The Pittsfield Christian

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The November Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, November 1 after 10:30 service. Agenda includes voting on the proposed 2027 officers and the 2027 budget.

Sunday, **Nov 1, Youth Group Hayride and cookout** at the Charlotte Dunham Farm.

Coffee Talk, Tues, Nov 3, 10:00 at atrium. Stop by for conversation and a hot cup of coffee with Pastor Michael!

Sew N Share will start meeting on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month beginning Nov 5 & 19, 9-3:00, annex. Contact Linda Belford with questions.

Board Meeting, Tues, **Nov 10**, 6:00, annex. Packets will be available on Sunday, Nov 8.

We will **decorate** the church for Christmas on Sunday evening, **Nov 15**. Time TBD.



We will host the **Community Thanksgiving Service** on Sunday, **Nov 22**, 6:00.

CHRISTMAS @ CROSSROADS, our 2026 CWF Bazaar, will be held on Saturday, **December 5**, from 8:00 - 12:00. The event will look a bit different this year, as it will be held in the dining room instead of the gym. It will feature the Quilt Raffle, Bake Shop, Tea Room, Gifts Galore, and our indoor 'yard sale' consisting exclusively of everything Christmas! We will fill the room with the scents of cinnamon rolls and freshly-brewed coffee, the tastes of our cookie, bread and candy treats, the sounds of Christmas carols, and the sights of handmade or purchased gift items along with your donated Christmas/winter decorations; sweaters, snowmen, Nativity sets, throw pillows, lights, gift wrap, jewelry, greenery, ornaments, trees, reindeer, candles - all things Christmas! So, mark your calendars, and as you prepare for "the most wonderful time of the year," make plans to bake goodies, make candy, donate gift items, and sort your decorations to help fill our space with Christmas! Questions? Call or text Kathy Curfman 217-248-5214.

Cookie Sunday! Nov 1. Treats and fellowship will be in the atrium after both services.

Choir/Cantata Practice, Wednesdays, 6:30.
Cantata Kids Choir! K-5th grade. Practice begins Wed, **Nov 18th,** 6-6:30pm.
Cantata will be Sunday, **Dec 20**, 5:00.

CMF Luncheon, Sunday, **Nov 8**, after 10:30 service. Sign up in the atrium or let the office know if you plan to attend so we can get an estimated attendance.

Christian Women's Fellowship Bible Study, Thurs, **Nov 12**, 9:30 at Cardinal Inn. Contact Joyce Lemons with questions.

Our kitchen crew will prepare a **turkey dinner** for the church family on Wednesday evening, **Nov 18**. Serving will be from 5:00-6:45. We will not offer carryout meals in our effort to encourage everyone to come and fellowship together. Sign up one time, either in the atrium or let the office know if you plan to attend so we can get an estimated attendance.

Elder Meeting, Tues, **Nov 24**, 6:00.

Blood Drive, Tues, **Jan 5**, 1-5:30, Crossroads Center.

Do you like to cook? We are seeking more volunteers to be certified cooks in our kitchen during events. It is a great way to fellowship with your church family and the community! Contact Jenna if interested!

An amazing lady is turning 80! The family of Elaine Hoaglin invites you to celebrate her birthday at an Open House on Sunday, Nov 1, Senior Citizens Center, 220 W. Adams St. from 2-4:00.

Do not forget to move your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, Oct 31.



Excerpts from Oct 13, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Moderator Brad Losch at 6:03 p.m.
Elder Devotion and Opening Prayer: Charlotte Dunham led the meeting in a devotion and prayer.
Minutes: Minutes from the September 8, 2026, meeting were approved by general consensus.

Pastor's Report: Minister's report was attached and discussed.
- Attended SPIRE conference.
- Care for several dealing with cancer.
- The old sign on the front of the sanctuary was damaged and it will be replaced with a new one with a backlit logo.

Treasurer: Michelle Hart submitted a report and Rebecca Rhodes presented information from the report as of September 30, 2026. YTD Receipts $415,301, YTD Budgeted $430,160, Difference $14,858. YTD Disbursements $347,358, YTD Budgeted $418,491, Difference $71,132. Average worship attendance through September 30 = 235.

Trustees: Justin Poor submitted a Trustee's Report. CDs continue to be renewed.

