

The Pittsfield Christian

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October 14, 2025



The annual November Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, Nov 2, immediately after 10:30 service. Purpose of the meeting is to vote on the proposed 2026 budget and officers and officials with term to begin January 1, 2026.

Hangout 45 will meet on Sunday, **Oct 19**, 11:30-1:00. We will go to Pizza Hut for lunch then back to Crossroads for games before pick up at 1:00. The trip to Kamaroo Farms has had to be postponed.

Youth Group cookout will be Sunday, Oct 26 , at the Dunham farm. Flag Football, Hayride, Food, Live Worship & Jesus!	Elder Meeting , Tues, Oct 28 , 6:00.
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High School Girls' Bible Study, Wed mornings, 6:30A.M. at the annex. Contact Niki with questions.

CWF will host a **Red Cross Blood Drive** at Crossroads on Tues, **Nov. 4th**, from 1pm to 6pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to support our neighbors and help save lives in our community. To register a time slot, you can log in online at redcrossblood.org. If you have any questions, please reach out to customercare@redcross.org or Barbara Fosco at bardonfosco@casscomm.com

Walk-ins are also welcome on the day of the event. Every donation makes a difference—thank you for considering being part of this important cause!

Turkey Dinner will be served on Wed, **Nov 19**. We will not offer carryout meals in our effort to encourage everyone to come and fellowship together. Sign up at the coffee table or contact the office so we know how many to prepare for.

Christian Women's Fellowship will host their **Christmas Bazaar** on Sat, **Dec 6**. Soon we will be taking orders for their famously delicious cheese spread!

The 100th annual Christmas Cantata will be Sunday, Dec 21, 5:00. Children will have a song that they will be practicing during Sunday School and Children's Church.

Youth Group Xtreme Winter Conference Dec 27-29 at Branson, MO
6th–12th Grade; \$75 + 2 meals
Contact Niki Dixon if interested.

If you are one of the wonderful people that provide cookies/rolls for fellowship after either church service - thank you! Any cookies that are leftover from both services are saved for the Sunday evening youth group meetings and are greatly enjoyed! Thanks again and blessings. Katie Wine, Carole Elledge, & Youth Group Kids.

During the month of October we will continue to show our appreciation by taking time to thank those who labor in various areas of ministry. October 19 = Elders. October 26 = Staff.

This is Pastor Appreciation Month! Let's shower Pastor Michael with cards of appreciate for the time he commits to shepherding the church family!

We plan to open the Crossroads Center gym to the public for walking starting in January. During that time we need to have volunteers in the gym office to assist overseeing the building. Contact Jenna Hull or the office if you are interested in volunteering a couple of hours of your time during the week!

Excerpts from October 12, 2025 Congregational Meeting

Call to Order: 11:45 a.m. by Moderator Kathy Hull.

Pastoral Prayer: Kathy Hull opened the meeting in prayer.

Quorum: A quorum of 19 was declared by Rebecca Rhodes, FCC Secretary.

Minutes from Last Meeting: The minutes from the February 2, 2025 meeting were read by Recording Secretary Linda Belford. Justin Poor made a motion which was seconded by Kevin Dyer to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The following proposed changes were recommended:

- P 1- The date of last amendment.
- P 9-10 Remove Article VI Section 2b. Deacons, and then reorder the remaining 2 subsections (Trustee and Honored Leaders.)
- P 10 Section 3 Remove the words “or Deacon” from the section. ***The only elected position that a paid employee of the corporation may hold is the position of Elder, or Deacon, except for the Lead Minister***
- P 10 Section 5 a. Nominating committee. Remove the reference to 2 Deacons on the nominating committee, and replace with 4 voting members of the congregation.
- P 12 Article VII section 5- Add the following text giving the Elders supervision to administer the ministries of the Deacons. : *The Elders shall also appoint and oversee Deacons to serve to promote the growth, welfare and teaching of the congregation, assist in overseeing assigned areas of ministries, and help lead in the expression of a caring/sharing fellowship in time of need. They will be involved in activities and events such as serving as congregational ushers and greeters, funeral dinners, financial campaigns, visitation projects, and baptismal services, and other duties as directed by the Eldership.*
- P 13 Remove Article VIII Section 6 Deacons
- P 13 Renumber Article VIII Section 6 to “Trustees”
- P 15 Article IX - Add section 4 “**SECTION 4. Deacons.** *Deacons appointed by the Elders pursuant to Section 5 of Article VII must be and remain a Voting Member of the corporation to be appointed and to continue to serve as a Deacon. Deacons will oversee particular areas of ministry as assigned and supervised by the Elders. A paid employee of the corporation may hold the position of Deacon.*”

