6:00. Youth Group 6-7:30.

March 28, Palm Sunday: Youth Pre-K thru 6th grade will do special music live at 10:30 service.

April 1, Thurs: Youth Group sunrise service practice 5:30-6:00. Youth Group 6-7:30.

April 2, Good Friday Worship Service 7:00.

April 4, Resurrection Day!  
Youth arrive by 5:45 to review before 6:00 service.  
Breakfast following service 7:30.  
Sunday School 8:45-9:45.  
Worship Service 10:00.

Thank you volunteers who have been helping inside and outside the Annex building!

## Excerpts from Church Board Meeting March 9, 2021

Call to order at 6:03PM by Moderator Bobby Smith. Elder Wayne Chamberlain offered a devotion and prayer. Minutes from February 9, 2021 meeting were approved by general consensus.

Minister's Report: Pastor Michael highlighted the ongoing prayer services each weekday at noon. The amount of counseling has increased due to the pandemic. He thanked Bob Clark for his time and hard work in the new camera installations. He also thanked all volunteers for their hours working in the annex remodel. Michael has spent a considerable amount of time on the property issues of overseeing the renovation, planning for tuckpointing the buildings, and church roof issues. Upcoming will be a baptism class and the planning for Holy Week. He is taking some time off and thanked those filling the pulpit during his time of rest and restoration.

Treasurer: As of February 28, 2021: Funds received towards Construction/Renovation during February \$1,709. Bob Clark moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Hamer Tate seconded. Passed unanimously.

Christian Education: Kacie Lipcaman stated that classroom shifts will be made April 11 as necessary due to increasing numbers of Sunday School attendance in the 3 years-old through 12th grade classes. Also planning to incorporate a time of worship for those classes. Thursday youth group is going strong.

Building Team: Bobby Smith stated that they would meet later in March to reevaluate plans for the new Education Wing.

### Old Business:

Pastor Michael reported that the tree work at the annex will begin soon.

Rhodora Pursley has agreed to become our Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp Representative. Brad Losch moved to approve her appointment with a second by Wayne Chamberlain. Motion passed unanimously. The MVCSC Spaghetti Dinner will be held at Crossroads on April 18 following CDC guidelines for the building.

### New Business:

Following a discussion concerning serving breakfast on Easter Sunday while staying within the limits set by the CDC/PCHD, Judy Ferguson made a motion to offer dine-in breakfast. The motion was seconded by Matt Saxe and passed unanimously.

Bobby Smith reported that Shari Clark has been hired into the Crossroads Center Coordinator position to schedule events and oversee use of the building. Hamer Tate moved to approve the hiring and the motion was seconded by Helen Earls. It passed unanimously.

Rebecca Rhodes provided a chart displaying 6 options for the Board to consider for making payments to the City of Pittsfield for the exorbitant natural gas bill. After some discussion, Brad Losch moved to apply the credit to the current bill and pay the surcharge over a 30-month period. The motion was seconded by Judy Ferguson and passed unanimously.

Pastor Michael reported that a claim had been filed with Tamko concerning the shingle failure on the sanctuary roof.

Bids were presented on masonry restoration and guttering on the church. One additional bid is expected. The Crossroads Center requires tuckpointing on the top 4 ft of the building. The main church building work includes chemical wash, tuckpointing, window and door caulking, removal of 3 chimneys, and masonry surface protection coating. Larry Wigington moved to authorize the Property Team to consider the bids and use their judgment to proceed with the necessary masonry work in sections starting with the critical areas first. Brad Losch seconded. With discussion including allowing our volunteers to do as much work as possible, cost not to exceed \$41,000, for the church and \$10,000 on Crossroads and to call a Congregational Meeting to approve the expenditure, a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Lengthy discussion was presented on pros/cons of shingles vs metal roofing for the main church building. Issues including aesthetics, susceptibility to hail damage, roof structure, longevity and cost were discussed at length. Helen Earls made a motion to move forward with shingles. Zack Boren seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed with 12 in favor, 2 opposed.

Adjourn: Zack Boren made the motion to adjourn, followed by a second from Bob Clark. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM. Pastor Michael closed with prayer.

Dear Church Family,

It is hard to fathom that Holy Week is right around the corner. As we prepare to celebrate the culmination of Jesus's ministry on Earth, His atoning sacrificial death, and His victorious resurrection I want to encourage you to take some time to reflect on the significance of these events. I hope that prayer reflection will lead us all to greater appreciation for the demonstration of God's amazing love for us.

Phil 2:4-11

*Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. -ESV*

One of the unique aspects of the Christian faith is that instead of giving a long list of things that we are to do in an attempt to get us to God, the New Testament shows us how a Loving God has come to save us. This salvation is offered to all who will receive it by grace by faith.

Over the next two weeks I will be focusing on this wonderful salvation that Christ has purchased for us. I would like to ask that we would be prayerful for those who need to experience God's love in their life. Take some time to intercede on their behalf.

