

# The Pittsfield Christian



First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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## Coming Events

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| 2/2  | 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship<br>9:15 am Sunday School<br>9:15 a.m. First Things First<br>11:45 am Congregational Meeting<br>5:00, 6:00 pm Youth Group |
| 2/3  | 1:00 pm Interagency Meeting  |
| 2/4  | 8:30 am Bible Study  |
| 2/5  | 3:45 pm Kids Connection<br>6:30 pm Choir Practice  |
| 2/6  | 8:00 am Meeting Room Rental<br>Noon Bible Study  |
| 2/9  | 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship<br>9:15 am Sunday School<br>5:00 pm Valentine Dinner   |
| 2/11 | 8:30 am Bible Study<br>6:00 pm Church Board Meeting  |
| 2/12 | 8:30 am Pike County Unmet Needs<br>3:45 pm Kids Connection<br>6:30 pm Choir Practice   |
| 2/13 | 9:30 am Circle IV Meeting<br>Noon Bible Study  |
| 2/15 | 6:00 pm CEO Banquet  |

Thank you to the youth that has helped serve in Children's Church! In order to maintain organization of our growing number of kids, we will be setting a schedule for our 7th-12th graders who wish to serve at **Children's Church** at 10:30 service. **Please let Kacie or Rebecca know if your child would like to be put on the serving schedule!** We will begin the schedule February 2nd! If your child is not on the schedule to serve then they will need stay in service.

Start your Spring Cleaning! **Indoor Sale:** From Our Homes to Yours! Crossroads Center Gym, Sat, **March 14**, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM (1/2 price after 12:00) Featuring clothing Newborn to Juniors (no adult clothes,) toys, shoes, purses/luggage, kitchen wares, household items, furniture, tools, gardening, seasonal, small electronics/appliances. No computers, TVs or large appliances. **Items can be brought to Crossroads starting Tues, March 10.** Contact Kathy Curfman for info.

Crossroads Center is open for **walking** Monday through Thursday, 8-10a.m. **through March.**

**First Things First** for anyone interested in becoming a church member and would like more info about the church, will be next Sunday morning, **Feb 2**, 9:15, in the sanctuary. Contact the office or Pastor Michael if interested but unable to attend.

The **February Congregational Meeting** will be this coming Sunday, **Feb 2**, immediately after 10:30 service, around 11:45. Agenda includes 2019 Year End Review and education building plan update.

**The annual Youth Group Valentine Dinner Fundraiser will be Sunday, Feb 9, at 5 p.m.** Doors will open at 4:30. A large chicken breast dinner will be \$15, and a very nice ribeye steak dinner will be \$22. Both plates include baked potato, green beans, lettuce salad, dinner roll, dessert, and drink. This is a lot of food and containers will be available for you to take home what you can't eat. This will be the youth's only fundraiser this year and we think this is a great way for the kids to serve, make money and build relationship with those in the congregation. **THE DEADLINE TO CALL THE OFFICE WITH YOUR RESERVATION IS MON, FEB 3. Please call early so we know how much food to order. Parents of youth need to call in a meal choice even if you will be working. This is a fantastic meal so invite your family, friends and neighbors!**

Carryout orders will also be taken and can be picked up at the south alley (water tower) door at 4:30. Please note your dessert choice when you call in your carryout order. Choices are cheesecake, turtle cheesecake, cherry pie, and angel food cake.

When you make your reservation, let us know if you are interested in childcare at Crossroads that evening. Children will need to eat before they arrive, or parents can bring food for them. Please know that as always, all children are welcome to the fundraiser meal with their family.

**Kids Connection** will resume Wed, **Feb 5**. Calling all junior high or high school girls & boys that are willing to help lead worship at Kids Connection – PLEASE meet Kayla at Crossroads next Sunday, Feb 2, 9:15.

The **Thursday noon Bible Study** will try to resume **Feb 6** at the church. Contact Helen if you need a copy of the book "Glory Days". We will continue in Chapter 5. Everyone is welcome to join them and bring a sack lunch if needed.

**Congratulations to Robert Clark for being named the Christian Men's Fellowship Layman of the Year for 2019. His father, Bob Clark, received the same honor for 2004.**

**February 2 will be Cookie Sunday!** Get a sweet treat after worship service then stay for the Congregational Meeting.

**Church Board** will meet Tues, **Feb 11**, 6:00.

**Volleyball League** will start in **late February** at Crossroads on Monday evenings. Cost is \$20 per person. Contact Matt Sealock for more info and to register.

