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Calling all men of the church! CMF (Christian Men's Fellowship) will meet at 11:45 on Sunday, **Nov 19**. We'll meet for lunch and fellowship in the Crossroads dining room. Ed Picone will be serving pulled pork sandwiches. Once again, **CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED** for kids 5th grade and below in the Crossroads gym, with youth group volunteers providing the child care. Lunch will also be provided for your kids. N.D. Harrison will be giving a program on tax tips and policy, and Wayne Chamberlain will also give a brief update on his recent trip to Poland and Ukraine. Feel free to bring your son(s) age 9th grade or older. We had a great turnout in September and would love to keep the momentum going!

Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, Nov 19

6:00

Calvary Baptist Church, Pittsfield

Presented by Pike County Ministerial Alliance

Youth Group Event:

Potluck with Parents

Sunday, **Nov 26**, 6:00.

Elder Meeting

Nov 28

6:00

***Give thanks
to the Lord, for
He is good; His love
endures forever.***

Psalm 107:1

Kids' Christmas, songs in Cantata on Dec 17, 5:00.

For ages PreK-5th Grade:

*Practices: Wednesdays in Dec at 6:30

*Sat, Dec 16, 10:00

*During Children's Church

JH/HS kids wanting to participate in Cantata please see Kayla.

Christmas Caroling, Dec 10.

Meet at 4:45 at Crossroads.

Leave at 5:00 for nursing homes, etc.

Return to Crossroads for supper.

Christmas Cantata, Dec 17.

5:00 in the sanctuary.

The Nov. 1st Blood Drive had 17 qualified donations for the Red Cross. We didn't quite make our goal of 23, but a number of donors were unable to participate. While it was a slower day, we are always thrilled by the number of people who come to donate blood. The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be in January at the American Legion and we will have a drive sometime in March. Thank you to everyone who came to donate and to those who tried!

Thank you to everyone who donated desserts, helped set up, serve and clean up after the Tim Collver funeral luncheon. Bless you all! -CWF Bereavement Ministry.

2nd Annual Pike County Christian Academy Turkey Trot

Thanksgiving Day, Nov 23

5K Fun Run / Walk

Race begins at 8AM @ PCCA

Individual: \$30

Family: \$100

Register on their Facebook page.

Contact Jill Moss for more details 217.473.2683

Ladies (and gentlemen, too!) please be assured that YOU are invited to help with our 2023 CWF BAZAAR which will be held on Saturday, Dec 2, 7:30-1:30! We will be setting up our Treasure Chest indoor yard sale on Wed through Fri, Nov 29 - Dec 1 from 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM. You may come to help unpack, price and distribute our donated items during the week, and/or come on Sat, Dec 2, 7:30 – 1:30 to assist shoppers and add up purchases. We also need helpers to pack up leftover items beginning at 1:00. We do have fun preparing and hosting this yearly event and wish you would come be a part of the merriment! If you have questions, please call Kathy Curfman at 217-248-5214. 'Tis the season!

Do you have items to donate for our indoor yard sale, the **Treasure Chest**? If so, please bring them to the Crossroads gym **Wed, Nov 29 through Fri, Dec 1, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm.** We will not be selling any clothing or shoes except for Christmas apparel and winter boots. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Curfman.

The **Country Store** will be ready to accept all baked and homemade items on **Thurs afternoon, Nov 30 and all day Fri, Dec 1.** We would love to have all items before Noon on Friday so they can be put in containers. As always, we are very grateful for all the wonderful donations to our Country Store! If any questions, please call Bev White at 285-2420 or Barbara Fosco at 285-2608.

Tickets for the **Love Raffle** quilt and other items are available, \$2. See Joyce Lemons or Bev White!

FCC ADOPT- A- FAMILY 2023

The Outreach Ministry is again participating in the Adopt-A-Family program. 2023 has continued to be a tough year for many, and we hope to spread some joy this year to approximately 25 local families in need. Each family receives a food basket and food voucher, and many families will also receive requested gifts.

Additionally, this year, we are supporting Pikeland students through Every Little Thing with clothing and hygiene donations. These tags will be noted as "school—do not wrap." Please return these donations in the marked bins.

INSTRUCTIONS On Nov 26 and Dec 3, the sanctuary Christmas tree will be decorated with color-coded tags. Find a tag (or tags) with a gift you are willing to purchase, take it off the tree, fill out the bottom section, detach, and place in the basket at the table. Please write legibly so we can track down gifts if needed!

