

# The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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On Sunday, December 24, Cassie Richmiller declared her faith in Jesus Christ and placed her membership with FCC. On Sunday, January 14, Emma Saxe was baptized and also placed her membership with FCC.

**The February Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, Feb 4, immediately after 10:30 service at approx 11:45. Agenda includes review of 2023.**

**Calling all 4th & 5th Graders!**

**Hangout45 this coming Sunday, Jan 28!**

Immediately after 10:30 service at Crossroads Center until 1:30.

Bring your favorite game.

Pizza and drinks provided.

For more info contact Bethany, Danielle, or Katie.

**Coffee Talk, Tues, Feb 6, 10:00, @ Annex.**

Ed Picone was elected CMF Layman of the Year for 2023 at the Jan 21 meeting. Ed was president of the organization from 2020 to the beginning of 2023, which means that he led us and held us together during the difficult Covid years. An important achievement!

**Disciple Heritage Fellowship**

**National Conference**

**April 24-25**

@ First Christian Church Decatur

Cost \$99/person or \$149/married couple.

Includes 2 day admission and 3 meals.

To register: [discipleheritage.org/conference](https://discipleheritage.org/conference)

**Valentine's Day Dinner Party, Feb 18, 5:00.**

Youth Fundraiser Tickets will be available to purchase for \$20.

Your ticket will include:



A delicious meal of Marinated Pork chops, Green Beans, Strawberry Poppyseed Salad, Baked Potato, rolls, and desserts!



Entertainment throughout the evening!



The best servers around to wait on you-you can even tip them if they are up to par (The youth)

This fundraiser is an event that brings us all together to fellowship, have fun, and allows the students the opportunity to serve those who support them all year! This year, we will only be selling a certain amount of tickets, so make sure to grab yours soon from the office or any youth leader!

\*The dinner will be held in Crossroads Center.

\*There will be no carry out dinners this year, as we anticipate a larger number of attendance.

\*You won't want to miss out on this lovely dinner experience.



The **Crossroads Center walking track** is open to the public **Monday through Thursday, 8-10AM.**

There were 68 of our youth that attended the recent youth group lock-in! We appreciate your continued support!

Thank you!

Colossians 3:17 (ESV)

**17** And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Crossroads kitchen and dining room cleaning volunteers made significant progress on Fri, Jan 19. So much completed in 2-2.5 hours. Thank you to everyone involved in this ministry!

If you used a designated box of 2023 offering envelopes, then your 2024 box is in the back of the sanctuary. Contact Rebecca if you would like to start using a box for 2024.

*Thank you to those who have lent an extra hand doing snow removal recently!*

Jan. 31, 1899: "The anthem rendered by the choir of the Pittsfield Christian Church Sunday morning was like the sermons Brother Thrapp has been preaching---"out of sight." The cold weather cut down the attendance at Sunday School, and yet there were 200 present. A few Sundays ago there were 347.

## **Excerpts from January 9, 2024 Board Meeting**

Call to order at 5:59 PM by Moderator Brad Losch. N.D. Harrison led the meeting in prayer.

Treasurer: Eleanor Jenkins submitted a report and presented information from the report– as of December 31, 2023: The total transfer to the building fund in December was \$28,051.62. Total Funds Available for Construction/Renovation \$1,594,592.09.

Trustees: Dan Speckhart submitted a Trustee Report. He indicated that he is renewing 3-month CDs with Raymond James as they mature; interest rates vary but are currently at around 5.1%. Church insurance will expire on 2/19/2024 so Trustees are working to obtain quotes from various agencies.

Christian Education: Kacie Lipcaman submitted a report. Youth group will host a lock-in on MLK Day weekend, and plans are underway for the Valentine's Dinner on 2/18/2024.

Crossroads Center: Shari Clark submitted a report. Roger Brokaw noted that the primary election on 3/19 will need to be added to the schedule.

Building Team: Moderator Brad Losch provided a report: building team meetings will resume on 1/22/2024 and will explore a few of the current options to move forward.

Old Business:

Roger Brokaw is working to add FCC to the YouVersion App church directory.

Church Representation:

MVCSC: Brad Losch stated that Rod Gordley has been the FCC representative for the MVCSC Board; he presumes that Rod will continue in this role but needs to confirm.

Pike County Unmet Needs: Julie Boren has accepted assignment to Unmet Needs Board, pending FCC Board approval

Pickleball Tournament: Terri Wombles attended to ask the Board permission to host a Women's Pickleball Tournament on Saturday, March 2 (inclement weather date: March 3). 2-woman teams would be charged \$20, and proceeds would go to Pike County Unmet Needs. She needs permission and clarification on the following before moving forward in planning: 1. ) Does the Board give permission 2) Would the Board consider waiving/reducing the rental fee? 3) Does FCC liability insurance cover this type of event, or would the organizers need to have participants sign a liability waiver? In response, the Board expressed universal desire to see this event take place; David Bishop said that we need to pull out the rental policy, to verify that events supporting non-profits should be held rent-free at Crossroads. Kathy Hull suggested that the organizers obtain their own event insurance. David Bishop moved to approve the Pickleball Tournament on March 2, waiving the rental cost, pending policy review. Spencer Boren seconded; motion carried.

The Motion to Adjourn was made by David Bishop and seconded by Kathy Hull. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:44PM. Kathy Hull closed the meeting in prayer.

Dear Church Family,

In the vibrant tapestry of our congregation, it's easy to focus on the familiar face at the pulpit—the shepherd guiding us through the word of God. However, as we delve into the profound message of 1 Corinthians Chapter 12, we are reminded that the church is much more than the pastor; it is a diverse body of believers, each with unique gifts and purposes.

The Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, beautifully illustrates the concept of the church as a body. He writes, "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ" (1 Corinthians 12:12, ESV). This metaphor is a powerful reminder that, like different parts of a body, we all play integral roles in the functioning and growth of the church.

Just as the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," and the head cannot say to the feet, "I have no need of you," so too, each member of our church body is indispensable. Our diversity is not a hindrance; it is a reflection of God's intentional design for the body of Christ.

Let us reflect on the spiritual gifts bestowed upon us, as mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:4-7: "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone" (ESV). The diversity of our gifts is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit working within us, equipping us to serve and edify one another.

While pastors are undoubtedly an important part in our spiritual journey, pastors are just one part of this intricate body. They guide, teach, and shepherd, but they cannot fulfill every function required for the body to thrive. It is through the combined efforts of every member that the church can fully embody its purpose—worshiping together, supporting one another, and reaching out to the community with love and compassion.

As we embrace the unity in diversity within our church, let us appreciate the various gifts present among us. Some may have the gift of teaching, others of hospitality, and still others of encouragement. Each gift is valuable, and when utilized collectively, they contribute to the growth and well-being of our church community.

I have been keenly aware of this blessing over the last few weeks. I cannot say "Thank You" enough to those who have stepped up during my illness. Let us be mindful that the church is so much more than the pastor—it is a dynamic, diverse body of believers, each uniquely gifted by the Spirit. As we continue to journey together, may we celebrate our differences, recognizing that it is in our unity that the body of Christ becomes a powerful force for good.

Loving you all,  
Michael

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 Crossroads Center: 125 W. Jefferson Street  
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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:** Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Sue Evans, Marjie Guthrie, Joan Halsey, Stacey Helms, Marilyn Losch, Sandra Reel, Debbie Robinson, Eddie White, Search for Associate or Youth Minister, Raeleigh Bess (Nanette Bess' granddaughter), Karen Birch (John Birch's sister), Patty Curry (Alicia Tate's aunt), Bradyn Jensen (Leecia Carnes Family), Rhonda Johnson (Kathy Willman's sister), Pat Lehr (Steve Lehr's sister), Kevin McDonald (Bev White's nephew), Vince Moore (Denny Moore's brother), Bob Norris (Friend of Rokettia Brokaw), Marcia Schimpf (Kacie Lipcaman's cousin), Rusty Sealock (Jean Sanderson's son-in-law), Randy Spann (Ethan/Evan Darnell's grandfather), Journee Vinyard (Kim Bauer's family),  
*With Sympathy: Vivian Cloninger, Dan Richmiller (J.P. Richmiller's father), Landen Hettinger, Terry Sweeting*

**Stewardship (Offering Only) 1/8-14 1/15-21**

Operational	\$7,317.96	\$7,350.06
Property Improvement	20.00	10.00
Outreach-Missionaries	80.00	80.00
DHF	60.00	30.00
DHF-Ukraine	50.00	100.00
Construction/Renovation	299.91	254.91
Youth	200.00	200.00
Unmet Needs	0.00	200.00
Outreach-General	<u>10.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>
Total	\$8,037.87	\$8,229.97

**Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)**

Received Last 7 Days \$7,317.96 \$7,018.06  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$10,433

**Lectionary**

**1/28:** Deut 18:15-20; Ps 111; 1 Cor 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28  
**1/29:** Psalm 35:1-10; Numbers 22:1-21; Acts 21:17-26  
**1/30:** Psalm 35:1-10; Numbers 22:22-28; 1 Corinthians 7:32-40  
**1/31:** Psalm 35:1-10; Jeremiah 29:1-14; Mark 5:1-20  
**2/1:** Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; Proverbs 12:10-21; Galatians 5:2-15  
**2/2:** Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; Job 36:1-23; 1 Corinthians 9:1-16  
**2/3:** Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; Isaiah 46:1-13; Matthew 12:9-14  
**2/4:** Isa 40:21-31; Ps 147:1-11; 1 Cor 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39  
**2/5:** Psalm 102:12-28; 2 Kings 4:8-17, 32-37; Acts 14:1-7  
**2/6:** Psalm 102:12-28; 2 Kings 8:1-6; Acts 15:36-41  
**2/7:** Psalm 102:12-28; Job 6:1-13; Mark 3:7-12  
**2/8:** Psalm 50:1-6; 1 Kings 11:26-40; 2 Corinthians 2:12-17  
**2/9:** Psalm 50:1-6; 1 Kings 14:1-18; 1 Timothy 1:12-20  
**2/10:** Psalm 50:1-6; 1 Kings 16:1-7; Luke 19:41-44

**Serving Schedule:**

Jan 28: Elders: Wayne Chamberlain, Kathy Hull  
 8:00 Prep: Dan & Sue Speckhart  
 10:30 Prep: B. Fosco, S. Clark, S. Bacon, D. Bryant  
 Children's Church: Katie McDevitt  
 Feb 4: Elders: N.D. Harrison, Bob Clark  
 8:00 Prep: Katie McDevitt, Debbie Robinson  
 10:30 Prep: TBA, Scott & Jenny Palmer  
 Children's Church: Libby Boren, Ali Curless  
 Fellowship Treats: Bev White, Kathy Hull,  
 Becky Fitzmaurice, Cindy Chamberlain

**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.  
**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.

**Worship Service 1/14 1/21**

8:00	50	86
10:30	<u>148</u>	<u>179</u>
Total	198	265

**Christian Education**

Age 3-PK	4	6
K-2nd	8	7
3rd-5th	13	16
Jr/Sr High	27	25
Disciples	7	11
Sermon Study	9	12
C.O.F.F.E.E.	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>
Total	79	88