

# June 2018

# Pittsburg CoB

John 14:27NRSV

<sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

John 15:13NRSV

<sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

## FROM THE PASTOR:

Several of us went to the airport to see Cliff Hoblit return from a day in Washington DC with 120 other veterans. The program called "Honor Flight" gives veterans honor for their service. Many of these men returned from abroad with little or no fanfare, some were welcomed with protests. However we feel about the government and the missteps that it may have taken, the men and women sacrificed greatly on our behalf. Also on this Memorial Day weekend, we want to remember those in our congregation that have passed in the last year:

JoAnne Oswalt	December 23, 2017
Nadine Zimmer	February 2, 2018
Olive Miller	May 11, 2018

I pray we give honor to all those who have gone before us, and that we all live in ways that bring Honor to God.  
Pastor Ken



Happy Mother's Day!

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Sunday 9:00 am - Sunday School  
Sunday 10:00 am - Praise and Worship

## - - - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - - -

- Jun 3 Sunday 6:00 pm  
Concert of the Month  
Harmony Quartet
- Jul 1 Sunday 2:30 pm  
BRC service  
Sunday 6:00 pm  
Concert of the Month  
Sojourner Quartet
- Aug 5 Sunday 6:00 pm  
Concert of the Month  
The Singing Auctioneer - Dane Bailey
- Sept 2 Sunday 6:00 pm  
Concert of the Month  
Hymn Sing
- Sept 12 Wednesday 7:00 pm  
Church Council
- Oct 7 Sunday 6:00 pm  
Concert of the Month  
Morse Family
- Nov 4 Sunday 6:00 pm  
Concert of the Month  
Faithful Sons
- Dec 2 Sunday 6:00 pm  
Concert of the Month  
Christmas Concert

**JUNE  
BIRTHDAYS &  
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Aden Strawser
- 6 Ken Oren
- 8 Kenneth & Marilyn  
Miller
- 9 Dale Clark
- 10 Randall Westfall
- 12 Jennifer Westfall
- 18 Ken & Daryl Oren
- 21 Heidi Westfall
- 30 Rita Custer

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

**Castine Area Food Bank**  
Food item for June  
Flour

**June concert of the month  
Harmony Quartet**



The Pittsburg Church of the Brethren will be hosting Darke County's own, Harmony Quartet on Sunday, June 3, 2018, at 6 PM.

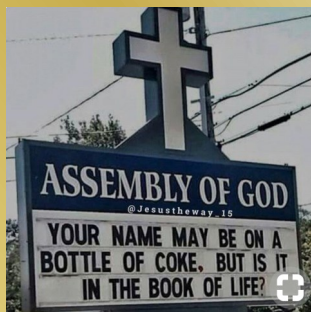
Harmony has been singing together since 1997. They came together singing songs of the Statler Brothers and Oak Ridge Boys - both secular and gospel. They were introduced to Southern Gospel through the Gaither concerts and immediately began including some of them in their repertoire. The songs they sing reflect a love of God and tell stories from the Bible.

The group's members are: Bill Drew, singing tenor, Terry Longfellow, singing bass, Mike Royer singing baritone and second tenor, and Bruce Shank, singing lead. The public is cordially invited to this event.

Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the concert.



Cliff Hoblit gets a welcome home from his Honor Flight. Thanks to all the veterans for their service!



Submitted by Kim Kessler

Alice Grayson was to bake a cake for the Baptist Church Ladies' Group in Tuscaloosa, but forgot to do it until the last minute. She remembered it the morning of the bake sale and after rummaging through cabinets, found an angel food cake mix and quickly made it while drying her hair, dressing, and helping her son pack for scout camp. When she took the cake from the oven, the center had dropped flat and the cake was horribly disfigured. She exclaimed, "Oh dear, there is not time to bake another cake!"

Being inventive, she looked around the house for something to build up the center of the cake. She found it in the bathroom - a roll of toilet paper. She plunked it in and then covered it with icing.

Not only did the finished product look beautiful, it looked perfect.

Before she left the house to drop the cake by the church and head for work, Alice woke her daughter and gave her some money and specific instructions to be at the bake sale the moment it opened at 9:30 to buy the cake and bring it home.

When the daughter arrived at the sale, she found the attractive, perfect cake had already been sold. Amanda grabbed her cell phone and called her mom. Alice was horrified. She was beside herself! Everyone would know! What would they think? She would be ostracized, talked about, ridiculed! All night, Alice lay awake in bed thinking about people pointing fingers at her and talking about her behind her back.

The next day, Alice promised herself she would try not to think about the cake. She would attend the fancy luncheon/bridal shower at the home of a fellow church member and try to have a good time.

She did not want to attend because the hostess was a snob who more than once had looked down her nose at the fact that Alice was a single parent and not from the founding families of Tuscaloosa, but having already RSVP'd, she couldn't think of an excuse to stay home.

The meal was elegant, the company was definitely upper crust old south and to Alice's horror, the cake in question was presented for dessert! Alice felt the blood drain from her body when she saw the cake!

She started out of her chair to tell the hostess all about it, but before she could get to her feet, the mayor's wife said, "What a beautiful cake!"

Alice, still stunned, sat back in her chair when she heard the hostess (who was a prominent church member) say, "Thank you. I baked it myself."

Alice smiled and thought to herself, "GOD IS GOOD"

Submitted by Bruce Shank



From skit on Mother's day  
Here comes the judge!  
(see church website for video)



This is an exciting month for us, welcoming eight new students who have traveled to our city to get Bible translation training! We thank God for his financial provision and visa provision for each individual. Please join us in praying for these students as they begin preliminary classes this summer. Classes are grueling, especially for those who learned English later in life. Since most of these students will go on to work in countries where persecution is wide-spread, we cannot show photos or give our students' real names.

- Rosa\*, an Indonesian woman who is going back to school almost 20 years after completing her bachelor's degree in computer science. Pray for her as she does intensive reading/studying.
- Hope\*, a 23 year old woman who grew up in a neighboring country to the west. She left her hometown at the age of six since the local government said it was too dangerous/difficult to send teachers to her people group. She wants to get linguistic training to help with language development and outreach in her community.
- A small team of four students traveled here from Timor. They will only be in town a few months before returning to their country for missional work. Two of the students are married and brought their toddler along for the trip. Pray for them as they balance heavy classwork and family life.
- Joe\* brought his wife and two young kids from America. They plan to help with Bible translation when Joe has finished his studies.
- Sam\* and his wife arrived a few months ahead of the class schedule so his wife could give birth to their second child. They are considering helping with translation in a neighboring country to the east of us after graduation.
- Andre\* came with his wife and three kids (ages 5 and under) from Germany. Since they plan to work out of Thailand long term, they have delayed classes by one year so they can focus on studying Thai.

It's a privilege to work and serve among this team of Godly men and women. Thank you for joining us in this ministry.

Nate & Ivy Cheeseman

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**We are thankful for each of  
God's Children  
- young and not so young!**

