

PITSBURG CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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February 2024

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--- CALENDAR OF EVENTS ---

Sundays:

8:45 am Coffee/light breakfast fellowship

9:00 am Classes for all ages, including Bible Café

10:00 am Praise and Worship

Tuesdays:

LifeWise classes for 4th, 5th and 6th graders

Wednesdays:

7 pm Bible Study

Jan 28 Sunday evening 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Game Night
Bring a game, snack, and beverage - pizza
provided

Feb 9-10 District Men's
Retreat
Maria Stein Ohio

Mar 3 Sunday 2:30 pm
Worship service at
BRC

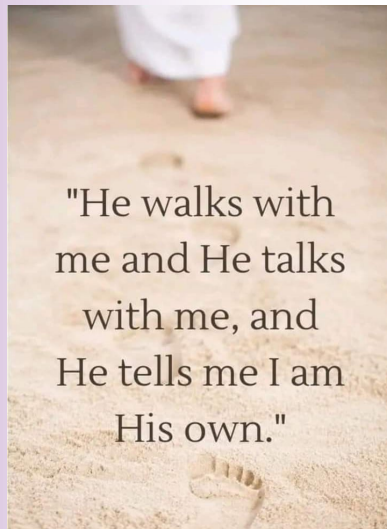
Mar 24 Palm Sunday

Mar 28 Maundy Thursday

Mar 31 Easter

April 25-28 Kairos Prison
Ministry
Cookies due Wednesday April 24, 7 pm

May 19 Sunday afternoon 2:00 pm
Bobby Wiseman piano recital



1 Corinthians 13:4-13 (NRSV)

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

FROM THE PASTOR

What do we know about love? Our lives are full of clumsy encounters. The Bible says, "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Those who know the fullness of love, realize that God loved us first - and teaches us how to love others. God has the patience to walk with us in our immaturity. May we have the wisdom to seek Him.
Pastor Ken

Castine Area Food Bank

February food item is Pasta

Items may be left with the Strawzers for delivery.

WORSHIP LEADER:
February: Sue Strawser

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1	Stacy Zimmer Hatch	13	Blain Coby
6	Kent Keller	13	Ray Rayburg
7	Dan Cunningham	16	Peggy Matheny
10	Jim & Sharon Fetter	23	Jennifer Scantland
10	Rebecca Oren Hamilton	28	Anna Bevins
12	June Somers		

PITSBURG YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Coming events:

Sunday evening January 28th

6:00 - 8:00 pm Game Night

Bring a game, snack, and beverage - pizza provided.

"I was waiting in line for a ride at the airport. When a cab pulled up, the first thing I noticed was that the taxi was polished to a bright shine. Smartly dressed in a white shirt, black tie, and freshly pressed black slacks, the cab driver jumped out and rounded the car to open the back passenger door for me.

He handed me a laminated card and said: 'I'm Wasu, your driver. While I'm loading your bags in the trunk I'd like you to read my mission statement.'

Taken aback, I read the card. It said: Wasu's Mission Statement:

To get my customers to their destination in the quickest, safest, and cheapest way possible in a friendly environment.

This blew me away. Especially when I noticed that the inside of the cab matched the outside. Spotlessly clean! As he slid behind the wheel, Wasu said, 'Would you like a cup of coffee? I have a thermos of regular and one of decaf.'

I said jokingly, 'No, I'd prefer a soft drink.'

Wasu smiled and said, 'No problem. I have a cooler up front with regular and Diet Coke, lassi, water, and orange juice.'

Almost stuttering, I said, 'I'll take a lassi since I've never had one before.' Handing me my drink, Wasu said, 'If you'd like something to read, I have Good Housekeeping magazine, Reader's Digest, The Bible, and a Travel + Leisure magazine.'

As they were pulling away, Wasu handed me another laminated card, 'These are the stations I get and the music they play, if you'd like to listen to the radio.' And as if that weren't enough, Wasu told me that he had the heater on and asked if the temperature was comfortable for me.

Then he advised me of the best route to my destination for that time of day. He also let me know that he'd be happy to chat and tell me about some of the sights or, if I preferred, to leave me with my own thoughts.

'Tell me, Wasu,' I was amazed and asked him, 'have you always served customers like this?'

