

PITSBURG CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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October 2023

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- - - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - - -

Sundays:

8:45 am Coffee 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

- Oct 8 Sunday evening 5:30 - 7 pm
Building remodel open house
Serving pulled pork sandwiches, mac salad,
Pies, etc
LifeWise will also have an open house with
representatives to answer questions and show
off their classrooms.
- Oct 21 Saturday 6:30-10 pm
Kuhlman Center - Richmond
Fundraiser for Riley Hospital for Children
Richmond Jazz Orchestra with our pianist
Tom Walker see Tom for more details
- Oct 28 Saturday 5-8 pm
Fall for Jesus
Carriage rides with Oda horses, bounce house,
food, fun and fellowship
Enjoy hot dogs, s'mores, and more.
Bounce house begins at 5 pm, horses 6 pm
- Oct 29 Sunday 2-4 pm Trunk or Treat
Community event
If you wish, you may bring your car and pass
out your candy to the neighborhood children.
Last year we had seventy or so trick or treaters
plus parents or caregivers.
Come and help pass out candy!

Castine Area Food Bank

October food item is canned soup or broth

Items may be left with the Strawsers for delivery.

WORSHIP LEADER:

October: Ron Goubeaux
November: Chad & Erica
December: John Strawser

Note:

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

Philippians 4:4-7 (NRSV)

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵
Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is
near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of
God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard
your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

FROM THE PASTOR

I just spent four hours dealing with an internet company
over issues with my home internet. It keeps slowing
down or dropping out. You know how it works, you get
put on hold forever, then transferred, then you get to
explain the whole issue all over again. Each new person
is pleasant and tries to be helpful - but it gets frustrating
when you get nowhere (which by the way, is where I am
with them still).

When Paul wrote the above scripture he was in prison -
likely receiving regular beatings. How could he possibly
rejoice?

It's because he didn't focus on the problems at hand. He
was doing everything he could for you and me to hear
the word of God - and have a new understanding of the
Gospel.

Christ didn't go to the cross as a martyr to gain
notoriety. He went so that his sacrifice would allow us
to be free of the power of sin - and through him, have a
path to God.

Everything Paul did was to point to what Jesus did
for us. He rejoiced in knowing Christ and passing on
that knowledge to you and me. When we begin to
understand the power of the Cross - we can rejoice also
- even if we can't get on the internet . . .

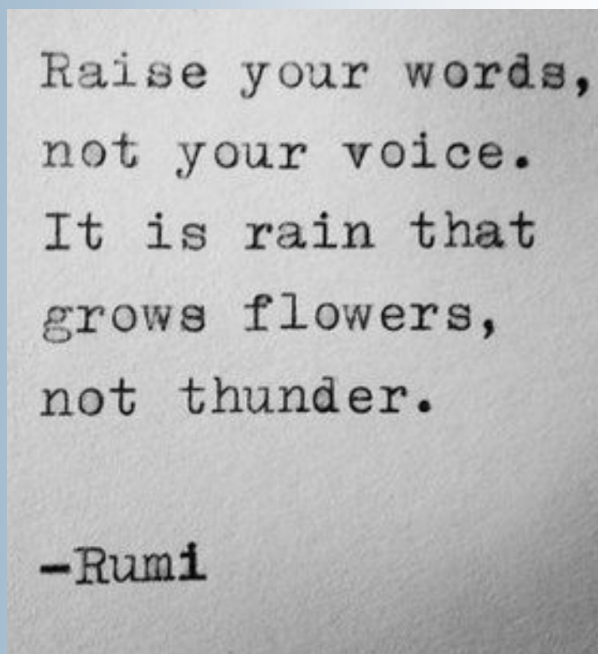
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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| 10 | Becky Black | 25 | Chad & Erica |
| 11 | Brett Dues | | Williams |
| 16 | Doug & Melinda | 29 | Clark Dues |
| | Harter | 30 | Chad Williams |
| 23 | Barb Marker | | |

PITTSBURG YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Our youth will be helping with the open house, the Fall for Jesus and the Trunk or Treat event.



Submitted by Kim Kessler



The Youth and many others helped pass out fliers inviting the neighborhood to the upcoming events!



The Pittsburgh Players - "Changing times"
Visit our Facebook or YouTube page, "Pittsburg Church of the Brethren."



Thank you for praying for our return to Thailand. The weeks since getting back have been a whirl of checking in with our Bible translation students, getting our house back in order (we never did figure out whose car keys were left on our dining room table or where our spare set went), and meeting new and old neighbors. We were glad to see these old friends of ours moved in next door and opened a food stall 20 feet from our front door. Pray our eyes would be open to ways God wants to connect us in the neighborhood. Life has been fast paced, and there are still many old friends in our neighborhood who we have not been able to connect with since returning.



Picture of hospital visit with our one of translators. Our main purpose to be in Thailand is to help with Bible translation training. Our part includes finding housing, securing funding/visas, helping to care for various medical needs, etc. The later has been the focus the last couple of weeks. Gallstone surgery, suspected typhoid, and influenza are some of the current complications. Pray for good networking with the doctors and healing for our translation students who are suffering.



Last Year's Retreat

Picture of Nate at middle school retreat last year. Nate has been asked again to help lead a middle school retreat for our city's international community on October 20-22.

Pray God gives the leadership team wisdom as they plan and clear communication skills as they share their testimonies and the Gospel.



Our girls have been quick to jump back into neighborhood life. They've been enjoying joining a weekly homeschool group where they learned how to make a Thai-style omelet. We're thankful for this chance to learn with and from other families.

Pray God gives our girls perseverance in making friends in this high turnover city. Pray they would continue to draw close to Christ as they grow.



Our own Tom Walker plays with the Richmond Jazz Orchestra. You are invited to attend their performances. Next show Oct 21; Saturday 6:30-10 pm. Kuhlman Center - Richmond. Fundraiser for Riley Hospital for Children. For more information, ask Tom.

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