Sunday 9:00 am - Fellowship Hour
Sunday 10:00 am - Praise and Worship
Wednesdays 9:00 am Mom’s in prayer

- - - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - - -

ALL ACTIVITIES ON HOLD
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

MAY 2020

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2 - Donald Magee
9 - Sarah Oren
10 - Brett & Molly Dues
11 - Connie McCabe
13 - Heath Fetter
14 - Tom & Peggy Matheny
15 - Ron & Carol Goubeaux
16 - Betsy Stickley
18 - Tanya Coby
19 - Hewyt Westfall
21 - Rodger & Rebecca Hamilton
27 - Kinzie Williams
27 - John Evan Strawser

Castine Area Food Bank
May food item is Sugar

PRAYERS

Dale - COPD
Peggy - back surgery on hold due to virus
Tom - son Jerri
Jerrlyn - grandson Eric awaiting deployment
Betty S
Diane J - second cousin
Kim K - coworkers not eligible
         for unemployment insurance
Doug and Melinda - buyer for old house
From Sue Strawser
Dianna
         - brother Dennis
         - great-granddaughter Rylee
         - sister-in-law Linda.
Melody with leukemia.
Penny - biopsy
Neighbor Tim C deployment
         leaving wife and 3 young boys
Families in and around Pitsburg

PRAYERS continued

Linda T - nurse daughter
Sandy Crist prayer group
Sandy B - neighbor to church
Bobby - chemo, waiting on stem cell treatments
         Bobby has a young family
Carol DeMaio
         - Cousin Dan
         - Sis in law Barb S, broken hip, parkinson’s
Sarah O
         - Dan in Mexico
         - Genna in Chicago
Those affected by virus world wide
         - Medical personal and first responders
         - People in isolation
         nursing homes, prisons, elderly,
         and those subject to depression, anxiety,
         or abuse.
Service personal and families all over the world.
EYN - Church under persecution
Israel - protection and guidance in holding to
         Godly values
USA - a focus on what is good, and right for all
An appropriate time to gather together

PRAISES

Sunshine
Melody’s dad Ben in his recovery
Spring, gardening, vegetables and fresh flowers
Family time together
Walking in God’s creation
Pitsburg Players - skits on Facebook
Flattening curve
Time for prayer, Bible study and meditation
Please send me updates as appropriate by email or phone.
Pastor Ken 937-546-6808 - call or text
If you do Facebook go to the page “Pitsburg Church of the Brethren” to view skits and accompanying messages.
Visit our Facebook page, “Pitsburg Church of the Brethren” to see the Pitsburg Players bring Genesis to life. A huge thanks to the Williams family for doing the skits in the midst of their own heavy work load.

How the Virus Stole Easter by Kristi Bothur
(with a nod to Dr. Seuss)

Twas late in ’19 when the virus began
Bringing chaos and fear to all people, each land.
People were sick, hospitals full,
Doctors overwhelmed, no one in school.
As winter gave way to the promise of spring,
The virus raged on, touching peasant and king.
People hid in their homes from the enemy unseen.
They YouTubeed and Zoomed, social-distanced, and cleaned.
April approached and churches were closed.
"There won’t be an Easter," the world supposed.
"There won’t be church services, and egg hunts are out.
No reason for new dresses when we can’t go about."
Holy Week started, as bleak as the rest.
The world was focused on masks and on tests.
“Easter can’t happen this year,” it proclaimed.
“Online and at home, it just won’t be the same.”
Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the days came and went.
The virus pressed on; it just would not relent.
The world woke Sunday and nothing had changed.
The virus still menaced, the people, estranged.
"Pooh pooh to the saints," the world was grumbling.
“They’re finding out now that no Easter is coming.
“They’re just waking up! We know just what they’ll do! Their mouths will hang open a minute or two, And then all the saints will all cry boo hoo.
“That noise,” said the world, “will be something to hear.”
So it paused and the world put a hand to its ear.
And it did hear a sound coming through all the skies.
It started down low, then it started to rise.
But the sound wasn’t depressed.
Why, this sound was triumphant!
It couldn’t be so!
But it grew with abundance!
The world stared around, popping its eyes.
Then it shook! What it saw was a shocking surprise!
Every saint in every nation, the tall and the small, Was celebrating Jesus in spite of it all!
It hadn’t stopped Easter from coming! It came!
Somehow or other, it came just the same!
And the world with its life quite stuck in quarantine Stood puzzling and puzzling.
“Just how can it be?”
“It came without bonnets, it came without bunnies,
It came without egg hunts, cantatas, or money.”
Then the world thought of something it hadn’t before.
“Maybe Easter,” it thought, “doesn’t come from a store.
Maybe Easter, perhaps, means a little bit more.”
And what happened then?
Well….the story’s not done.
What will YOU do?
Will you share with that one
Or two or more people needing hope in this night?
Will you share the source of your life in this fight?
The churches are empty - but so is the tomb, And Jesus is victor over death, doom, and gloom.
So this year at Easter, let this be our prayer, As the virus still rages all around, everywhere.
May the world see hope when it looks at God’s people.
May the world see the church is not a building or steeple.
May the world find Faith in Jesus’ death and resurrection, May the world find Joy in a time of dejection.

Submitted by Kim Kessler

Waiting in prayer is wiser than waiting to pray.

Submitted by Bruce Shank
Due to COVID-19 these prayer meetings are being done virtually. If you are interested, contact Sonya Crist

Contact: Sonya Crist
937-423-3657 or sonyacrist@gmail.com

To learn more about Moms in Prayer International, visit MomsInPrayer.org

Make sure you aren’t social distancing from Jesus.

Submitted by Kim Kessler

Jacob, who had just been blessed by Isaac, leaves and Esau returns.

Watch the video on Facebook to see the fireworks!
Everyone is struggling to get through this virus.
If you have prayer concerns, you may call Pastor Ken at 937-546-6808.

Visit our Facebook page, “Pitsburg Church of the Brethren.”
This is a scene from Jacob’s dream.