

The Pittsfield Christian

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Kids' Sunday School note! Starting this fall, we are having a large group worship time for Pre-K through HS Sunday school classes every **first Sunday of the month** during a portion of their regular SS time. (All pick-ups and drop-offs are in the normal places.) This is a great time to worship together and fellowship across grade levels! Make sure and ask your student about it after this week!

This Sunday, Oct 3, at 6pm is the hymn sing! We hope to see many of you there!! We will sing 13 pre-determined hymns and then have 15 minutes of "pop-up hymns" that are called out from the audience.

Cantata practice starts Wednesday, Oct. 6th at 6:30!!! Now is a GREAT time to flex those singing muscles and jump in! We will be doing some large group and small group numbers. If you are not able to make Wednesday nights at 6:30, there may be another option for you. Also, some of the small groups might be meeting at alternate times. There is also a virtual participation option for those not available on that date of Cantata - Dec. 19th. Please come talk to me soon or (text me - 217-370-2166) if you wish to participate, but have some scheduling difficulties! We hope to see many of you next week!! --Kayla

The fall wiener roast and Vesper Service will be held at the Hamer & Jenny Tate farm on Sunday, Oct. 10. Like a family meal, all food will be provided with donations in the box to help offset expenses. All you need to bring is your cooking fork if you have one and your lawn chair. The fire should be ready for roasting by 4:30. If you want to fish, paddle boat, play, or just have some relaxing time, feel free to come on down any time after 3:00.

Coffee Talk, Tues, Oct 5, 10:00. You are invited to the Annex for conversation and prayer with Pastor Michael!

Circle V, Thurs, Oct 7, 2:00.

Church Board Meeting, Tues, Oct 12, 6pm.

Special Service!! On Sunday night, November 7th, at 6pm we are trying something new! We will be doing a "Night of Favorites." If you have a favorite song that you would love to have done, please email it (kayla.boren88@gmail.com) or text it (217-370-2166) to me WITH AN EXPLANATION OF WHY IT IS YOUR FAVORITE! It could be an old hymn or a current praise song or maybe even a praise song from 2001. Please have the songs and explanations to me by October 20th. We will play the songs (unless a song is beyond our ability...lol) and read the explanations at that service. -- Kayla

The congregation unanimously approved at the Sept 26 congregational meeting, to replace the parking surfaces on the north side of the church, west and north side of Crossroads, across the street from Crossroads on the north side of Jefferson Street, and the large parking lot across from Crossroads. Work is slated to begin the second week of October. Please be vigilant of our construction when parking in the area.

Thank you to everyone who helped set up, donate salads and desserts, serve or clean up for the Becky Irwin funeral luncheon. We are so blessed with the help from so many caring and thoughtful helping hands. God Bless You All! CWF Bereavement Ministry.

October 3 will be Cookie Sunday!

Excerpts from Church Board Meeting, September 14, 2021

Call to Order at 6:02PM by Moderator Bobby Smith. Elder Hamer Tate offered a devotion and prayer. Minutes from August 10, 2021 meeting were approved by general consensus.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Michael mentioned a few of the highlights from his submitted report which included meeting with the nursery attendant, Children's Worship volunteers and youth group leaders; checking in with Sunday School teachers concerning curriculum changes and other needs; gathering bids for parking lot updates. He will be attending the DHF Convention in North Carolina this month. He stated that while attendance on Sunday mornings is down, the streaming numbers are consistent. The Nominating Committee's work and budget preparation will all begin in September.

Treasurer: Bethany Dunham - Total funds available for construction/renovation (education bldg) \$1,201,220.15. Bob Clark moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Hamer Tate seconded. Passed unanimously.

Trustees: Bobby Smith spoke for Trustee Dan Speckhart stating that real estate taxes had been paid on the annex per the purchase agreement.

Christian Education: Kayla Boren reported for Christian Education and Music: Meeting held with Children's Worship volunteers; continuing the evaluation of classroom locations with furniture that can be easily moved to accommodate various activities. Choir practice had resumed, and Cantata rehearsals will begin in October.

Crossroads Center: Shari Clark stated that Crossover Hoops was planning to schedule a fall event.

Building Team: Kayla Boren and Helen Earls will now be assisting with the needs concerning the plans for the new education wing.

