

The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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We have recent baptisms to celebrate in our church family!

Dec 25 - Stella Bonnett, Caroline Smith, Miranda Thomas.

Jan 1 - Knox Dunham, Rorie Dunham, Clara Fitzmaurice, Logan Simmons.

Jan 8 - Taylor Hayes, Lucas Poor, Ariella Williams.

Matthew 28:19 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Circle IV Meeting, Thurs, **Jan 12**, 9:30.

The **Thursday noon women's Bible Study** will resume on **Jan 12** at the church.

Choir Dates

Jan 18 - 6:30, practice resumes.

Jan 29 - Rollback Sunday. Sing at both services.

March 1 - Start Easter practice.

March 5 - Sing at both services.

April 2 - Palm Sunday. Sing at both services.

April 9 - Resurrection Day! Sing at 10:00 service.

April 19 - Last choir practice.

April 30 - Rollback Sunday. Sing at both services.

May 28 - Sing at both services.

May - End of year dinner.

Crossroads Volleyball League will start Mon, **Jan 23**.

Please contact Matt Sealock if you want to put a team in.

Players must be at least in high school to play, and each

team must have a least 3 girls playing each night. Cost is \$20 per player.

Elder Meeting and Retreat, Tues, **Jan 24**, 6:00.

Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast Meeting, Sat, **Jan 28**, 8:30 at Cardinal Inn.

The annual **February Congregational Meeting** will be immediately after the 10:30 service on **Feb 5**, at approx. 11:45, where we will review 2022. We are currently waiting for information from a contractor and will share any updates on the potential education building construction/renovation project.

The Crossroads Center gym is open to the public for **walking** on **Monday through Thursday**, 8-10:00 a.m. The gym office will be staffed during that time.

Youth Group will meet on **Wednesdays** during January, 6-8:00.

The **2022 Contribution Statements** will be printed and distributed before the end of January.

There was a delay in printing our 2023 offering envelopes due to a printing press breakdown and trouble getting the part. The vender is printing once again and will ship our order as soon as possible.

Dear First Christian Church Family,
We want to thank all the prayer warriors whom have prayed for our Ezra for the past year and 11 months. He fought a battle valiantly and spread so much joy and love to all who knew him. He is in a better place but we miss his happy giggles and twinkles in his eyes and determination to share love. With much appreciation and in Christian love,
The Collver family.

Dear Outreach Ministry Members and FCC,
On behalf of Pikeland CUSD #10, I wish to express our sincere appreciation for your donation to be used toward student meal accounts at PHS, PCS, and South. Thank you for helping us to help the students of Pikeland CUSD #10.
Sincerely,
Dr. Carol L. Kilver
Superintendent

Thank you for the Prayer Shawl and for all the prayers. Our family is so grateful for everyone's thoughts and prayers during Corinne's surgery.
Thank you,
The Pennock Family.

Thank you to everyone who donated food or helped serve the Larry Bergman funeral dinner. We greatly appreciate your help! -CWF Bereavement Ministry.

FCC Family,
Thank you for the gift card from Save A Lot. It is much appreciated.
-Adopt a Family recipient.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Tereasa Apps, John Birch, Julie Boren, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Sue Evans, Charlene Gleckler, Judy Kallal, Corinne Pennock, Sandy Reel, Bill Schwartze, Search for Associate or Youth Minister, Karen Birch (John Birch's sister) Darci Brooks (Deloras Martin's niece) Deb Kruger (Friend of Brandi Pennock) Kelly Johnson (Friend of Sonya Bishop) A.C. Reel (Amber Poor's grandfather) Rusty Sealock (Jean Sanderson's son-in-law) Jim Shrenkel (John Calaway relative) Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law) Sue Tice (Lisa Pennock's sister) Journee Vinyard (Kim Bauer's family)
We express sympathy to the family and friends of those who have passed:
Larry Bergman (Brother of Sue Evans and Donna Zumwalt)
Becky Blessing (Jenny Tate's mother)
Ezra Collver (Craig & Caree Collver's grandson)
Kevin Miller (Lisa Pennock's brother)
Bruce Penstone (Marge Gamble's nephew)
Betty Pressey (Pressey and Heavner family)

There is a collection box in the back of the overflow room for greeting card fronts. We will ship them to a children's home that recycles them for craft projects.

Cookie Sunday is spearheaded by Katie McDevitt (8:00 service) and Carole Elledge (10:30 service). Contact one of these ladies if you would like to be added to the monthly volunteer schedule or have any questions.

June 2023

First Christian Church of Pittsfield is planning a mission trip June 3 through June 10, 2023, to Knox County, Kentucky. In this mission trip we are praying and looking for individuals who want to serve the Lord in ways that can make a difference in their relationships with God.

FCC will be working with Artemis Christian Church. During the week the mission team will be installing two (2) new showers at the church. The team will also have the opportunity to be part of spiritual outreach projects.

Because of the project planned, we will be keeping the team as a group to no more than 12. If possible, we are needing adults with carpentry skills. An age limit will be set for teens. Any 8th grader who will be a starting freshman in the fall of 2023 through 2022 graduating seniors are invited to participate.

More information on cost is being put together. If you have any questions, please call Rod Gordley at the church office 217.285.4129 or Wayne Chamberlain at 217.248.3367.

Dear Church Family,

In Saint Augustine's "Confessions," he wrote this about the love of God; "You are good and all-powerful, caring for each one of us as though the only one in your care."

This observation has been misconstrued over the ages to mean that God somehow looks to each of us as an only child, but this is inaccurate. Although the difference may seem subtle, it is actually quite profound. This erroneous mindset manifests itself in the un-Christlike but all too often observed attitudes of selfishness and self-centeredness.

