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- - - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - - -

Jan 8  Wednesday 7:00 pm  Bible Study
Jan 15 Wednesday 7:00 pm  Bible Study
Jan 22 Wednesday 7:00 pm  Bible Study
Jan 29 Wednesday 7:00 pm  Bible Study
Feb 5  Wednesday 7:00 pm  Bible Study
Feb 7  District Men’s Retreat at Woodland Altars
Feb 9  Eat out after church - Diane pick
Feb 14 Valentine’s day

Mar 29  2:00 am Daylight Savings time  Spring forward - move clocks up one hour

Do you have a different photo or new phone number?
Check and update the pictorial directory binder in the back of the sanctuary. We hope to print in January.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES
8  Jaylabryn Coby
10  Doyle Campbell
10  Matt Strickland
26  Taylor Somers
27  Daryl Oren
29  LaVaun Yohe

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

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

Isaiah 65:17 (ESV)  
17 “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

From the Pastor
As we enter the new year, it may be a good time to contemplate what a new life in Christ might mean. When we accept Jesus as Lord of our lives, he forgives our sins and leads us into a new way of living. The biggest single thing that means is, we now can communicate with God about what is going on in our lives, and know that God cares.

We no longer need to worry that God will strike us down when we mess up. Now we can know God forgives us and wants to help us live a fuller, more peaceful, and meaningful life. We all have friends we can talk to, but often times the friend has an agenda. A good friend will want what is best for us. God wants what is best for us.

Many people think God is mean, cruel and vindictive. They have read Old Testament stories of punishment and don’t see the love. Christ’s birth signifies something new. God with us. God helping us to understand who God is - while helping us to knew that God knows what we go through. Join us at Pitsburg CoB as we work to better understand. Pastor Ken

Advent reading - lighting candles
Dr. John Rosen, a psychiatrist in New York City, is well known for his work with catatonic schizophrenics. Normally doctors remain separate and aloof from their patients. Dr. Rosen moves into the ward with them. He places his bed among their beds. He lives the life they must live. Day-to-day, he shares it. He loves them. If they don't talk, he doesn't talk either. It is as if he understands what is happening. His being there, being with them, communicates something that they haven't experienced in years - somebody understands. But then he does something else. He puts his arms around them and hugs them. He holds these unattractive, unlovable, sometimes incontinent persons, and loves them back into life. Often, the first words they speak are simply, "Thank you."

This is what the Christ did for us at Christmas. He moved into the ward with us. He placed his bed among our beds. Those who were there, those who saw him, touched him and were in turn touched by him and restored to life. The first word they had to say was "thank you." Christmas is our time to say "Thank you."

My heart is to give women the tools and support to lift up their loved ones in prayer together.
I have prayerfully decided to partner with “Moms In Prayer” and start a moms prayer group!
We will start in January, meeting Tuesdays at 9am. Women of all ages are invited to join.
Sonya Crist

When I meet with a couple in preparation for their baby's baptism, I always ask this question:
Have you prepared a will and have you specified in it who would rear your child if you were removed from the picture?
Young parents don't like to even think about such a possibility, but life's uncertainties make it necessary.
It's a tough question.
Whom do you trust enough to rear your precious child?
God had to answer that question when he decided to send his son Jesus to planet earth. God had to select a mother and a stepfather for his son.


In the days of the westward expansion in North America, when men saw that a prairie fire was coming, what would they do? There was no way for them to outrun it or guess the safe route out.
The pioneers took a match, burned the grass in a designated area around them, and then they would take their stand in the burned area and be safe from the threatening prairie fire. As the roar of the flames approached, they would not be afraid. Even as the ocean of fire surged around them there was no fear, because fire had already passed over the place where they stood. Jesus said, "I have come to bring fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo..."
There is no escaping the judgment and division (fire) that has come since Jesus' sufferings on the cross.
There is only one safe place to stand and that is where the match of God's judgment has been struck: The foot of the cross.

Brett Blair, www.Sermons.com

Children’s stories - with visitors.
Everyone has a place at Pitsburg CoB!
Norma Baker as Momma in “A Fruitcake Homecoming”

Pictures from Christmas concert Dec 1, 2019
It was a blessing to be there!
If you wish to be involved in a play or skit, contact Pastor Ken

The community is invited to a new prayer ministry beginning Jan 7th. See internal flyer for details.

If you have questions or prayer concerns, you may call Pastor Ken at 937-546-6808.