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<p>We will announce the date for the next congregational meeting at the conclusion of the short-term capital campaign and we have had the opportunity to review the summary of results.</p> <p>The sanctuary will be open during noon hour on Wednesdays March 1, 8 for targeted prayer and discernment about the project.</p>	<p>March 5 will be Cookie Sunday! Be sure to enjoy fellowship after both services!</p>
<p>CWF will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wed, March 1, 1-6:00.</p>	<p>Calling all families with students Pre-K through 6th grade! We invite you to Family Night on Sunday, March 5, 4:30-6:00. It will be a night for <u>your whole family!!!</u> A night of worship, games, a lesson you can take into your busy week and then a meal all together! <u>RSVP is not necessary, but if you know that you will be there, please let the church office know! We hope to see you there!</u></p>
<p>World Day of Prayer, Wed, March 1, 4:00 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pittsfield.</p>	<p>Coffee Talk will be Tues, March 7, 10:00 at the Annex with Pastor Michael.</p>
<p>Circle V Meeting, Thurs, March 2, 2:00, at Crossroads Center.</p>	<p>Circle IV will meet at 9:30 on Thurs, March 9.</p>
<p>Choir Dates March 1 - Start Easter practice. March 5 - Sing at both services. April 2 - Palm Sunday. Sing at both services. April 9 - Resurrection Day! Sing at 10:00 service. April 19 - Last choir practice. April 30 - Rollback Sunday. Sing at both services. May 28 - Sing at both services. May - End of year dinner.</p>	<p>The Carol V. Baughman Scholarship is available for students pursuing a degree in teaching or religious studies. Contact the church office by March 13 for more info or an application.</p>
<p>IF: Gathering is a two-day event where women all over the world gather together, get equipped, and discover the next step in their calling: to go and make disciples. March 3, 6:00-9:30 and March 4, 9-4:00 at the church annex. Contact Rokettia Brokaw for more info. Registration is required by going to https://watch.if2023.com/register/join-group?groupid=28001 or contact Rokettia.</p>	<p>Church Board Meeting will be Tues, March 14, 6:00. Packets will be in the Long room on March 12.</p>
<p>Youth Group meetings have moved back to Thursdays, 6-8:00. Stay tuned to Kids@FCC for the latest info.</p>	<p>A new session of GriefShare will be offered to the public beginning Tues, March 21, 6-8:00 at the Pittsfield Assembly of God Church. Contact Vicki Harshman for more info 217.285.6520.</p>
	<p>The Disciple Heritage Fellowship National Conference will be Wed/Thurs, April 26-27, at Decatur. Register online at the DHF website.</p>
	<p>FCC is planning a mission trip June 3-10 to Knox County, KY. Contact Wayne Chamberlain or Rodney Gordley for more info.</p>
	<p>Vacation Bible School, July 16-19. Save the dates!</p>

March Birthdays & Anniversaries 2 Dave Awbrey; 3 Joan Hagerbaumer, Lucas Wombles; 5 Bill & Carol Schwartze, Alba McNulty; 7 Wayne Chamberlain, Eddie White, Arthur Knake; 8 Brad & Judy Losch; 9 Colby Hayes; 10 Bonnie Dain; 11 Walter & Marge Lamb, Kevin & Kelly Masters; 12 Richard Decker, Ezra Boren, Lucas Wagoner; 13 Jacob Hull; 14 John & Jane Calaway, Maci Neff; 16 Christie Mendenhall, John Schoenherr, Rokettia Brokaw, Ashlyn Havens; 18 Claire Tate; 19 Ashley Grimes; 21 Carolyn Barber; 22 Larry & Jeannie Howard, Joseph Pursley, Ethan Palmer; 23 Jim Kallal; 24 Roger Yaeger, Evan & Kacie Lipcaman; 25 Abigail Cox; 26 Spencer Boren, John Havens, Carol Cooley; 29 Jeremy Tate, Cherie Wagoner; 30 Lisa Pennock, Natilee Grimes; 31 Bill Earls, Hannah Roig.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Tereasa Apps, John Birch, Jane Calaway, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Sue Evans, Melba Foster, Charlene Gleckler, Marjie Guthrie, Mary Harshman, Scott Palmer, Corinne Pennock, Sandy Reel, Ellis Sanderson, Search for Associate or Youth Minister, Karen Birch (John Birch's sister), Darci Brooks (Deloras Martin's niece), Deb Kruger (Friend of Brandi Pennock), David Leamons (Sharron Houchins' cousin), Karen Martin (Friend of Sonya Bishop), Juanita Miller (Myrtle Tharp's sister), Billy Reel (Amber Poor's father), Rusty Sealock (Jean Sanderson's son-in-law), Jim Shrenkel (John Calaway's relative), Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law), Sue Tice (Lisa Pennock's sister), Sherry Upton (Vivian Cloninger's niece), Journee Vinyard (Kim Bauer's family)
We express our sympathy to the family of Marcia Bower who passed away.

