PITSBURG CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

You are welcome to worship with us!
Sunday 9:30 am - Fellowship Hour
Sunday 10:00 am - Praise and Worship
If you are not yet comfortable, you can see parts of our service on FACEBOOK or YouTube under “Pitsburg Church of the Brethren”

- - - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - - -

Jan 5 Wednesday 7:00 pm Bible Study
New series from Dr David Jeremiah
“Where Do We Go From Here?”
Books will be provided.

Jan 12 Wednesday 7:00 pm Bible Study

Jan 19 Wednesday 7:00 pm Bible Study

Jan 26 Wednesday 7:00 pm Bible Study

Feb 14 Valentine’s Day

Mar 17 St Patrick’s Day

Apr 10 Palm Sunday

Apr 14 Maunday Thursday

Apr 17 Easter Sunday

May 8 Mother’s Day

June 19 Father’s Day

Castine Area Food Bank
January food item is Kool-aid or fruit juice

WORSHIP LEADER:
Jan - Sue / (Gail 9th)
Feb -

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

January 2022
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Web: www.pitsburgcob.org
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Philippians 3:13–14 (NRSV)
13 . . . this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

FROM THE PASTOR
As I type this my brother Roger has been moved to ICU with Covid 19, Daryl and I have spent the last two days in sickness (not Covid), and many who have gathered will come down with new symptoms. Although we grow weary of disease, this is not the time to give up the battle. I personally think our lack of self-care is a contributing factor. This also goes for our Spiritual battle. Although it may seem like evil is winning, do not lose hope. January 5th we will begin a new series from Dr David Jeremiah. We will have books available and you are welcome to follow along at home if you cannot be with us in person.
Pastor Ken

Headlines trumpet the news about modern-day plagues, social tensions, economic crises, and rampant depression. But what does the Bible say? Are we living in the last days? Offering practical insights and personal stories, Jeremiah opens God’s Word to share how centuries-old prophecies and wisdom speak to us today and help us live out God’s mission.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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The Pitsburg Players - Preparing for Joshua
Visit our Facebook or YouTube page, “Pitsburg Church of the Brethren.”

Some of the missions we support:

**Nate and Ivy Cheeseman**, from Darke Co area, stationed in Thailand

For financial partnership send a check to:
  Wycliffe USA
  PO Box 628200
  Orlando FL 32862-8200.
Attach a note saying:
  For the ministry of Nate & Ivy Cheeseman
  account 248577.

Or go to:
  http://www.wycliffe.org/Partnership.aspx?mid=FCA44A

For prayer partnership: Contact them directly:
  nateandivy@gmail.com
  http://nateandivy.blogspot.com

**BRC Resident Aid Fund**
  750 Chestnut Street
  Greenville, Ohio 45331
  (937) 547-8000

**Castine Area Food Bank**
  624 State Route 127
  Castine, Ohio 45304
  Phone (937) 678-4405
Dear Pittsbug Church of the Brethren,

In our last newsletter we mentioned two unrelated individuals. One was a new believer (Manu*) who seemed to be slipping back into drugs and disengaging from his faith. The other was a middle-aged woman (Nan*) who was rejecting Jesus because she feared the retaliation of local demons.

Good news! Our church has been reaching out to Manu, helping him to develop new habits and accountability. As his mind began to refocus, he started sharing his story with others. Meanwhile, Nan decided she wanted an audio Bible to learn about Jesus for herself. When Manu heard about Nan, he asked to be the one to give her an audio Bible so he could share his own testimony of God's goodness.

We thank YOU for praying for these individuals and praise GOD for his ability to transform hearts!

Part of our job is to provide visas, lodging, and emotional/logistical support to individuals who have come to our city to prepare for Bible translation. This year several students (and prospective students) are studying through zoom while their country is stuck in civil war. One has to study hidden under blankets so the army does not steal her computer. One had his entire village burned down last month in the fighting.

Meanwhile our own neighborhood is pretty quiet. Due to Covid restrictions, there's still no school - not even online. Some parents are trying to teach kids on their own. Many others have completely given up. Since there's very little precedent for "homeschooling", we're getting lots of invitations to teach children and exchange parenting ideas. That part has been great for relationship building.

Pray for creativity as we seek to meet needs in the community and still respect the guidelines of local leaders who graciously provide our visas. Covid cases are dropping rapidly, and we are hopeful that school will resume in 2022.

As we enter the holidays we have much to be thankful for, including another year of birthdays. This year it seemed appropriate to bash a Covid-themed piñata. :) We acknowledge the pain in our world, yet we continue to thank God for deepened relationships and open doors in the midst of trials. Pray we will keep our eyes focused on Jesus.
The Pitsburg Players - Mary receives a visitor
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