I also want to thank those who filled the pulpit for the last few weeks. I greatly appreciate the time to take a season of rest. I am certainly excited to be back with all of the First Christian Church family. I look forward to worshipping together this Holy Week!

Loving you all,  
Michael

*Gaylord and Jo Rhodes will celebrate their 90th and 89th birthday respectively in April. If you would like to shower them with a card, their address is 823 S. 36th Street, Apt 246, Quincy, IL 62301.*

**April Birthdays & Anniversaries:** **1** Nic Daniel; **3** Julie Plattner, Henry & Amy Speckhart; **4** Buster & Wanda Mendenhall; **5** Charlene Anderson, Kadin Hittner; **8** Howard & Vera Staffy, David Freesmeyer, Juliana Lacey; **9** Joyce Lemons, Austin Long; **10** Gaylord Rhodes, Brian Ruebush, Alicia Tate; **11** Evan Hart, Molly Dain, Rick & Mary Wombles; **13** Josie Pennock; **14** Jack Schoenherr, Don & Mary Lou Chamberlain; **16** Grady Schoenherr; **20** Sandy Herring, N.D. & Joyce Harrison; **21** Wanda Mendenhall; **22** Kadence Haskins, Hazel Jacobs; **23** Pat Apps, Charlotte Dunham; **24** Lena Boren; **25** Colby Tate; **26** Donnie Apps, Marjorie Gamble, Jo Rhodes, Kevin Tharp; **30** Mary Harshman.

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**Staff:**

Michael Ten Eyck, Pastor  
 Kayla Boren, Event/Music Coordinator  
 Kacie Lipcaman, Christian Education  
 Rebecca Rhodes, Administrative Secretary  
 Gina Bryant, Custodian  
 Bob Clark, Audio/Video/Maintenance  
 Rodney Gordley, Assistant Event/Student Ministry Coord

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

**Prayer Concerns:** Peyton Apps, Chip Barber, Dora Lee Claus, Linda Decker, Brian Douglas, Joyce Harrison, David James, Wanda Mendenhall, Cindi Schoenherr, Rick & Eric Williams  
 Ezra Collver (Craig & Carrie Collver's grandson)  
 Michael Guillory (Carolyn Barber's nephew)  
 Kay Matthews (Jean Sanderson's sister)  
 Lori Brokaw Muzquis (Brokaw/Wigington family)  
 Peter Roccaforte (Chuck Barber's nephew)  
 Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law)  
*We express our sympathy to Yvonne Stauffer and family with the passing of her husband, Richard Stauffer.*

Many thanks to the FCC family for your warm friendship this past year. We really appreciated being able to stay connected through virtual church, "Zoom" Sunday School, emails, texts and phone calls! Everyone has been so encouraging and such a blessing. Thanks again! With love from the Sherwins.

<b>Stewardship (Offering Only)</b>	<u>3/8-14</u>	<u>3/15-21</u>
Operational	\$9,788.96	\$8,547.90
Property Improvement	30.00	30.00
Outreach-Missionaries	40.00	40.00
DHF	30.00	30.00
Construction/Renovation	25.00	525.00
Unmet Needs	203.00	3.00
Church Roof	50.00	50.00
Outreach-General	<u>45.00</u>	<u>78.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,211.96</b>	<b>\$9,303.90</b>

**Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)**  
 Received Last 7 Days \$10,118.96 \$8,637.90  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,175

**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: 125 W. Jefferson Street
- Black metal offering boxes are secured on the sanctuary mantels, gym and fellowship hall for your convenience.

**Pastor Michael is leading Coffee Talk on Tuesdays at Noon** on Facebook and YouTube now through Holy Week. Tune in for worship, song and announcements.



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

**Wishes & Wants**  
 None at this time.

**Lectionary**

3/28: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Mark 11:1-11  
 3/29: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11  
 3/30: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36  
 3/31: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32  
 4/1: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35  
 4/2: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42  
 4/3: Job 14:1-14; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66  
 4/4: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18  
 4/5: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Genesis 1:1-19; 1 Corinthians 15:35-49  
 4/6: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Genesis 1:20-2:4a; 1 Corinthians 15:50-58  
 4/7: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Song of Solomon 3:1-11; Mark 16:1-8  
 4/8: Psalm 133; Daniel 1:1-21; Acts 2:42-47  
 4/9: Psalm 133; Daniel 2:1-23; Acts 4:23-31  
 4/10: Psalm 133; Daniel 2:24-49; John 12:44-50

	<u>3/14</u>	<u>3/21</u>
<b>Worship Service</b>		
8:00	67	77
10:30	<u>99</u>	<u>118</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>195</b>
<b>Christian Education</b>		
Age 3-PK	6	8
K-2nd	10	11
3rd-4th	7	5
5th-6th	8	13
Jr/Sr High	7	3
Disciples	18	15
Sermon Study	10	15
C.O.F.F.E.E.	13	12
Select to Connect	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>88</b>