

# The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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<p>We will host <b>World Day of Prayer</b> service on Fri, <b>March 1</b>, Noon - 1:00.</p>	<p><b>All kids</b> are invited to participate in the choir songs for <b>Palm Sunday and on Easter Sunday</b>. We will be practicing during Children's Church on Sundays. There will also be a run-through with the choir on Wed, <b>Mar 20</b> at 6:30pm in the sanctuary.</p>
<p><b>Cookie Sunday! March 3.</b></p>	<p>Are you interested in joining FCC? There will be a <b>First Things First</b> meeting on Sunday, <b>March 24</b>, 9:15 in the sanctuary with Pastor Michael.</p>
<p><b>Coffee Talk</b>, Tues, <b>March 5</b>, 10:00 @ annex.</p>	<p><b>We will have baptisms on Easter Sunday, March 31.</b> Anyone interested in baptism should contact the church office. Pastor Michael will be glad to schedule a meeting.</p>
<p>CWF will host an <b>American Red Cross Blood Drive</b> at Crossroads Center on Wed, <b>March 6</b>, 1-6:00. Contact Barbara Fosco if you would like to help during the event.</p>	<p><b>Holy Week</b>            Sunday, <b>March 24</b> - Palm Sunday, regular schedule.            Maundy Thursday, <b>March 28</b> - 6:00 Service and Prayer.            Good Friday, <b>March 29</b> - 7:00 Reader's Theater.            Resurrection Sunday, <b>March 31</b> -                6:30 Sunrise Service to be lead by Youth Group. (gym)                7:30 Breakfast.                8:45 Sunday School.                10:00 Worship Service. (sanctuary)            Childcare will be provided Thursday, Friday, and on Sunday during Sunday School and 10:00 Service.</p>
<p>The <b>Carol V. Baughman Scholarship Fund</b> is available for students pursuing a degree in teaching or religious studies. Contact the church office by <b>March 7</b> for more info or an application.</p>	<p><b>Contact Renna Walters if you want to be on a Meal Team for Youth Group Nights!</b></p>
<p><b>Circle V Meeting</b>, Thurs, <b>March 7</b>, 2:00 at Crossroads Center.  <b>Circle IV Meeting</b>, Thurs, <b>March 14</b>, 9:30 at Cardinal Inn.</p>	<p><b>Disciple Heritage Fellowship National Conference</b>  <b>April 24-25</b>            @ First Christian Church Decatur            Cost \$99/person or \$149/married couple.            Includes 2 day admission and 3 meals.            To register: <a href="http://discipleheritage.org/conference">discipleheritage.org/conference</a></p>
<p><b>Church Board Meeting</b>, Tues, <b>March 12</b>, 6:00.</p>	<p><i>I cannot express how grateful and thankful to God that I have such a wonderful church family, and neither can I express this to you all. Words don't do it justice. Thank you all for your prayers, thoughts, encouragement, and help. This has been difficult for me; I am not accustomed to being still for very long! However, I know God has used this to show me how He has blessed me with such wonderful people; my friends and spiritual family. I am slowly recovering, but I have never felt better despite it, thanks to you all showing the love and compassion of Jesus Christ to me when I needed it most. Thank you all so much! -Grace.</i></p>
<p><b>Christian Men's Fellowship Luncheon!</b>            Sunday, <b>March 17</b>, following 10:30 service at Crossroads Center.</p>	
<p>The <b>Prayer Shawl Ministry</b> and the <b>Meal Team Ministry</b> needs more volunteers. Contact Charlotte Dunham (shawl) 217.242.0333 or Becky Fitzmaurice (meals) 217.730.6935 for more info.</p>	
<p><b>Griefshare</b> is a 14 week program that is designed to help you in your walk through your journey of grief. There is no charge for this group. Griefshare is a nondenominational loss support group. Next session starts Tues, <b>March 19</b>, 6-8:00 at Crossroads Center. For more info contact Vicki 217.285.6520, Rita 217.248.7269, or Brenda 217.577.8489. Pamphlets can be found at the sanctuary mantels and at the annex.</p>	
<p><i>Beau Steven Sealock was born Monday morning, Feb 19, to Matt and Brianne Sealock. Congratulations to the entire family!</i></p>	
<p><i>We want to thank our FABULOUS volunteers who were able to help with the Rotary Luncheon and the High School Student Lunch! If you have never helped with an event but would like to join in on the Kitchen Ministry then contact Kay Sealock.</i></p>	
<p><i>Thank you for the lovely prayer shawl. I will think of many dear people when I look upon it. For the cards, calls and expressions of kindness, I am very grateful. I miss my church family and pray God's blessings for you. -Judy Sweeting.</i></p>	

**March Birthdays & Anniversaries** 1 Bill & Mary VanHoose; 2 Dave Awbrey; 3 Joan Hagerbaumer, Lucas Wombles; 5 Bill & Carol Schwartze, Alba McNulty; 7 Wayne Chamberlain, Eddie White, Arthur Knake; 8 Brad & Judy Losch; 9 Colby Hayes; 10 Bonnie Dain; 11 Walter & Marge Lamb, Kevin & Kelly Masters; 12 Richard Decker, Ezra Boren, Lucas Wagoner; 13 Jacob Hull; 14 John & Jane Calaway, Maci Neff; 16 Christie Mendenhall, John Schoenherr, Rokettia Brokaw, Ashlyn Havens; 18 Claire Tate; 19 Ashley Grimes; 21 Carolyn Barber; 22 Larry & Jeannie Howard, Joseph Pursley, Ethan Palmer; 23 Jim Kallal; 24 Roger Yaeger, Evan & Kacie Lipcaman; 25 Abigail Cox; 26 Spencer Boren, John Havens, Carol Cooley; 29 Jeremy Tate, Cherie Wagoner; 30 Lisa Pennock, Natilee Grimes; 31 Bill Earls, Hannah Roig.

