

# The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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## Coming Events

- 7/21 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
TBA Youth Group
- 7/22 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting  
9:00 pm Church League Softball
- 7/23 8:30 am Bible Study  
6:00 pm Elder Meeting
- 7/24 8:30 am Unmet Needs
- 7/25 5:30 pm Hobby Horse Meeting
- 7/27 2:00 pm Birthday Party
- 7/28 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
TBA pm Youth Group
- 7/29 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting  
9:00 pm Church League Softball
- 7/30 8:30 am Bible Study
- 8/1 7:00 pm Jr/Sr High Girls Bible Study
- 8/2 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting

The time is drawing near to complete the new serving schedules for 8:00 communion prep, 10:30 communion prep, scripture reader, and 10:30 nursery help from Sept 2019 through Aug 2020. If you do not currently serve on one of these but would like to start, please contact the office **by Aug 12** so we have time to prepare them and distribute. This is a great way to be involved and help serve! Those already on the schedules will remain unless the office is notified.

Called to *Serve*

## Baby News

\*Billy and Becky Fitzmaurice have welcomed their 3rd daughter. Elyren Jewell was born July 12, 6 lbs, 13.5 oz, 19".

\*Braxton and Laura Boren have welcomed their 1st daughter. Luella June was born July 14, 7 lbs, 12 oz, 21".  
Congratulations to everyone!!



The **9:15 Sermon Study Group** led by Roger Brokaw will start meeting in the fellowship hall this week, **July 21**.

The **Elders** will meet Tues, **July 23**, 6:00.

## Youth Group Schedule:

- July 21 - TBA.  
July 28 - Regular youth group.  
Aug 4 - Regular youth group.  
Aug 11 - Regular youth group.  
Aug 18 - Escape room /pizza blitz kickoff night.

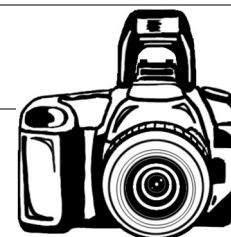
## Church League Softball:

7/22 9:00, 7/29 9:00.

## Remaining church camps for 2019:

- Young Adult Retreat, 18-25 YO, Aug 4-6  
Wilderness Camp, 13 YO and up, Aug 5-9  
Milton Bible Club, 6th-12th, Aug 13  
Family Camp, Everyone, Sept 6-8

**Save the Dates!** Lifetouch will take portraits for the new directory on **Nov 1-2** and **Nov 6-9**.



The Trustees will award the Carol V. Claus Baughman Scholarship to the student pursuing a degree in the education field or in religious studies. **Contact the church office by July 26 for an application or for more info.**

The **Prayer Shawl Group** has been gifted with yarn to bless our church family. If you would like to join and knit from home, contact Charlotte Dunham for more info.

## Children First offers Scrip cards for all your back-to-school shopping needs!

A complete list of participating vendors is on the sanctuary mantels or in the church office. Some include Walmart, Amazon, Best Buy, Target and Staples. How does it work? Example: You write a check payable to Children First for \$50 and receive a \$50 gift card to one of the vendors at no additional cost to you! Children First will receive a percentage of the \$50 from Scrip as a contribution.

**Prayer Concerns:** Tereasa Apps, Sharon Brannan, Dora Lee Claus, Landon Davenport, Stacey Helms, Arthur Knake, Dee Reeves  
Karen Dworzynski (Mary Wombles' sister)  
Judy Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law).  
*We express our sympathy to Jeff Lacey and family with the passing of his grandfather, John Phillips.  
We also express our sympathy to Betty Hoover and family with the passing of her sister, Norma Wiley.*

*First Christian Church Family,  
Thank you so much for all of your prayers and cards while I was recovering from knee surgery. I am doing well and hope to be back soon. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful church family.  
Kathy Wainman*

### Excerpts from July 9, 2019 Board Meeting

Kathy Hull gave the devotional from Proverbs 4:14-15. Sometimes we must make the decision to do less so we can do better.

**Minister's Report:** Preparing for VBS. Assisted with bus shopping. Discussion regarding Fire Marshall's demands for admin building which will be discussed later in the meeting.

