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The November Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, November 7, immediately after the 10:30 service in the sanctuary. Agenda includes: 1) Proposed officers and other elected officials to assume office January 1, 2022; 2) Proposed 2022 Budget. Handouts are on the sanctuary mantels and at the Annex.

Outreach Ministry will meet Thurs, **Oct 28** at 6:30 in the Long Room. We will discuss the Christmas adopt a family project as well as 2022 ministries! All are welcome! Contact Zack or Libby for more info and if you would like to attend but need childcare, let us know!

Sunday, Oct 31, will be **Throwback Sunday** where we will sing the traditional hymns at both service.

Coffee Talk
Tues, **Nov 2**
10a.m. @ Annex
Stop by for discussion with Pastor Michael while enjoying a hot cup of coffee!

Thurs, **Nov 4**, 2:00, **Circle V Meeting**.
Thurs, **Nov 11**, 9:30, **Circle IV Meeting**.

Church Board Meeting, Tues, **Nov 9**, 6pm. Packets will be ready **Nov 7**.

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Tues, Nov 9
Noon-5pm
Crossroads Center
Host: CWF
Contact: Barbara Fosco

Special Service!! On Sunday night, **November 7th**, at **6pm** we are trying something new! We will be doing a "Night of Favorites" in the sanctuary! We will be singing songs that have been requested, no matter if they are hymns of old or current praise songs! We hope you will be able to join us!

Adult Sunday School News: We have started a new series at Crossroads front meeting room, "Thriving in Babylon". Come join us! All are welcome! We want you to share your knowledge, questions, and dreams. For questions contact Jack Hull 217-473-5151 or jackcyhull@yahoo.com.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Gary Jones luncheon setup, serve and cleanup. We so appreciate each and everyone of you! God Bless You All! CWF Bereavement Ministry.

The CWF Bazaar is Back . . . on Friday, December 3rd . . . with some changes. At our recent meeting and after much discussion, it was decided we will not have our Soup & Sandwich lunch this year, so our dining room will be closed. The lunch favorite "home-made" Olive Nut Cheese and Pimento Cheese will be sold in 1/2 pound containers at The Country Store. The Tea Room will be open with tea, coffee, hot chocolate and sweet treats. The Country Store will have all the baked goods everyone generously brings us. Our Gift Room has all the donated beautiful, many hand-made, items available for wonderful gifts. The Treasure Room will be accepting items on Tuesday, November 30th thru Thursday, December 2nd. No clothes please, but will accept boots, shoes, outerwear (coats, hats, gloves), purses, books, household and decorative items, small appliances. If you have questions or would like to help: Tea Room - Sonya Bishop; Country Store - Bev White or Barbara Fosco; Gift Room - Charlotte Dunham; Treasure Room - Kathy Curfman. Love Raffle tickets are being sold now. All of us appreciate the many donations we receive to make our Bazaar a success and the wonderful volunteers who make it happen.

**All Church Turkey Dinner
Wednesday, November 10**

**Carryout ready at 5:30
Dine-in at 6:00**

**All reservations must be made prior so we know how much food to prepare.
Call the office or sign up in the back of the overflow room with the number in your party.
You can also email at info@fccpittsfield.org or write a note in your Sunday attendance pad.**

**Seating placement is first come, first serve.
Like a Family Meal, the donation box will be available.**

Elder Corner

How is your prayer life? Do you often reflect on your walk with the Lord or does the hustle and bustle of this life push your prayer time to the bottom of the to-do list for the day? I have a difficult time achieving set-aside time for prayer, and an even tougher time finding quiet time to listen to what God has to say to me.

Lately, I have found it hard to slow down and put aside the cares of this world and reflect and study God's word. Reading my Bible usually helps me relax and put me in a frame of mind to listen to what the passages say to my heart. Bible study helps me to reflect on my achievements and shortcomings as well as my wins and losses.

In the every day rush of life, do we find ourselves asking God what to do about this or that, or help with whatever obstacle is currently in our way? Take time to pause for an answer. It might be a small still voice, or it could be a hardly recognizing sign we normally would not notice as we whiz by at 100 MPH. Just as it is easier to observe things at a little slower pace than at full tilt, so is it harder to hear God's reply if you are not tuned in to His broadcast frequency.

Is your radio on? Are we tuned to the world broadcasting network or are we listening to the Bible broadcasting company? It is hard to get God's direction in our life if we are not tuned to the right station.

But in all our living, remember Psalm 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God."

Living Life Daily,
Hamer Tate, Elder

Mary Isabel "Izzy" Willard will celebrate her 100th Birthday on Fri, Nov 12.
Let's shower her with birthday wishes at her new address!

Mary Isabel Willard
601 Lutz Road
Apt 120
Bloomington, IL 61704.

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 Goldbeck; **11** Raeanna Grimes; **12** Mary Isabel Willard, Chad Ferguson, Debbie Robinson; **14** Anna Speckhart, Dustin Wintjen; **16** Korey Wombles; **17** Carole Elledge, Elizabeth Rowland, 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; **29** Dr. Dan Speckhart, Mason Lamb.

Excerpts from Church Board Meeting October 12, 2021

Pastor Michael opened the meeting via recorded message. Minutes from September 14, 2021 meeting were approved by general consensus.

