

PITSBURG CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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December 2023

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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 2 Saturday 5 - 7:00 pm - Live Nativity
Food, fellowship, live animals

Dec 3 First Sunday in Advent

Dec 24 Sunday 10:00 pm
Christmas Eve candlelight service

Dec 31 Sunday 9 pm to 12:10 am
New Years Eve Party
The Youth Group will be hosting a New Year's Eve Party in the Community Center. Food, games and movies are planned. Everyone in the church is encouraged to invite guests.

Luke 2:10-12 (NRSV)

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

FROM THE PASTOR

Our live nativity, Dec 2nd, marks the beginning of the Advent season. We would hope to have the "Christmas Spirit" all year long, but the advent season is a good reminder to pause and reflect on what the Christ's birth meant to the world - and to each one of us.

Without His life, death and resurrection, our lives would be hopeless. But with it, we have purpose, meaning and direction for eternity. May it change our lives for good!

Pastor Ken



Castine Area Food Bank

December food item is Canned Meat

Items may be left with the Strawsers for delivery.

WORSHIP LEADER:

December: John Strawser

January: Sue Strawser

Note:

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1	Alice Rayburg	19	John Strawser
4	Gilbert & Diane Jay	20	Autumn Osborne
5	Jerrlyn Hart	20	Doug Bevins
6	Marilyn Miller	22	Taylor & Jessica Somers
9	Chase Scantland	26	Rebecca Horner
14	Bill & Kim Kessler	31	Patricia Campbell
15	Genevieve Dues		
18	Ray & Alice Rayburg		

PITTSBURG YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Coming events:

Live Nativity and New Year's Eve Party.



Ron Goubeaux has tickets for the Pittsburg Lions Club.

Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 5 pm

Chicken or Pork Chop dinner

At the FM Cafetorium

Dinner includes 1/2 chicken or large Pork Chop

Apple sauce, Roll Butter , Chips

Dine in or Carry Out

\$10.00 per dinner

Proceeds used for FM Scholarship Fund

COMPARISON WILL EITHER
MAKE YOU FEEL
INFERIOR OR SUPERIOR.

NEITHER HONORS GOD.

- CRAIG GROESCHEL

@ELLYANDGRACE

Submitted by Kim Kessler

Greetings, Church Family!

During our recent Fall For Jesus event, some of us came together and discussed the possibility of our Pittsburg Church of the Brethren joining in fellowship and journeying to Holmes County, Ohio, one of the largest Amish settlements in the world.

We are planning a trip for Spring (April or May, after seasonal businesses re-open after winter), though no date has been set, planning departure on Tuesday or Wednesday, and spending two nights. Depending on interest, we could obtain accommodations in a motel or bed and breakfast. We have stayed at Miller Haus Bed and Breakfast, and are able to get the nine bedroom home all to ourselves for \$1000.00 per night. Normal room rate at Miller's is \$149-\$169 per night. Motels would run between \$150- \$300 per night.

Personally, we recommend the Miller Haus for the best value because of the individual rooms, wonderful breakfasts, snacks, and large gathering areas, as well as close proximity to all attractions. One room will sleep 4; and another room can sleep 3. All other rooms have a queen or king bed, and each room has its own private bathroom.

Although there are attractions to go to with no cost, many will have a fee. For some attractions, if we have enough people, we can get a group rate. If you decide you don't want to go to the places we decide on, you can always just rest and relax at The Miller Haus or explore on your own, though we do need to know your plans before we go, so that we may obtain some group rates ahead of time. As we determine interest, we will develop an itinerary, if you so desire.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Alice Rayburg, 937-657-1841, or Ray Rayburg, 937-470-1075.

Alice and Ray have made many trips to Holmes County, and visit their Amish friends, Vernon and Mabel Yoder, often. We will ask our friends to visit with us one evening and present an overview of their lives as Amish. You will be able to ask questions and learn about the simple life and also some ways they have modernized their lives. So think of questions ahead of time.

Please let Alice know as soon as possible if you would like to join us. If the cost might hold you back, please see Pastor Ken or Dewayne.

Some websites you may want to check out:

Experience-ohio-amish-country.com; Amishcountryinsider.com; OhioAmishCountry.com; bestofAmish-country.com millerhaus.com; OAcountry.com; VisitAmishCountry.com; Amish-heartland.com; Amish-countryvisitorcenter.com

Ray & Alice Rayburg

Live Nativity!

Saturday December 2, 2023; 5:00 - 7:00 PM
With showings at 5:30, 6:00, 6:30
Live music inside with homemade cookies,
hot cocoa, coffee and a good place to relax.

Follow the luminaries to the
north end of the Parking area

Pittsburg Church of the Brethren
8376 Pittsburg Laura Rd
Northwest corner of Pittsburg

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Our own Tom Walker plays
with the Richmond Jazz
Orchestra. You are invited to
attend their performances.
Christmas Concert
Wednesday, December 13th
6:30 pm
Morrison-Reeves Library
80 N 6th St, Richmond IN
For more information, ask Tom.

The Pittsburg Players - “Thanksgiving”
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