

# The Pittsfield Christian

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**CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship) will host an Indoor Sale, Saturday, June 1, 8:00 - 1:00 at Crossroads Center.** The sale will feature jewelry, household goodies, yard supplies, kitchen wares, clothing and some furniture, all given by our generous congregation!

Items may be dropped off Wed, May 29 through Fri, May 31 from 8:00-6:00. Please do not bring TV/ stereo/printer/computer-type devices, no mattresses, no large appliances.

Household/outdoor furniture pieces that are sizable or numerous can be sold through photos. Contact Kathy Curfman with questions. 217-248-5214



**Starting June 5, Youth Group will switch back to Wednesday evenings.** We will still eat at 6:00. Due to busy summer schedules, I am going to list dates we **need meals** and if that night works for you please comment on the kids@fcc Facebook page and I will put you on the calendar. We have had great meals this spring and we are so appreciative of the love our Church has shown! **Dates available June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 10, 24, 31.** Light and easy foods are great for summer! Thank you!  
-Renna Walters 931.217.6842.



We had 3 baptisms on Sunday, May 26! Audriana Mendenhall - Roig, Lia Picone, and Konnor Wombles declared their faith in Jesus Christ during 10:30 service. Congratulations to all!

**Vacation Bible School will be Mon-Wed, July 15-17, with our kickoff celebration on Sunday, July 14.** Save the dates and watch for details! Contact Kacie or Kayla if you would like to volunteer help!



**Coffee Talk**  
**Tues, June 4**  
10:00  
@ Annex

**Circle V Meeting**  
**Thurs, June 6**

**Board Meeting**  
**Tues, June 11**  
6:00

## June Birthdays & Anniversaries

**1** Brad & McKenzie Tomhave, Marjie Guthrie; **2** Rome Bacon, Amy Speckhart; **3** Gina Bryant, Carlos Quirarte & Anna Speckhart; **4** John Calaway, Jenny Palmer; **5** Silas Smith, Boone Ewers, Calvin & Charlene Anderson; **6** Charles & Mary Gates, Tom Robinson, Jim & Judy Kallal, Eric & Jill Kunzeman; **7** Delbert & Jeannine Robertson, Michael & Jessica Smith, Scott & Jaunae Bacon, Luke Fesler; **8** Braycen Douglas; **9** Matt & Faith Saxe, Bob & Sue Evans; **10** Chad & Ashley Ferguson; **11** Clinton Hayden, David & Marie Awbrey, Eric Kunzeman; **12** Joyce Harrison, Skylar Knake; **13** Jacque Walston, Ainsley Havens, Owen Lamb; **14** Tim & Linda Belford, Edith Gant, Knox Dunham, Cara Knake, Jim & Brittany Dain, Reagyn Apps; **15** Robert & Cara McNulty, Judy Dunham, Ron & Chris Phipps; **16** Luke Hart, Don & Sharron Houchins; **17** David & Donna James, Donna James; **18** Brandon Belford, Rick & Kathy Curfman, Kim Speckhart, Roger Dunham, Bill VanHoose; **19** Dan & Sue Speckhart, Rodney Gordley, Jason & Erica Thomas; **20** Libby Boren, Frank & Elaine Hoaglin, Jamie & Sarah Sweeting; **21** Julie Myers, Isaac Ferguson, Brad & Kathy Willman; **22** Lexie Lipcaman; **23** Matt & Brianna Sealock; **24** Randy Zimmerman; **26** Chris Smith; **27** Greg Bonnett, Paul Borrowman, David Grimsley; **28** Dave & Gina Bryant, Mike & Tammy Herren; **29** Jeffrey Schoenherr, Glen & Carol Cooley; **30** Amber Apps.

**Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp**

See the camp website for detailed camp dates and to register.  
Christian Men's Fellowship will pay half the cost for our youth to attend camp.  
FCC has been assigned to clean the boys dorm at the close of camp, 3:00, on **June 14, 21, 27, 29.**

May 26 was the last day for **Children's Church** until fall.  
We want to give our volunteers time to refresh before the fall session begins.

The following items are needed for a project at camp with a deadline of June 13 to deliver to the church office. Paper towel rolls, egg cartons, bubble wrap, small boxes.

