

The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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Formal Christmas Caroling and meal on Dec 16 has been canceled due to covid cases in our schools and community. If your family group would still like to go caroling, call the church office by noon on Thurs, Dec 16, and we can assign you some places to sing.

Outreach Ministry will distribute **Adopt a Family** food/gifts on Sat, Dec 18, 9-10:30. Contact Libby if you are available to help! 217.491.8909

Due to the sudden and large uptick in covid cases in the school and community, we are encouraging everyone to stream our Cantata, Christmas Eve Service, and December 19 & 26 service.

Dec 18, Sat, 10:00, final Cantata rehearsal.
Wear your ugly Christmas sweater!

96th Annual Christmas Cantata, "Eternal Hope"
Dec 19, Sun, 5:00 in the sanctuary. Doors open at 4:00.
The event will be live streamed. The meal for the singers has been canceled.

*Dear church family and friends,
What a fabulous array of treasurers, new gifts, delicious baked goods, a delightful tea room, smiles and laughter we enjoyed at the 2021 Bazaar. A great big thank to all the volunteers who worked so hard in all the areas. A special thank you to Gina and Rebecca who gave extra time and thank you all who brought items to sell. Congratulations to Elaine Hoaglin who won the lovely quilt and to Mary Ann Harris who won the adorable rocking motorcycle. After deducting expenses, the 2021 CWF Bazaar earned a total of \$3,065! The Love Raffle earned a total of \$413! CWF will meet to discuss year-end donations to be made from the Bazaar proceeds.*

Christmas Eve service will begin at 9p.m. in the sanctuary.
The service will be live streamed.

Sunday, Dec 26
One Service at 9:00 A.M.
No Sunday School or Children's Church.
The service will be live streamed.

Crossroads Center Walking Hours
Mon thru Thurs, 8-10 a.m., **Starting in January**
Contact Shari Clark or the office if you would like to **volunteer** sitting in the gym office while we provide this service to the community.

*Dear Church Family,
Thank you for your faithful support of Western IL Fellowship of Christian Athletes! In 2022, we plan to impact lives through IL Sports Camp, college mission trips, Fields of Faith, community concerts, college and high school huddles, coach's Bible studies, the FCA All-Star game, G2G Wrestling Academy, parent-child camps, partnership camps, school assemblies, Doing Sports God's Way, and much more! To learn more about our ministry, go to WesternILFCA.org. Thank you and Merry Christmas! Jack Hull and Todd Sweatman.*

2022 predated offering envelopes will soon be here. Let the office know if you would like to have your own set.

Installation of new 2022 officers and recognition of our officers concluding their term of service will be during 10:30 service on Sunday, Jan 2.

2022 Officers:
Moderator - Bobby Smith
Vice Moderator - Brad Losch
Recording Secretary - Leecia Carnes
Treasurer - Michelle Hart
Trustee - Roger Dunham
Elders - Spencer Boren, N.D. Harrison, Kathy Hull, Brad Willman
Deacons - Rokettia Brokaw, Eric Kunzeman, Jill Kunzeman, Charlie Hull, Jessica Hull, Gary Mendenhall, Noah Mendenhall, Rosi Picone, Michael Smith, Jessi Speckhart-Smith, Steve Tharp, Vickie Tharp

Officers with terms concluding Dec 31, 2021:
Recording Secretary - Kathy Curfman
Treasurer - Bethany Dunham
Trustee - Tim Belford
Elders - Zack Boren, Roger Brokaw, Bob Clark
Deacons - Scott Bacon, Bethany Dunham, Billy & Becky Fitzmaurice, Kacie Lipcaman, Brian & Angie Ruebush, Faith Saxe, Kevin Tharp

The Cardinal Inn will once again offer a free meal on Christmas day for anyone in need of a meal or will be alone that day. Everyone will be served at once at noon. Reservations are not required but it's suggested to call ahead so they know how much food to prepare. Call Luetta if you need a ride, food delivered, or would like to volunteer. 217.285.1448.

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

Church Building: 225 N. Memorial Street
 Crossroads Center: 125 W. Jefferson Street
 Offices: 115 W. Jefferson Street
 Phone (217) 285-4129
 E-mail: info@fccpittsfield.org

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, Jaunae Bacon, Brian Douglas, Gary Hittner, Wanda Mendenhall, Richard Rhodes, Debby Wilder,
 Additional Ministry Staff Search
 Karen Birch (John Birch's sister)
 Jerry Brooks (Deloras Martin's family)
 Betty Carnes (Leecia Carnes' grandmother)
 Ezra Collver (Craig & Carrie Collver's grandson)
 Linda Gratton (Friend of Karl Benjamin)
 Eileen Kirchner (Friend of Vivian Cloninger)
 Lilee Knake (Daughter of Skylar & Cara Knake)
 Kay Matthews (Jean Sanderson's sister)
 Jeffrey Moore (Deloras Martin's family)
 Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law)

Historical Note: Nov. 11, 1896, "Elder George Barber has put up a line and post and iron hitch rack at the side and back of the church."

Stewardship (Offering Only)	<u>11/29-12/5</u>	<u>12/6-12</u>
Operational	\$8,898.72	\$10,433.37
Property Improvement	30.00	190.00
Outreach-Missionaries	40.00	40.00
DHF	130.00	30.00
Construction/Renovation	219.00	25.00
Unmet Needs	506.00	50.00
Adopt a Family	500.00	50.00
Snack Pack	100.00	0.00
Outreach-General	<u>11.00</u>	<u>105.00</u>
Total	\$10,434.72	\$10,923.37

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$9,448.72 \$10,533.37
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,175

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: Need shelled pecan halves for holiday baking?
 Contact Rex Lothridge 217.491.1533

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

Lectionary

12/19: Micah 5:2-5; Luke 1:46-55; Heb 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-55
12/20: Psalm 113; Genesis 25:19-28; Colossians 1:15-20
12/21: Psalm 113; Genesis 30:1-24; Romans 8:18-30
12/22: Luke 1:46b-55; Micah 4:1-5; Ephesians 2:11-22
12/23: Luke 1:46b-55; Micah 4:6-8; 2 Peter 1:16-21
12/24: Isa 9:2-7; Ps 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20
12/25: Isa 62:6-12; Ps 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:1-20
12/26: 1 Sam 2:18-26; Ps 148; Col 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52
12/27: Psalm 148; Proverbs 8:32-36; John 21:19b-24
12/28: Psalm 148; Isaiah 54:1-13; Revelation 21:1-7
12/29: Psalm 147:12-20; 1 Chronicles 28:1-10; 1 Corinthians 3:10-17
12/30: Psalm 147:12-20; 2 Chronicles 1:7-13; Mark 13:32-37
12/31: Psalm 147:12-20; 1 Kings 3:5-14; John 8:12-19
1/1: Num 6:22-27; Ps 8; Gal 4:4-7; Luke 2:15-21

	<u>12/5</u>	<u>12/12</u>
Worship Service		
8:00	60	71
10:30	<u>120</u>	<u>142</u>
Total	180	213
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	2	4
K-2nd	9	15
3rd-5th	7	10
6th-8th	0	10
Jr/Sr High	3	0
Disciples	14	18
Sermon Study	12	13
Select to Connect	0	0
C.O.F.F.E.E.	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
Total	55	79