

The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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Congregational Meeting, Sunday, **Feb 2**, immediately after 10:30 service. Agenda includes 2024 review and building update.

Valentine's Day Dinner Party, Feb 16, 5:00.

Youth Fundraiser! The cost is \$20 per plate. Your ticket will include a delicious meal of marinated pork chops, green beans, salad, baked potato, rolls, and desserts!

Entertainment throughout the evening! The best servers around will wait on you, and 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! The dinner will be held in Crossroads Center. There will be no carry out dinners. You won't want to miss out on this lovely dinner experience.

Contact the office or Christian Ed Coordinator Niki Dixon to purchase your tickets.
Seating placement will not be assigned.

Congratulations to Steve Tharp who was elected Layman of the Year for 2024 at the Christian Men's Fellowship meal and meeting Sunday afternoon!

THE LAYMAN

Leave it to the ministers, and soon the church will die;
Leave it to the womenfolk; the young will pass it by;
For the church is all that lifts us up from the coarse and selfish mob,
And the church that is to prosper needs the layman on the job.

Now, a layman has his business, and a layman has his joys;
But he also has the training of his little girls and boys;
I wonder how he'd like it if there were no churches here
And he had to raise his children in a godless atmosphere.

It's the church's special function to uphold the finer things,
And to teach the way of living from which all that's noble springs;
But the minister can't do it single-handed and alone,
For the laymen of the country are the church's cornerstone.

When you see a church that's empty, though its doors are open wide,
It's not the church that's dying; it's the laymen who have died;
For it's not by song or sermon that the church's work is done;
But by the laymen of the country who for God must carry on.

Edgar A. Guest

Cookie Sunday, February 2

The **Adult Volleyball League** will soon begin at Crossroads Center on Monday evenings. Contact Matt Sealock asap if interested! 217.257.3589.

Coffee Talk, Tues, **Feb 4**, 10:00. Stop by the annex for coffee and conversation with Pastor Michael!

Church Board Meeting, Tues, **Feb 11**, 6:00.
Packets will be at the church on Sunday, Feb 9.

Circle IV Mtg, Thurs, **Feb 13**, 9:30, Cardinal Inn.

We want to thank everyone who provided food and volunteered time during the funeral dinner for the Howard Staffy family. We appreciate everyone's involvement in this important ministry.
-CWF Bereavement Ministry

Save the Date:

Sat, Feb 22: Sleep In Heavenly Peace bed build in Griggsville.
Fri, Mar 7: World Day of Prayer service at Pittsfield United Methodist Church.
April 13-20: Holy Week.
Sun, April 27: Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser.
Thurs, May 1: National Day of Prayer.
Wed-Thurs, May 7-8: Disciple Heritage Fellowship Conference in Decatur.

Excerpts from January 14, 2025 Church Board Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 6 p.m. by Moderator Kathy Hull. David Bishop led the meeting in a devotion and prayer. Minutes from last meeting were approved by general consensus.

Pastor's Report: Minister's report was attached and discussed.

Treasurer: Eleanor Jenkins submitted a report and presented information from the report as of December 31, 2024.

Unrestricted Operating Checking \$100,000. The total transfer to the building fund at month end was \$1,037.15.

Total Funds Available for Construction/Renovation: \$1,783,921.06.

YTD Receipts: \$524,673.00. YTD Budgeted: \$542,507.00. Difference \$17,834.

YTD Disbursements: \$389,290.36. YTD Budgeted: \$542,507.00. Difference \$153,216.64.

Net Non-Budget Receipts/Disbursements: \$129,140.71.

Average 2024 worship attendance through December 31: 250

David Bishop moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Bob Clark seconded after approving a yearly donation to be spread across 12 months rather than a lump sum. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustees: Justin Poor submitted a Trustee's Report. Roger Brokaw moved to approve and Eleanor Jenkins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Christian Education: Niki Dixon presented a written and verbal report highlighting youth activities. Students were challenged to think about consequences, both good and bad, for their actions. Sunday School students in January will be learning about Zacchaeus.

Music: Choir practice will resume soon.

