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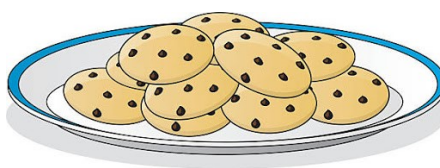


First Things First, a meeting time for those interested in placing membership with FCC, will be Sunday, June 27, during Sunday School hour at 9:15 in the sanctuary. Contact Pastor Michael for more info.



FCC Young Adult Summer Schedule
College Age thru Age 25
5:30-7:30 @ Kayla Boren's Home
July 1, July 15, July 22
Dinner provided

We are bringing back **Cookie Sunday** the first Sunday of the month starting **July 4!** Everyone will remain on the schedule unless you notify us otherwise.



Hymn Sing, Sunday, July 4,
6:00 in the sanctuary.

Circle IV
July 8, 9:30
Cardinal Inn

Coffee Talk will resume the first Tuesday of the month beginning **July 6, 10:00**, at the annex. Feel free to stop by for coffee and conversation with Pastor Michael.



Church League Softball
UPDATE
June 28, 7:00
July 5, 8:00
July 12, 7:00
Contact Matt Sealock to play on team FCC or go to Pittsfield Lake to watch!

Vacation Bible School July 18-21

Are you looking for that perfect summer service project? Look NO further! WE need YOU @ VBS!

Position includes free shirt, fun kids, free food & exactly one short meeting ahead of time. Also, contact Kacie or Kayla if you can donate any of the following!

sidewalk chalk, plastic Walmart sacks, 13-gallon trash bags, old sheets that you will not get back, washable acrylic paint, small paint brushes.



The June, July, August copy of *Our Daily Bread* is on the sanctuary mantels.

The Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp schedule can be found on their website. Anyone interested needs to sign up ASAP due to limited space. Contact Rhodora Pursley 217.257.6004 or Jim Dain 573.324.4676 if you have any questions.

Keith Elledge says THANKS to everyone for the kind words for making and installing the steeple cross. Also THANKS to Dean Couch for the aluminum welding, Dr. Dan Mefford for supplying the cross metal, and to Darren Crockett for his help with the man lift.

Excerpts from June 8, 2021 Church Board Meeting

Call to order at 6:02PM by Moderator Bobby Smith. Elder Roger Brokaw offered a devotion and prayer. Minutes from May 11, 2021 meeting were approved by general consensus.

Minister's Report: Pastor Michael was pleased with the Annex Open House and stated how good it is to have people dropping by the office again. All the roof and tuckpointing work is near completion as the gutter work is close to being finished. The cross on top of the bell tower is now in place. Counseling continues and small groups are going well. Upcoming goals and events include getting everything organized in offices, staff evaluations, re-engage planning for educational building/restrooms, and to strategize for more in-person connections. Our advisors, Rick Grace and Doug Harvey, will be meeting with our staff and elders this month. Pastor Michael has been asked to speak at the DHF NC conference in September.

Treasurer As of May 31, 2021: Unrestricted Operating Checking \$137,164.41. Total Funds available for roof/tuckpoint \$14,245.15 as of June 4, 2021. Brad Losch moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Judy Ferguson seconded. Passed unanimously.

Trustees: Corn donated to the church was sold at \$7.10/bu for a total of approximately \$14,200.00 with minimal fees expected. Two CDs totaling \$50,000 at Farmers National Bank of Griggsville were renewed at .3% for 1 yr.

Christian Education: Kacie Lipcaman provided the board with a printout of the upcoming VBS schedule and a listing of outreach projects that will involve those attending. Thursday night youth group, 6th grade through HS, will be traveling on a 'Summer Tour' to area homes and destinations on varied days in order to include as many as possible. She reports that the events can include 50 or more participants with the majority being the 6th - 8th grade youth. A trip to Six Flags has also been scheduled before school is back in session.

Building Team: Bobby Smith stated that the work on the Annex is at 98% completion.

New Business: The Congregational Park needs maintenance. The spruce trees will be trimmed to a level that will allow mowing underneath, and shrubs around the gazebo will be trimmed. A request had been made to enlarge the gazebo and that possibility will be considered. Reinstating Cookie Sunday was discussed with no objections. Also brought to the group was the idea to launch a church app that would pair with sermon notes and include prayer concerns and announcements instead of going back to paper bulletins. A general consensus was in favor of exploring this further.

The motion to adjourn was made by Judy Ferguson and seconded by Roger Brokaw. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM and Pastor Michael closed with prayer.

History Tidbit

100 Years ago, June 29, 1921, Pike County Republican: "Manager Dudley of the New Canton movie house removed the opera chairs from the Pittsfield Christian Church, and will install them in his new theater. Many church people objected to the noise made by the chairs." (The chairs would have been around 31 years old at that time, maybe they were getting creaky.)