Old Business: A bid for landscaping at the Annex was received from Mid USA Landscaping and presented in the amount of \$3,475. A donation of \$1,000 towards the project will bring down the cost we will pay to \$2,475. The bid included the installation of new block edging, weed guard fabric, 1.5" landscape rock, plants/planting, grass seed planting and fertilizer application. Our responsibility is the dirt grade work and removal/disposal work. After a brief discussion, Brad Losch moved to accept the bid as presented in the amount of \$3,475. and applying the \$1,000 towards the bill. Judy Ferguson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Repairs to the parking areas at the church and Crossroads Center were discussed. Reports from several contractors revealed substantial damage over the years which will require replacement rather than resurfacing. These areas being considered for replacement are the north parking area of the church, the north parking area on the Crossroads Center both sides of the road, and the Crossroads Center west gravel area. A bid from Waters Concrete for removal, hauling, foundation and replacement in the amount of \$66,284.00 was received and considered. A bid in the amount of \$16,875 was received from Cousin Bill for oil and chip of the northern-most Crossroads Center parking lot that is currently graveled and needs a hard surface to bring it to code. Parking areas would also need striped and painted at an estimate of \$1,500. The discussion led to the agreement that this work is of high priority for public safety and to comply with city ordinance. Judy Ferguson moved to proceed with the project by accepting the bids from Waters Concrete and Cousin Bill. Bethany seconded and the motion passed unanimously. As this is not a budgeted item, the board will present this information to the congregation for approval. It will be announced from the pulpit on Sunday, September 19, and presented to the congregation in a meeting on Sunday, September 26 immediately after the 10:30 service. Zack Boren brought up the question of which funds would be used to finance this project. Pastor Michael stressed that as we have been under budget in our administrative area by not having a youth minister, we have the ability to complete the work with overage.

New Business: The board members briefly discussed the need to waive the attendance requirement for holding an elected office due the pandemic. It will not be a bylaw amendment. Bob Clark moved to waive the present attendance requirement and a second was provided by Larry Wigington. The motion passed unanimously.

Moderator Bobby Smith announced the Nominating Committee members. Elder Larry Wigington will chair the committee. Additional members are Elder Helen Earls, Deacons Justin Poor and Eleanor Jenkins, members-at-large Joyce Lemons and Roger Dunham. Michael Ten Eyck moved to accept the committee as presented. Roger Brokaw seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn: The motion to adjourn was made by Judy Ferguson and seconded by Bethany Dunham. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM and Pastor Michael closed with prayer.

Dear Church Family,

From a young age, most of us have been taught the value of honesty. William Shakespeare wrote, "No legacy is so rich as honesty." The importance of honesty is reflected in the codes of our society as an essential part of our moral fabric. It is enshrined in the Ten Commandments as well as our laws.

I have been thinking about honesty quite a bit lately, especially in light of the phenomenon of what is now known as misinformation and disinformation. I fear for a society that does not value Honesty nor Truth.

Certainly, honesty is critical in our walk with the Lord.

Prov 6:16-19

*There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him: 17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, 18 a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, 19 a **false witness** who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers. ESV*

Ps 51:6

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. ESV

Col 3:9-10

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self...ESV

Not only is it dishonest to lie, but we must now ask ourselves if repeating something that is not true is also a form of lying. Is that being dishonest? Let's face it, Social Media is full of things that are "shared" that the "sharer" has no direct way in which to validate the authenticity of the information. So, why do we feel compelled to post and share these things?

George Washington had some wonderful words on this very thought long before the advent of the electronic age of information... Washington wrote:

"Associate yourself with men of good quality, if you esteem your reputation. Be not apt to relate news, if you know not the truth thereof... ..There is but one straight course, and that is to seek truth, and pursue it steadily. Nothing but harmony, honesty, industry and frugality are necessary to make us a great and happy nation."

Pretty sound advice. I hope that we will all strive to make every effort to be bearers of TRUTH... in ALL things.

