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GRATITUDE

YOUTH SUNDAY SERVICE

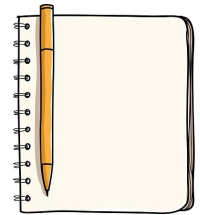
OCTOBER 29TH @ 10 AM
CROSSROADS
ONE SERVICE
SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 845 -945

Our CWF ladies will host an **American Red Cross Blood Drive** on Wed, **Nov 1**, 1-6:00. Contact Barbara Fosco if you would like to help.



American Red Cross

Congregational Meeting, Nov 5 after 10:30 service.
Agenda: Elect 2024 Officers and other elected officials and approve 2024 budget. The list of proposed nominations and budget is on the sanctuary mantels.



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

Soak Service, Sunday evening, Nov 12, 6:00.
Everyone is welcome for an evening of music and praise!



Turkey Dinner! Wed, Nov 15, 5:30.

Everyone in the church family is encouraged to attend and fellowship together! Our fabulous volunteers will have a turkey dinner with all the sides ready for you! Please let us know if you plan to attend so we have enough food prepared. Call, email, or sign up near the coffee table. Contact Judy Ferguson 217.491.2824 if you are available to help in the kitchen.



Operation Christmas Child! The **Youth Group** will be shopping to fill 25 shoeboxes next week! We have 25 boxes available for families in the congregation to take & fill and **return by November 10th** to be shipped! Please contact Libby Boren for any questions!



Thank you!

We want to thank our church family for all your kind expressions of congratulations and support for our 50th anniversary celebration. Your love made our day truly special. We are blessed to know you all and to work in God's kingdom with you.

- Michael and Julia Boren

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the beautiful shawl you made for me. It is my favorite color! Thank you so much for thinking of me.

*In Christian Love,
Joan Halsey*

Contact Kacie or any Youth Group Leader if you would like to help provide Youth Group Meals.

Christian Men's Fellowship Event will be Sunday, **Nov 19**. Save the date and watch for details!

**Youth Group Event:
Potluck with Parents**
Sunday, **Nov 26**, 6:00.

**Christian Women's Fellowship annual
Christmas Bazaar**
On Saturday, December 2
Watch for Details!

Christmas Caroling, Dec 10.
Christmas Cantata, Dec 17.

The Crossroads walking track will be open weekday mornings starting in January through March or as the weather determines. Contact Shari Clark if you would like to supervise the gym office on a rotating basis.

Don't forget to change your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, Nov 4.

Excerpts from October 10, 2023 Church Board Meeting

Call to order 5:58PM by Moderator Brad Losch. Judy Ferguson gave the opening devotion and prayer. Minutes from the September 12, 2023, meeting were approved by general consensus.

Pastor's Report: Ministers report was attached. Pastor Michael highlighted a few aspects of his report including building team meetings will continue, the vote of the church was conveyed to the builder.

Treasurer: Michelle Hart submitted a report and Rebecca Rhodes presented information from the report– as of September 30, 2023: Unrestricted Operating Checking \$100,000. The total transfer to the building fund in September was \$1,004.69. Total Funds Available for Construction/Renovation \$1,532,752.20

It was pointed out that the amount the church has made in interest so far this year is \$29,234.79 which most of that is from the CDs that are being invested. Steve Tharp moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Hamer Tate seconded. Passed unanimously.

Christian Education: Sunday School on Youth Sunday will be 8:45 to 9:45AM. It was discussed how to get the youth group to the Tate farm for the Vesper Service. It was decided the bus would pick them up at 5PM at Crossroads and return at 8PM.

Nominating Committee Report – Roger Brokaw provided the proposed nominees for the upcoming year as follows: Moderator Brad Losch, Vice Moderator Brandi Pennock, Treasurer Eleanor Jenkins, Recording Secretary Libby Boren, Trustee Justin Poor; Elders: Charlotte Dunham, Wayne Chamberlain, David Bishop, and Bob Clark; Deacons: Justin and Amber Poor, Landon Poor, Lucas Poor, Jason and Erica Thomas, Gary and Carol Sherwin, Luke Fesler, Rodney Gordley, Jordan Lamb, and Joyce Harrison. Leecia Carnes made a motion to accept the slate of nominations and submit to the congregation for a vote at the next congregational meeting. Steve Tharp seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff members were asked to leave the room while the board discussed the proposed 2024 budget. Brad Losch went over the proposed budget with the board. The proposed budget is \$26,697 more than last year's budget. This accounts mostly for the following reasons: A) An increase in utilities that affects all the building properties. B) There is a 3% increase to non-new positions and the addition of the Christian Ed position due to expansion in that area which was not in the previous year's budget. C) Increase in Illinois minimum wage again this year.