**Circle IV** will meet Thurs, **Feb 13**, 9:30 at Cardinal Inn.

**SAVE THE DATE @ CROSSROADS** CWF will sponsor an **American Red Cross Blood Drive** on Thurs, **Feb 27**, from 1-6:00.

**Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser** will be Sunday, **April 19**.

## Excerpts From Church Board Meeting January 14, 2020

Call to Order at 6:00 pm by Moderator Gary Mendenhall. Pastor Michael Ten Eyck gave the opening prayer reminding us we should be AWESTRUCK with all He does. Minutes from last meeting were approved by general consensus.

**Minister's Report:** Farm meetings, Elder dinner, Bazaar, Kids Connection Christmas program, Mary Barber and Betty Hoover funerals, advent planning, Christmas Eve service, Youth Group New Year's Eve event. January goals – farm meetings, building planning, February meeting, Elder training, visitation team.

**Treasurer:** Checking/Savings = \$628,628.57. Unrestricted Operating Checking = \$100,000.00. Budgeted Receipts = \$483,096.97. Budgeted Disbursements = \$378,608.93. Average Attendance YTD = 283. Excess Unrestricted Operating checking moved towards church construction / renovation = \$2,145.57 plus \$1,575 offering designated toward construction/renovation. Net Non-budgeted Activity = \$42,306.69. Total funds available for church con/renovation are \$353,511.23. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Bob Clark and seconded by Kathy Hull. Motion carried.

**Trustees:** Several insurance companies will be sending in bids.

**Christian Education:** Helen reported that VBS planning is underway and dates will be July 12-17. Kids Connection resumes February 5. A group of 6 will be attending the Orange Conference April 29 thru May 1.

**Crossroads:** Helen reported that someone one will need to be contracted to refinish gym and tile floors this year at Crossroads and admin building. Gary Mendenhall and Bob Clark will investigate what is needed. Kathy Hull will look into possible hospital maintenance working on this project.

**Childrens First:** Helen reported that Childrens First had to use \$15,000 out of \$25,000 available from the church budget for 2019. Started 5 new children in January and interviewing a teacher candidate. Will meet with the Childrens First board and work on spring fundraiser.

**Balsman Property:** Gary and Michael both spoke about the situation with the contract. At this point the contract is in default. The tenant will still cash rent and is committed through the 2020 planting season. In August we will discuss cash rent for 2021. The Balsman Logs have been tabled until next meeting.

### New Business:

Pastor Michael Ten Eyck stated that our board uses the Modern Rules of Order in the running of our board meetings. Pastor Michael also did a run-down of our Policy Review. He highlighted the Oversight Team Policy would like to ask Dr. Rick Grace to be an overseer for our church in addition to Doug Harvey. Gary Mendenhall entertained a motion to obtain Dr. Rick Grace as an overseer. A motion was made by Roger Brokaw and seconded by Ruth Bennett. Motion approved. The church representation of the following will remain the same for the 2020 year: Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp - Brad Willman; Pike County Unmet Needs - Helen Earls; Children First - Helen Earls

The board approved allowing Pittsfield United Methodist Church to use our van Sat, Feb 29, pending their proof of insurance and Moving Violation Record for their driver who has the correct drivers license endorsement for the van.

It was decided not to renew the organ maintenance agreement with Rodger's Organs if one is offered due to its age. Gary Mendenhall asked for a motion to not continue the contract. Motion was made by Ruth Bennett and seconded by Larry Wigington. Motion approved.

The Building Committee met with the architect and builder discussing a draft of our ideas for a new education wing. It was determined the cost to tear down the old and build this proposal was too expensive. Another meeting has been scheduled for January 16 to discuss a smaller structure.

Pastor Michael gave a report on how the Eldership care will change. The Sunday Lead Elder will be on call for that specific week when a need arises. The former Elder Care List will now be the Elder Prayer List. Pastor Michael also stated how the attendance and needs of the congregation will be monitored differently. Pastor Michael will not be going to the back of the church at the end of services; instead, he will remain up front to be available for prayer and concerns for individuals.

Pastor Michael had conversation with Rodney Gordley to take on a few more hours of youth leadership and more duties around the church campus at least through June.

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Kathy Hull to adjourn. It was seconded by Ruth Bennett. Motion approved.

