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Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, **March 28** - 7:00 Service and Prayer.

Good Friday, **March 29** - 7:00 Reader's Theater.

Resurrection Sunday, **March 31** -
 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.

The Kitchen Committee could use a few more volunteers to help with Easter breakfast, Mar 31. We appreciate any amount of time you can give, whether an hour or more!! Please call Kay Sealock (217-285-4991, 217-779-6127).

On Sunday, March 24, Trevor and Kayla Miller declared their faith in Jesus Christ and placed their membership with FCC. We are excited to have the Miller family attend and be a part of our church family!

March 28 will be the last session for the Thursday Noon Bible Study then they will break until fall.	Coffee Talk Tues, April 2 Annex 10:00	Hymn Sing! Wed, April 3 6:30 <i>Come for an evening of praise in song!</i> <i>Everyone Is Welcome!</i>	Circle V Meeting Thurs, April 4 Crossroads Center 2:00	Board Meeting Tues, April 9 6:00	Circle IV Meeting Thurs, April 11 Cardinal Inn 9:30
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Church Garage Sale Sat, June 1 More details will be announced soon regarding items that we can / cannot accept.	<i>We want to thank all of our volunteers who have helped recently with the PHS Girls Basketball Banquet and the Sandra Reel funeral dinner. Your service to the community and families is greatly appreciated!</i>
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Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Sunday, April 14 Crossroads Center 11:30-1:00	Western IL Chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes Banquet Fundraiser Sunday, April 14, 4:30 JWCC Student Activity Center Register online: www.westernilfca.org There is no cost to attend but a free will offering to support the ministry of FCA will be accepted.	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
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Excerpts from March 12, 2024 church board meeting:

Call to order at 6:00 PM by Moderator Brad Losch. Roger Brokaw led the meeting in devotion on 1 Corinthians 12, and with prayer. Minutes from the February 13, 2024, meeting were approved by general consensus.

Ministers report was attached.

Treasurer: The total transfer to the building fund in January was \$31,502.52. Total Funds Available for Construction/Renovation \$1,645,096.60. YTD Receipts \$96,741.56. YTD Budgeted \$83,462. Difference of \$13,279.56. YTD Expenses \$63,668.91. YTD Budgeted \$97,162. Difference of \$33,493.09. Net Non-Budget Receipts/Disbursements \$22,158.29. Average worship attendance through February 29: 259. Kathy Hull moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Bob Clark seconded. Passed unanimously.

Trustees: Dan Speckhart reported that the church is now insured through Guide One. After discussion regarding building timeline and current interest rates, Eleanor Jenkins moved to have Trustees place funds from TR MMDA UCB-Construct/Renov EdB into CD's, leaving \$100,000 in that MMDA fund. ND Harrison seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Roger Brokaw moved to approve the Trustee's Report; Brad Willman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Building Team: Moderator Brad Losch provided a report: considering the scope/scale of the project being reduced.

Pickleball Tournament: Brad Losch read a thank you note from the Pickleball Tournament organizers. Brief discussion regarding the liability policy for rentals.

The Motion to Adjourn was made by Kathy Hull and seconded by Eleanor Jenkins The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM. Kathy Hull closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Libby Boren, Recording Secretary

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Nic Daniel; **3** Julie Plattner, Henry & Amy Speckhart, Ellis & Jean Sanderson; **4** Buster & Wanda Mendenhall; **5** Charlene Anderson; **8** Howard & Vera Staffy, Juliana Lacey, Lilee Knake; **9** Joyce Lemons, Austin Long; **10** Brian Ruebush, Alicia Tate; **11** Evan Hart, Molly Dain, Rick & Mary Wombles; **13** Josie Pennock; **14** Don & Mary Lou Chamberlain; **16** Ellis Sanderson; **17** Gemma Miller; **20** Sandy Herring, N.D. & Joyce Harrison; **21** Wanda Mendenhall; **22** Taylor Hayes; **23** Pat Apps, Charlotte Dunham; **24** Lena Boren; **25** Colby Tate, Jordan Lamb, Joseph Thomas; **26** Donnie Apps, Marjorie Gamble, Kevin Tharp; **30** Mary Harshman.

Dear Church Family,

As we journey through Holy Week, we are reminded of the immense hope that Christ brings to our lives, especially during times when the world seems to be spinning out of control. The events of Holy Week, from Palm Sunday to Resurrection Sunday, offer us profound insights into finding hope and meaning even amid uncertainty and chaos.

On Palm Sunday, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, greeted with shouts of "Hosanna!" by the crowds waving palm branches. It was a moment filled with hope and anticipation, as many believed that Jesus would bring about a new era of peace and freedom. However, as the week progressed, the atmosphere shifted dramatically.

The Last Supper on Maundy Thursday reminds us of the depth of Christ's love and his willingness to serve others, even knowing the trials that lay ahead. The betrayal by Judas and the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane highlight the human experience of betrayal, fear, and anguish. It is in these moments of darkness that we often feel the world is spiraling out of control, mirroring the challenges we face in our own lives.

