

The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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Cameo Fesler came forward during our 10:30 service on Sunday, Nov 9, declared her faith in Jesus Christ, and became the newest member of FCC! We are excited to worship with Cameo each week and welcome her to the church family!

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

Hangout 45 will travel to Kamaroo Farms in Calhoun County 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 Men's Fellowship will hold their next **Kid's Outdoor Zone** event on **Sat, Nov 22, from 11-2:00**. Meet at the church and we will head to Pittsfield Lake. CMF and the boys will build a campfire and learn how to sharpen and properly/safely use pocket knives. Every boy will receive a KOZ hunt, pray, fish pocket knife. Lunch will be hot dogs cooked over the fire. Contact Zack Boren or Ed Picone for details.

Elder Meeting, Tues, **Nov 25**, 6:00.

CWF Bazaar - Saturday, December 6, 7:30-1:00

Treasure Chest We will be taking your donations for our indoor yard sale on Wed & Thurs, Dec. 3rd & 4th, 7:30 - 5:00, and on Fri, Dec 5th, 7:30 until noon. Please be sure your sale items are in good, clean condition. We are looking forward to offering our usual treasures of jewelry, glassware, kitchen goods, household items, books, TOYS, shoes, purses, bedding, small appliances, smaller furniture pieces, outdoor items, tools, and seasonal decorations. We will have a special section for Christmas decorations, so sort yours as you begin your holiday prep and let us offer your overstocked items to our shoppers! The only clothing we can take will be Christmas/holiday pieces of all sizes. We will accept coats. They will be available in the foyer for free. If you enjoy sorting/setting up for sales, please consider coming to help during the donation times listed. Are you able to work on sale day, Saturday, December 6? We need cashiers (easiest job ever,) sales assistants (add up and bag the purchases,) and roaming greeters to make our guests feel welcomed! Our beloved clean-up crew would also be thankful for your help after the Bazaar ends! All of our proceeds go to area non-profits. Your contributions of donations or your time are very much appreciated. If you have questions or can offer to assist, text or call Kathy Curfman at 217-248-5214.

The **Country Store** will be ready to accept baked and homemade items on Thursday afternoon, Dec 4, and all day Fri, Dec 5. We would love to have all items before Friday noon so they can be put in containers. If you have any questions, please contact Bev White 285-2420 or Barbara Fosco 285-2608.

The **Gift Room** will be accepting items that you no longer use but are in good condition to pass on to another shopper. Also, any handcrafted items will also be welcomed.

We are taking orders for 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.

Tickets for the **Love Raffle** quilt and other items are available. 1=\$2. 3=\$5. 6=\$10. 10=\$18. See Joyce Lemons or Charlotte Dunham!

Christmas Caroling, Sun, **Dec 7**. Watch for more details!

Christmas Eve Service, Wed, **Dec 24**.

The 100th annual Christmas Cantata will be Sunday, Dec 21, 5:00.

Calling all kids grades K-4th!!! Kids are invited to sing a song in the 100th Cantata! We will practice at the beginning of Sunday School. Contact Kayla Boren for more details!

<i>Dear FCC Youth Group, We are so blessed to be a part of FCC who has such a caring Youth Group! Thank you so much for delivering the food last weekend. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated! -Larry & Jeanne Howard</i>	New concrete has been poured, and railings are made but are not installed yet. Please be careful while walking in the church building and be vigilant of those who need assistance.
<i>PHS Youth Alive greatly appreciates your monetary donation so we can provide food on Thursdays! -Emma, Josie, Evan, Laynie, Jonas and the rest of the Youth Alive Members</i>	The Nov. 6th Red Cross Blood Drive was a great success! We exceeded our goal and had a total of 31 donations. Fortunately, we had the help of many walk-ins. Four donors did the Power Red donation which is really needed and appreciated. It was a busy afternoon and no "slow" time at all. Carol Schwartz and I had a great time visiting with all the donors. Thank you to everyone who helped make this drive so successful -Barbara Fosco & Christian Women's Fellowship
<i>We want to thank the ladies in the church who knitted the prayer shawls for Chuck, Carolyn, and Terry. They are beautiful! We also want to thank our Youth Group for providing the food. It was greatly appreciated! -Barber & Fine Family</i>	
<i>A massive Thank You to Leanna Schlabowske for the new beautiful couches for Uth@1st!</i> 	
<i>I am so humbled by all of the kind words and acknowledgement of my years at FCC. It is a privilege to serve in Christ with all of you! Thank you for everything! May we continue to Reach, Teach and Empower our surrounding community together! -Rebecca Rhodes</i>	