Pastor's Report: Via recorded message, Pastor Michael highlighted some September items including coordinating meetings/details of parking lot projects, working with the Executive Committee on financial planning, approval by congregation of parking lot projects, budget work, Christian Education issues, continuation of Sabbatical Project work, Nominating Committee work, Annex landscaping, and numerous counseling sessions, hospital/Hospice visits and member phone contacts. He informed the Board that the parking lot work is projected to begin in 1 to 1 ½ weeks. Upcoming goals include the November Congregational Meeting, completing the Annex landscaping, and ramping up the planning process for the Education Building.

Treasurer: Rebecca Rhodes reporting for Bethany Dunham - as of September 30, 2021. Unrestricted Operating Checking \$73,296.63. Unrestricted Operating Checking Parking Replacement \$84,659. YTD Budgeted Disbursements \$251,049.25. Total funds available for construction/renovation (education bldg) \$1,201,735.84.

Christian Education: Kayla Boren reported that she is in the process of purchasing inflatable furniture for Sunday School rooms in the Annex and Crossroads Center. She noted that the Sunday School worship sessions are going well and will continue with Rodney leading the band on the first Sunday of each month. A 'Night of Favorites' will be held on Sunday, November 7th at 6 PM. Cantata practice underway.

Crossroads Center: Shari Clark stated that the gym has been reserved every weeknight except Friday with two or three teams practicing each night. Also, a wedding reception has been scheduled for New Year's Eve.

Building Team: Bobby Smith mentioned that J.U.L.I.E. needs to be contacted by the contractors. Parking lot project beginning soon.

Old Business: Annex landscaping is delayed due to the tree root-ball needing removed as well as the need to haul the loose dirt.

New Business: Elder Larry Wigington, as Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the Board with the Proposed Officers and Other Elected Officials whose term will begin on January 1, 2022. Larry stated that his committee was an excellent group and they filled positions quickly. Larry Wigington moved to accept the nominations as presented. Helen Earls seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The list will be presented to the Congregation at the November meeting.

The Board went into closed session as the staff budget was discussed. Discussed financial planning for projects spanning over next year. Judy Ferguson moved to accept the proposed budgeted items. Matt Saxe seconded and the motion passed with one abstention.

The remainder of the proposed budget was then presented to the Board in open session. Tuckpointing plans were discussed. The presented budget totaled \$496,630 which would require \$9,551 in weekly receipts. Helen Earls moved to accept the Proposed 2022 Budget as presented by the Stewardship Committee. Judy Ferguson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjourn: The motion to adjourn was made by Judy Ferguson and seconded by Larry Wigington. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM and Pastor Michael closed with prayer.

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Church Building: 225 N. Memorial Street
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 Offices: 115 W. Jefferson Street
 Phone (217) 285-4129
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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: Jaunae Bacon, Wayne Baughman, Dora Lee Claus, Brian Douglas, Ron Halsey, Wanda Mendenhall, Julie Myers,
 Additional Ministry Staff Search
 Karen Birch (John Birch's sister)
 Ezra Collver (Craig & Carrie Collver's grandson)
 Cheryl Conkright (Gina Bryant's mother)
 Linda Hendricker (Kathy Hull's sister)
 Lilee Knake (Daughter of Skylar & Cara Knake)
 Kay Matthews (Jean Sanderson's sister)
 Kay McDonald (Bev White's niece)
 Karen Schieffer (Mary Pfyl's sister)
 Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law)
We express our sympathy to Heather Anderson and Joe Helms with the passing of their mother, Marsha Dugan.

Stewardship (Offering Only)	<u>10/11-17</u>	<u>10/18-24</u>
Operational	\$7,005.67	\$13,499.41
Property Improvement	104.00	10.00
Outreach-Missionaries	40.00	40.00
DHF	30.00	130.00
Construction/Renovation	31.00	25.00
Unmet Needs	1,050.00	0.00
Snack Pack	0.00	20.00
Outreach-General	<u>55.00</u>	<u>55.00</u>
Total	\$8,315.67	\$13,779.41

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$7,005.67 \$13,556.90
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,175

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

Lectionary

10/31: Ruth 1:1-18; Deut 6:1-9; Heb 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34
11/1: Psalm 18:20-30; Ruth 2:15-23; Romans 12:17-21; 13:8-10
11/2: Psalm 18:20-30; Ruth 3:1-7; Acts 7:17-29
11/3: Psalm 18:20-30; Ruth 3:8-18; John 13:31-35
11/4: Psalm 127; Ruth 4:1-10; Romans 5:6-11
11/5: Psalm 127; Ruth 4:11-17; Hebrews 9:15-24
11/6: Psalm 127; Ruth 4:18-22; Mark 11:12-14, 20-24
11/7: Ruth 3:1-5; 1 Kings 17:8-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44
11/8: Psalm 113; Genesis 24:1-10; 1 Timothy 5:1-8
11/9: Psalm 113; Genesis 24:11-27; 1 Timothy 5:9-16
11/10: Psalm 113; Genesis 24:28-42; Luke 4:16-30
11/11: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Samuel 1:21-28; 1 Timothy 6:11-21
11/12: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Samuel 2:18-21; Colossians 2:6-15
11/13: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Samuel 3:1-18; Mark 12:1-12

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>10/17</u>	<u>10/24</u>
Worship Service		
8:00	74	53
10:30	<u>120</u>	<u>146</u>
Total	194	199
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	3	5
K-2nd	12	10
3rd-5th	5	11
6th-8th	0	0
Jr/Sr High	5	8
Disciples	12	15
Sermon Study	10	14
Select to Connect	8	6
C.O.F.F.E.E.	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>
Total	62	78