It is true that God's love and care for each one of us are deeply personal and unique. His knowledge and understanding of each and every one of us is absolute, total, and complete. When we make the error of perceiving this unique love as somehow ours alone it can result in isolationism and exceptionalism that have the opposite effect than its transformative purpose. The love of God is never just inward. By its very nature, it transforms us to spread to others.

God's love sets us free for far more noble purposes than to live for our own interests. Consider Paul's words in his letter to the Galatians.

Gal 5:13-14 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ESV

In Peterson's paraphrased translation "The Message," it reads as follows:

Gal 5:13-14 It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. 14 For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom. -THE MESSAGE: The Bible in Contemporary Language © 2002 by Eugene H. Peterson. All rights reserved.)

As we begin 2023, it is my prayer that we will be drawn by God's love to embrace the holy calling to love our neighbor as ourselves. May we not see ourselves as God's unique child alone, but others as His unique children as well.

Loving you all,
Michael

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Staff:

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 Kayla Boren, Music Coordinator
 Rebecca Rhodes, Administrative Secretary
 Grace Henthorn, Custodian
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 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

| | <u>12/19-25</u> | <u>12/26-1/1</u> | <u>1/2-8</u> |
|---|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Operational | \$6,106.65 | \$10,751.00 | \$9,715.82 |
| Property Improvement | 10.00 | 110.00 | 74.00 |
| Outreach-Missionaries | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| DHF | 30.00 | 30.00 | 30.00 |
| Construction/Renovation | 25.00 | 25.00 | 140.00 |
| Adopt a Family / School | 400.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| Ukraine Refugee Missions | 150.00 | 250.00 | 200.00 |
| Unmet Needs | 0.00 | 500.00 | 304.00 |
| Youth Group | 0.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| Snack Pack | 0.00 | 20.00 | 0.00 |
| Outreach-General | <u>5.00</u> | <u>55.00</u> | <u>29.00</u> |
| Total | \$6,766.65 | \$16,821.00 | \$10,532.82 |
| Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.) | | | |
| Received Last 7 Days | \$6,106.65 | \$10,888.50 | \$9,965.82 |
| Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget | \$9,732 | | |

Lectionary

1/8: Isa 42:1-9; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matt 3:13-17
1/9: Psalm 89:5-37; Genesis 35:1-15; Acts 10:44-48
1/10: Psalm 89:5-37; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Acts 8:4-13
1/11: Psalm 89:5-37; Isaiah 51:1-16; Matthew 12:15-21
1/12: Psalm 40:1-11; Isaiah 22:15-25; Galatians 1:6-12
1/13: Psalm 40:1-11; Genesis 27:30-38; Acts 1:1-5
1/14: Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Kings 19:19-21; Luke 5:1-11
1/15: Isa 49:1-7; Ps 40:1-11; 1 Cor 1:1-9; John 1:29-42
1/16: Psalm 40:6-17; Exodus 12:1-13, 21-28; Acts 8:26-40
1/17: Psalm 40:6-17; Isaiah 53:1-12; Hebrews 10:1-4
1/18: Psalm 40:6-17; Isaiah 48:12-21; Matthew 9:14-17
1/19: Psalm 27:1-6; 1 Samuel 1:1-20; Galatians 1:11-24
1/20: Psalm 27:1-6; 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8; Galatians 2:1-10
1/21: Psalm 27:1-6; 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Luke 5:27-32
1/22: Isa 9:1-4; Ps 27:1-9; 1 Cor 1:10-18; Matt 4:12-23
1/23: Psalm 27:7-14; Judges 6:11-24; Ephesians 5:6-14
1/24: Psalm 27:7-14; Judges 7:12-22; Philippians 2:12-18
1/25: Psalm 27:7-14; Genesis 49:1-2, 8-13, 21-26; Luke 1:67-79
1/26: Psalm 15; Deuteronomy 16:18-20; 1 Peter 3:8-12
1/27: Psalm 15; Deuteronomy 24:17-25:4; 1 Timothy 5:17-24
1/28: Psalm 15; Micah 3:1-4; John 13:31-35

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 for your convenience.

Wishes & Wants: Free Beltone hearing aid batteries. Stop by the church office to see the sizes.

Serving Schedule:

Jan 15: Elders: Matt Saxe, Kathy Hull
 8:00 Prep: Brad & Kathy Willman
 10:30 Prep: Jeremy & Alicia Tate
 Children's Church: Kay Sealock, Mike & Julie Boren
 Jan 22: Elders: Hamer Tate, Roger Brokaw
 8:00 Prep: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes
 10:30 Prep: Gary & Noah Mendenhall
 Children's Church: Carol Sherwin, Kayla Boren

| | <u>1/1</u> | <u>1/8</u> |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Worship Service | | |
| (12/25, 158) | | |
| 8:00 | 58 | 97 |
| 10:30 | <u>178</u> | <u>174</u> |
| Total | 236 | 271 |
| Christian Education | | |
| Age 3-PK | 7 | 6 |
| K-2nd | 6 | 12 |
| 3rd-5th | 12 | 17 |
| 6th-8th | 14 | 18 |
| Jr/Sr High | 0 | 7 |
| Disciples | 14 | 12 |
| Sermon Study | 13 | 15 |
| C.O.F.F.E.E. | <u>8</u> | <u>15</u> |
| Total | 74 | 102 |

The Dec, Jan, Feb edition of **Our Daily Bread** is on the sanctuary mantels and at the Annex.

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