The Pittsfield Christian

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We are excited to say that on Sunday, Nov 22, Ben Sharrow declared his faith in Jesus Christ during our 10:30 service and placed his membership with FCC. Welcome to the church family!

Coffee Talk, Tues, **Dec 1**, 10:00, atrium.

Sew N Share, Dec 3 & 17, 9-3:00, annex.

The **December 5th CWF Bazaar** has a big change this year: it will be held in the dining room instead of the gym. This change will allow us to reduce the indoor yard sale content to become more aligned with the Bazaar's purpose of focusing on Christmas. While we will still have the Gift Room area with lovely handmade pieces and new or lightly used gift items and decorations, the remainder will feature your donated treasures of all-things-Christmas and the winter season. As you begin your holiday decorating, remember that we welcome your unused/ gently loved items that need to find new homes! Donation drop off will be Tues thru Thurs, Dec 1-3 from 8:00-5:00 and Fri, Dec 4 from 8:00 to noon. Call Kathy Curfman with questions 217-248-5214.

The 2026 CWF Bazaar will once again offer our famous Cheese/Olive/Nut spread, as well as our regular Pimento Cheese spread! Call the office, 217-285-4129, to pre-order the half-pound container(s) of your choice, priced at $5.00 for the Pimento Cheese, and $6.00 for the C/O/N. Orders MUST BE CALLED IN BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH . Orders can be picked up in the Bake Shop on the day of the Bazaar. (Other arrangements can be made, if necessary, when ordering.) While there will be some extras for sale in the Bake Shop that day, you can be assured of obtaining yours by simply calling ahead. So, "spread" the word, and call by 11/29 to place your orders!

FCC ADOPT- A- FAMILY 2026

The Outreach Ministry is again participating in the Adopt-A-Family program. 2026 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 22 & 29**, the Christmas tree will be decorated with 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 6th** to the atrium. 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 22 & 29 – select from the remaining tags on the decorated tree in the overflow room/sanctuary.

Sunday, Dec 6: 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 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 atrium by Dec 6.

Xtreme Winter Conference Parent Meeting, Sunday, Dec 6, 11:30.

Board Meeting, Tues, **Dec 8**, 6:00.

CWF Bible Study, Thurs, **Dec 10**, 9:30.

Elder/Staff Dinner Meeting, Sunday, **Dec 13**.
5:30 Elder Meeting. 6:00 Meal.

Choir/Cantata Practice, Wednesdays, 6:30.
Cantata will be Sunday, **Dec 20**, 5:00.
Children's Cantata Choir will practice during the Sunday School hour.

Christmas Eve Service, 9:00p.m.

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

Thank you everyone who was able to help decorate the church for Christmas. We encourage you to take family pictures in front of the tree in the atrium.	The Dec/Jan/Feb edition of Our Daily Bread is in the atrium and on the sanctuary mantels.
Thank you so much for the prayers and visits during Richard's illness and passing. We appreciate everything that you have done for us. You have been a big blessing to us. *-The Richard Decker Family.*	The church is searching for a Nursery Attendant and a Custodian. Please contact the office if you are interested in either position.
We are so grateful for everyone who was able to attend the Turkey Dinner last week. The room was filled with warm fellowship, joyous laughter, and delicious food! We served over 200 meals which would not have been possible without the army of kitchen volunteers. Thank you to everyone involved!	On behalf of the Pike County Ministerial Alliance, thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Community Thanksgiving Service. Additionally, the generosity shown towards the Pike County Unmet Needs offering was very much appreciated!
Thank you so much for donating to Western Illinois Fellowship of Christian Athletes. This program has made a huge impact on my faith journey, as well as many others. This ministry is so powerful and moving. It wouldn't be possible without you. Thank you, Madison (FCA student)	We appreciate those who assisted with the Richard Decker funeral dinner. Donations of food and your time make this important ministry possible. -CWF Bereavement Ministry.

Excerpts from November 10, 2026 Church Board Meeting

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Moderator Brad Losch.
Elder Devotion and Opening Prayer: Pastor Michael Ten Eyck led the meeting in a devotion and prayer.
Minutes from Last Meeting: Minutes from the October 13, 2026, meeting were approved by general consensus.

Pastor's Report: Minister's report was attached and discussed. Highlights include: November meeting and December event planning. Potential staffing adjustments; custodian and nursery. Very busy counseling month.