Please **return wrapped gift(s) with tag—or unwrapped school donations—no later than Sunday, December 10th to the annex.** *NOTE: If your gift includes several items, it's very helpful to put all pieces/items in **one box or gift bag** and attach the tag to the outside of the box/bag.*

Monetary donations in offering are also appreciated. Please mark your check or envelope "Adopt-A-Family". The funds will be used first for presents that are not returned, then for gift cards for groceries.

TIMELINE

Sunday, Nov 26 and Dec 3 – select tags from the decorated tree in the overflow room/sanctuary.

Sunday, Dec 10: deadline to return wrapped gifts with tags on the outside—or—unwrapped donations for Pikeland schools, along with food donations.

We realize the turnaround is short. After getting your tags, you have about 2 weeks to get your gifts/food to the annex. **Also, the Outreach Ministry encourages you to SHOP LOCALLY! Please only participate if you can meet the deadlines.**

ADOPT- A- FAMILY FOOD DRIVE

ADDITIONALLY: Food items, not out of date, are being accepted in the annex.

Ages 0 - PreK: boxed dessert, Jello, Pudding mix.

K-2nd: macaroni & cheese, canned soup.

3rd-5th: Peanut Butter and Jelly.

6th-7th: canned fruit and vegetables.

8th-High School: oatmeal packets, dry cereal.

Adult Classes: canned tuna or chicken dry pasta, canned spaghetti sauce.

Congregation: any of the above categories.

please check expiration dates and condition of the donations. Food that is expired or damaged will be thrown away

QUESTIONS: contact Libby at libbymboren@gmail.com or call/text 217-491-8909.

All donations due back to the church or annex by Dec 10.

Excerpts from Nov 5, 2023 Congregational Meeting

Call to order 11:41AM by Brandi Pennock, Vice-Moderator. Elder Kathy Hull opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum was declared by Rebecca Rhodes, FCC Secretary.

Minutes from last Congregational Meeting: The October 8, 2023, Congregational Meeting minutes were read by Recording Secretary Leecia Carnes. A correction was made to the minutes. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by N.D. Harrison and seconded by John Hull seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Election of 2024 Officers and Officials: Elder N.D. Harrison presented the Officers and Officials that had been approved at the October Board Meeting. Moderator - Brad Losch. Vice Moderator - Brandi Pennock. Treasurer - Eleanor Jenkins. Recording Secretary - Libby Boren. Trustee - Justin Poor. Elders - David Bishop, Bob Clark, Wayne Chamberlain and Charlotte Dunham. Deacons - Luke Fesler, Rodney Gordley, Joyce Harrison, Jordan Lamb, Amber Poor, Justin Poor, Landon Poor, Lucas Poor, Carol Sherwin, Gary Sherwin, Erica Thomas and Jason Thomas.

Vice-Moderator Brandi Pennock asked if anyone had any questions or discussion. There were none. Hamer Tate made a motion to accept the slate of officers and Ann Ferguson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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2024 Budget: Treasurer Michelle Hart presented the budget that had been submitted at the October Board Meeting and approved by the Board. Budgeted Expenditures 2023: \$515,810. Budgeted Expenditures 2024: \$542,507. Difference between 2023 to 2024: \$26,697. Needed Weekly to Meet Budget: \$10,433.

This is a 5.18% increase from last year's budget. Some of this is due to rising energy costs and our energy use going up now that Crossroads is being used more. There is also a 3% raise to staff and the Christian Ed / Youth Coordinator position was added in for the full 2024 year.

Kathy Hull made a motion to approve the 2024 budget and Leecia Carnes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Education Wing/New Building Plans: Pastor Michael updated the congregation on what the Building Team Committee has done since the October Congregational Meeting. They have reached out to several independent contractors and companies and are awaiting responses. Hamer Tate mentioned that the sewer issue has been fixed.

With no further questions or comments, Vice-Moderator Brandi Pennock asked for a motion to adjourn. Jenny Tate made the motion and Rokettia Brokaw seconded. It passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:59AM. Pastor Ten Eyck closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Leecia Carnes, Recording Secretary

Elder Corner

What motivates you to do what you do?

The motivation for our actions differs from person to person. Some are motivated to feed and take care of their children, some to care for another family member and some to go to work. Actually we are motivated by more than one of these reasons and also for other reasons.

We should always be mindful that motivations differ for people around the world. In war-torn countries, the primary motivation may be to find a location with a little more safety, find someone who can provide medical help, find some food and water for the family and perhaps all these things and more.