*Thank you so much for the prayers and concern during my recent illness. I am feeling much better now!*  
-Donnie & Sharron Houchins

*Thank you for supporting PHS After Prom Celebration!*  
-PHS Students

*Church Family - Thanks for the prayers, visits, cards, calls and prayer shawl. It was deeply appreciated.*  
-Jim Kallal

*Thank you all for the prayers and well wishes, especially Pastor Michael and the elders who visited or called. Your kindness is much appreciated.*  
-Larry Howard

*We are so appreciative of everyone for the prayers, calls, and visits during Sandra's illness and passing. Pastor Michael and the elders were wonderful tending to our needs. The meal and fellowship provided by the ladies was so enjoyed. Thank you church family!*  
-Terry Reel & Family

**Excerpts from May 14, 2024 Church Board Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order at 6:02 PM by Moderator Brad Losch. Pastor Michael Ten Eyck opened the meeting with a devotion from Titus. Minutes from the April 9, 2024 meeting were approved by general consensus.

Pastor's Report: Ministers report was attached. Spoke at the DHF conference which was also attended by Bob Clark, Hamer Tate, and Steve Tharp. Met with Black Construction about education building phases and will soon meet with the architect. Have several baptisms scheduled for the end of May.

Treasurer: Eleanor Jenkins submitted a report and presented information from the report. The total transfer to the building fund in April was \$4,435.29. Total Funds Available for Construction/Renovation \$1,680,527.21. Average YTD worship attendance through April 30: 266.

Trustees: Dan Speckhart proposed moving more funds out of Trustee MMDA to Raymond James investments. Eleanor Jenkins made a motion to transfer said funds leaving \$150,000 in Trustee MMDA. David Bishop second and the motion passed unanimously.

Christian Education: Pastor Michael reported: Children's Church will break for the summer and Sunday School teachers will also transition so everyone can refresh before fall. There will be shifts in youth Sunday School class age groups due to class sizes.

Music: Report attached. Five girls plus Kayla will join Wayne Chamberlain and Steve Tharp on a mission trip to Kentucky assisting at Still Waters Youth Ranch of Appalachia for foster children. They will leave June 1 with Kayla and girls returning June 5 and the men returning later. Kayla also submitted her letter of resignation from the music ministry position due to accepting a full-time position in the Pikeland school district. She will continue to volunteer as a worship team leader and other capacities.

Crossroads Center: Report attached. The portable basketball hoop will be donated to MVCSC due to sand harming the gym floor finish. There is potential for pickleball play to expand with consideration for storage space for nets.

Building Team: Brad Losch said there will be a building team meeting with the architect the week of May 20.

**Old Business:**

Rebecca and Shari Clark have worked together along with our insurance company to create an updated insurance waiver.

**New Business:**

Rebecca Rhodes said there had been discussion to increase the monthly contribution to DHF from \$500 to \$550. DHF provides valuable resources to FCC and other churches and there is room in the budget. Bob Clark made a motion to increase the monthly contribution to \$550. Spencer Boren second and the motion passed unanimously.

Roger Brokaw said our website link on YouVersion Bible app does not work. He also suggested giving our website a facelift. Rebecca will follow up.

Adjourn: David Bishop moved to adjourn at 6:40 pm. Brandi Pennock seconded; passed unanimously.

Closing Prayer: Brad Losch closed the meeting in prayer.

Dear Church Family,

In recent days, our region has experienced some intense, drenching rains. The once-dry fields and gardens are becoming lush and ready to teem with new life. These rains have been a reminder of the beauty and necessity of water, transforming our surroundings. As I reflected on the impact of these rains while standing under my umbrella, I couldn't help but draw parallels to the overwhelming, refreshing love of God.

Just as the rain pours down from the heavens, God's love showers upon us abundantly. Sometimes, like the parched ground, our hearts can feel dry and weary. We go through seasons where we are spiritually thirsty, longing for renewal and nourishment. In these moments, God's love comes to us like a downpour, reviving our souls and replenishing our spirits.

The Bible is full of imagery that likens God's love to water.

*Isa 55:10-11 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ESV*

Just as the rains accomplish the purpose of nourishing the earth, God's love and His word achieve the purpose of nurturing our hearts and lives.

Let the recent rains remind us that, no matter how dry and barren our lives may seem, God's love is ever-present, ready to soak us in His grace and mercy. His love is not a mere sprinkle or a light mist; it is a powerful, overwhelming flood that saturates every aspect of our being. It brings new life, growth, and hope.

In times of trouble or spiritual drought, we must remember to open our hearts to the downpour of God's love. Let it wash over you, cleanse you, and bring you the peace and joy that only He can provide. Just as the rain revitalizes the earth, God's love has the power to transform our lives in profound ways.

Let us be thankful for the rain, both physical and spiritual. May we see it as a tangible reminder of God's unending love and faithfulness. As we view the impact of the rain around us, transforming our surroundings, let us also seek to be transformed by His love, allowing it to flow through us and bring renewal to our hearts.