Excerpts from Congregational Meeting November 2, 2025

Call to Order: 11:40 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 October 12, 2025 meeting were read by Recording Secretary Linda Belford. David Bishop made a motion which was seconded by Hamer Tate to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee Recommendations: Charlotte Dunham presented the following slate of officers and officials for 2026: Moderator, Brad Losch; Vice Moderator, Bobby Smith; Treasurer, Michelle Hart; Recording Secretary, Linda Belford; Trustee, Brian Ruebush; Elders—Brad Willman, Hamer Tate, John Hull.

A motion was made by Keith Elledge and seconded by Kevin Dyer to accept the slate of officers. Motion carried.

Budget: Church Secretary Rebecca Rhodes explained the 2026 budget proposal. She explained that items were trimmed when possible. Utility and insurance rate increases are expected. There is an increase of Crossroads usage which also contributes to higher utility expenses. There were larger than expected repair expenses in 2025. A 3% salary increase is included for employees who have worked for more than a year.

A motion was made by Jack Hull and seconded by Bobby Smith to accept the proposed budget. Motion carried.

Building Project Update: Pastor Michael Ten Eyck played a video showing the current status of the building addition. After the remaining expenses are paid, the building fund is anticipated to have an ending balance of approximately \$1,000,000. Total cost of the project is expected to be approximately \$1,000,000.

Pastor Ten Eyck recognized the many volunteers who have helped with this project including Hamer Tate, Steve Tharp, Keith Elledge, Brad Losch, David Bishop, Sonya Bishop, Bobby Smith, Bob Clark, the building team, décor committee and the church board.

Adjourn: At 11:55 a.m. a motion was made by David Bishop and seconded by Rokettia Brokaw to adjourn. Motion carried.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Michael Ten Eyck closed the meeting in prayer.
Linda Belford, Recording Secretary

Dear Church Family,

As we enter November, I want to begin by expressing deep appreciation for everyone helping prepare our Church-wide Turkey Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner. (Come find out how big a “church-wide turkey is!”) The planning, cooking, decorating, and serving that go into this annual meal are acts of love that nourish both body and soul.

If you haven’t yet signed up to attend, please do so right away! You can reserve your place by calling or emailing Rebecca in the church office **TODAY!!!**. We don’t want anyone to miss this special evening of gratitude and community.

Recently, while working on our series on gratitude, I came across a question that stopped me in my tracks: *“What if you had absolute assurance that God would provide enough for you—how would that change your view of generosity?”*

That question pierced my heart and challenged my soul. It did so because if I *truly* believe that God will provide for me—and He has promised that He will do just that—then fear no longer has to guide (or limit) my generosity. Generosity flows from trust. When I’m confident in God’s abundance, I open my hands. When I lack this confidence, I clench my fists.

Scripture reminds us again and again that God is our Provider. Jesus said, *“Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them”* (Matthew 6:26). Paul wrote, *“My God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 4:19).

Thanksgiving is not only a day on the calendar—it’s a posture of the heart. It is an act of trust and worship. When trust in God as a good, providing Father takes root, it naturally blossoms into generosity. Thankful people give freely, because they know everything they have is a gift from God’s hand. How I want to be that type of person...

In the coming weeks, as we gather around tables to share food and fellowship, let’s also take time to acknowledge and share what God has richly given us. Let’s look to bless others who may need encouragement, friendship, or help. Let’s make generosity a habit that extends far beyond Thanksgiving Day.

Because when we trust that God will provide “enough,” we discover 2 beautiful truths—there is always more than enough to give, and there is more joy in giving than in receiving.

