

The Pittsfield Christian

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98th Annual Christmas Cantata, “The Story”, will be Sunday evening, Dec 17, 5:00 in the sanctuary. Childcare will be provided.



December 24

One worship service in the sanctuary at 9:00AM.
Christmas Eve service in the sanctuary at 9:00PM.
Childcare provided only during the morning service.



Are you interested in becoming a member of the FCC family?

If so, then contact the church! Logon to the church website then Resources, New Member Info – First Things First for more info or meet with Pastor Michael in the sanctuary at 9:15 on **Dec 17**. We will have **baptisms** Sunday morning, **Dec 24, 9:00AM service**.



We send our a huge "THANK YOU" to all of you who helped with our CWF Christmas Bazaar in any way. Thank you for helping set up or take down. Thank you for donating items and bakery goods. Thank you for coming to shop. The Bazaar was a big success thanks to all who were able to be involved.
Thank you Bev White for donating the beautiful Love Raffle quilt. Thank you all for donating to the Love Raffle.
Thank you Carole Elledge for winning the beautiful Silent Auction quilt donated by Vivian Cloninger. That generous gift will go into the building fund.
Net proceeds from the event were over \$5,000.

What a joyful noise that was made by the Christmas carolers on Sunday! We had a large attendance of youth and adults who made their rounds in the area. Thank you everyone who was able to attend and Sandy Wigington for providing the meal afterwards!

Thank you to everyone who helped set up, serve, donated desserts and clean up after the Mike Knight and Wayne Baughman funeral luncheons. Bless you all!
-CWF Bereavement Ministry

Thank you very much to the anonymous donor!
-anonymous

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

Cantata Practice
Sat, Dec 16
10:00

Tues, Dec 19:
5:30 Elder Meeting
6:00 Elder/Staff Dinner

Watch Kids@FCC Facebook page for all the latest **youth announcements** this month.

Installation of 2024 Officers and Officials will be during 10:30 service on **Jan 7**.

The **Thursday noon Bible Study** will resume in **January**. Watch for details.

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

Wishes & Wants
Walk in Sale at Deloras Martin house
545 W. Grant St., Pittsfield
Fri, Dec 15, Noon - 5:30
Sat, Dec 16, 9AM -12:30
2 chairs & couch set \$50
Old rocking chair \$25
Like new recliner \$25
Curio cabinet \$25
King boat motor \$25 with stand \$35
2 twin beds like new \$75 each
Chair \$25
2 Desk \$25 each
Gun case \$25
End tables \$25 each

Dear Camp Friends and Partners,

Thank you for your kind and generous support! MVCSC exists by the will of God and the sacrifice of His people. Through the last seven decades countless numbers of people have donated to, worked with, prayed for, guided and loved this camp as well as the people we serve.

This year we held all of our regular season camps. In addition, we hosted several rentals and retreats. Family Camp continues to support parents and grandparents as they raise their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

For our **Mission Trip** this year we travelled to Eastern Kentucky to serve at Bethany Christian Mission with Commission Encounter. The people who went represented your camp and churches very well. The team members were cleaning, painting and doing repairs needed due to massive flooding the area endured. We were grateful to be a part of preparing their facility for the school year and to serve at food pantries and various care ministries.

The **Spaghetti Dinner in April at the Crossroads Center** was a great success and is planned again for 2024, the date will be announced. Thank you to all who make that event possible, and to all who attend. We continued our involvement in Fall festivals and parades. A hearty "Thank You" to the teams for all they do! Please consider getting involved with this terrific opportunity to raise top-of-mind awareness and support for your camp.

As always, we are committed to improving, repairing, and upkeeping the camp. The girl's dorm and first aid stations both received new roofs. We also did a considerable amount of work on the buildings, the septic, and plumbing systems. Our Laser tag and archery programs remain a big hit. This year **we purchased a bubble machine and a *new BLOB* for next year!** Work was completed on the new memorial wheelchair access and sidewalk on the north and west sides of the chapel.