**Treasurer:** Michelle Hart reported as of June 30:

Checking/Savings = \$483,759.73

Unrestricted Operating Checking = \$100,000.00

Budgeted Receipts = \$236,255.64 (\$10,592.46 below budget)

Budgeted Disbursements = \$170,820.97 (\$73,210.43 below budget)

Average Attendance YTD = 278

Excess Unrestricted Operating Checking moved towards church construction/renovate during June = \$13,736.60 plus  
\$305 offering designated towards church con/renovate

Net Nonbudgeted Activity = \$25,238.87

Balsman Property - N.D. reported the net activity of deeding 2 acres to Dala Watson and selling land to Doug Harter is reflected in the liability TRB Option – Balsman Farm (Net) \$9,204.

Total funds available for church construction/renovation are \$307,392.06.

**Trustees:** The Trustees have cashed in the mutual fund.

**Christian Education:** Helen Earls reported Kacie and crew have been busy preparing for VBS which will start with the kick-off this coming Sunday. VBS will be Mon-Fri with Family Meal served those days for the entire church to attend. After the conclusion of VBS, Kids Connection planning for the fall will begin.

**Children First:** The recent Fire Marshall inspection resulted in telling us the middle room needs either exterior building access or a sprinkler system in that room. After contacting a sprinkler system company who discussed this with the Fire Marshall's office, the Fire Marshall now says the entire building should have a sprinkler system, which would require upgrading our water supply lines, or the room have exterior building access. Best case scenario is to ask for a short-term variance first then use the lobby room if necessary.

**Balsman Property:** Quitclaim deed transferring ownership of 2 acres, including the cabin, to Dala Watson has been finalized.

**Task Force:** Michelle Hart and Kacie Lipcaman are added to the committee.

#### Old Business:

A used school bus, with air conditioning, has been purchased from Midwest Bus Sales and should be delivered soon. Peter Wright has been contacted about painting it. We can save money by taping it ourselves before painting.

Next meeting set for Tuesday, August 13, 2019 @ 6:00 pm.

It is hard to believe that the summer is nearly halfway over. For most students and some teachers, this is a very troubling fact. As I pulled the June page off of my office calendar, I was shocked at how fast the summer has gone.

At the beginning of each summer, I create a list of projects that I want to complete around our home. As the June calendar page fell towards the waste basket I had a new sense of urgency (and stress) to address my to-do list. If I am going to accomplish my summer goals I am going to have to be diligent with the time I have remaining.

Psalms 90 tells us to number our days so that we may gain wisdom. Solomon also speaks to this theme in the book of Proverbs...

Proverbs 6:6-11

*Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise.*

*Without having any chief, officer, or ruler,*

*she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest.*

*How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep?*

*A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest,*

*and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man. ESV*

This principle is also true with our spiritual walk. It is critical that we continually evaluate and review our spiritual goals and make adjustments or commitments as needed.

Teachers often complain that summer is a time of learning atrophy. I have heard it said that the first part of the school year in the fall is spent relearning many of the things that had slipped away over the summer. I have also heard pastors comment of the same phenomena in church life. While summer is a time for refreshing and renewal, for family vacations and enjoyment of outdoor adventures, we must take care not to let our spiritual growth take a back seat during these wonderful times.

Some simple ways that we can guard against this are to join a small group or bible study. Plan a family devotional at the dinner table. Go for a prayer walk with a brother or sister in Christ. If you are still stuck, set up a coffee with your pastor!

The truth is that summer is a wonderful time of refreshing and deepening of relationships. I hope that you will take a few moments and take inventory of how your summer is going. In that inventory, consider your walk with Christ. Set some goals...and grow. You will be so glad you did!

Loving you all,

Michael

#### Historical Note

**July 20, 1932 Pike County Republican:** "Great interest is being taken in the concert to be given next Tuesday evening by the Vesper Singers of the Christian Church. In spite of the intense heat, the singers are working hard at rehearsals and in assembling the many costumes that will be worn in the main periods to be presented." (Many singers were involved, including Miss Edna Brown, Miss Irene Stout, R.L. Harp, Miss Madge Carleton, Harry Barber, Merle Barber, C. W. Aldrich and Ed Glandon.) [Maximum temperatures during the week were in the mid to upper 90s every day—and remember, there was no air conditioning, and our nation was in the midst of the Great Depression.]



