

The Pittsfield Christian

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There will be a congregational meeting this Sunday, March 26, after the 10:30 a.m. service

We will be voting on the proposal to proceed to the construction phase of the new education building project to serve our congregation as well as generations to come.

On Tuesday, March 14, the church board reviewed the results of this capital campaign which raised more than \$230,000 in estimated giving towards the project. This brings our total funds for this replacement structure to over 1.5 million dollars. According to our builder's estimate, we still need roughly another \$250,000 for the project.

After prayerful consideration, the board unanimously recommended seeking congregational approval to step out in faith and begin the building process, which includes seeking approval to acquire financing as needed to meet what we expect to be the cost of the project.

This Design-Build proposal, presented by Joe Petty of Petty Construction Company, is a long-awaited and opportunity-filled step for our church.

There is still time to participate in the capital campaign, either by an estimate of future giving for the project or by a direct gift. And it is always time to be in prayer for the project and the blessing it can be for our church and our community as we continue to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Please plan to join together with your church family Sunday, March 26.

Are you interested in joining FCC? There will be a **First Things First** meeting on Sunday, **March 26**, at 9:15 in the sanctuary with Pastor Michael.

Elder Meeting, Tues, **March 28**, 6:00.

We will be doing baptisms on Easter Sunday, April 9. Anyone interested in baptism should contact the church office. Pastor Michael will be glad to schedule a meeting.

Youth News

***Fri, Mar 31: Community Youth Event:** YWAM-Youth with a Mission- will be here all the way from Kona Hawaii! A group of 12 young adults are touring all around the Midwest sharing the word, with awesome fellowship & worship! & God has placed them in PITTSFIELD! Every age, every church, everyone, Let's Fill the Pews! Bring a friend! This is going to be amazing!!

***Sat, April 1:** Easter Service Project 10:30-1:30 on the square.

***Thurs, April 6:** Youth Group 6-8:00.

***Fri, April 7:** Sunrise Service Practice 10-1:00.

***Sun, April 9:** Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m., students arrive at 5:45.

The mission trip to Artemus Christian Church in Knox County, KY will be **June 3 through June 10, 2023.** We plan to build two new showers for the church and take part in spiritual outreach. **If you are interested and want to learn more, contact Wayne Chamberlain at 217.248.3367 by Friday, April 14, 2023.** There is still room for YOU!

The **Disciple Heritage Fellowship National Conference** will be Wed/Thurs, **April 26-27**, at Decatur. Register online at the DHF website.

CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship) is seeking a volunteer(s) to organize a spring/summer garage sale. This can be one individual or two who could co-chair the event. Contact Joyce Lemons, Barbara Fosco, or Carole Elledge if you are interested.

Holy Week

- April 2: Palm Sunday**
- Regular service schedule.
- April 6: Maundy Thursday**
- 7:00 pm Worship & Communion Service (sanctuary).
- 8:00 pm 24 Hour Prayer Vigil will begin in the Church Long Room.
- April 7: Good Friday**
- 7:00 pm 24 Hour Prayer Vigil concludes.
- 7:00 pm Journey to the Cross with music & drama will begin in the sanctuary then walk to various stations on campus, depending on the weather, before concluding back in the sanctuary.
- April 9: Resurrection Day**
- 6:30 am Sunrise Service led by the youth (gym).
- 7:30 am Breakfast.
- 8:45 am Sunday School.
- 10:00 am Worship (sanctuary)

The sign up sheet for the **Prayer Vigil** will be near the coffee table on Sundays and at the annex during the week. The church building will be supervised during the overnight vigil hours.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Tereasa Apps, John Birch, Jane Calaway, Carolyn Casteel, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Sue Evans, Melba Foster, Marjie Guthrie, Mary Harshman, Judy Kallal, Corinne Pennock, Sandy Reel, Ellis Sanderson, Madilyn Wombles, Search for Associate or Youth Minister, Karen Birch (John Birch's sister), Darci Brooks (Deloras Martin's niece), James Dean (Friend of Karl Benjamin), Emma Kaleta (John Calaway's sister), Deb Kruger (Friend of Brandi Pennock), David Leamons (Sharron Houchins' cousin), Jean Lord (Friend of Deloras Martin) Kay McDonald (Bev White's niece), 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),

Worship Service	3/12	3/19
8:00	74	57
10:30	146	144
Total	220	201

Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	6	4
K-2nd	6	7
3rd-5th	11	6
6th-8th	16	0
Jr/Sr High	7	4
Disciples	12	17
Sermon Study	7	0
C.O.F.F.E.E.	10	0
Total	75	38

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

Staff:

Michael Ten Eyck, Pastor
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)	3/6-12	3/13-19
Operational	\$8,290.91	\$7,744.36
Property Improvement	10.00	60.00
Outreach-Missionaries	40.00	60.00
DHF	30.00	130.00
Construction/Renovation	16,511.15	19,644.91
Unmet Needs	200.00	4.00
Outreach-General	25.00	209.00
Total	\$25,107.06	\$27,852.27

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days	\$8,740.91	\$8,999.36
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.

