## PITSBURG CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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### --- CALENDAR OF EVENTS ---

#### **Sundays:**

Coffee fellowship 8:45 am Bible Café starts 9:00 am We are studying "The Story" Led by Dewayne Heck Praise and Worship 10:00 am

#### **Tuesdays:**

LifeWise class at Pitsburg Please continue to pray for the children and our ministry at Pitsburg

#### Wednesdays:

7 pm Bible Study in the Community Center

May 7 Sunday 3:00 pm LifeWise year end program

May 14 Mother's Day

May 24 Wednesday 7:00 pm Last Bible Study till September

May 29 Memorial Day

June 18 Father's Day

June 21 First Day of Summer

July 4-8 CoB Annual Conference - Cincinnati

Sept 4 Labor Day

Sept 6 Wednesday 7:00 pm Board meeting

Sept 13 Wednesday 7:00 pm Council meeting

Sept 20 Wednesday 7:00 pm Bible Study starts

#### **Castine Area Food Bank**

May food item is Sugar Items may be left with the Strawsers for transport.

> WORSHIP LEADER: May: Bruce Shank June: John Strawser

Note:

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

# **MAY 2023**

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Deuteronomy 6:4–7 (NRSV)

<sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. <sup>5</sup> You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. <sup>7</sup> Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

#### FROM THE PASTOR

Our duty as the body of Christ is to continue to get closer to Him - but also - to teach the children (the next generation) the goodness of the Lord and of living in accordance with His Word.

We are so pleased to work with the LifeWise organization which has this as their goal:

LifeWise Franklin Monroe students and families are invited to an end of the year program on Sunday, May 7th at 3:00 pm at the Pitsburg Church of the Brethren. The students will share songs, character traits, Bible verses, and Bible stories that they have learned throughout the year. After the program, we will have outside games, a bouncy house, and a free meal of hot dogs, chips, and cookies. We hope families will come out and celebrate a successful LifeWise year! We look forward to seeing you there!

Pastor Ken

#### MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- Kathryn Shepherd
- 9 Sarah Oren
- 10 Brett & Molly Dues
- 11 Connie McCabe
- 13 Heath Fetter
- 14 Tom & Peggy Matheny
- 15 Ron & Carol Goubeaux
- 18 Betsy Stickley19 Tanya Coby
- 21 Rodger & Rebecca Hamilton
- 27 Kinzie Williams
- 27 John Evan Strawser

On Easter Sunday we had an Easter Scavenger Hunt for the youth/church after the "Son-rise" service and breakfast. Some of the items that needed to be found were... a Nail, Empty Tomb, Crown of Thorns, Sponge, Watch, Bottle of Perfume, Stone, Cross, Palm Branch, etc. A total of eighteen clues were hidden in Easter eggs with associated scripture verses. Along with being a learning experience we had lots of fun with great fellowship.



















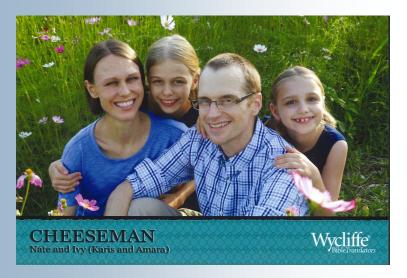












Dear Pitsburg Church of the Brethren,

The last two months have flown by! It was a joy to be re-united with our headquarters/teammates in Orlando after three years and to catch up with many of our friends and supporters in the area.

We are grateful for EACH individual who is a part of this ministry, including you!

Last week we arrived at Nate's parent's house in New Hampshire. While we're here, we will share about our ministry with churches/supporters, and Nate will be preaching three sermons over the next month. Please pray for clear communication and good connections.



While we're in a season of constant change, we try to keep a few family traditions. Peter Rabbit, our family puppet, travels with us on every furlough to cheer at State borders and keep us all entertained in standing traffic on the interstate.

Pray for continued peace for the girls as they enter yet another stage of making new friends and settling in. So far they're doing great!



We continue to be amazed at how God networks his people. Our first Sunday in New Hampshire we met a couple who is making audio Bibles with their 3D printer and testing them in their home country in Asia. We were able to bounce ideas off each other and hope to meet up again while we're both in New England.

Praise God for his continued guidance and networking. Pray that we can balance (remote) work, family time, sermon prep, etc these next couple of months.



At the start of the year, we asked you to pray for Nate as he and our future director met with leaders at one of Thailand's top universities. Since that meeting, communication has continued to build with their linguistics department.

We would love to see a partnership with this university open up more stable visa options for our team in the future. But whether or not that happens, pray this partnership will result in better literacy opportunities for the marginalized people groups within Thailand.

He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. Ephesians 4:16, NLT

Nate and Ivy

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The Pitsburg Players - "Mary at the empty tomb" Visit our Facebook or YouTube page, "Pitsburg Church of the Brethren."