### **Excerpts from February 13, 2024 Church Board Meeting**

**Call to order** at 6:09 PM by Moderator Brad Losch. Wayne Chamberlain led the meeting in prayer. Minutes from the January 9, 2024, meeting were approved by general consensus.

**Pastor's Report:** Ministers report was attached. Pastor Michael has been working on contacting a builder and Jacques Reynolds regarding the building project. Good Friday plans are in the works. Local tragedy at the high school brought opportunities to minister in the community.

**Treasurer:** Eleanor Jenkins submitted a report and presented information from the report– as of January 31, 2024:

The total transfer to the building fund in January was \$2,178.58

Total Funds Available for Construction/Renovation \$1,605,712.55

Average YTD worship attendance through January 31: 264

David Bishop moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Kathy Hull seconded. Passed unanimously.

**Trustees:** Brad Losch reported on behalf of Dan Speckhart: CDs are still being renewed for 1–3-month terms at 5.1%. After discussion, Kathy Hull moved to authorize Trustees to place monies from the TR MMDA UCB-Construct/Renov-EdB fund in CDs for up to 3 months. The trustees are to leave \$75,000 in the liquid account. ND Harrison seconded; motion passed unanimously. Trustees are working on insurance coverage. Premiums have risen and quotes came in. Eleanor Jenkins moved to approve the Trustee's Report; Brandi Pennock seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**Christian Education:** Kayla Boren reported on behalf of Kacie Lipcaman. Plans are underway for the Valentine's Dinner on 2/18/2024, and a few tickets remain. 60-90 kids attend youth group each week. Renna Walters will organize the meal and volunteers. Currently, meals are funded through monetary and in-kind donations.

**Music:** Kayla Boren reported that the Choir is practicing for Holy Week events. Youth Band is looking at going on the Mission Trip to Artemis, KY in June with Wayne Chamberlain.

**Crossroads Center:** Shari Clark noted that MVCSC needs to confirm the date for the Spaghetti Dinner in April.

**Building Team:** Moderator Brad Losch provided a report: building team meetings have resumed on an every-other week basis. They have established that the scale/size footprint of the project remains in flux, but priorities have been identified: bathrooms, greeting area, nursery/toddler room. A chair lift may be considered in lieu of an elevator.

**Mission Trip:** Wayne Chamberlain gave a summary of the mission trip planned for early June to Artemis, KY, which will include youth band students. The cost will be \$250-\$300 plus transportation. The trip will be capped at 20 volunteers. He also encouraged those in attendance to support MVCSC's work as a local mission.

**Pickleball Tournament.** Brad Losch reported on a pickleball tournament. Our insurance agent suggested that participants sign a liability waiver.

The Motion to Adjourn was made by David Bishop and seconded by Bob Clark. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:57PM.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

This years Valentine's Day Dinner experience was one that we will remember! Lots of hands went into making this dinner a success, and the biggest success was getting to experience a fun night of all generations in the church with dancing, laughs, and a meal! This night would not be possible without our volunteer kitchen crew- BIG thanks to Judy Ferguson, Betty Hayden, and Renna Walters for all of the time and preparation for this event! Thank you to Jenny Tate for the delicious muffins used as an appetizer! Thanks to the ladies & gentlemen who helped serve in the kitchen-Faith Saxe, Christy McGlaughlen, Elaine Hoaglin, Amy Harris, and Justin Poor!

Thank you to Niki Dixon and Katie Sidwell for their time and creativity in turning the gym into a top notch beautiful area to serve our dinner and make wonderful memories! Thank you to the youth leaders & Kayla for their all hands on deck to ensure that the night went smoothly. Bob & John-you guys are the best & thanks for the work you do behind the scenes for all of us! Thank you to Rebecca for helping with the tickets & answering all the questions! It sure does take a village!

And, thank you to the youth students who work with a servants heart-whether they are seating guests, washing dishes, serving salads, refilling drinks, sweeping, delivering desserts! Thank you for serving us with a smile & love!

And, lastly-thank you to the congregation for your endless support to our youth. We all recently heard during the sermon on Sunday-every church is one generation away from extinction. Our church family values the future generation of the church and it will never go unnoticed! Thank you for always showing up for our youth! We served over 300 & we are already excited for next year! God is so good! We are blessed!