Christian Education: Niki Dixon submitted a report.
- New curriculum purchased through Lifeway. PreK-4th "Explore the Bible" and 5th – 12th "Bible Studies for Life."
- Hangout 45 will resume in November.

Music: Cantata folders were purchased. Tracks for Cantata have been loaded. Video edits will need to be made as needed. Asking for people to join the choir for the Cantata.

Crossroads Center: Jenna Hull submitted a report outlining the busy months ahead. A Girl Scout troop has begun meeting there. There was discussion regarding the Crossroads Volleyball League. Matt Sealock is stepping down as leader of this group so the league will be disbanded due to not having a church member sponsor.

Building Team: Significant work was done on developing a sign for the atrium.

New Business:
John Hull submitted a slate of officers for the 2027.

Elders Steve Tharp, Judy Ferguson, Caleb Dixon, and Roger Brokaw
Moderator, Brad Losch
Vice Moderator, Bobby Smith
Recording Secretary, Eleanor Jenkins
Treasurer, Michelle Hart
Trustee, Dan Speckhart

Motion was made by Bob Clark and seconded by Hamer Tate to approve the slate of officers. Motion carried.
Budget for 2027 was approved on a motion by David Bishop and seconded by Zach Boren.
The Tates were thanked for hosting the vesper service.
The garbage disposal at Crossroads will be repaired and two small HVAC units will be replaced. Bob Clark made a motion to approve and David Bishop seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Bobby Smith made a motion at 7:10 p.m. to adjourn. It was seconded by David Bishop.

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

Linda Belford, Recording Secretary

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 Schwartze, 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, Claire Heavner; **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.

The Prince of Peace

Growing up in a cocoon of a loving, Christian family and peaceful household, I assumed, in my childlike mind, that everybody grew up the same way I did. It was only when I went off to college that I realized my upbringing was definitely not the norm! I discovered that the world offered no reason to be peaceful, and no reason to be without stress, burdens, cares, and total frustration. At that point in my life I also realized that one of the most powerful marks of a believer is transcendent peace -- a state of deep, unshakeable calm that exists independently of external circumstances or human comprehension.

As believers, we serve a God who is the author, giver, and sustainer of peace amidst the craziness of our world. We serve a God in whom all true peace finds its source. The pages of Scripture are filled with declarations about God's peaceful nature and his desire for peace on the earth.1 Corinthians 14:33 says, "For God is not a God of confusion but of peace." And Philippians 4:9 says, "What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me -- practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you." In just a few weeks as we prepare for Christmas, we will be reminded of the prophecy about Christ in Isaiah 9:6, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Prince of Peace! -- In sending the Prince of Peace, God longs to make us like Himself, in that we would have peace in the midst of any circumstance. But it's important to remember that peace doesn't always come from perfect circumstances. Sometimes peace comes from the presence of Jesus in the middle of imperfect ones! The presence of God is not reserved for the moments when life finally makes sense, but His presence can change the way we walk with Him. Peace isn't found when having all the answers; it's found in knowing the One who does.

Living with true peace can only be done by allowing the Holy Spirit to bear the fruit of His presence in our lives. How incredible it is that we can have that peace in this world full of turmoil and strife through relationship with the Holy Spirit! He can handle all the cares of the world because He is Lord of them all. May we allow the Holy Spirit to bring heaven to earth, not only in our lives, but wherever we go today, as we enjoy the peace that surpasses all understanding. .

"Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all." - 2 Thessalonians 3:16

In Christ,
Charlotte Dunham, Elder

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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: Bernal Ackerman, Edna Baughman, Zack Boren, Richard Decker, Greg Dickerson, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Sue Evans, Charlie & Mary Gates, Joan Halsey, Donnie Houchins, Jim & Judy Kallal, Carol Schwartze, Janet Scranton, Jim Stark, Flora Campbell (Elledge great granddaughter), Christine Creamer (Calvin Anderson's mother), Denny Dell (Friend of Brokaw family), Vivian Dyer (Kevin Dyer's sister-in-law), Adam & Angie Hammitt (Larry Wigington's family), Bob & Phyllis Hammitt (Larry Wigington's brother), Carol Hark (Friend of Belford family), Sue Holcomb (Friend of Bev White), Dennie Hull (Jack Hull's brother), Chaddam Johnson (Friend of Wilson family), Pat Lehr (Steve Lehr's sister), Gus Macy (Friend of Joyce Lemons family), Dawn Alloway Miller (Friend of Rhodes family), Steve Newbery (Friend of Wilson family), Ryan Patterson (Douglas family cousin), Lucas Rife (Commission Encounter), Marita Roberts (Randy Roberts' wife – DHF), Tim Vahle (Friend of Ten Eyck family), Roger Walston (Laura Grimsley family), Debby Wilder (Brandi Pennock's mother)
With Sympathy: Jack Barber (Chuck Barber's brother, Annie Willard (Greg Willard's wife)