Treasurer: Michelle Hart presented information from the report as of: October 31, 2026. Unrestricted Operating Checking: $100,000. The total transfer to the GR—Extra Ministries-Elder Discretion Fund in October was $8,663. YTD Receipts $457,287; YTD Budgeted $474,276, Difference $16,988 under budget. YTD Disbursements $378,083; YTD Budgeted $436,676; Difference $85,592 under budget. Net Non-Budget Receipts/Disbursements $66,734. Average worship attendance through October 236.
Trustees: Justin Poor submitted a Trustee's Report. Will begin looking at insurance again soon.
Christian Education: Niki Dixon submitted a report. Highlights include: Hangout 45 will begin again this month. Since no longer writing Sunday School curriculum, more time is being spent working with teachers at South School and also Pleasant Hill connecting with community.
Music: Continuing preparations for the Cantata.
Building Update: The sign will soon be installed on the Atrium. Issues with getting brick work finished on the east side. We may have to wrap up for the year and reevaluate the project.

New Business:
The board approved keeping the excess funds in operating fund over $100,000 at month end in that fund.
David Bishop asked if the Red Cross could measure/evaluate Crossroads as a possible emergency shelter. The board agreed. If approved, the board would then consider the contract.

Adjourn: David Bishop made a motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.; Bobby Smith seconded and all approved.
Closing Prayer: Pastor Michael Ten Eyck closed the meeting in prayer.
Linda Belford, Recording Secretary

Thank you for your kind and generous support! Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp exists by the will of God and the sacrifice of His people. Through the years countless numbers of people have donated to, worked with, prayed for, guided and loved this camp as well as the people we serve. Our 81st year went very well! We realized an increase in attendance and baptized 9 new believers into
the faith! We are excited and hope you will praise God and celebrate with us what God has done this year!

This year we held our regular season camps and added a camp we call Dad's and Lad's for men and boys. In addition, we hosted several rentals and retreats. We are looking for leaders for a similar camp for the ladies. If you are led in in this direction we would love to speak with you! We continued our student-led Young Adults ministry named BEFF. "Belonging, Encouragement, Fun, and Fellowship'. They meet once a month for anyone who is High school or older and considers themselves a young adult. Please join us! Watch our Facebook page for times and dates.

Please pray with us as we plan for the future. We are setting up a special fund for future expansion. We have a vision to expand your camp to include smaller cabins that will be available for retreats, as well as other new amenities. It is our belief that God will provide these funds so we can improve the camp without debt. Contact Jim or a board member for details.

For our Mission Trip this year we're going to Honduras to hold a camp for kids with cancer. The people who will represent you are excited about this opportunity. The team members will lead church services and children's ministries. You will be able to see the pictures on our Facebook page in December. We are grateful to be a part of helping this ministry in their service to the Lord and their community in Honduras. We are exploring a possible trip next year to Arizona.

The Spaghetti Dinner in April at the Crossroads Center was a great success and is planned again for 2027, the date will be announced. Thank you to all who made that event possible, and to all who attended. A hearty "Thank You" to the volunteers for all they do!

We are very grateful for your support of MVCSC. You play an important role in the success and growth of the camp. God can use anyone. Here are a few ideas to help you to get involved at your camp. Pray for your camp. Host a retreat for your church, start a camp teaching campers about Jesus and share your favorite hobby or skill. Support us with your finances. Call Jim or talk to your church camp representative and we'll hook you up!

Please keep MVCSC in mind for your year end giving, and as always please remember us in your prayers.
Yours in Christ, Jim Dain, Manager MVCSC
573-324-4676 cell or www.mvcsc.net

December Birthdays & Anniversaries **2** Alayna Justice; **3** Eryn Lipcaman, Gena Londrie, Hayley Wombles, Leo Willman, Eleanor Willman; **5** Ronan Speckhart, Harper Fesler; **6** Jessica Speckhart Smith, Scott & Jennifer Palmer; **9** Sandy Wigington; **10** Steve Hayden, Renita Ten Eyck; **11** Marci Speckhart; **13** Jack Hull; **14** Patrick Lamb, Conor Farniok; **15** TJ Reel; **16** Tim Belford, Dave Bryant; **17** Barbara Fosco, Cara McNulty, Konner Wombles, Arabella McNulty; **18** Jim Belford, Brody Tomhave; **20** Bill & Ann Ferguson; **22** Donnie & Tereasa Apps, Emmett Boren; **23** Laynie Hart, Hannah Wagoner; **24** Cheryl Birch, Adam Maxwell, David Bishop; **25** Betty Hayden, Jeana Sealock; **26** Timothy Hull, Katie Cox, Henry Willman, Jim & Marcia Stark; **27** Matt Saxe, Brad Tomhave; **28** Marcia Stark; **29** Kevin & Diana Dyer; **31** Braxton Boren, JJ Patterson, Joey Graham

