

# PITSBURG CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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## January 2024

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### - - - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - - -

#### Sundays:

8:45 am Coffee/light breakfast fellowship

9:00 am Bible Café led by Dewayne Heck

10:00 am Praise and Worship

#### Tuesdays:

LifeWise classes for 4th, 5th and 6th graders

#### Wednesdays:

7 pm Bible Study

Dec 31 Sunday 9 pm to 12:10 am

#### New Year's Eve Party

The Youth Group will be hosting a New Year's Eve Party in our Community Center. Food, games and movies are planned. Everyone in the church is encouraged to invite guests.

Jan 17 Wednesday 7:00 pm

Church board meeting (Pastor on BDM trip)

Feb 9-10 District Men's Retreat

Maria Stein Ohio

Mar 24 Palm Sunday

Mar 28 Maundy Thursday

Mar 31 Easter

April 25-28 Kairos Prison Ministry

Cookies due Wed April 24, 7 pm

May 19 Sunday afternoon 2:00 pm

Bobby Wiseman piano recital

#### Castine Area Food Bank

January food item is Kool-aid or Fruit Juice

*Items may be left with the Strawzers for delivery.*

WORSHIP LEADER:

January: Sue Strawser

Note:

If we have not listed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the Pastor so we can correct the list.

2 Timothy 1:7 (NRSV)

... for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

#### FROM THE PASTOR

In this verse, the Apostle Paul is commissioning Timothy in his ministry - to go forward with the power of the Holy Spirit.

It is a good reminder for us as we enter the New Year, that we do not go alone.

We have had many exciting things happen at Pittsburg over the last year, but Jesus laid out a promise for us in John 14:12 ... "I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these."

It is hard to imagine that we might do more than Jesus, but when you consider we are part of His body, the possibilities are endless.

When we work together seeking His will, seeking the leading of the Holy Spirit, loving God and neighbor, good things will continue to happen. May it be so.

Pastor Ken

#### Seven "R's"

Always, always do the **right thing** for the **right reason** at the **right time** with the **right people**. [And] you will have **no regrets** for the **rest of your life**.

Al McDonald (engineer for space shuttle).

Submitted by Larry Harter

#### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

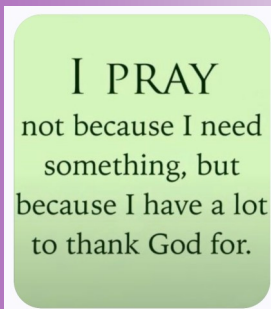
8	Jayla Coby	20	Mila
10	Doyle Campbell	26	Taylor Somers
10	Matt Strickland	27	Daryl Oren
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## PITSBURG YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Coming events:  
New Year's Eve Party.



Christmas Eve



Submitted by Kim Kessler

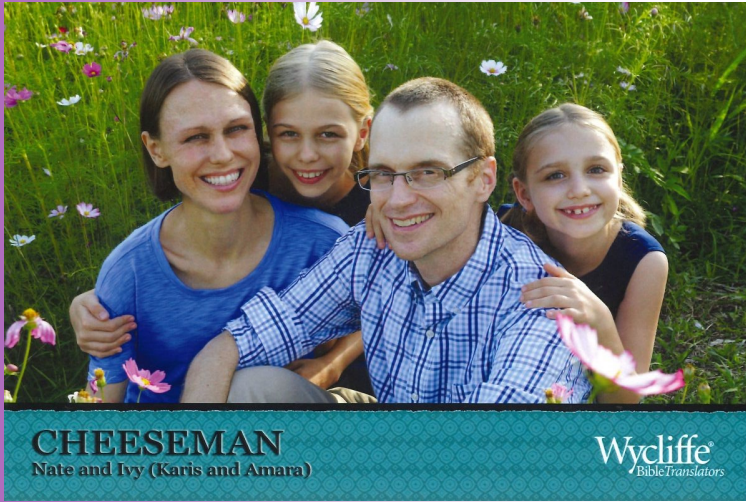


Live Nativity



The Pittsburg Players - "Mary and Elizabeth"  
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Dear Pitsburg Church of the Brethren,  
Merry Christmas! We are grateful to God for the MANY ways this group partners with us in prayer, finances, and encouragement. Below is a "report in pictures" of how we're seeing God move.



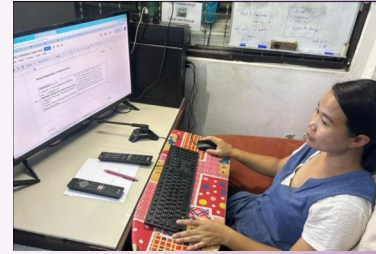
We are happy to report that all of our Bible translation students passed their first semester of classes and are preparing to continue! Over the holidays, each student has a one-month break to relax or return to their home country. Several plan to visit their families in Myanmar, where civil war is still causing strife.

Pray for their safety as they travel, particularly the young men who are at risk of being captured and forced to join the fighting.



Sometimes we think of life in categories like "ministry opportunities" or "fun." But God doesn't waste ANY category. Ivy met Net earlier this year at a birthday party. Net recently decided to follow Christ and is soaking in all the Bible studies and teaching she can get before she moves away in February.

Pray for God's Word to take solid root in Net's heart. Pray for clear communication for Ivy and one of our students who is helping to mentor Net.



Ivy and our pastor's wife have continued to work on getting a family-oriented drug-prevention program translated and started in our city.

Pray for good collaboration among the pastors and individuals interested in using the program. Pray for favor as our grant proposal is currently under review.



We're grateful for chances to partner with our local church as they reach out to neighborhood kids. Last month we had a game night. The rules for the games seemed to morph as the evening continued, but despite the chaos, the kids seemed to have fun. :)

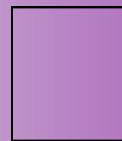
We're working with a couple of church members to plan a Christmas outreach on Dec 23. Pray these children (and their parents!) would understand more of God's love and our need for a Savior.



Our current visa expires in January. This year there's a new process requiring a couple of forms that we don't have yet. (We don't THINK it will cause problems, but essentially our USA marriage certificate and birth certificate are no longer enough to "prove" that Ivy and Karis are related to Nate.) Pray for favor with the immigration officer when we attempt to renew our visa Dec 14. **NOTE: Dec 13th they got their visas.** (Picture: Celebrating our first day of having a teenager in the house. We hope for many more birthdays here in Thailand.) Whatever joys and challenges this season brings for you, may you experience Christ's peace and find joy in His fellowship. Thanks again for partnering with us and praying for this work!

Nate and Ivy

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