

The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

Volume 67 Issue 22

October 28, 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.

Do not forget to **change your clocks** next Saturday night, Nov 1.

Coffee Talk, Tues, **Nov 4**, 10:00.

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!

The next **Christian Men's Fellowship Luncheon** will be Sunday, **Nov 9**, after 10:30 service at Crossroads Center. Meal to be catered by Courtyard Café. We will follow up on the first KOZ event and get the second one scheduled, so it would be a good time for anyone else interested in KOZ to come. The program will be the security team, with updates from N.D. Harrison and Spencer Boren. Please sign up at the coffee table or let the office know if you plan to attend.

Board Meeting, Tues, **Nov 11**, 6:00.

CWF Bible Study, Thurs, **Nov 13**, 9:30 at Cardinal Inn.

Hangout 45 will travel to Kamaroo Farms on Sunday, **Nov 16**, after 10:30 service. Bring a sack lunch.

Community Thanksgiving Service, Sunday, **Nov 16**, 6:30 at Pittsfield Church of the Nazarene.

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 hold their **Christmas Bazaar** on Sat, **Dec 6**. We are taking orders for the famous ½ pound containers of \$6 cheese olive nut and \$5 pimento cheese spreads. Contact the office or place your order at the coffee table by Nov 30. You will pay and pick it up at the Bazaar.

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.

Excerpts from October 14, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 6:01 p.m. by Moderator Kathy Hull. David Bishop led the meeting in a devotion and prayer. Minutes from the September 9, 2025, meeting were approved by general consensus.

Pastor's Report: Minister's report was attached and discussed. Lots of time spent with building project. Worked with Rebecca on the 2026 Budget. Assisted the nominating committee in their task to consider candidates.

Treasurer: Eleanor Jenkins submitted a report and Rebecca Rhodes presented information from the report as of September 30, 2025. The total transfer to the building fund in September was \$0. YTD Receipts \$417,184.53. YTD Budgeted \$412,167. Difference \$5,017.53. YTD Disbursements \$326,785.60. YTD Budgeted \$403,854. Difference \$77,068.40. It was noted that this year there have been unexpected, costly but necessary maintenance expenses. Average worship attendance through September 30, 2025 = 241. David Bishop moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Steve Tharp seconded. Motion carried.

Trustees: Justin Poor submitted a Trustee's Report. Memorials were received in the name of Mary Lou Chamberlain. Some of the Withus funds in the amount of \$7,588 were used to pay the 50% installment on the church HVAC. David Bishop moved to approve; Alicia Tate seconded. Motion carried.

Christian Education: New Sunday School curriculum is going well. Some of this year's senior high school students are leading Uth@1st. Prayer walk scheduled for October 19 and a hayride at the Dunham farm on October 26.

Music: Cantata practice has started but more singers are welcome to join.

Building Team: Kathy Hull and Pastor Michael explained some of the recent progress. There is A LOT going on at this time. The original plan for the gathering area was for a hard surface floor; however, for safety concerns and noise control, carpet squares are also being considered. A motion by David Bishop was made that it is the board's recommendation to use carpet squares in the gathering area. Matt Saxe seconded. Motion carried.

New Business: Chairman of the nominating committee, Charlotte Dunham, presented the committee's recommendations for the 2026 officers. They are: Moderator – Brad Losch. Vice-Moderator – Bobby Smith. Treasurer – Michelle Hart. Recording Secretary – Linda Belford. Trustee – Brian Ruebush. Elders – Brad Willman, Hamer Tate, John Hull. David Bishop made a motion to accept this slate of officers and Bob Clark seconded. Motion carried with Kathy Hull and Linda Belford abstaining.

A proposed budget was presented. Staff left for administration budget discussion. After some discussion, Justin Poor made a motion seconded by David Bishop to approve the proposed 2026 budget. Motion carried.

Adjourn: David Bishop moved to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Steve Tharp seconded. Motion carried.

Closing Prayer: Matt Saxe closed the meeting in prayer.

Linda Belford,
Recording Secretary

A huge thank you to Charlotte Dunham and Eric and Jill Kunzman for hosting Uth@1st for our annual Hayride and bonfire this past Sunday evening. We enjoyed a time of fun, laughter, food and worship. Evan Darnell did an amazing job of challenging each of us to invite our friends and classmates to church.

Happy Birthday to Edna Baughman on Nov 1. Let's shower her with birthday cards that can be mailed to: Liberty Village, Attn Edna Baughman, 610 Lowry Street, Pittsfield, IL 62363.

Cookie Sunday! November 2.

Living in the Hyphen

I have ended several of the past few years thankful that that year was over and hoping that the next one would be better. Perhaps that is why I like watching old westerns on the television as much as I do. One of my favorites is Gunsmoke with Marshal Dillon, Doc Adams, Miss Kitty and various other “sidekicks”. The principal reasons for liking this series are: there were 635 episodes (rarely see a repeat and if I do I can stay excited because I can’t remember how it ended last time), there is never a foul-mouthed character (even drunks spill off complete sentences without vulgarity), the replays are free on most channels (cheap entertainment for me and the dog), and I can go to sleep during one episode and wake up in another without missing key parts of the plot (good always prevails). For purposes of this letter, each episode is not as important but that I am amazed at the years between episode 1 (Sept. 10, 1955) and the last one on March 31, 1975. As the Police Chaplain at my brother-in-law’s funeral put it, “life is not the birth date or the endpoint: it is what happens if the hyphen between those dates.”

