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<i>Congratulations Weston & Maddi Campbell on the birth of their daughter, Flora Grace Campbell, on July 6. We also congratulate Mason & Malia Kaufmann on the birth of their baby.</i>	Sew 'n Share, Thurs, July 23 & Aug 13, 9AM-3PM, annex.
Grief Share weekly meetings will begin on Tues, July 14, 6-8:00, at Pittsfield Assembly of God. Grief Share is a nondenominational support group for anyone who seeks help and encouragement after the passing of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.	Elder Meeting, Tues, July 28, 6:00.
<i>Thank you so much for the prayer shawl. Some will say it's a coincidence, but not me. When I received the shawl, I began to get better, like a light switch actually. I'm so much better. Thank you so much. -Sue Holcomb.</i>	Greetings deacons! Thank you for agreeing to serve the body of Christ at First Christian Church! We would like to invite you to be present on Wed, Aug 12, 6:00 in the annex for a training session. We understand this time may not work for everyone but please try to attend if you are able. It will take an hour or less. Let Zack Boren know if you cannot attend.

VBS 2026 was outstanding! Thank you to all the volunteers that made VBS possible! Kickoff Sunday could not have happened without some key individuals, Hamer & Jenny Tate, Judy Ferguson, Bob Clark, Caleb Dixon, John Hull & Thomas Hull. Please pray for the Pikeland School District as our administration, teachers, bus drivers, paras, janitors/maintenance & students gear up for the 2026/2027 school year.

Dear Church Family,

This past Fourth of July, our nation celebrated its 250th birthday. Across the country, and in our small community, people gathered to remember the blessings of freedom, the sacrifices of those who came before us, and the remarkable history of our great and unique nation. My interest was especially captured by the videos of fireworks shows mixed with drone technology. These displays are becoming increasingly prevalent, combining full color, movement, music, and precision in ways that previous generations could hardly have fathomed. Technology can be amazing.

Our own celebration was a little more low-key this year. It was very hot, and we were still recovering from Blondie's amazing wedding, so rather than joining a big crowd, we decided to drive around and find a good vantage point to watch the fireworks from the comfort of the truck's air conditioning. We did see some fireworks, but they were from a distance. They were enjoyable, but they could not compare to some of the high-tech drone and fireworks presentations I had seen in social media videos.

Then, on the drive home, something caught our attention that no human technology could rival. Off to the east, a huge storm cloud was growing. Towering thunderheads rose into the night sky, and flashes of lightning illuminated the clouds from within. The distant sky lit up with a dramatic display of power, beauty, and majesty. It was both beautiful and inspiring in a unique way. The fireworks had been fun, but the storm reminded me that nothing created by human hands can compare to the glory of God revealed in His creation.

Psalm 19 says: *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. 2 Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. 4 Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, 5 which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. 6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat. ESV*

There, in the night sky, a powerful message was preached. The lightning, the clouds, the sheer size of the towering thunderhead, and the epic power of the electrical discharge all pointed to the One who fashioned creation. Yes, we can create impressive and dazzling light shows in the sky, but their message pales in comparison to the one God speaks through thunderheads, starry skies, colorful sunsets, ocean waves, and majestic mountains. His handiwork leaves us awestruck when we still ourselves and open our hearts.

Loving you all,
Michael

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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					
Stewardship (Offering Only) 6/22-28	6/29-7/5	7/6-7/12	Serving Schedule:		
Operational \$6,999.00	\$22,279.82	\$8,112.02	July 19: Elders: Matt Saxe, Hamer Tate		
Property Improvement 95.00	65.00	15.00	8:00 Communion: Greg & Kim Bonnett		
Outreach-Missionaries 45.00	65.00	45.00	10:30 Communion: Jason & Erica Thomas		
DHF 30.00	30.00	30.00	Children's Church: Kay Sealock, Mike & Julie Boren		
Construction/Renovation 149.91	124.91	124.91	Infant-Age2: Carol Cooley, Linda Baumer		
Unmet Needs 0.00	0.00	0.00	Pre-K Assist: Amy Harris, Kamy Dixon		
Youth 0.00	0.00	120.00	Safety 8:00: Brad Losch, Steve Tharp		
Outreach-General 10.00	10.00	10.00	Safety 10:30: Bill Grimsley, Steve Lehr, Thomas Hull		
Total \$7,328.91	\$22,574.73	\$8,456.93	Sunday School Superintendent: Kay Sealock		
Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)			July 26: Elder: David Bishop, Charlotte Dunham		
Received Last 7 Days \$7,759.00 \$22,279.82 \$8,052.02			8:00 Communion: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes		
Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$11,030			10:30 Communion: Larry & Sandy Wigington, Justin & Amber Poor		
The collection boxes for greeting card fronts and reading glasses are at the annex.			Children's Church: Debbie Robinson, Sue Miller		
			Infant-Age2: Cindy Chamberlain, Shanna Ewers		
			Pre-K Assist: Amy Harris, Bonnie Hart		
			Safety 8:00: John Havens, Michael Smith		
			Safety 10:30: Caleb Dixon, Jason Thomas, Larry Wigington		
			Sunday School Superintendent: Vickie Tharp		
Lectionary			Ways to Give		
7/19: Gen 28:10-19; Solomon 12:13-19, Rom 8:12-25; Matt 13:24-43			•Mail: PO Box 306, Pittsfield, IL 62363		
7/20: Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 32:3-21; Revelation 14:12-20			•Online: Website fccpittsfield.org then Resources		
7/21: Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 33:1-17; Galatians 4:21-5:1			•At the Office: 115 W. Jefferson Street		
7/22: Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 35:16-29; Matthew 12:15-21			•Black metal offering boxes secured on the sanctuary mantels.		
7/23: Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:1-8; 1 Corinthians 4:14-20			Ways To Watch/Listen		
7/24: Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:9-14; Acts 7:44-53			fccpittsfield.org - Ministries, Live Stream or Resources, Sermons.		
7/25: Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:31-30:24; Matthew 12:38-42			YouTube - Search First Christian Church of Pittsfield and subscribe.		
7/26: Gen 29:15-28; 1 Kings 3:5-12; Rom 8:26-39; Matt 13:31-52			Facebook - Search First Christian Church of Pittsfield.		
7/27: Psalm 65:8-13; Genesis 30:25-36; James 3:13-18			90.9 FM while parked next to the church building.		
7/28: Psalm 65:8-13; Genesis 30:37-43; Ephesians 6:10-18			97.5 FM - Sunday mornings at 10:30		
7/29: Psalm 65:8-13; Genesis 46:2-47:12; Mark 4:30-34					
7/30: Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 14:1-2; Philippians 4:10-15					
7/31: Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 41:8-10; Romans 9:6-13					
8/1: Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Genesis 31:1-21; Matthew 7:7-11					
Wishes & Wants		Worship Service			
None at this time.		6/28			
		7/5			
		7/12			
		8:00 62 79 75			
		10:30 120 117 134			
		Total 182 196 209			
		Christian Education			
		Youth 36 14 19			
		Disciples 9 16 10			
		Sermon Study 8 12 7			
		C.O.F.F.E.E. 13 12 8			
		66 54 44			
Parents: Be sure to watch the Kids@FCC Facebook page for the latest news and events!					