Loving you all,
Michael

October Birthday & Anniversaries: 1 Jane Calaway, C.J. Hayes, J.P. Richmiller; 2 Cindi Schoenherr, Alyssa & Brandi Cothren, Tracey Reel; 3 Ann Ferguson, Caleb & Hayley Wombles; 4 Larry Howard, Linda Decker, Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain; 5 Mattie Bishop; 6 Jenny Tate, Preston & Bethany Dunham; 7 Michael & Julie Boren, Cindy Chamberlain, Ed & Rosi Picone; 8 Bill Grimsley; 9 Korey & Lisa Wombles; 10 Gary & Deana Jones, J.P. & Cassie Richmiller; 11 Robert Crowder, Don Houchins; 12 Chuck Barber, Cathy Lacey, Steve & Betty Hayden; 13 Terra Schoenherr; 14 Deloras Martin, Ashley Ferguson, Hudson Moss; 15 Helen Earls; 16 Karl Benjamin, Buddy & Chris Crowder, Cade Tomhave; 17 Gary & Christie Mendenhall; 20 Larry & Sandy Wigington, Steve & Kathy Lehr, Jaunae Bacon, Madilyn Wombles; 22 Mary Gates; 24 Dave & Gena Londrie; 26 Elaine Hoaglin, McKenzie Tomhave, Brian & Hannah Roig; 27 Scott Palmer; 28 Tammi Koltveit, Brianne Sealock; 29 Linda Belford, Judy Sweeting, Aidan Poor, Bill & Eleanor Jenkins; 30 Roger & Dorothy Yaeger, Austin Wintjen; 31 Sarah Tharp, Craig Gengler.

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Staff:

Michael Ten Eyck, Pastor
 Kayla Boren, Music Coordinator
 Rebecca Rhodes, Administrative Secretary
 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**

Prayer Concerns: Wayne Baughman, Dora Lee Claus, Brian Douglas, Ron Halsey, Gary Jones, Patrick Lamb, Wanda Mendenhall, Julie Myers, Cindi Schoenherr, Additional Ministry Staff Search
 Karen Birch (John Birch's sister)
 Jyl Brunet (Friend of Kacie Lipcaman)
 Ezra Collver (Craig & Carrie Collver's grandson)
 Cheryl Conkright (Gina Bryant's mother)
 Kay Matthews (Jean Sanderson's sister)
 Karen Schieffer (Mary Pfyl's sister)
 John Sheppard (Sandy Wigington's father)
 Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law)
 Linda Turner (Friend of Vivian Cloninger)
 Craig Yokem (Mary Van Hoose family)

We express our sympathy to Alex Sidwell and family with the passing of his uncle, Joe Sidwell. We also express sympathy to Rick and Mary Wombles with the passing of their family member, Amanda Pankratz.

Stewardship (Offering Only)	<u>9/13-19</u>	<u>9/20-26</u>
Operational	\$7,823.37	\$8,729.47
Property Improvement	10.00	760.00
Outreach-Missionaries	40.00	40.00
DHF	30.00	130.00
Construction/Renovation	25.00	281.00
Unmet Needs	50.00	100.00
Snack Pack	20.00	0.00
Outreach-General	<u>105.00</u>	<u>385.00</u>
Total	\$8,103.37	\$10,425.47

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$7,873.37 \$8,729.47
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,175

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

Lectionary

10/3: Job 2:1-10; Gen 2:18-24; Heb 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16.
10/4: Psalm 55:1-15; Job 8:1-22; 1 Corinthians 7:1-9
10/5: Psalm 55:1-15; Job 11:1-20; 1 Corinthians 7:10-16
10/6: Psalm 55:1-15; Job 15:1-35; Matthew 5:27-36
10/7: Psalm 22:1-15; Job 17:1-16; Hebrews 3:7-19
10/8: Psalm 22:1-15; Job 18:1-21; Hebrews 4:1-11
10/9: Psalm 22:1-15; Job 20:1-29; Matthew 15:1-9
10/10: Job 23:1-17; Amos 5:6-15; Heb 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31
10/11: Psalm 39; Job 26:1-14; Revelation 7:9-17
10/12: Psalm 39; Job 28:12-29:10; Revelation 8:1-5
10/13: Psalm 39; Job 32:1-22; Luke 16:19-31
10/14: Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b; Job 36:1-16; Romans 15:7-13
10/15: Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b; Job 37:1-24; Revelation 17:1-18
10/16: Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b; Job 39:1-30; Luke 22:24-30

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

Wishes & Wants

None at this time.

	<u>9/19</u>	<u>9/26</u>
Worship Service		
8:00	72	58
10:30	<u>113</u>	<u>137</u>
Total	185	195
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	3	5
K-2nd	11	13
3rd-5th	7	7
6th-8th	9	10
Jr/Sr High	3	0
Disciples	16	13
Sermon Study	9	12
C.O.F.F.E.E.	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>
Total	66	72