1 Peter 3:13-16 (ESV)

*Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? 14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, 15 but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; 16 yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.*

In the past few weeks, I have had the opportunity to work on the set for the upcoming PHS musical. There were a few specific tasks that I agreed to build in my free time. This time of year is quite busy, so I had planned to build these on a Friday afternoon.

I sketched out some drawings, made a materials list, and then headed to the lumber yard to collect everything needed. I was keeping a close eye on the clock as I only had a short window of time to get this project completed.

After unloading the lumber and getting all the pieces cut into the appropriate lengths, I began the process of assembling them. It was all working out according to schedule until I grabbed my cordless screw gun and pulled the trigger... Instead of the crisp whine of the motor, I heard a sound similar to the one my sleeping dog makes when I push him off my feet to get out of bed in the morning.

The battery was dead, but that was okay, I had two others. I fumbled through my storage box to pull out the other batteries and sure enough, they were both fully discharged as well. I could see my schedule going out the window as now I had to take the time to wait for the batteries to recharge. This is not supposed to happen when you have multiple batteries. One could always be charging while the others are in use, but I had neglected to take the simple step of plugging them into the charger.

It did not take long for me to relate this experience to our walk with Christ. All too often we get so busy that we neglect to "recharge" in God's presence. These simple but sacred moments are critical for us to be most effective.

How many times has an opportunity arisen where we were ready to "pull the trigger" of sharing, serving or shining, but all we got was the short rumble of fear, intimidation or unpreparedness? If we are honest, I bet there are enough of those times to warrant us to make concerted efforts to get plugged in and charged up.

Guarding your daily Bible reading, prayer, and worship are great ways to have that battery charged and ready for service. I chuckled to myself as I now had an unexpected half an hour to wait as the battery slowly charged. How could I best use this time? Get my soul recharged in God's presence.

Loving you all,  
Michael

*Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for your continued support of the GP Snack Pack Program. Your generosity, along with others in the community, allow us to serve 60+ students weekly. Thanks again for your prayers and financial support.  
-Alicia Tate.*

*I would like to thank those who prayed for and inquired about my sister, Kay Matthews. She did well from her surgery on Jan 6 and returned home the following day. Thankfully she does not have to undergo any treatments. We are blessed by your concern and a God who hears and answers prayers. -Jean Sanderson.*

Thank you volunteers who removed snow and spread ice melt during our recent winter weather! We appreciate you giving of your time and using your equipment to get the task done!

**HELP! CEO Banquet** is scheduled for Sat., **Feb. 15**. 200 people are expected to be served and the menu is labor intensive. The sign-up sheet is close to the coffee cart so please consider what time(s) you could help us. Some of the duties are as follows:

**\*Fri:** 9:00 AM – set-up food line, prep steak and chicken, pan green beans, wrap baked potatoes, sheet yeast rolls, wash lettuce and strawberries, bake cobblers, make tea, set tables

**\*Sat.:** 1:00 – prepare Swiss steak and parm chicken, bake potatoes and rolls, cook green beans, prep lettuce, slice strawberries, onions; 4:00 – dish salads and cobblers; run dish machine; 5:30 – run dish machine, prep beverages and serve, scrape dishes, remove eating utensils, clean-up. Some jobs can be done sitting. Please contact Kay Sealock (217-285-4991) or Judy Ferguson (217-491-2824).

We greatly appreciate any help you can give ... an hour... more ... or much more!! Serving with a better vision! -2020 building project

**February Birthdays & Anniversaries:** **1** John Hull, Lisa Wombles, Keaton Hittner; **2** Madison Palmer, Clara Fitzmaurice; **3** Jessica Dain; **4** Kaitlyn Apps, Sydnee Cox, Carlos Quirarte; **6** Megan Hittner, Roger Brokaw; **8** Kathy Lehr; **10** Patty Ruble; **11** Tom & Debbie Robinson; **12** Alice Ghrist, Jeff Lacey, Jamie Sweeting, Emma Wombles; **17** Richard Rhodes, Jill Kunzeman, Miriam Fitzmaurice; **20** Amy Casto, Jill Moss, Sally Lipcaman; **21** Stella Bonnett; **22** Chelsea Hayden, Chad Sealock, Jessica Hull, Rick Wombles, Ron Phipps; **23** Karly Losch, Tim Collver, Luke & Michelle Hart; **24** Vickie Tharp, Justin Pennock; **25** Jake McNulty, Loyd Casto; **26** Peyton Apps, Glen Cooley; **27** Kelly Masters, Erik Tharp; **28** Ron & Teresa Bauer, Howard Staffy, Ruth Bennett, Dale Black, Wally Lamb.