Stewardship (Offering Only)	**10/12-18**	**10/19-25**
Operational	$6,291.75	$5,250.73
Property Improvement	15.00	15.00
Outreach-Missionaries	45.00	45.00
DHF	30.00	30.00
Construction/Renovation	124.91	99.91
Youth	1,000.00	0.00
Unmet Needs	340.00	0.00
Outreach-General	490.00	10.00
Total	$8,336.66	$5,450.64

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)
Received Last 7 Days $6,711.75 $5,187.73
Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget $11,030

Ways to Give
Mail: PO Box 306, Pittsfield, IL 62363.
Online: Website fccpittsfield.org then Resources.
At the Office: 115 W. Jefferson Street.
Church Atrium: Giving Slot.

The collection boxes for greeting card fronts and reading glasses are at the annex.

Lectionary
11/1: Rev 7:9-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Matt 5:1-12
11/2: Psalm 128; Joshua 4:1-24; 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20
11/3: Psalm 128; Joshua 6:1-16, 20; Acts 13:1-12
11/4: Psalm 128; Joshua 10:12-14; Matthew 15:1-9
11/5: Psalm 78:1-7; Joshua 5:10-12; Revelation 8:6-9:12
11/6: Psalm 78:1-7; Joshua 8:30-35; Revelation 9:13-21
11/7: Psalm 78:1-7; Joshua 20:1-9; Matthew 24:1-14
11/8:Josh 24:1-25; Sol 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matt 25:1-13
11/9: Psalm 78; Joshua 24:25-33; 1 Corinthians 14:20-25
11/10: Psalm 78; Nehemiah 8:1-12; 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13
11/11: Psalm 78; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 24:29-35
11/12: Psalm 123; Judges 2:6-15; Revelation 16:1-7
11/13: Psalm 123; Judges 2:16-23; Revelation 16:8-21
11/14: Psalm 123; Judges 5:1-12; Matthew 12:43-45

Serving Schedule:
Nov 1, 2026
Elders: Alicia Tate, Charlotte Dunham
8:00 Communion: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes
10:30 Communion: Barbara Fosco, Shari Clark, Scott Bacon, D. Bryant
Children's Church: Ali Curless, Molly Caughlan
Infant-Age2: TBA
Pre-K Assist: Amy Harris, TBA
Safety 8:00: Kevin Wombles, Patrick Lamb
Safety 10:30: Bill Grimsley, Caleb Dixon, Steve Lehr
Sunday School Superintendent: Cindy Chamberlain
Fellowship Treats: Faith Saxe, Elaine Hoaglin,
Kathy Curfman, Carolyn Barber

Nov 8, 2026
Elders: Brad Willman, Wayne Chamberlain
8:00 Communion: Tom & Debbie Robinson
10:30 Communion: Eric & Jill Kunzeman
Children's Church: Stan & Jill Moss
Infant-Age2: TBA
Pre-K Assist: Amy Harris, TBA
Safety 8:00: Brad Losch, Steve Tharp
Safety 10:30: Billy Fitzmaurice, Keenan Wine, Thomas Hull
Sunday School Superintendent: Kathy Lehr

Ways To Watch/Listen
fccpittsfield.org - Ministries, Live Stream or 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

Wishes & Wants
None at this time.

Parents: Watch the Kids@FCC Facebook page for the latest news and events!

Worship Service	**10/18**	**10/25**
8:00	92	75
10:30	177	122
Total	269	197
Christian Education		
Youth	36	11
Disciples	10	14
Sermon Study	9	11
C.O.F.F.E.E.	12	9
Women's Group	8	6
	75	51