*Dear Church Family,
 I just want you to know how much I appreciate the support you have given me over the last year while I helped care for my mom, at the time of her passing, and through my current surgery. Your calls, cards, visits, hugs and prayers mean more than you can ever know. Special thanks to Judy for picking up the slack in the kitchen!
 Love you all,
 Jenny Tate.*

We want to thank our volunteers who were able to help during the day with the Rotary Luncheon on February 22. Your assistance helps us share the Crossroads Center with the community. We appreciate your time in making this possible!

The Valentine Dinner was a successful fundraiser for the youth! Many adults and parents assisted with this production. Betty Hayden was lead cook and assisted by Judy Ferguson and Eleanor Jenkins. They also had a great staff of volunteers for multiple days of preparation. Our grill masters were Keith Elledge and Pastor Michael Ten Eyck. We had reservations for and served 159 dinners. Many un-named adults and parents helped guide the youth in the many jobs that needed to be done for this dinner. Jobs like helping with kitchen food preparation, clean up, serving tables, clearing tables and much more.

The hardworking youth that made this event a success, many of which had not done this before due to the covid restrictions during the last several years, were: Colby Frazier, Ellie Ten Eyck, Laynie Hart, Taylor Hayes, Brody Tomhave, London Thometz, Maria Thomas, Adam Dippel, Madelyn Saxe, Brooke Dippel, Isaac McGlaughlen, Landon Poor, Lucas Poor, Ava Douglas, Luke Saxe, Gabe Simmons, Aiden Poor, Colby Hayes, Braycen Douglas, Karleigh Starman, Maycee Douglas, Emma Wombles, Evan Hart, Silas Smith.

Thank you one and all for the great fundraiser and fellowship meal. Thank you all who attended, donated, and helped to make this a success.



Excerpts from February 14, 2023 Board Minutes

Call to order at 6:00PM by Moderator Brad Losch. Pastor Michael Ten Eyck gave the opening devotion and prayer. Minutes from the January 10, 2023, meeting were approved by general consensus.

Pastor's Report: Ministers report was attached. ND Harrison asked about the last item on the February Goal list for plan first college ministry event. Pastor Michael stated Alicia Tate is planning this and it will be spring care packages that are sent to our college and military members.

Pastor Michael stated there have been lots of views of the video online, lots of communication with members, and several people have said they can't be here for the congregational meeting on February 19th but they support the project. Pastor Michael had a floor plan handout for everyone and went over classrooms. There would be removable walls between the classrooms so that the space could be changed to accommodate needs on different days. He had a handout regarding the funding. If the proposal is approved by a 2/3 vote at the congregational meeting on February 19th, fundraising letters will go out to church members. He does not want anyone to feel pressured though and understands that some families live paycheck to paycheck and cannot commit. Response cards will be asked to be returned by March 8, 2023. Then it will be decided if we reached our target or are close enough. There will be another congregational meeting to decide how to proceed if we have not reached our target.

Treasurer: Michelle Hart submitted a report and Rebecca Rhodes presented information from the report— as of January 31, 2023: Unrestricted Operating Checking \$100,000. The transfer to the building fund in January was \$26,155.77. Total Funds Available for Construction/Renovation \$1,300,133.91. YTD Receipts \$52,415.57. YTD Budgeted \$48,660.00. Difference of \$3,755.57. YTD Disbursements \$27,207.34. YTD Budgeted \$40,954.00. Difference of \$13,746.66. Average worship attendance through January 31 231. Leecia Carnes moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Roger Brokaw seconded. Passed unanimously.

Trustees: Dan Speckhart submitted a Trustee Report. Brad Losch added we have found out that our insurance is going to go up by 25% this year. Dan is going to talk to our insurance agent about this. Hamer Tate made a motion to approve the Trustee Report and Michael Ten Eyck seconded. Passed unanimously.

Music: Kayla Boren submitted a report and added the worship team appreciation dinner will be February 26.

Crossroads Center: Shari Clark submitted a report. There was an addition that on April 4th, there will be an election using Crossroads. Pastor Michael added they are working on a new committee to look into new activities, including pickle ball.