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 Helen Earls, Programs & Christian Ed  
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 Kacie Lipcaman, Christian Ed  
 Rebecca Rhodes, Administrative Secretary  
 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>	<u>1/19</u>	<u>1/26</u>
Operational	\$7,750.88	\$9,561.80
Property Improvement	53.00	155.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	70.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	128.00	43.00
Church Construction/Renovate	50.00	0.00
Children First	<u>70.00</u>	<u>95.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,146.88</b>	<b>\$9,949.80</b>

**Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)**  
 Received Last 7 Days \$8,416.29 \$9,774.76  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

	<u>1/19</u>	<u>1/26</u>
<b>Worship Attendance</b>		
8:00 AM	96	123
10:30 AM	<u>174</u>	<u>134</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>257</b>
<b>Christian Education</b>		
Age 3-PK	6	6
K-1st	11	8
2nd-3rd	5	6
4th-5th	16	12
Jr/Sr High	18	17
Disciples	9	10
New Beginnings	0	6
Sermon Study	9	9
C.O.F.F.E.E.	8	10
Select to Connect	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>90</b>

**Serving Schedule**

**February 2, 2020**

**Elder:** Zachary Boren, Brad Willman  
**Diaconate:** Jessica Hull, Charlie Hull, Ann Ferguson, Tammi Koltveit, Amber Poor, Justin Poor  
**8:00 Communion:** Hamer & Jenny Tate  
**10:30 Communion:** Jamie & Sarah Sweeting  
**Scripture:** TBA  
**10:30 Nursery:** Lexie Lipcaman  
**Shut-ins:** Brad & Kathy Willman  
**Fellowship Treats:** Vickie Tharp, Kathy Hull, Becky Fitzmaurice, Cindy Chamberlain

**February 9, 2020**

**Elder:** Roger Brokaw, Zachary Boren  
**Diaconate:** Scott Bacon, Bethany Dunham, Billy Fitzmaurice, Becky Fitzmaurice, Kacie Lipcaman, Shari Clark  
**8:00 Communion:** Steve & Vickie Tharp  
**10:30 Communion:** Kay Sealock  
**Scripture:** TBA  
**10:30 Nursery:** Emma Saxe  
**Shut-ins:** Ruth Bennett

**Prayer Concerns:**

Chip Barber	Carolyn Casteel
Dora Lee Claus	Bill Ferguson
Ron Halsey	Elaine Hoaglin
Linda Irwin	Charlie Owens Jr.
Doris Sanders	Mary Wintjen
Michael Guillory (Carolyn Barber's nephew)	
Linda Hendricker (Kathy Hull's sister-in-law)	
Greg Howard (Larry Howard's nephew)	
Peter Roccaforte (Chuck Barber's nephew)	
Jolene Smith (Friend of Cindy Chamberlain)	
Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law)	
Sue Willard (Randy Guthrie's mother)	

*We express our sympathy to Ruth Ann Hinton and family with the passing of her father, Carrol Hoover.*

**Lectionary**

2/2: Micah 6:1-8; Ps 15; 1 Cor 1:18-31; Matt 5:1-12  
 2/3: Ps 37:1-17; Ruth 1:1-18; Philemon 1-25  
 2/4: Ps 37:1-17; Ruth 2:1-16; James 5:1-6  
 2/5: Ps 37:1-17; Ruth 3:1-13, 4:13-22; Luke 6:17-26  
 2/6: Ps 112:1-9; Deut 4:1-14; 1 John 5:1-5  
 2/7: Ps 112:1-9; Isa 29:1-12; James 3:13-18  
 2/8: Ps 112:1-9; Isa 29:13-16; Mark 7:1-8  
 2/9: Isa 58:1-12; Ps 112:1-9; 1 Cor 2:1-16; Matt 5:13-20  
 2/10: Ps 119:105-112; 2 Kings 22:3-20; Romans 11:2-10  
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 2/12: Ps 119:105-112; Prov 6:6-23; John 8:12-30  
 2/13: Ps 119:1-8; Gen 26:1-5; James 1:12-16  
 2/14: Ps 119:1-8; Lev 26:34-46; 1 John 2:7-17  
 2/15: Ps 119:1-8; Deut 30:1-9; Matt 15:1-9