

The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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Holy Week

Palm Sunday, **April 13**
Regular service schedule.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, **April 17 & 18**
7:00p.m. both days.
Nursery will be staffed.

Resurrection Sunday, **April 20**
6:30 Sunrise Service in the gym led by Youth Group.
7:30 Breakfast.
8:45 Sunday School.
10:00 Worship Service in the sanctuary.
Nursery will be staffed during Sunday School
and 10:00 service.

We will have Children's Church during 10:00 service for
2nd grade and younger.



On Sunday, April 6, at 10:30 service, Michael and Sharon Wilson declared their faith in Jesus Christ and placed their member ship with FCC. Michael and Sharon have moved to rural Pittsfield and we are excited to be worshipping with them!

Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, April 27, 11:00-1:00

Adults \$10, Children 3-12 \$5, Age 2 and under free
Crossroads Center - Eat in or carry out

Elder Meeting, Tues, April 22, 6:00.

CMF Luncheon, Sunday, May 4, 11:45 am at Crossroads Center. Sign up at the coffee table if you plan to attend so we know how much food to prepare. Meeting details will be published soon.

Disciple Heritage Fellowship National Conference **May 7-8**

First Christian Church of Decatur
To register and for more details visit
discipleheritage.org/conference
Registration includes 2 day conference admission
and 3 meals.

Mark your calendars for
*****LIVE IT OUT VBS*****

July 13th through 16th

Interested in lending a hand
contact Niki Dixon 417-392-0729

Mark your calendars for the CWF Spring Sale on Sat, May 24, 2025! (Yep – Memorial Day Weekend!) Sale time is 8 AM – 12 PM with most everything half price beginning at 11:00.

Items may be brought to the Crossroads gym Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 20-22, from 8 AM – 5 PM, and Friday, May 23, from 8 AM – 12 PM. (If you need a special time, call Kathy 217-248-5214)

For the Spring Sale we will accept most of the usual items including: household, decorations, outdoor, garden, plants, tools, kitchen ware, small appliances, small furniture, footwear, toys, jewelry, books (no encyclopedia sets) and clothing of all sizes. (No TVs, computers, printers, fax, etc.)

We always have fun preparing for the sale, and enjoy visiting with our shoppers as we welcome them into our lovely Crossroads Center!

Please consider working with us as we set out and price items during the week, or come on sale day to help shoppers and add up/pack purchases. We especially need help after the sale as we box up everything that is leftover.

Proceeds will be distributed among many worthy local non-profit organizations and charities.



*First Christian Church of Pittsfield,
We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of you
that helped with the funeral dinner for David Grimsley. We
appreciate all the kind words from our church family during
the passing of our dad/grandpa.
God Bless,
The Family of David Grimsley.*

The graduation season is almost upon us! In May we will be acknowledging the 8th Grade, High School, and College graduates in our church family. Please let us know **by May 12** if you have a graduate in your family.

All are welcome to attend Ken Bradbury's one act play, **"The Bystanders"**, being performed Sunday, **April 27** at:
9:00 am Perry United Methodist Church, 106 E. South St., Perry
10:30 am Griggsville United Methodist Church, 115 S. Stanford St., Griggsville
2:30 pm First Christian Church of Pittsfield, 225 N. Memorial St., Pittsfield
This one-hour play is a collection of stories shared by those who were around Christ before, during, or after the Crucifixion. This powerful drama features Mike Schneider, Cooper Stowers, Audra Nelson, Katie McDannald, Margaret Whitehurst, Buford Stowers, Keith Bradbury, and Brenda Yale. Admission is free. For information call 217.473.4735.

Dear Church Family,

Luke 12:35-40

"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, 36 and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! 39 But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." ESV

This past Monday marked a moment we've all been praying and waiting for—after what has felt like an eternity of planning, hoping, and preparing, **work on our building project has finally begun!** Just hours before the crews arrived, I found myself wondering, *Will this ever actually start?* And then—almost like a scene shift in a movie—the alley between the church and the playground was full of trucks, tools, and more than a dozen workers from four different companies. They were all laboring with energy and focus like an orchestra performing a symphony.

It was a powerful reminder that God works in His perfect timing. Though we may feel weary in the waiting, our job has always been to *prepare*. Just as Noah built the ark before the rain came, and just as the wise virgins in Jesus' parable kept their lamps filled with oil, we have stayed faithful—praying, giving, planning, and trusting. Now we are beginning to see the fruit of that preparation.

But this is just the beginning.

Let us continue to prepare—not just physically, but spiritually. As walls go up, let's be reminded and encouraged to lift up prayers. As foundations are poured, let's ask God to build something eternal in and through us. This project is not just about bricks and beams; it's about creating space for ministry, for worship, and for lives to be transformed by the Gospel. Like Alicia said last Sunday, "let's leave this place better than we found it!"

Would you join me in praying:

- That God would be **glorified** in every step of this project
- That the work would be **safe**, efficient, and successful
- That our congregation would stay **united**, expectant, and prayerful
- That this building addition would be a **beacon of hope** in our community for generations to come by promoting fellowship and connection

This is an exciting time for our church family. Let's continue to prepare our hearts for all that God is doing—not just in the construction, but in the Kingdom work He is building through us.

To God be the glory!

Loving you all,

Michael

<p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>Office Hours: M-TH 8:00am–3:30pm; F 8:00am-Noon Worship Times: Every Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am</p>	<p>PRAYER CONCERNS: Phoenix Bacon, Kent Bonnett, Craig & Caree Collver, Richard Decker, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Sue Evans, Joan Halsey, Jeanne Howard, Jim Kallal, Jill Kunzeman, Wally & Marge Lamb, Heather Manwell, Sharon Rahe, Bill Schwartze, Rusty & Jeana Sealock, Michael Smith, John Walker, Kevin Wombles Karen Birch (John Birch's sister), Dave Dunham (Brokaw/Dyer family), Dennie Hull (Jack Hull's brother), Pat Lehr (Steve Lehr's sister), Freda Predmore (Sarah McNulty's grandmother), Gail Walston (Laura Grimsley's sister), Robert Wilson (Rachel Cawthon's father), Steve Young (Friend of Bev White)</p>																																			
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<p>The collection boxes for greeting card fronts and reading glasses are at the annex.</p>	<p>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.</p>																																			
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<p>Lectionary 4/13: Isa 50:4-9; Ps 31:9-16; Phil 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 4/14: Isa 42:1-9; Ps 36:5-11; Heb 9:11-15; John 12:1-11 4/15: Isa 49:1-7; Ps 71:1-14; 1 Cor 1:18-31; John 12:20-36 4/16: Isa 50:4-9; Ps 70; Heb 12:1-3; John 13:21-32 4/17: Ex 12:1-14; Ps 116:1-19; 1 Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1-35 4/18: Isa 52:13-53:12; Ps 22; Heb 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42 4/19: Job 14:1-14; Ps 31:1-16; 1 Pet 4:1-8; Matt 27:57-66 4/20: Acts 10:34-43; Ps 118:1-24; 1 Cor 15:19-26; John 20:1-18 4/21: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Joshua 10:16-27; 1 Cor 5:6b-8 4/22: Ps 118:1-2, 14-24; Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31a; Rev 12:1-12 4/23: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 2 Samuel 6:1-15; Luke 24:1-12 4/24: Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:1-23; Acts 5:12-16 4/25: Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:19-32; Acts 5:17-26 4/26: Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:32-51; Luke 24:36-40</p>																																				