Wasu smiled into the rear view mirror. 'No, not always. In fact, it's only been in the last two years. My first five years driving, I spent most of my time complaining like all the rest of the cabbies do. Then I heard about power of choice one day.'

'Power of choice is that you can be a duck or an eagle.'

'If you get up in the morning expecting to have a bad day, you'll rarely disappoint yourself. Stop complaining!' 'Don't be a duck. Be an eagle. Ducks quack and complain. Eagles soar above the crowd.' 'That hit me right,' said Wasu. He continued and said, 'It is about me. I was always quacking and complaining, so I decided to change my attitude and become an eagle. I looked around at the other cabs and their drivers. The cabs were dirty, the drivers were unfriendly, and the customers were unhappy. So I decided to make some changes. I put in a few at a time. When my customers responded well, I did more.'

'I take it that has paid off for you,' I said. 'It sure has,' Wasu replied. 'My first year as an eagle, I doubled my income from the previous year. This year I'll probably quadruple it. My customers call me for appointments on my cell phone or leave a message on it.'

Wasu made a different choice. He decided to stop quacking like ducks and start soaring like eagles.

Have an eagle life ahead.....

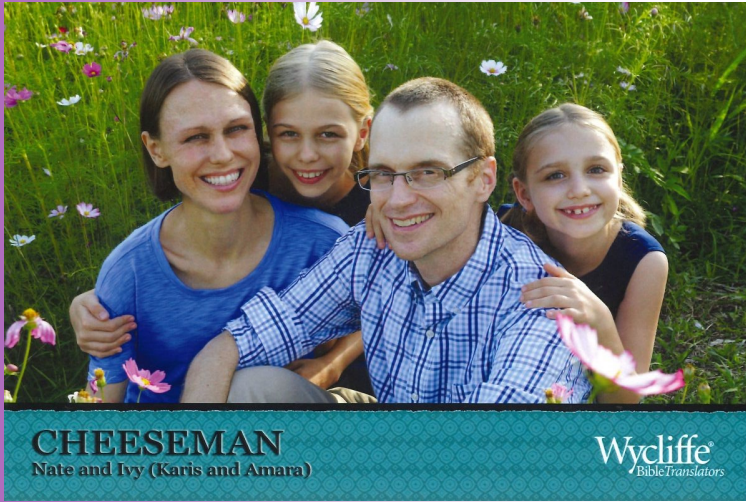
—Adapted

I hope we all decide to soar like an Eagle and not quack like a duck.

Posted by Gail Bankson



The Pittsburg Players - "Leaving Paradise"
Visit our Facebook or YouTube page, "Pittsburg Church of the Brethren."



Thank you for praying with us through this last month. We have lots to praise God for. We are still awaiting grant approval for the drug-prevention program Ivy's been working on (so please keep praying!), but we want to give a quick update on the other requests from December.

Nate and Ivy

Bible Translators Return

Each of our students has returned safely after their Christmas break travels. It's been a joy to hear how God provided both rest and ministry opportunities while they were away. One of our graduating students and his sister were able to share portions of the Bible in audio format with their community. They report that many of the farmers have been hanging the Bibles around their necks to listen to throughout the day. Pray for God to give students clear focus in this next semester of translation classes.

Pray for clear translation and communication.



Church Christmas Party

What we originally intended as a small Christmas party for a few neighborhood kids quickly turned into a much larger neighborhood outreach led by the teens at our church. Some of the kids dressed up in costume to tell the Christmas story for their parents, aunts, and uncles. Our pastor went on to share the deeper meaning of Christmas.

Keep praying for wisdom for our Thai church as they lead a church made mostly of teens and young kids. Pray for wisdom for us too in knowing what parts of church life to be involved in and what to stay out of to avoid too much of an Americanized Gospel.

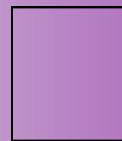


Path Forward!

In December immigration graciously granted us new visas. Now we are working through the paperwork with the US government to "authenticate" our family relationships in preparation for next year. As we start this new year, please pray we will align our own will and pursuits to God's purposes. Thank you as always for your partnership in this ministry through your prayers, kind words, and generous financial support. We appreciate EACH of you!



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