Building Team: Kathy Hull and Michael Ten Eyck reported that they will begin meeting weekly with Mike Black on Mondays at 8:30 a.m.

Old Business

The topic of the attendance policy was brought up. Church administration is researching our information and webhosting software which is now available in one package and how to implement it.

New Business:

Board members were asked to read the Policy Review and sign stating they understood.

A motion was made by David Bishop and seconded by Roger Brokaw to approve the following representatives.

Rod Gordley – Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp

Julie Boren – Unmet Needs

Ashlyn Havens – Children First

Motion carried with Zach Boren abstaining.

Wayne Chamberlain would like to investigate additional mission trips/activities. The consensus was to continue.

A thank you note was read from Charlotte Dunham for the Christmas gift.

Adjourn: David Bishop moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Steve Tharp seconded and all approved.

Closing Prayer: Kathy Hull closed the meeting in prayer.

Linda Belford,
Recording Secretary

Dear MVCSC Friends!

Thank you for your kind and generous support! MVCSC exists by the will of God and the sacrifice of His people. Through the years countless numbers of people have donated to, worked with, prayed for, guided and loved this camp as well as the people we serve. We have some exciting news. **2025 will be our 80th year!** We are excited to celebrate what God has done!

In 2024 we held all of our regular season camps. In addition, we hosted several rentals and retreats. **We also started a student-led Young Adults ministry named BEFF.** Its Belonging, Encouragement, Fun, and Fellowship, once a month for anyone who has graduated High school and considers themselves a young adult. Please join us! Watch our Facebook page for times and dates. In 2025 Greenpond Christian Church will be hosting Family Camp. Don't miss out on this fun-filled September weekend!

For our **Mission Trip**, we served several local people and ministries in Western Illinois and Eastern Missouri. The people who went represented your camp and churches very well. The team members were cleaning, painting, scraping, and doing repairs needed to a local church's new multipurpose building, several local shut-ins' homes, and a wonderful maternity ministry named Anne's Anchor. We were grateful to be a part of helping these ministries in their service to the Lord and our community.

The **Spaghetti Dinner in April at the Crossroads Center** was a great success and is planned again for 2025, the date will be announced. Thank you to all who made that event possible, and to all who attend. A hearty "Thank You" to the volunteers for all they do!

We are very grateful for your support of MVCSC. You play an important role in the success and growth here at the camp. God can use anyone at church camp. Here are a few ideas to help you to get involved at your camp. Host a retreat for your church, start a camp teaching campers about Jesus and your favorite hobby or skill, serve as a dean, family leader, teacher, nurse, dorm parent, or help with games and activities, serve in the kitchen, help clean, come talk to and pray with campers, share your faith at campfire, lead music, help get the camp grounds and buildings ready, mow, weed-eat, blade the roads, improve drainage, maintain Lake Leo and many other small or large jobs. Call Jim or talk to your church camp representative and we'll hook you up!

Please keep MVCSC in mind for your giving, and as always please remember us in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,

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MVCSC Wish List

Servants of God to share their faith!
Weather-proof sound booth for chapel
Bibles to give away
Life vests
Paddleboards
Shelters for classes
Quality Landscaping Equipment
Balls, Sports Equip, Outdoor toys
Off Road Peddle Cars

February Birthdays & Anniversaries: 1 John Hull, Lisa Wombles; 2 Madison Palmer, Clara Fitzmaurice; 3 Jessica Dain, Russ Sealock; 4 Kaitlyn Apps, Sydnee Cox, Carlos Quirarte; 6 Roger Brokaw, Elliott Fesler, 8 Kathy Lehr; 10 Patty Ruble, Jade Barker; 11 Tom & Debbie Robinson; 12 Alice Ghrist, Jamie Sweeting, Emma Wombles; 14 Kevin & Terri Wombles; 17 Richard Rhodes, Jill Kunzeman, Miriam Fitzmaurice; 19 Beau Sealock; 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, Crista O'Brien; 26 Peyton Apps, Glen Cooley; 27 Kelly Masters, Erik Tharp, Josie Fesler; 28 Ron & Teresa Bauer, Ruth Bennett, Wally Lamb