C.S. Lewis pointed out a fault that tends to overcome people when they enjoy relative safety and comfort. One of the chapters in his book "Mere Christianity", is titled "The Great Sin". The chapter discusses a Christian moral that is different from all other morals. Lewis writes "There is no fault which makes a man more unpopular, and no fault which we are more unconscious of in ourselves. And the more we have it ourselves, the more we dislike it in others."

The fault Lewis refers to is Pride...the opposite of Humility. He writes of the competitive nature of Pride. People are not proud of having money or of being smart or of being good looking. People are proud of being richer or smarter or better looking than others. If we had a large amount of money we would be proud only if we had more money than others.

Each of us should examine ourselves and our motivations. Why do we do what we do? Do we help people to make us look good or because we sincerely want to help others? Do we volunteer for jobs because we want praise or because the job will help achieve goals? Do we write pieces for the church newsletter because we want to help people think about their lives or to make us look smart? (Hey, I need help with this, too.)

Jesus gave advice to his disciples and others as he was teaching about prayer in the Sermon on the Mount. In Matthew 6:6 (NIV), Jesus says "But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen." Clearly the motivation for our actions should not be to impress others.

Lewis goes so far as to write "As long as you are proud you cannot know God. A proud man is always looking down on things and people; and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you."

Something for each of us to think about...

-ND Harrison, Elder

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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, Roger Brokaw, Carolyn Casteel, Vivian Cloninger, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Sue Evans, Bill Ferguson, Ruth Anne Goodin, Marjie Guthrie, Joan Halsey, Stacey Helms, David James, Sandra Reel, 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), Patty Curry (Alicia Tate's aunt), 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:

Lynn Ator,
 Gavin Kendall (Kathy Kindle's family)
 Catherine Sheppard Moore (Sandy Wigington's aunt)

Serving Schedule:

Nov 19: Elders: Kathy Hull, Steve Tharp
 8:00 Prep: Michael & Jessi Smith
 10:30 Prep: Gary & Christie Mendenhall
 Children's Church: Kay Sealock, Mike & Julie Boren
 Nov 26: Elders: Brad Willman, Kathy Hull
 8:00 Prep: Greg & Kim Bonnett
 10:30 Prep: B. Fosco, S. Clark, S. Bacon, D. Bryant
 Children's Church: Carol Sherwin, Katie McDevitt

Stewardship (Offering Only) 10/30-11/5 11/6-12

Operational	\$11,172.64	\$8,973.13
Property Improvement	10.00	10.00
Outreach-Missionaries	40.00	847.00
DHF	30.00	30.00
DHF-Ukraine	50.00	50.00
Construction/Renovation	1,394.29	1,692.29
Youth	245.00	320.00
Unmet Needs	0.00	254.00
Operation Christmas Child	265.00	0.00
Outreach-General	<u>205.00</u>	<u>209.00</u>
Total	\$13,411.93	\$12,385.42

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$11,172.64 \$8,973.13
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,732

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.

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

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

11/19: Judges 4:1-7; Zeph 1:7-18; 1 Thess 5:1-11; Matt 25:14-30
11/20: Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18; Judges 4:8-24; Romans 2:1-11
11/21: Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18; Exodus 2:1-10; 1 Thess 5:12-18
11/22: Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18; Esther 7:1-10; Matthew 24:45-51
11/23: Psalm 100; Genesis 48:15-22; Revelation 14:1-11
11/24: Psalm 100; Isaiah 40:1-11; Revelation 22:1-9
11/25: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:25-31; Matthew 12:46-50
11/26: Ezek 34:11-24; Eph 1:15-23; Matt 25:31-46
11/27: Psalm 28; Numbers 27:15-23; 2 Timothy 2:8-13
11/28: Psalm 28; Zechariah 11:4-17; Revelation 19:1-9
11/29: Psalm 28; Jeremiah 31:10-14; John 5:19-40
11/30: Psalm 80: 1-19; Zech 13:1-9, Revelation 14:6-13
12/1: Psalm 80:1-19; Zech 14:1-9; 1 Thess 4:1-18
12/2: Psalm 80:1-19; Micah 2:1-13; Matt 24:15-31

The Crossroads walking track will be open week-day 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.

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

Worship Service	11/5	11/12
8:00	90	65
10:30	<u>184</u>	<u>170</u>
Total	274	235

Christian Education

Age 3-PK	9	6
K-2nd	10	10
3rd-5th	15	15
Jr/Sr High	30	31
Disciples	11	14
Sermon Study	10	12
C.O.F.F.E.E.	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>
Total	93	95