This is all relevant to 2025 because of the series that Pastor Michael has presented on Faith over the past few months. From Hebrews 11 we can clearly see that what biblical characters did based on their Faith in God is all that is considered mentionable in their New Testament “legacy”, no matter how many chapters or generations their lives covered in the Old Testament. And, most recently, the Book of James is not a book on how to do life, but a challenge to grow in our relationships by asking why or how our works are viewed by our Heavenly Father. I must say, and I hope each of you can understand and agree, that these series make me consider each thought, action, or the whole day as a part of my story that shows my relationship with Jesus. Just like my old westerns, God wins in the end, time is limited for me as a principal character in the saga, and some people will only have limited episodes to see my whole story. May we all consider our relationship with Jesus as we emphasize the hyphen between birth and passing.

Consider your Opportunities to Serve.
David Bishop

November Birthdays & Anniversaries: **1** Edna Baughman, Justin Poor; **2** Rosi Picone, Seth Boren; **3** Zack & Libby Boren; **5** Bob & Shari Clark; **6** Lori Johnson; **7** Jeannine Robertson, Amy Boltz, Rhonda Irwin, Bill Schwartz, Kacie Lipcaman; **8** Dave Herring, Phoenix Bacon; **9** Clinton McNulty, Kevin Masters; **10** Sharon Wilson; **12** Chad Ferguson, Debbie Robinson, Denver Richmiller; **14** Anna Speckhart, Liam York; **16** Korey Wombles, Levi & Lainey Miller; **17** Carole Elledge, Elizabeth Rowland, Paul Ruble, Vince Havens, Vivian Havens; **20** Janice Barton; **21** Eleanor Jenkins, Brittany Dain, Tucker Kunzeman; **22** Bob Evans, Griffin Moss; **23** Kay Sealock; **24** Eli Ten Eyck, Caden Casto; **25** Kathy Curfman; **26** Beth Willman; **28** Eli Tharp; **29** Dan Speckhart, Mason 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 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, Charlotte Dunham, Sue Evans, Joan Halsey, N.D. Harrison, Mary Harshman, Donnie Houchins, Jeanne Howard, Jim Kallal, Marge Lamb, Ralph Piper, Rusty & Jeana Sealock, Jim Stark, Bill Van Hoose, Eddie White, 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) Helen Sue Hendricker (Kathy Hull's aunt) 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) Nancy Wessell (Friend of Schwartze family) Robert Wilson (Rachel Cawthon's father)	
Stewardship (Offering Only) 10/13-19 10/20-26 Operational \$7,729.92 \$10,241.00 Property Improvement 10.00 10.00 Outreach-Missionaries 40.00 40.00 DHF 30.00 30.00 Construction/Renovation 124.91 217.91 Youth 150.00 0.00 Outreach-General 205.00 5.00 Total \$8,289.83 \$10,543.91 Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.) Received Last 7 Days \$8,429.92 \$10,241.00 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$10,568		Serving Schedule: November 2: Elder: Matt Saxe, Charlotte Dunham 8:00 Communion: Steve & Vickie Tharp 10:30 Communion: Chris & Cherie Wagoner Children's Church: Ali Curless, Molly Caughlan Fellowship Treats: 8:00-Faith Saxe, Elaine Hoaglin, 10:30-Kathy Curfman, Carolyn Barber November 9: Elder: Alicia Tate, Zack Boren 8:00 Communion: Brad & Kathy Willman 10:30 Communion: Jill & Eric Kunzeman, Justin & Amber Poor Children's Church: Stan & Jill Moss	
The collection boxes for greeting card fronts and reading glasses are at the annex.		<u>Ways to Give</u> •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.	
The <u>September, October, November</u> edition of Our Daily Bread devotional can be found on the sanctuary mantels.		<u>Ways To Watch/Listen</u> fccpittsfield.org - Ministries, Live Stream <u>or</u> 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. 97.5 FM - Sunday mornings at 10:30	
Lectionary 11/2: Hab 1:1-4; Isa 1:10-18; 2 Thess 1:1-12; Luke 19:1-10 11/3: Psalm 142; Habakkuk 2:12-20; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13 11/4: Psalm 142; Habakkuk 3:1-16 ; Jude 1:5-21 11/5: Psalm 142; Habakkuk 3:17-19; Luke 19:11-27 11/6: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Zech 1:1-17; Acts 22:22-23:11 11/7: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Zechariah 6:9-15; Acts 24:10-23 11/8: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Haggai 1:1-15a; Luke 20:1-8 11/9: Hag 2:1-2:9; Job 19:23-27; 2 Thess 2:1-17; Luke 20:27-38 11/10: Psalm 98; Haggai 2:10-19; 2 Peter 1:16-21 11/11: Psalm 98; Haggai 2:20-23; 2 John 1:1-13 11/12: Psalm 98; Zechariah 8:1-17; John 5:19-29 11/13: Isaiah 12; Isaiah 57:14-21; Romans 1:18-25 11/14: Isaiah 12; Isaiah 59:1-15a; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12 11/15: Isaiah 12; Isaiah 59:15b-21; Luke 17:20-37		Wishes & Wants None at this time.	Worship Service 10/19 10/26 8:00 92 86 10:30 165 186 Total 257 272
		Parents: Be sure to watch the Kids@FCC Facebook page for the latest news and events!	Christian Education Youth 43 40 Disciples 9 10 Sermon Study 7 0 C.O.F.F.E.E. 8 12 Total 67 62
		Pardon our dust during the construction process.	