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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

Staff:

Michael Ten Eyck, Pastor
 Niki Dixon, 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: Carolyn Casteel, Craig Collver, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Roger Dunham, Scott Dunham, Sue Evans, Ann Ferguson, Joan Halsey, Jeanne Howard, Bill Jenkins, Jim Kallal, Wally & Marge Lamb, Sharon Rahe, Tom Robinson, Rusty & Jeana Sealock, Larry Wigington, Linda Armstrong (Carol Schwartz's sister), Karen Birch (John Birch's sister), Dugan Graham (Friend of Barber family), Dennie Hull (Jack Hull's brother), Pat Lehr (Steve Lehr's sister), Earl Phillips (Eleanor Jenkins' family), Greg Piper (Ralph Piper's son), Gail Walston (Laura Grimsley's sister), Steve Young (Friend of Bev White)
*With Sympathy: Howard Staffy, Doug Buskirk
 Stanley Smith (Kayla Miller's grandfather)
 Jim Johnson (Kathy Willman's brother-in-law)*

Stewardship (Offering Only)	1/13-19	1/20-26
Operational	\$8,237.93	\$11,387.92
Property Improvement	10.00	10.00
Outreach-Missionaries	60.00	40.00
DHF	30.00	30.00
Construction/Renovation	177.91	174.91
Youth Group	100.00	50.00
Outreach-General	<u>5.00</u>	<u>205.00</u>
Total	\$8,620.84	\$11,897.83

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$9,191.43 \$11,298.42
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$10,568

Serving Schedule:

Feb 2: Elders: Bob Clark, Matt Saxe
 8:00 Communion: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes
 10:30 Communion: Jeremy & Alicia Tate
 Children's Church: Ali Curless, Molly Caughlan
 Fellowship Treats: Bev White, Kathy Hull, Becky Barger, Cindy Chamberlain

Feb 9: Elders: Charlotte Dunham, Alicia Tate
 8:00 Communion: Tom & Debbie Robinson
 10:30 Communion: Jason & Erica Thomas
 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.

The collection boxes for greeting card fronts and reading glasses are at the annex.

The December, January, February edition of **Our Daily Bread** devotional can be found on the sanctuary mantels.

Lectionary

2/2: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6; 1 Cor 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30
 2/3: Psalm 56; 1 Kings 17:8-16; 1 Corinthians 2:6-16
 2/4: Psalm 56; 2 Kings 5:1-14; 1 Corinthians 14:13-25
 2/5: Psalm 56; Jeremiah 1:11-19; Luke 19:41-44
 2/6: Psalm 138; Numbers 20:22-29; Acts 9:19b-25
 2/7: Psalm 138; Numbers 27:12-23; Acts 9:26-31
 2/8: Psalm 138; Judges 3:7-11; Luke 4:42-44
 2/9: Isa 6:1-13; Ps 138; 1 Cor 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11
 2/10: Psalm 115; Judges 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 14:26-40
 2/11: Psalm 115; 1 Samuel 9:15-10:1b; 1 Timothy 3:1-9
 2/12: Psalm 115; Isaiah 8:1-15; Luke 5:27-32
 2/13: Psalm 1; Jeremiah 13:12-19; Acts 13:26-34
 2/14: Psalm 1; Jeremiah 13:20-27; 1 Peter 1:17-2:1
 2/15: Psalm 1; Jeremiah 17:1-4; Luke 11:24-28

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.

FCC has a presence on the YouVersion Bible app. Check it out!	Worship Service	1/19	1/126
	8:00	94	112
	10:30	<u>133</u>	<u>151</u>
	Total	227	263

Wishes & Wants

None at this time.

Parents: Be sure to watch the Kids@FCC Facebook page for the latest news and events!

Christian Education

Youth	39	48
Disciples	11	11
Sermon Study	9	10
C.O.F.F.E.E.	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>
Total	71	78

The **walking track** at Crossroads Center is open to the public Mon-Thurs, 8-10 a.m.