We are very grateful for your help at MVCSC. You play an important role in the success and growth here at the camp. God can use anyone at church camp. ***Here are a few ideas to help you to get involved at your camp.*** Host a retreat for your church, start a day camp teaching campers about Jesus and your favorite hobby or skill, serve as a dean, family leader, teacher, nurse, dorm parents, or help with games and activities, serve in the kitchen, help clean, come talk to and pray with campers, share your faith at campfire, lead music, help get the camp grounds and buildings ready, mow, weed-eat, help us install the new playground, blade the roads, improve drainage, maintain Lake Leo and many other small or large jobs. Call Jim, or talk to your church camp representative and we'll hook you up! Please keep MVCSC in mind for your giving, and as always remember us in your prayers.

MVCSC Wish List

Servants of God to share their faith!

Weather-proof sound booth for chapel

Life vests

Shelters for classes

Mowing equipment

Quality Landscaping Equipment

Balls, Sports Equip, Outdoor Toys

Off Road Peddle Cars

Install Playground

Yours in Christ,

Jim Dain

217-723-4337 office

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<https://www.facebook.com/MVCSC.Camp>

mvcsc.net Website

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: Roger Brokaw, Carolyn Casteel, Vivian Cloninger, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Sue Evans, Ruth Anne Goodin, Marjie Guthrie, Joan Halsey, Stacey Helms, Jim Kallal, Sandra Reel, Search for Associate or Youth Minister, Karen Birch (John Birch's sister), Patty Curry (Alicia Tate's aunt), Kay Foreman (Judy Ferguson's sister), Bradyn Jensen (Leecia Carnes Family), Pat Lehr (Steve Lehr's sister), Terri Lehr (Steve Lehr's sister), Vince Moore (Denny Moore's brother), Marcia Schimpf (Kacie Lipcaman's cousin), Rusty Sealock (Jean Sanderson's son-in-law), Journee Vinyard (Kim Bauer's family), Tom Wainman (Kathy Wainman's family) <i>With Sympathy: Wayne Baughman</i>
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Stewardship (Offering Only)	11/13-19	11/20-26
Operational	\$17,819.16	\$10,426.96
Property Improvement	10.00	135.00
Outreach-Missionaries	40.00	40.00
DHF	30.00	30.00
DHF-Ukraine	50.00	0.00
Construction/Renovation	449.29	1,175.29
Youth	500.00	40.00
Music	0.00	25.00
Every Little Thing	25.00	0.00
Adopt A Family	410.00	680.00
Outreach-General	<u>5.00</u>	<u>105.00</u>
Total	\$19,338.45	\$12,657.25

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$17,819.16 \$10,835.96
Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,732

Serving Schedule:

Dec 17: Elders: Helen Earls, Roger Brokaw
8:00 Prep: Leecia Carnes, Katie McDevitt, Debbie Robinson
10:30 Prep: Rokettia Brokaw, Rosi Picone
Children's Church: Kay Sealock, Mike & Julie Boren
Dec 24: Elders: Judy Ferguson, Brad Willman
9:00 Prep: Larry & Sandy Wigington
Children's Church: Carol Sherwin, Katie McDevitt

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 secured on the sanctuary mantels.

Lectionary

12/17: Isa 61:1-11; Ps 126; 1 Thess 5:16-24; John 1:6-28
12/18: Psalm 125; 1 Kings 18:1-18; Ephesians 6:10-17
12/19: Psalm 125; 2 Kings 2:9-22; Acts 3:17-4:4
12/20: Psalm 125; Malachi 3:16-4:6; Mark 9:9-13
12/21: Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; 2 Samuel 6:1-11; Hebrews 1:1-4
12/22: Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; 2 Samuel 6:12-19; Hebrews 1:5-14
12/23: Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Judges 13:2-24; John 7:40-52
12/24: 2 Sam 7:1-16; Luke 1:46b-55; Rom 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38
12/25: Isa 9:2-7; Ps 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20
12/26: Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Samuel 1:19-28; Hebrews 8:1-13
12/27: Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Mark 11:1-11
12/28: Psalm 148; Jeremiah 31:15-17; Matthew 2:13-18
12/29: Psalm 148; Isaiah 49:5-15; Matthew 12:46-50
12/30: Psalm 148; Proverbs 9:1-12; 2 Peter 3:8-13

Worship Service	12/3	12/10
8:00	89	112
10:30	<u>167</u>	<u>173</u>
Total	256	285

Christian Education

Age 3-PK	6	6
K-2nd	8	10
3rd-5th	16	18
Jr/Sr High	20	19
Disciples	11	13
Sermon Study	13	10
C.O.F.F.E.E.	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>
Total	86	87