May 2019

Pitsburg CoB
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May 8  Wednesday 7:00 pm
   Bible Study

May 15  Wednesday 7:00 pm
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May 18  Saturday 11:00 am Farmer Browns
   A time of visioning

May 22  Wednesday 7:00 pm
   Bible Study  (last one till September)

Jun 16  Sunday 2:30 pm
   Sunday afternoon service at BRC

Nov 3   Daylight savings time ends
   Set clock back 1 hour

MAY
BIRTHDAYS &
ANNIVERSARIES

2  Donald Magee
9  Sarah Oren
10  Brett & Molly Dues
11  Connie McCabe
13  Heath Fetter
13  Ethan Stezer (Andy)
15  Ron & Carol
Goubeaux
18  Betsy Stickley
18  Hewyt Westfall
19  Tanya Coby
21  Rodger & Rebecca
Hamilton
27  Kinzie Williams
27  John Strawser the
younger

Directory Correction:
Taylor, Jessica, and June
Somers’ address is
308 N  Main St
Arcanum OH 45304

1 Corinthians 1:4 (NRSV)

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the
grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,

From the Pastor
Last weekend was the Kairos prison ministry at Warren
Correctional (which is why this newsletter is late).
I’m very grateful for the prayers and cookies and support
given by the congregation. I wish you all could see the
faces and the change that occurs over the four days we
are together. Two at our table were especially struggling
with life and circumstances - and the Spiritual
outpouring of the weekend gave them a whole new
perspective on God and the church. I pray they will
continue in their new found joy!

We also had a joyous Resurrection Sunday, seen in the
adjoining pictures, and I was also grateful that Dewayne
Heck could stop in and share last Sunday.
I am looking forward to May 18th where we can get
together and share and brainstorm ideas for Pitsburg.
If you are unable to be with us, I would appreciate any
notes and/or comments you would be willing to share.
Pastor Ken

Castine Area Food Bank
May food item is
Sugar
Dear Pitsburg CoB Congregation,

Thank you very much for your prayers and encouraging emails over the last few weeks. The smog improved a little bit during our conference. By God's grace, we left the week of meetings feeling renewed. We are still waiting for rainy season to completely clear the skies, but are enjoying getting out and about the city again in much more pleasant air!

Prayer Requests & Praises...

Some of you may remember our friend "Boon." The first time we met, Boon was digging through our family's trash bag. When we learned he collects recyclables for a living, we began setting our redeemable items aside for him. Over the years, Boon (sometimes slightly intoxicated) has repaid us by bringing us oversized flip-flops and old running shoes he's pulled out of the dumpster. Our relationship has not always been deep, but it's been colorful. :)

A few weeks ago Boon stopped by and announced with timid joy that he is a Christian. Since January, he's been listening to the Bible daily and has found a local believer to disciple him. Praise God! We never know whose heart He is working on. Pray for Boon's faith to grow. Christianity is an unpopular and difficult path for many Thai men.

Please continue to pray for perseverance for those who are studying to become Bible translators. Several students told us this week that they were thankful for this team's prayers. Some of them finished classes this spring. Others will go on to complete the full three-year master's program.

Last week, we traded in our smog masks for squirts guns as we joined the nationwide water fight. It's not every day that we encourage our kids to shoot random strangers with squirt guns! As our girls begin to realize how different their two "home countries" are, pray God would fill them with a genuine love for people in both places.

Nate and Ivy

Submitted by Kim Kessler
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