Dear Church Family,

This past week was an exciting time for our church as we welcomed our outside advisory team to Pittsfield for a time of evaluation and consultation. We were somewhat overdue for our advisory team to visit due to the pandemic, but Doug Harvey and Rick Grace met with our staff, leadership, and several groups from the congregation for a prayerful review of our church as we seek to refine and better fulfill our commission to make disciples and minister to our community through the Love of Christ. We look forward to receiving their full report later this month.

As I considered their visit, I thought about the value that a different perspective brings. I had a friend that was joining me for a meeting, and as he drove up in his car I commented on the squealing I had heard from under his hood. He replied that he had become so used to it he no longer heard it. It ended up being a loose belt that needed replacing. It was a good thing that I brought this to his attention.

Those of us who have pets can very easily become nose blind to the smell of our beloved critters. What we have become “used to” may in fact be somewhat unpleasant to those we wish to welcome into our homes.

The same is true for our walk with Christ. Included with our walk with one another is the demonstration of Christian Love to help each other grow. This growth can, at times, include drawing attention to some areas in our life that we may be unaware of. When this is done in the love of Christ, growth follows. This is one reason for the visit of our outside advisors.

Matt 7:3-5

Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye. ESV

Over the next few weeks, we will be focusing on this topic as we look into Paul's letters to Timothy. I hope that as we examine God's word, our relationships will deepen with one another and we will adopt a spirit of growth within them.

Loving you all,
Michael

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 Kacie Lipcaman, Christian Education
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 Gina Bryant, Custodian
 Bob Clark, Audio/Video/Maintenance
 Shari Clark, Event Coordinator
 Rodney Gordley, Assistant Event/Student Ministry Coord

Office Hours: M-TH 8:00am-3:30pm; F 8:00am-Noon**Worship Times: Every Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am**

Stewardship (Offering Only)	<u>6/7-13</u>	<u>6/14-20</u>
Operational	\$6,559.45	\$8,526.96
Property Improvement	10.00	10.00
Outreach-Missionaries	40.00	40.00
DHF	30.00	30.00
Construction/Renovation	25.00	75.00
Unmet Needs	0.00	53.00
Church Roof	50.00	0.00
Vacation Bible School	70.00	0.00
Outreach-General	<u>45.00</u>	<u>8.00</u>
Total	\$6,829.45	\$8,742.96

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$6,359.45 \$8,526.96
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,175

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

Lectionary

6/27: 2 Sam 1:1-27; Solomon 1:13-15; 2 Cor 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43
6/28: Psalm 18:1-6, 43-50; 1 Samuel 23:14-18; 2 Corinthians 8:16-24
6/29: Psalm 18:1-6, 43-50; 1 Samuel 31:1-13; 2 Corinthians 9:1-5
6/30: Psalm 18:1-6, 43-50; 1 Chronicles 10:1-14; Mark 9:14-29
7/1: Psalm 48; 2 Samuel 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 4:8-13
7/2: Psalm 48; 2 Samuel 3:1-12; 2 Corinthians 10:7-11
7/3: Psalm 48; 2 Samuel 3:31-38; Matthew 8:18-22
7/4: 2 Sam 5:1-10; Ezek 2:1-5; 2 Cor 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13
7/5: Psalm 21; 2 Samuel 5:1-10; 2 Corinthians 11:16-33
7/6: Psalm 21; 2 Samuel 5:11-16; James 5:7-12
7/7: Psalm 21; 2 Samuel 5:17-25; John 7:1-9
7/8: Psalm 24; Exodus 25:10-22; Colossians 2:1-5
7/9: Psalm 24; Exodus 37:1-16; Colossians 4:2-18
7/10: Psalm 24; Numbers 10:11-36; Luke 1:57-80

Prayer Concerns: Chip Barber, Wayne Baughman, Dora Lee Claus, Jeff Cox, Brian Douglas, Gary Jones, Jordan Lamb, Evan Lipcaman, Wanda Mendenhall, Mary Pfyl, Ralph Piper, Sandra Reel, Cindi Schoenherr, Michael Benad (Brenda Kramer's brother-in-law), Norman Bryant (Dave Bryant's father), Kent Carnes (Leecia Carnes' father), Ezra Collver (Craig & Carrie Collver's grandson), Michael Guillory (Carolyn Barber's nephew), Karen Schieffer (Mary Pfyl's sister), John Sheppard (Sandy Wigington's father), Linda Payne Sheppard (Judy Dunham & Carole Elledge's niece), Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law), Maxine Wilder (Linda Belford's mother)
Sympathy is extended to Chuck Barber and family with the passing of his nephew, Peter Roccaforte.

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.

Wishes & Wants

Are you going to be out of town and need someone to care for your pet? Contact Lia Picone who can help! Ed 636.290.4528 or Rosie 217.440.0046

	<u>6/13</u>	<u>6/20</u>
Worship Service		
8:00	85	66
10:30	<u>110</u>	<u>114</u>
Total	195	180
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	6	6
K-2nd	9	9
3rd-4th	8	7
5th-6th	9	11
Jr/Sr High	5	6
Disciples	12	18
Sermon Study	14	7
C.O.F.F.E.E.	12	12
Women's Group	0	3
Select to Connect	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
Total	82	86