Brad Losch added that in regards to the education building, it has been decided to add additional committees. The Building team will now be called the Construction Team and will consist of the same members as before. There is a Fundraising Committee which will be headed up by Kathy Hull, and Helen Earls has also volunteered for this committee. There will be a Communications Committee headed by Julie Boren. There will be the Finance Committee which will consist of Michelle Hart, Rebecca Rhodes and Brad Losch. There will also be an interior design committee with 4 sub-committees: (a) Decor headed by Jessi Speckhart-Smith; (b) Christian Education headed by Bethany Dunham; (c) Nursery headed by Jordan Lamb; and (d) Music headed by Kayla Boren. These sub-committees will look at the needs of each of those areas and work on making sure the needs are met. We are also looking at finalizing a Security Committee. Spencer Boren agreed to head up this committee. Steve Lehr has indicated a willingness to help on this as well.

The Motion to Adjourn was made by Leecia Carnes and seconded by Brandi Pennock. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at ---6:43PM. Matt Saxe gave the closing prayer.

Excerpts from February 19, 2023 Congregational Meeting

Call to order at 11:50AM by Brad Losch, Moderator. Elder N.D. Harrison opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum was declared by Rebecca Rhodes, FCC Secretary.

The February 5, 2023 Congregational Meeting Minutes were read by Rebecca Rhodes. Pastor Michael addressed two corrections. The Associate/Youth Minister position title, not Youth Pastor position title, was budgeted but not spent. Also, 94 families contributed during January 2023 and 174 contributed during 2022. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Gary Mendenhall and seconded by Ann Ferguson. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Purpose: Education Building Design: Brad Losch stated the purpose for the meeting was to approve the proposed education building design that was recently presented to the congregation. Pastor Michael added this is only a plan that would need adjustments as the project progresses.

Pastor Michael highlighted some concerns he has heard at the question / answer sessions held recently. The church board is concerned about the cost of the project and does not want anyone to feel pressured to financially commit to the project. The very preliminary estimate from Getz for a fire monitoring system is \$50,000 with adding monitor stations to the sanctuary area and without adding a sprinkler system. We are still trying to determine the specific requirements for a fire suppression system. He also stated there are questions relating to the elevator connecting to the sanctuary structure and elevator specifications. Gary Mendenhall added that the City might have more elevator information if needed.

Mike Boren stated interest rates keep changing so we will need to be mindful of that moving forward.

Julie Boren inquired about the status on our Associate/Youth Minister search. Pastor Michael stated there was a recent candidate who has since taken employment elsewhere. We are still actively seeking to fill the position.

Julie Boren reiterated that what we have to vote on is a design concept and not specific details.

Sighting no more comments, Brad Losch stated the voting will be by ballot. Also, due to the nature and cost of the proposed project, he felt a two-thirds majority of votes cast should be required. Jack Hull made a motion to abide by the two-thirds majority vote for this building proposal. Keith Elledge seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Preprinted ballots were then distributed asking for the individual's name with the question "Do you approve of the presented design for the education building replacement?" Ballots were collected and taken to the church long room and reviewed by Brad Losch, Elders Kathy Hull and N.D. Harrison, and Rebecca Rhodes. Brad Losch returned and announced all votes cast were unanimously in favor of the design.

With no further questions or comments, Moderator Brad Losch asked for a motion to adjourn. Judy Ferguson made the motion and Kathy Hull seconded. It passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:20PM. Pastor Ten Eyck closed the meeting with prayer.

Capitol Campaign Update

We are pleased to report that the initial response to our inquiry about financial support for a proposed new education building has been encouraging.

Members of our church family received a letter about the project last week, along with a form allowing people to indicate any estimated financial support. In order for church leadership to proceed with a timely evaluation of the project's feasibility, we are asking that information about estimated giving be communicated to the church by Wednesday, March 8.

Forms may be placed in designated boxes in the sanctuary at next Sunday's services. The information can also be conveyed directly to the church office by mail, email, or personal delivery.

If you have any questions about the project or how to communicate your estimated giving, contact the church office or any member of the building team. If you need a copy of the form which was mailed out, just let us know.

A unified vision for the future of our church's ministry is vital. We continue to ask for your prayers as each step toward a possible new education building is considered.

Continual Change

A few weeks ago I was going through a closet and came across several boxes. I pulled them off of the shelf and began to go through their contents. The first box was very heavy and full of old family pictures. The next box also contained pictures, but it was more recent and not as full. The final box was even more recent and even less full. I wondered where the boxes of pictures from the last few years were and realized that those pictures are all digitally stored on hard disks and memory cards.