Moving forward, let's carry this message of God's love with us. Share it with others, just as the rain shares its life-giving water with the earth. Be a conduit of His love, and watch as it brings forth a harvest of hope and renewal in our community.

May God's love drench your soul today and always.

Loving you all,  
Michael

**First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois**

Church Building: 225 N. Memorial Street  
 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**

<b>Stewardship (Offering Only) 5/13-19</b>	<b>5/20-26</b>	
Operational	\$5,429.59	\$13,363.47
Property Improvement	10.00	10.00
Outreach-Missionaries	40.00	40.00
DHF	30.00	30.00
DHF-Ukraine	50.00	50.00
Construction/Renovation	224.91	164.91
Youth	100.00	100.00
Outreach-General	<u>55.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>
Total	\$5,939.50	\$13,783.38

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

Received Last 7 Days \$5,529.59 \$13,613.47  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$10,433

**Wishes & Wants**

Kathy Lehr has seedlings needing a home which include various peppers, tomato, and basil. 217.370.9791

**Lectionary**

**6/2:** 1 Sam 3:1-20; Deut 5:12-15; 2 Cor 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6  
**6/3:** Psalm 99; 1 Samuel 2:11-17; Romans 9:19-29  
**6/4:** Psalm 99; 1 Samuel 2:18-21; Acts 15:1-5, 22-35  
**6/5:** Psalm 99; 1 Samuel 2:22-36; John 5:1-18  
**6/6:** Psalm 138; 1 Samuel 4:1-22; 1 Peter 4:7-19  
**6/7:** Psalm 138; 1 Samuel 5:1-12; 2 Corinthians 5:1-5  
**6/8:** Psalm 138; 1 Samuel 6:1-18; Luke 8:4-15  
**6/9:** 1 Sam 8:4-20; Gen 3:8-15; 2 Cor 4:13-5:1  
**6/10:** Psalm 108; 1 Samuel 7:3-15; Revelation 20:1-6  
**6/11:** Psalm 108; 1 Samuel 8:1-22; Revelation 20:7-15  
**6/12:** Psalm 108; 1 Samuel 9:1-14; Luke 11:14-28  
**6/13:** Psalm 20; 1 Samuel 9:15-27; Hebrews 2:5-9  
**6/14:** Psalm 20; 1 Samuel 10:1-8; Hebrews 11:4-7  
**6/15:** Psalm 20; 1 Samuel 13:1-15a; Mark 4:1-20

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Tereasa Apps, Carolyn Barber, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Carole Elledge, Sue Evans, Joan Halsey, Stacey Helms, Larry Howard, Jim Kallal, Marilyn Losch, Sharon Rahe, Sandy Wigington, Search for Associate or Youth Minister, Raeligh Bess (Nanette Bess' granddaughter), Karen Birch (John Birch's sister), Bradyn Jensen (Leecia Carnes Family), Pat Lehr (Steve Lehr's sister), Rusty Sealock (Jean Sanderson's son-in-law), Aerianna Spangler (Kayla Boren's niece), Journee Vinyard (Kim Bauer's family), Steve Young (Friend of Bev White)  
*With Sympathy: Lois Ann Kelley (Mary Davis' sister & Dunham Family)*  
*Marcia Schimpf (Kacie Lipcaman's cousin)*

**Serving Schedule:**

June 2: Elders: N.D. Harrison, Spencer Boren  
 8:00 Prep: Brad & Kathy Willman  
 10:30 Prep: Gary & Noah Mendenhall  
 Fellowship Treats: Linda Belford, Kathy Wainman, Angie Ruebush, Kathy Curfman  
 June 9: Elders: David Bishop, Brad Willman  
 8:00 Prep: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes  
 10:30 Prep: Eric & Jill Kunzeman

**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.

	<b>Worship Service 5/19</b>	<b>5/26</b>
FCC has a presence on the YouVersion Bible app. Check it out!	8:00 103	82
	10:30 <u>172</u>	<u>183</u>
	Total 275	265
The June, July, August edition of <b>Our Daily Bread</b> devotional can be found on the sanctuary mantels.	<b>Christian Education</b>	
	Age 3-PK 9	7
	K-2nd 5	5
	3rd-5th 8	10
	Jr/Sr High 12	13
	Disciples 16	13
	Sermon Study 8	13
	C.O.F.F.E.E. <u>11</u>	<u>9</u>
June 2 will be Cookie Sunday!	Total 69	70