Good Friday marks the crucifixion of Jesus, a day of sorrow and despair for his disciples and followers. The world appeared to be engulfed in darkness, hopelessness, and confusion. Yet, it is precisely in this darkness that the light of Christ shines most brightly. Through his sacrificial love and ultimate victory over sin and death, Jesus offers us hope beyond measure.

What is known as Holy Saturday, is a day of solemn reflection. It invites us to pause and contemplate the depth of God's love and the promise of resurrection. And finally, Resurrection Sunday bursts forth with the glorious message of hope and new life as we celebrate Christ's triumph over sin, death, and the grave. The tomb is empty, death is conquered, and hope is restored!

In our present world, filled with uncertainties, conflicts, and challenges, it's easy to feel overwhelmed and discouraged. However, the story of Holy Week reassures us that no matter how ominous the circumstances may seem, there is always hope in Christ. His love is unwavering, his promises are true, and his power is unmatched.

As we navigate the ups and downs of life, let us hold fast to the hope that Christ offers. Let us draw strength from his resurrection and live as beacons of hope and love in a world that often feels chaotic and troubled. May this Holy Week renew our faith, rekindle our hope, and inspire us to spread the message of Christ's love to all.

May you experience a blessed Holy Week filled with hope, peace, and the joy of resurrection!

Loving you all,
Michael

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Staff:

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 Kayla Boren, Music Coordinator
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 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, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Sue Evans, Marjorie Gamble, Marjie Guthrie, Joan Halsey, Stacey Helms, Jim Kallal, Marilyn Losch, Sharon Rahe, Erica Thomas, Search for Associate or Youth Minister, Raeleigh Bess (Nanette Bess' granddaughter), Karen Birch (John Birch's sister), Evelyn Black (Mary Gates' sister), 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),
With sympathy:
 Patty Curry (Alicia Tate's aunt),
 Mary Margaret Myers (David Myers' mother)
 Sandra Reel (Terry Reel's wife), Lois Ruble (Joan Halsey's sister-in-law)

Stewardship (Offering Only) 3/11-17	3/18-24
Operational \$10,443.94	\$6,876.82
Property Improvement 30.00	10.00
Outreach-Missionaries 40.00	80.00
DHF 30.00	30.00
DHF-Ukraine 0.00	150.00
Construction/Renovation 10,234.91	144.91
Youth 700.00	250.00
Unmet Needs 0.00	0.00
Outreach-General <u>225.00</u>	<u>205.00</u>
Total \$21,703.85	\$7,746.73

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$11,433.94 \$6,679.64
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$10,433

Wishes & Wants

Free: McKesson Compressor Nebulizer System machine.
 Barbara Fosco 217.285.2608.

Needed: Karl Benjamin needs a ride to Quincy on May 23 for an 11:15 doctor appointment at QMG, 1025 Main Street. Karl 217.408.6836

Lectionary

3/31: Acts 10:34-43; Ps 118:1-24; 1 Cor 15:1-11; John 20:1-18
4/1: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Gen 1:1-19; 1 Corinthians 15:35-49
4/2: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Gen 1:20-2:4a; 1 Cor 15:50-58
4/3: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Solomon 3:1-11; Mark 16:1-8
4/4: Psalm 133; Daniel 1:1-21; Acts 2:42-47
4/5: Psalm 133; Daniel 2:1-23; Acts 4:23-31
4/6: Psalm 133; Daniel 2:24-49; John 12:44-50
4/7: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31
4/8: Psalm 135; Daniel 3:1-30; 1 John 2:3-11
4/9: Psalm 135; Daniel 6:1-28; 1 John 2:12-17
4/10: Psalm 135; Isaiah 26:1-15; Mark 12:18-27
4/11: Psalm 4; Daniel 9:1-19; 1 John 2:18-25
4/12: Psalm 4; Daniel 10:2-19; 1 John 2:26-28
4/13: Psalm 4; Acts 3:1-10; Luke 22:24-30

Serving Schedule:

March 31: Elders: David Bishop, Steve Tharp
 6:30 Prep: Youth Group
 10:00 Prep: Gary & Noah Mendenhall
 Children's Church: Kacie Lipcaman, Youth Group
 April 7: Elders: Wayne Chamberlain, Spencer Boren
 8:00 Prep: Tom & Debbie Robinson
 10:30 Prep: B. Fosco, S. Clark, S. Bacon, D. Bryant
 Children's Church: Libby Boren, Ali Nation
 Youth Group Meal Team: Jill McGlaughlen, Terri Wombles, Caitlin Mungia
 Fellowship Treats: C. Smith, D. Yaeger, B. Fosco, L. Schlabowske

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 3/17	3/24
8:00	88 110
10:30	<u>192</u> <u>210</u>
Total	280 320
Christian Education	
Age 3-PK	5 7
K-2nd	12 12
3rd-5th	20 17
Jr/Sr High	15 19
Disciples	13 12
Sermon Study	11 11
C.O.F.F.E.E.	<u>10</u> <u>10</u>
Total	86 88