I was struck by the thought of how much things have changed. I then examined some of the pictures a bit more deeply. I chuckled seeing my old hairstyles. One era of having my hair parted down the middle, another parting on the side, and finally just de-parting altogether. Most definitely, physically I have changed over the years.

As I pondered all of the changes I saw over the years, I began to consider another type of change. It is a change that should be every bit as noticeable as those on the surface but will endure eternally.

2 Cor 3:18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. ESV

A commitment to following Christ is a commitment to lifelong change. There is an initial change that happens through the power of Jesus's atoning blood but also a process of continual transformation through the grace of His indwelling Spirit.

This process is something that we should cultivate within our lives each and every day. We should not be ignorant or indifferent to it, but rather consciously promote this metamorphosis. Change is going to happen. The type of change is something we can influence by our priorities and decisions.

The Psalmist equates refusal to change to not fearing God in Psalm 55:19.

Ps 55:19 Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God. KJV

Let us be ever mindful of our need for change to become more like Christ and ever committed to the process.

Loving you all,
Michael

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Staff:

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Kayla Boren, Music Coordinator

Rebecca Rhodes, Administrative Secretary

Grace Henthorn, Custodian

Bob Clark, Audio/Video/Maintenance

Shari Clark, Event Coordinator

Rodney Gordley, Assistant Event/Student Ministry Coord

Office Hours: M-TH 8:00am-3:30pm; F 8:00am-Noon**Worship Times:** Every Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am**Stewardship (Offering Only) 2/13-19 2/20-26**

Operational	\$ 5,939.17	\$7,909.48
Property Improvement	10.00	10.00
Outreach-Missionaries	40.00	40.00
DHF	30.00	30.00
Construction/Renovation	3,110.00	565.00
Ukraine Refugee Missions	270.00	50.00
Unmet Needs	4.00	300.00
PBT - Verse	40.00	0.00
Youth Group	120.00	0.00
Church Camp	15.00	0.00
Outreach-General	<u>9.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>
Total	\$9,587.17	\$8,929.48

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$5,939.17 \$7,891.28

Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,732

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.**WBBA 97.5**, Sundays, 10:30 a.m., Sermon only.**90.9 FM** while parked next to the church building.**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 are secured on the sanctuary mantels for your convenience.

Serving Schedule:

March 5: Elders: Steve Tharp, Hamer Tate

8:00 Prep: Vickie Tharp, Katie McDevitt, Debbie Robinson

10:30 Prep: Barbara Fosco, Shari Clark,
Becky Fitzmaurice, Michelle Hart

Children's Church: Libby Boren, Ali Curless

Fellowship Treats: Vickie Tharp, Bev White
Jessica Hull, Amber Poor

March 12: Elders: Judy Ferguson, Steve Tharp

8:00 Prep: Tom & Debbie Robinson

10:30 Prep: Rokettia Brokaw, Rosi Picone

Children's Church: Kathy Curfman, Katie McDevitt

Lectionary**3/5:** Gen 12:1-4; Ps 121; Rom 4:1-17; John 3:1-17**3/6:** Psalm 128; Numbers 21:4-9; Hebrews 3:1-6**3/7:** Psalm 128; Isaiah 65:17-25; Romans 4:6-13**3/8:** Psalm 128; Ezekiel 36:22-32; John 7:53-8:11**3/9:** Psalm 95; Exodus 16:1-8; Colossians 1:15-23**3/10:** Psalm 95; Exodus 16:9-21; Ephesians 2:11-22**3/11:** Psalm 95; Exodus 16:27-35; John 4:1-6**3/12:** Exodus 17:1-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-11; John 4:5-42**3/13:** Psalm 81; Genesis 24:1-27; 2 John 1:1-13**3/14:** Psalm 81; Genesis 29:1-14; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4**3/15:** Psalm 81; Jeremiah 2:4-13; John 7:14-31, 37-39**3/16:** Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:10-21; Ephesians 4:25-32**3/17:** Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:22-31; Ephesians 5:1-9**3/18:** Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:32-34; John 1:1-9**Wishes & Wants:**

None at this time.

Worship Service 2/19 2/26

8:00	73	91
10:30	<u>156</u>	<u>139</u>
Total	229	230

Christian Education

Age 3-PK	4	7
K-2nd	6	8
3rd-5th	10	12
6th-8th	0	8
Jr/Sr High	9	8
Disciples	11	13
Sermon Study	12	11
C.O.F.F.E.E.	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>
Total	59	78

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