We recommend implementation of these changes by the current Deacons serving out their terms under the direction of the Elders. They may be assigned to specific areas of service.

After discussion, Jack Hull made the motion to accept the proposed changes and it was seconded by Larry Wigington. Motion carried.

Adjourn: At 11:59a.m. a motion was made by David Bishop and seconded by Alicia Tate to adjourn. Motion carried.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Michael Ten Eyck closed the meeting in prayer.

Linda Belford, Recording Secretary

Contact the office if you would like an updated copy of the amended church constitution & bylaws.

Dear Church Family,

What a joy it was to gather at Tate Farm for our Vesper Service once again! The air was filled with laughter, conversation, and the sounds of God's people doing life together. The splash of fishing lures hitting the water, joyful laughter of children playing and racing paddle boats across the pond. In the background, you could hear the peaceful chorus of crickets and rustling trees seem to join in with the strumming of the guitar and lifting of voices in worship, creation itself joining in praise.

I felt that these were not just random sounds; they were the music of the Church being the Church. We weren't simply *going to church* - we were *living as the church*... what I imagine as a little preview of heaven.

In the sharing of food, laughter, and worship, we were reminded that faith is meant to be experienced together, not in isolation.

The writer of Hebrews reminds us, *"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day drawing near"* (Hebrews 10:24–25, ESV).

Every laugh, every conversation, every moment of worship under the open sky was an act of encouragement and unity. These gatherings help strengthen our bonds and renew our sense of belonging—not just to each other, but to Christ Himself.

So, to everyone who came, helped, sang, cooked, played, or simply sat and soaked it all in—thank you. You made the evening what it was: a living picture of the Church in fellowship. May we continue to find joy not only within the walls of our buildings, but wherever God's people gather.

Let's keep making these sounds of faith together.

Loving you all,

Michael

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 Gordley, Custodian Bob Clark, Audio/Video/Maintenance Jenna Hull, Event Coordinator Office Hours: M-TH 8:00am–3:30pm; F 8:00am-Noon Worship Times: Every Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am	PRAYER CONCERNS: Phoenix Bacon, Edna Baughman, Richard Decker, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Bill Earls, Sue Evans, Ruth Anne Goodin, Joan Halsey, N.D. Harrison, Mary Harshman, Donnie Houchins, Jeanne Howard, Jim Kallal, Marge Lamb, Rusty & Jeana Sealock, Jim Stark, Bill Van Hoose, Eddie White, Bernall Ackerman (Friend of Ten Eyck family) Randy Alloway (Friend of Chamberlain family) Karen Birch (John Birch's sister) Chloe Birdsell (Friend of Wilson family) Janie Bishop (David Bishop's sister) Jan Buhrmann (Friend of Wilson family) Terry Collins (Angie Ruebush's father) Denny Dell (Friend of Brokaw family) Dennie Hull (Jack Hull's brother) Pat Lehr (Steve Lehr's sister) Diana McCartney (Friend of Evans family) Zoey O'Leary (Friend of Wilson family) Robert Wilson (Rachel Cawthon's father) <i>With Sympathy:</i> Larry and Linda Horton (Amy Casto's parents) O.R. Freesen (Will Freesen's father)																																								
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