Serving Schedule:

March 26: Elders: Judy Ferguson, N.D. Harrison
8:00 Prep: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes
10:30 Prep: Jeremy & Alicia Tate
Children’s Church: Carol Sherwin, Kayla Boren
April 2: Elders: Hamer Tate, Roger Brokaw
8:00 Prep: Steve & Vickie Tharp
10:30 Prep: Gary & Noah Mendenhall
Children’s Church: Libby Boren, Ali Curless
Fellowship Treats: Chris Smith, Dorothy Yaeger,
Barbara Fosco, Leanna Schlabowske

Lectionary

3/26: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:6-11; John 11:1-45
3/27: Psalm 143; 1 Kings 17:17-24; Acts 20:7-12
3/28: Psalm 143; 2 Kings 4:18-37; Ephesians 2:1-10
3/29: Psalm 143; Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41; Matthew 22:23-33
3/30: Psalm 31:9-16; 1 Samuel 16:11-13; Philippians 1:1-11
3/31: Psalm 31:9-16; Job 13:13-19; Philippians 1:21-30
4/1: Psalm 31:9-16; Lamentations 3:55-66; Mark 10:32-34
4/2: Psalm 118:1-29
4/3: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11
4/4: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Cor 1:18-31; John 12:20-36
4/5: Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32
4/6: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-19; 1 Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1-17
4/7: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42
4/8: Job 14:1-14; Psalm 31:1-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66

Excerpts from March 14, 2023 Church Board Minutes

Call to order at 6:02PM by Moderator Brad Losch. Elder Matt Saxe gave the opening devotion and prayer. Minutes from the February 14, 2023, meeting were approved by general consensus.

Pastor’s Report: Ministers report was attached. Pastor Michael highlighted he is in Holy Week prep and the building project. He said they are still working on the fire alarm system. He stated the capital campaign pledges are at \$235,686 which puts us at a total of \$1,559,353 and roughly short \$250,000 for the \$1.8 million that is needed. He also stated that regular offerings were down this past week. He reminded everyone that BJ Leonard would be here this Sunday to discuss his upcoming mission trip to Kenya.

Treasurer: Michelle Hart submitted a report and presented information from the report– as of February 28, 2023. The transfer to the building fund in February was \$9,868.60. Total Funds Available for Construction/Renovation \$1,330,862.67.

Trustees: Dan Speckhart submitted a Trustee Report. Brad Losch highlighted that the Trustees decided to stay with our current insurance policy. He also added that on today’s date Dan had renewed 7 of the 1-3 month CDs at an interest rate of 4.5-5%. Hamer Tate made a motion to approve the Trustee Report and Steve Tharp seconded. Passed unanimously.

Christian Education: Rodney Gordley submitted a report and added the youth are prepping for the Sunrise Service. The Sunrise Service will be at 6:30am in the gym with breakfast to follow. Then there will be a 10:00am service. Sunday School will be at 8:45am. Pastor Michael added they are looking to add a toddler room for late service instead of those children going to either the nursery or Children’s Church.

Music: Kayla Boren submitted a report. In full prep for Holy Week services. She stated this year the bell choir will not perform at Easter but will perform for Memorial Day weekend.

Crossroads Center: Shari Clark submitted a report. Pastor Michael and Rebecca wanted to discuss a request by Pikeland School District. Pikeland is in preparation for an evacuation drill. It was also discussed that pickle ball is picking up quickly in the area and people are playing it in Crossroads. To do pickle ball lines, it will cost \$400 per court that is set up.

Building Team: We are currently short \$250,000 from the goal of \$1.8 million. The pros and cons of moving forward now were discussed with highlights being that there is momentum now, we have already come so far, the campaign pledges were really inspiring and surprising how quickly so many were willing to give, we will continue to get additional funds through the CDs we are collecting interest on and renewing every 1-3 months, and we can contribute sweat equity. Helen Earls made a motion to move forward with the plan and present it to the congregation for approval and that we may have to borrow up to \$250,000. Judy Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Pastor Michael reminded everyone there is open prayer time in the sanctuary on Wednesdays to continue praying over the project. It was decided that a Congregational Meeting would be held on March 26, 2023 after the late service.

Old Business: Wayne and Cindy Chamberlain were present to discuss upcoming mission projects. There is now a mission board in the church that Cindy put together. Brian Ruebush made the board. She has included seven mission, pictures of places she went in Poland and some information on Pioneer Bible Translators. Pastor Michael will be going on one of the upcoming missions to Poland with Disciple Heritage Foundation.

The Motion to Adjourn was made by Judy Ferguson and seconded by Leecia Carnes. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:09PM. Pastor Michael gave the closing prayer.