Loving you all,
Michael

FCC ADOPT- A- FAMILY 2025

The Outreach Ministry is again participating in the Adopt-A-Family program. 2025 has continued to be a tough year for many, and we hope to spread some joy this year to local families in need. Each family receives a food voucher, hygiene products and requested gifts.

INSTRUCTIONS On Nov 23 and Nov 30, the sanctuary Christmas tree will be decorated with color-coded tags. Find a tag (or tags) with a gift you are willing to purchase, take it off the tree, fill out the bottom section, detach, and place in the basket at the table. Please write legibly so we can track down gifts if needed!

Please return wrapped gift(s) with tag no later than Sunday, December 7th to the annex. NOTE: If your gift includes several items, it’s very helpful to put all pieces/items in **one box or gift bag** and attach the tag to the outside of the box/bag.

Monetary donations in offering are also appreciated. Please mark your check or envelope “Adopt-A-Family.” The funds will be used first for presents that are not returned, then for gift cards for groceries.

TIMELINE

Sunday, Nov 23 and Nov 30 – select tags from the decorated tree in the overflow room/sanctuary.

Sunday, Dec 7: deadline to return wrapped gifts with tags on the outside.

We realize the turnaround is short. After getting your tags, you have about 2 weeks to get your gifts to the annex. **Also, the Outreach Ministry encourages you to SHOP LOCALLY! Please only participate if you can meet the deadlines.**

Note: We will be giving food vouchers this year instead of accepting food donations.

QUESTIONS: contact Judy Losch at 217-248-7595 or Jenna Hull at 816-604-8923

All donations due back to the church or annex by Dec 7.

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	PRAYER CONCERNS: Richard Decker, Tressa Dickerson, Braycen Douglas, Brian Douglas, Charlotte Dunham, Sue Evans, Joan Halsey, N.D. Harrison, Mary Harshman, Donnie Houchins, Jeanne Howard, Jim & Judy Kallal, Marge Lamb, Billy Miller, Ralph Piper, Nora Renoud, Rusty & Jeana Sealock, Jim Stark, Bill Van Hoose, Randy Alloway (Friend of Chamberlain family) Karen Birch (John Birch's sister) Chloe Birdsell (Friend of Wilson family) Janie Bishop (David Bishop's sister) Norman Bryant (Dave Bryant's father) Jan Buhrmann (Friend of Wilson family) Terry Collins (Angie Ruebush's father) Denny Dell (Friend of Brokaw family) Greg Dyer (Kevin Dyer's son) 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) Robert Wilson (Rachel Cawthon's father) <i>With Sympathy: Tom Dell (Friend of Elledge family)</i>																													
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																														
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The collection boxes for greeting card fronts and reading glasses are at the annex.	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.																													
The <u>September, October, November</u> edition of Our Daily Bread devotional can be found on the sanctuary mantels.																														
Lectionary 11/16: Isa 65:17-25; Mal 4:1-2; 2 Thess 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19 11/17: Psalm 76; Isaiah 60:17-22; Ephesians 4:25-5:2 11/18: Psalm 76; Isaiah 66:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1 11/19: Psalm 76; Isaiah 66:14-24; Matthew 23:37-24:14 11/20: Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 21:1-14; Hebrews 9:23-28 11/21: Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 22:1-17; 1 Peter 1:3-9 11/22: Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 22:18-30; Luke 18:15-17 11/23: Jer 23:1-6; Jer 23:1-6; Col 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43 11/24: Psalm 117; Jeremiah 30:1-17; Revelation 21:5-27 11/25: Psalm 117; Jeremiah 30:18-24; Revelation 22:8-21 11/26: Psalm 117; Jeremiah 31:1-6; Luke 1:1-4 11/27: Psalm 122; Daniel 9:15-19; James 4:1-10 11/28: Psalm 122; Genesis 6:1-10; Hebrews 11:1-7 11/29: Psalm 122; Genesis 6:11-22; Matthew 24:1-22	Ways To Watch/Listen 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																													
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