On behalf of the youth leaders & youth group, With all our love,  
Kacie

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*I deeply appreciate the many months that you faithfully have been praying for my recovery. I continue to live in Schuyler County Nursing Home in Queen City, MO. The road to full rehabilitation is still quite long, but I'm blessed by a Team of surgeons, therapists & caregivers. This journey is a spiritual challenge as well - learning to more deeply trust God's Hand on this path of humility, submission & letting go of my strong spirit of independence & desire for autonomy in movement especially. I certainly never dreamed I'd be on the receiving end of so many prayers & kind inquiries some of which Steve & Kathy have shared with me. Thank you for your generosity & care! Let us continue to pray for one another as well as for those who do not have Faith Communities to support them like we do. The struggle is easier knowing the love & sacrifices of so many.*

*God Bless!*

*Pat Lehr (Steve Lehr's sister)*

### POSITIVITY

Growing up in my teens and early 20's, John Wayne was probably my favorite actor. I read that he built his thriving career based on the people he observed and made the best out of every situation—no matter what he was handed.

One instance occurred while making the movie Red River Range. In one of the scenes, the Duke kept stumbling over something while walking across the porch. Between stumbles John whispered to the leading lady that the blooper was intentional. As it turned out, the extras on the set were just five minutes shy of earning overtime pay, and the blooper added time to the clock to run the work day into overtime.

John Wayne knew how to boost morale and promote positivity on the set which in turn yielded productivity. Boosting morale added confidence and enthusiasm in making of a great movie.

In I Thessalonians 5:16-18 Paul was directed by the Holy Spirit to write, *"Be joyful, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

We read that we are to obey these three (3) commands. By following God's will, we find it easier to be joyful and thankful. Let us be challenged in practicing these commands - keeping us positive and optimistic.

When we make a conscious decision to be joyful, to pray continually, and to give thanks in all circumstances, these tendencies can be contagious to our church family and to others we meet and interact with in our walk with God.

In Christian Love,  
Wayne Chamberlain, Elder

<b>First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois</b> 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			<b>PRAYER CONCERNS:</b> Tereasa Apps, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Sue Evans, Marjorie Gamble, Marjie Guthrie, Joan Halsey, Stacey Helms, Jim Kallal, Marilyn Losch, Sharon Rahe, Sandra Reel, Erica Thomas, 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), Pat Lehr (Steve Lehr's sister), 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)																																																						
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<b>Lectionary</b> 3/3: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19; 1 Cor 1:18-25; John 2:13-22 3/4: Psalm 84; 1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22; 1 Corinthians 3:10-23 3/5: Psalm 84; 2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19; Hebrews 9:23-28 3/6: Psalm 84; Ezra 6:1-16; Mark 11:15-19 3/7: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Genesis 9:8-17; Ephesians 1:3-6 3/8: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Daniel 12:5-13; Ephesians 1:7-14 3/9: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Numbers 20:22-29; John 3:1-13 3/10: Num 21:4-9; Ps 107:1-22; Eph 2:1-10; John 3:14-21 3/11: Psalm 107:1-16; Exodus 15:22-27; Hebrews 3:1-6 3/12: Psalm 107:1-16; Numbers 20:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:6-13 3/13: Psalm 107:1-16; Isaiah 60:15-22; John 8:12-20 3/14: Psalm 51:1-12; Isaiah 30:15-18; Hebrews 4:1-13 3/15: Psalm 51:1-12; Exodus 30:1-10; Hebrews 4:14-5:4 3/16: Psalm 51:1-12; Habakkuk 3:2-13; John 12:1-11			<table><tr><td><b>Wishes &amp; Wants</b></td><td colspan="2"><b>Worship Service 2/18</b></td><td><b>2/25</b></td></tr><tr><td>Free: Huffy 16" Marvel Spiderman bike for boys w/ training wheels. Huffy 12" Sea Star bike for girls ages 3 &amp; up w/o training wheels. Christina Majthoub 217.204.5063.</td><td>8:00</td><td>89</td><td>85</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>10:30</td><td><u>164</u></td><td><u>173</u></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Total</td><td>253</td><td>258</td></tr><tr><td></td><td colspan="3"><b>Christian Education</b></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Age 3-PK</td><td>7</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>K-2nd</td><td>11</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>3rd-5th</td><td>14</td><td>11</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Jr/Sr High</td><td>19</td><td>24</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Disciples</td><td>12</td><td>9</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Sermon Study</td><td>13</td><td>12</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>C.O.F.F.E.E.</td><td><u>7</u></td><td><u>11</u></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Total</td><td>83</td><td>85</td></tr></table>			<b>Wishes &amp; Wants</b>	<b>Worship Service 2/18</b>		<b>2/25</b>	Free: Huffy 16" Marvel Spiderman bike for boys w/ training wheels. Huffy 12" Sea Star bike for girls ages 3 & up w/o training wheels. Christina Majthoub 217.204.5063.	8:00	89	85		10:30	<u>164</u>	<u>173</u>		Total	253	258		<b>Christian Education</b>				Age 3-PK	7	8		K-2nd	11	10		3rd-5th	14	11		Jr/Sr High	19	24		Disciples	12	9		Sermon Study	13	12		C.O.F.F.E.E.	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>		Total	83	85
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