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 Kayla Boren, Music  
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 Gina Bryant, Custodian  
 Bob Clark, Audio/Video

**Office Hours:** 9:00am–4:00pm M-TH, 9:00am–12:00pm F  
**Worship Times:** Every Sunday 8:00am, 10:30am  
**Sunday School:** 9:15am

<b>Stewardship (Offering Only)</b>	<b><u>7/7</u></b>	<b><u>7/14</u></b>
Operational	\$9,653.12	\$5,630.98
Property Improvement	48.00	56.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	340.00
DHF	25.00	50.00
Outreach-General	28.00	31.00
Church Constr/Renova	100.00	25.00
Unmet Needs	200.00	0.00
Snack Pack	20.00	20.00
Children First	<u>50.00</u>	<u>70.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,194.12</b>	<b>\$6,222.98</b>

**Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)**  
 Received Last 7 Days \$8,472.80 \$5,630.98  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

**Lectionary**  
 7:28: Hosea 1:2-10; Gen 18:20-32; Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13  
 7:29: Ps 44; Hosea 2:14-3:5; Colossians 2:16-3:1  
 7:30: Ps 44; Hosea 6:1-10; Rom 9:30-10:4  
 7:31: Ps 44; Hosea 6:11-7:16; Matt 5:43-48  
 8/1: Ps 107:1-9; Hosea 8:1-14; Rom 11:33-36  
 8/2: Ps 107:1-9; Hosea 9:1-17  
 8/3: Ps 107:1-9; Hosea 10:1-15; Mark 10:17-22  
 8/4: Hosea 11:1-11; Ecclesiastes 1:2-14; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21  
 8/5: Ps 60; Hosea 11:12-12:14; Colossians 3:18-4:1  
 8/6: Ps 60; Hosea 13:1-16; Colossians 4:2-6  
 8/7: Ps 60; Hosea 14:1-9; Luke 12:22-31  
 8/8: Ps 50:1-8; Isaiah 9:8-17; Romans 9:1-9  
 8/9: Ps 50:1-8; Isaiah 9:18-10:4; Acts 7:1-8  
 8/10: Ps 50:1-8; Isaiah 1:2-9; Matt 6:19-24

**Serving Schedule**

**July 21, 2019**  
**Elder:** Matt Saxe, Judy Ferguson  
**Diaconate:** Kacie Lipcaman, Bethany Dunham, Angie Ruebush, Brian Ruebush, Sonya Bishop, Michelle Hart  
**8:00 Communion:** Richard & Rebecca Rhodes  
**10:30 Communion:** Jamie & Sarah Sweeting  
**Scripture:** Eli Mendenhall  
**10:30 Nursery:** Shelby Bauer  
**Children's Church:** 10:30 Korey & Lisa  
**Shut-ins:** Joyce Lemons

**July 28, 2019**  
**Elder:** Kathy Hull, Brad Willman  
**Diaconate:** Burdette Irwin, Cherise Anderson, Lauren Saxe, Faith Saxe, Debbie Robinson, Tom Robinson  
**8:00 Communion:** Hamer & Jenny Tate  
**10:30 Communion:** Zack & Libby Boren  
**Scripture:** Faith Saxe  
**10:30 Nursery:** Emma Saxe  
**Children's Church:** 10:30 Korey & Lisa  
**Shut-ins:** Julie Myers

**Wishes & Wants**  
 We have free kittens for everyone!  
 Call Rebecca 217.653.9089.

	<b><u>7/7</u></b>	<b><u>7/14</u></b>
<b>Worship Attendance</b>		
8:00 AM	106	112
10:30 AM	<u>137</u>	<u>169</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>281</b>
<b>Christian Education</b>		
Age 3-PK	7	8
K-1st	6	3
2nd-3rd	4	5
4th-5th	11	4
Jr/Sr High	13	0
Disciples	10	12
New Beginnings	6	8
Sermon Study	6	7
Misc Adult Grps	<u>23</u>	<u>8</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>55</b>