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

Cookie Sunday will be Feb 4. Enjoy fellowship after each service with your church family!

Youth Group, Sundays, 6-8:00.

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

Circle IV Meeting, Thurs, **Feb 8**, 9:30 at Cardinal Inn.

Church Board Meeting, Tues, **Feb 13**, 6:00. Packets will be available Feb 11.

Your Crossroads Center kitchen passed inspection last Wednesday while preparing lunch for PHS students. Thank you EVERYONE for always being vigilant and keeping your kitchen in great condition!

Nearly 90 students attended lunch at Crossroads Center last Wednesday! We want to thank ALL the volunteers who made this ministry happen!

Thank you to those who helped with the Vivian Cloninger funeral dinner last week. Your service is always appreciated by the families. -CWF Bereavement Ministry.

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

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.



Dear Church Family,

I want to thank everyone for the calls, prayers, etc. during my recent hospital visit. It means a lot and I so greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and support!

-Eddie White

Colossians 3:15-17 ESV

15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

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.

February Birthdays & Anniversaries 1 John Hull, Lisa Wombles; 2 Madison Palmer, Clara Fitzmaurice; 3 Jessica Dain; 4 Kaitlyn Apps, Sydnee Cox, Carlos Quirarte; 6 Roger Brokaw; 8 Kathy Lehr; 10 Patty Ruble, Jade Barker; 11 Tom & Debbie Robinson; 12 Alice Ghrist, Jeff Lacey, Jamie Sweeting, Emma Wombles; 14 Kevin & Terri Wombles; 17 Richard Rhodes, Jill Kunzeman, Miriam Fitzmaurice; 20 Amy Casto, Jill Moss, Sally Lipcaman; 21 Stella Bonnett, Wiley Speckhart; 22 Chelsea Hayden, Chad Sealock, Jessica Hull, Rick Wombles, Ron Phipps; 23 Karly Losch, Luke & Michelle Hart; 24 Vickie Tharp, Justin Pennock, Jason Thomas, Mariah Thomas; 25 Jake McNulty, Lloyd Casto; 26 Peyton Apps, Glen Cooley; 27 Kelly Masters, Erik Tharp; 28 Ron & Teresa Bauer, Howard Staffy, Ruth Bennett, Wally Lamb

A rectangular ticket for a Valentine's Day Dinner Party. The ticket has a white background with a black border. On the left and right sides, there are decorative clusters of red hearts of various sizes. The main text is in red and black. The title "VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER PARTY" is in large, bold, red capital letters. Below it, the price "\$20.00" is in black, followed by the date "FEBRUARY 18, 2024" in bold black capital letters. To the right of the date, the time "5:00 pm" is in black. Below the date, the text "ANNUAL YOUTH FUNDRAISER" is in bold red capital letters. On the right side, the text "Admit ONE" is in bold black capital letters, followed by "Crossroads Gym Meal & Entertainment included" in black.

**VALENTINE'S DAY
DINNER PARTY**

Price: **\$20.00** **FEBRUARY 18, 2024** Time: **5:00 pm**

ANNUAL YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Admit ONE
Crossroads Gym
Meal & Entertainment
included

**Get your ticket from a youth leader on
Sunday or from the office
during the week!**

Dear Church Family,

Romans 8:14 *For all who are led by the spirit of God are sons of God.*

As we navigate the journey of life, sometimes we find ourselves walking in the fog, unsure of what lies ahead. It's in these moments that we must rely on faith, balance, and a keen awareness of our surroundings.

Monday, as I took my loving, but not very intelligent dog, Jasper, for his walk, the world around us was enveloped in a mysterious fog. Little did I know that this seemingly routine walk would become a metaphor for life's unexpected challenges.

As we strolled along the familiar path, the sidewalk beneath our feet began to transition from damp to slick and icy. It was a subtle shift, much like the gradual changes we encounter in our lives. Initially, everything seemed manageable, and I continued walking, trusting that the path would remain steady.

However, my faithful four-legged companion, accustomed to our usual route, kept pulling me towards the familiar spots. As we approached the icy patches, I couldn't help but notice how the dog's instinct was to lead us through those areas, perhaps unaware of the potential danger that lurked beneath.

In that moment, I realized the parallel to our own lives. We often find comfort in the familiar, even if it leads us to slippery and precarious situations. The allure of routine can blind us to the hazards that lie ahead. The dog's enthusiasm to explore the well-trodden path made me reflect on the tendency to stick with what we know, even when it's not in our best interest.

As Jasper continued to pull me towards the icy sections, I felt the loss of balance and control. It became clear that, just like in life, sometimes we need to step away from the familiar and seek a more solid footing. It's a reminder that maintaining our balance requires us to make conscious choices, even if it means venturing into the unknown.

In our spiritual journey, we may encounter foggy moments when the path ahead seems uncertain. It is precisely in those times that we need to rely on our faith and discernment to navigate through the challenges. The lesson from that foggy Monday morning is a simple yet profound one: sometimes, to find sure footing, we must be willing to break away from the familiar and trust that a solid path awaits.

To find balance in our lives we must understand and recognize when the familiar might lead us astray. In those times, may we embrace the courage to step onto new ground and find the strength and stability needed to face life's twists and turns with grace and resilience.

Loving you all,
Michael

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Staff:

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 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), Journee Vinyard (Kim Bauer's family),

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.

Stewardship (Offering Only) 1/15-21 1/22-28

Operational	\$7,350.06	\$9,694.78
Property Improvement	10.00	20.00
Outreach-Missionaries	80.00	40.00
DHF	30.00	30.00
DHF-Ukraine	100.00	100.00
Construction/Renovation	254.91	344.91
Youth	200.00	75.00
Unmet Needs	200.00	0.00
Outreach-General	<u>5.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>
Total	\$8,229.97	\$10,314.69

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$7,018.06 \$9,694.78
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$10,433

Lectionary

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
2/11: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Ps 50:1-6; 2 Cor 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9
2/12: Psalm 110:1-4; Exodus 19:7-25; Hebrews 2:1-4
2/13: Psalm 110:1-4; Job 19:23-27; 1 Timothy 3:14-16
2/14: Joel 2:1-17; Ps 51:1-17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:10; Matt 6:1-21
2/15: Psalm 25:1-10; Daniel 9:1-14; 1 John 1:3-10
2/16: Psalm 25:1-10; Daniel 9:15-25a; 2 Timothy 4:1-5
2/17: Psalm 25:1-10; Psalm 32; Matthew 9:2-13

Serving Schedule:

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

Feb 11: Elders: Charlotte Dunham, Spencer Boren

8:00 Prep: Tom & Debbie Robinson

10:30 Prep: Larry & Sandy Wigington, Justin & Amber Poor

Children's Church: Stan & Jill Moss

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 1/21 1/28

8:00	86	83
10:30	<u>179</u>	<u>187</u>
Total	265	270

Christian Education

Age 3-PK	6	11
K-2nd	7	12
3rd-5th	16	18
Jr/Sr High	25	25
Disciples	11	13
Sermon Study	12	14
C.O.F.F.E.E.	<u>11</u>	<u>16</u>
Total	88	109

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