Music: Kayla Boren submitted a report. She added that the Christmas caroling will be on December 10, 2023. Also, there is a November 12th worship soak service. She needs people to do pre-recorded narrations for the Cantata.

Building Team: Brad Losch provided an update. The building committee will continue to meet weekly. They did notify the builder, the banker, and the insurance company. Work will need to be on the fence that is around the large hole now on the property. They are welcome to all ideas and will be exploring all avenues.

The motion to adjourn was made by Judy Ferguson and seconded by Matt Saxe. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:47PM.

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
 Kacie Lipcaman, Christian Education
 Rebecca Rhodes, Administrative Secretary
 Grace Henthorn, Custodian
 Bob Clark, Audio/Video/Maintenance
 Shari Clark, Event Coordinator
 Rodney Gordley, Facilities Assistant

Office Hours: M-TH 8:00am-3:30pm; F 8:00am-Noon

Worship Times: Every Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

PRAYER CONCERNS: Tereasa Apps, John Birch, Carolyn Casteel, Vivian Cloninger, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Sue Evans, Ruth Anne Goodin, Marjie Guthrie, Joan Halsey, Stacey Helms, Sandra Reel, Marcia Stark, Search for Associate or Youth Minister, K-Lou Ashmore (Friend of Jill Moss), Ann Bell (Cindy Chamberlain/Linda Baumer mother), Karen Birch (John Birch's sister), Marty Carnes (Leecia Carnes' mother), Donna Gleckler (Mary VanHoose/Donnie Houchins' sister), Sandy Henry (Kristen Andress' mother), Bradyn Jensen (Leecia Carnes Family), Deb Kruger (Friend of Brandi Pennock), Vince Moore (Denny Moore's brother), Marcia Schimpf (Kacie Lipcaman's cousin), Rusty Sealock (Jean Sanderson's son-in-law), Remmy Snyder (Sharron Houchin's great nephew), Journee Vinyard (Kim Bauer's family), Tom Wainman (Kathy Wainman's family)

With Sympathy:
 Tim Collver,
 Carol Holm (Shari Clark's mother),
 Helen Aiken (Ruth Bennett's sister)

Stewardship (Offering Only) 10/9-15 10/16-22

Operational	\$6,299.79	\$6,084.55
Property Improvement	10.00	10.00
Outreach-Missionaries	40.00	40.00
DHF	30.00	30.00
DHF-Ukraine	40.00	0.00
Construction/Renovation	411.29	360.00
Youth	200.00	0.00
Outreach-General	25.00	105.00
Total	\$7,056.08	\$6,629.55

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$6,299.79 \$6,556.05
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,732

Serving Schedule:

Oct 29: Elders: Steve Tharp, Helen Earls
 10:00 Prep: Larry & Sandy Wigington
 Nov 5: Elders: Spencer Boren, Matt Saxe
 8:00 Prep: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes
 10:30 Prep: Chris & Cherie Wagoner
 Children's Church: Libby Boren, Ali Curless
 Fellowship Treats: Faith Saxe, Kayla Boren,
 Kathy Curfman, Carolyn Barber

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 secured on the sanctuary mantels.

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.

Lectionary

10/29: Deut 34:1-12; Lev 19:1-18; 1 Thess 2:1-8; Matt 22:34-46
10/30: Psalm 119:41-48 ; Numbers 33:38-39; James 2:8-13
10/31: Psalm 119:41-48; Exodus 34:29-35; James 2:14-26
11/1: Rev 7:9-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Matt 5:1-12
11/2: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 1:1-11; Romans 2:17-29
11/3: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 2:1-14; 2 Peter 2:1-3
11/4: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 2:15-24; Matthew 23:13-28
11/5: Josh 3:7-17; Micah 3:5-12; 1 Thess 2:9-13; Matt 23:1-12
11/6: Psalm 128; Joshua 4:1-24; 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20
11/7: Psalm 128; Joshua 6:1-16, 20; Acts 13:1-12
11/8: Psalm 128; Joshua 10:12-14; Matthew 15:1-9
11/9: Psalm 78:1-7; Joshua 5:10-12; Revelation 8:6-9:12
11/10: Psalm 78:1-7; Joshua 8:30-35; Revelation 9:13-21
11/11: Psalm 78:1-7; Joshua 20:1-9; Matthew 24:1-14

Worship Service	10/15	10/22
8:00	70	86
10:30	<u>162</u>	<u>144</u>
Total	232	230

Christian Education

Age 3-PK	6	5
K-2nd	7	4
3rd-5th	14	13
Jr/Sr High	26	19
Disciples	14	17
Sermon Study	10	7
C.O.F.F.E.E.	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>
Total	87	76

Wanted: Someone to wash outside windows.
 Contact Judy Dunham
 217.285.2738