MVCSC Wish List

- Servants of God to share their faith!
- Weather-proof sound booth for chapel
- Bibles to give away
- People to share their faith and hobbies by hosting specialty camps, IE Photography Camp,
- Fishing Camp, Drama Camp etc.
- Life vests
- Paddleboards
- Shelters for classes
- Quality Landscaping Equipment
- Balls, Sports Equip, Outdoor toys
- Off Road Peddle Cars
- Help us install our new Mini splits

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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: Bernal Ackerman, Edna Baughman, Zack Boren, Greg Dickerson, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Kevin Dyer, Sue Evans, Charlie & Mary Gates, Joan Halsey, Donnie Houchins, Jim & Judy Kallal, Bill Schwartze, Janet Scranton, Jim Stark, Kathy Willman, Flora Campbell (Elledge great granddaughter), Christine Creamer (Calvin Anderson's mother), Denny Dell (Friend of Brokaw family), Rebecca Deters (Jeff Deters' mother), Vivian Dyer (Kevin Dyer's sister-in-law), Adam & Angie Hammitt (Larry Wigington's family), Bob & Phyllis Hammitt (Larry Wigington's brother), 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), Lucas Rife (Commission Encounter), Marita Roberts (Randy Roberts' wife – DHF), Mike Thompson (Jason Thompson's father), Roger Walston (Laura Grimsley family), Debby Wilder (Brandi Pennock's mother)
With Sympathy: Floyd Pursley

Stewardship (Offering Only)	**11/9-15**	**11/16-22**
Operational	$6,661.72	$6,869.04
Property Improvement	15.00	15.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	45.00
DHF	30.00	30.00
Construction/Renovation	124.91	124.91
Youth	0.00	150.00
Unmet Needs	20.00	20.00
Adopt a Family	0.00	75.00
Outreach-General	10.00	210.00
Total	$6,931.63	$7,538.95

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)
Received Last 7 Days $6,861.72 $6,869.04
Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget $11,030

Serving Schedule:
Nov 29, 2026
Elders: Matt Saxe, Bob Clark
8:00 Communion: Brad & Kathy Willman
10:30 Communion: Wigington, Poor
Children's Church: TBA
Children's Church Check-in: Niki Dixon
Infant-Age2: Shanna Ewers, Jordan Lamb
Pre-K Assist: Niki & Kamy Dixon
Safety 8:00: Michael Smith, Steve Tharp
Safety 10:30: Bill Grimsley, Caleb Dixon, Keenan Wine
Sunday School Superintendent: Cindy Chamberlain
Dec 6, 2026
Elders: Brad Willman, Alicia Tate
8:00 Communion: Steve & Vickie Tharp
10:30 Communion: Rokettia Brokaw, Joyce Harrison
Children's Church: Ali Curless, Molly Caughlan
Children's Church Check-in: Renna Walters
Infant-Age2: TBA
Pre-K Assist: Niki Dixon
Safety 8:00: John Havens, Stan Moss
Safety 10:30: Billy Fitzmaurice, Jeremy Tate, Thomas Hull
Sunday School Superintendent: Cindy Chamberlain
Cookie Sunday: R. Rhodes, J. Ferguson, K. Lehr, L. Boren

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.

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

Lectionary
11/29: Isa 64:1-9; Ps 80:1-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9
11/30: Psalm 79; Micah 4:1-5; Revelation 15:1-8
12/1: Psalm 79; Micah 4:6-13; Revelation 18:1-10
12/2: Psalm 79; Micah 5:1-5a; Luke 21:34-38
12/3: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Hosea 6:1-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10
12/4: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Acts 11:19-26
12/5: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Ezekiel 36:24-28; Mark 11:27-33
12/6: Isa 40:1-11; Ps 85:1-13; 2 Pet 3:8-15; Mark 1:1-8
12/7: Psalm 27; Isaiah 26:7-15; Acts 2:37-42
12/8: Psalm 27; Isaiah 4:2-6; Acts 11:1-18
12/9: Psalm 27; Malachi 2:10-3:1; Luke 1:5-17
12/10: Psalm 126; Habakkuk 2:1-5; Philippians 3:7-11
12/11: Psalm 126; Habakkuk 3:2-6; Philippians 3:12-16
12/12: Psalm 126; Habakkuk 3:13-19; Matthew 21:28-32

Wishes & Wants
Free: Hand painted picture by Lucille Knapp with flowers, etc, 24x24. Carole Elledge 217.257.9435

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

Worship Service	**11/15**	**11/22**
8:00	80	79
10:30	175	137
Total	255	216
Christian Education		
Youth	38	33
Disciples	12	8
Sermon Study	12	8
C.O.F.F.E.E.	11	10
Women's Group	0	9
	73	68