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Pastor Ken

Genesis 4:1–2 (NRSV)
1 Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have produced a man with the help of the Lord.”
2 Next she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground.

From the Pastor
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Genesis skit:
Two humans fight over object as Creator discusses the possibilities of the human race.

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Noah McCabe
Peter Mercer Band
Noah Back
Sunday, November 10, 2019 * 3 - 5 pm
Memorial Hall, Greenville Ohio
Tickets $5 each
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The Stranger
A few years after I was born, my Dad met a stranger who was new to our small town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around from then on. As I grew up, I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind, he had a special niche.

My parents were complementary instructors: Mom taught me good from evil, and Dad taught me to obey. But the stranger...well...he was our storyteller. He would keep us spellbound for hours on end with adventures, mysteries and comedies.

If I wanted to know anything about politics, history or science, he always knew the answers about the past, understood the present and even seemed able to predict the future! He took my family to the first major league ball game.

He made me laugh, and he made me cry. The stranger never stopped talking, but Dad didn't seem to mind. Sometimes, Mom would get up quietly, while the rest of us were shushing each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go to the kitchen for peace and quiet. (I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave.)

Dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions, but the stranger never felt obligated to honor them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our home - not from us, our friends or any visitors. Our long time visitor, however, got away with four-letter words that burned my ears and made my dad squirm and my mother blush.

My Dad didn't permit the liberal use of alcohol but the stranger encouraged us to try it on a regular basis. He made cigarettes look cool, cigars manly, and pipes distinguished. He talked freely (much too freely!) about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing.

I now know that my early concepts about relationships were influenced strongly by the stranger. Time after time, he opposed the values of my parents, yet he was seldom rebuked ... and NEVER asked to leave.

More than fifty years have passed since the stranger moved in with our family. He has blended right in and is not nearly as fascinating as he was at first. Still, if you could walk into my parents' den today, you would still find him sitting over in his corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures. His name? ... We just call him 'TV.'

He has a wife now ..... we call her 'Computer.' Their first child is "Cell Phone".

Second child "IPod"

And just born last year was a grandchild .....IPad

Submitted by Bruce Shank
We at the Pitsburg Church of the Brethren invite you to visit us on Sunday morning.

We also invite you to a study on the book of Genesis on Wednesday evenings. See inside for details.

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

The Shiloh Congregation of Pitsburg will host the Stutzman Family Singers at the Pitsburg Church of the Brethren on Sunday, November 17th at 6 PM. This gospel singing family from the Midwest consists of three generations, each following in the footsteps of the former. From the mission fields to one room country churches, they spread the gospel message through song, teaching and sermon. The public is invited come and listen to their message. Admission is free, and a love offering will be collected. The church is located at 8376 Pitsburg-Laura Road, at the west edge of Pitsburg, OH.