

Hebrews 10:23-25NRSV

²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

From the Pastor

In this season it becomes far too easy to set aside our Spiritual lives. Summer offers even more diversions and activities from our rut routines. Especially if we have not been receiving a blessing by our seeking. I found a quote which helped me see a better perspective:

If you are not getting the hundredfold more, not getting insight into God's word, then start praying for your friends, enter into the ministry of the interior. "The Lord turned the captivity of Job when he prayed for his friends. (Job 32:10)" The real business of your life as a saved soul is intercessory prayer. Wherever God puts you in circumstances, pray immediately, pray that His Atonement may be realized in other lives as it has been in yours. Pray for your friends now; pray for those with whom you come in contact now. *My Utmost for His Highest, 172 June 20 Have you come to 'when' yet?*

I wonder if part of our doldrums is our tendency to see our own problems, seek our own solutions and think we can do things our own way.

The power of the congregation comes from seeking God together. The Spiritual growth of the congregation comes from going outside ourselves and into the lives of those around us - seeing God at work in the lives of others.

Let us not forget that for which we are called:

Matthew 28:19-20NRSV

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

--- CALENDAR OF EVENTS ---

Jul 2 Sunday 6:00 pm Gospel Concert
Featuring: **Faithful Sons**

July 15 Saturday 4-8 pm Family Fun night!

Aug 6 Sunday 6:00 pm Gospel Concert
Featuring: **The Christianaires**

Sept 3 Sunday 6:00 pm Gospel Concert
Featuring: **Hymn Sing**

Sept 20 Wednesday 7:00 pm
Fellowship/Bible Study
Revelation Chapter 13

Oct 1 Sunday 6:00 pm Gospel Concert
Featuring: **Sojourner Quartet**

Nov 5 Sunday 6:00 pm Gospel Concert
Featuring: **The Morse Family**

Dec 3 Sunday 6:00 pm Gospel Concert
Featuring: **Christmas Concert**

**JULY
BIRTHDAYS &
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Doyle & Pat Campbell
- 1 Norman & Lisa Baker
- 1 Bill Dendler
- 4 Jeff Brown
- 6 Norma Baker
- 8 John & Sue Strawser
- 9 John & Sue Huffaker
- 12 Alex Ulrich
- 12 Steve & Barb Marker
- 16 Kennedi Strawser
- 18 Barb Oswalt
- 18 Jerry Westfall
- 19 Allen Lenker
- 23 Norman Baker
- 23 Sue Huffaker
- 23 Angie Perretta
- 23 Bruce & Betty Shank
- 25 Bruce Shank
- 26 Rachel Strawser
- 28 Lisa Baker
- 28 Betty Shank
- 30 Randall & Brenda Westfall

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 July is
Peanut Butter



**Sunday evening Concert
in July
Faithful Sons**



The Pitsburg Church of the Brethren will host the Faithful Sons at 6 PM on Sunday, July 2, 2017. The Faithful Sons have been sharing the Gospel of Christ through Southern Gospel Music for many years. John Short sings the lead part for the group. He lives in Union City, OH, and is mostly retired. John has sang with several groups over the years, including the Promised Heirs and the Chordsmen, before starting The Faithful Sons. Kim Gilbert sings the baritone part, and has been with the group from the beginning. He has also sang with a barbershop quartet through the years. Kim lives in Greenville, and is also recently retired from Flagg Lumber in New Madison. Singing tenor is the newest member of the group, Kent Waller. Kent also makes his home in Greenville, and works for Crown Equipment in New Bremen as a Packaging Engineer. Before joining The Faithful Sons, Kent sang baritone with The Dayton Ambassadors for three years until the group disbanded in 2012. This group has but one goal, lift up the name of Jesus Christ in word and song, and lead others to a loving, personal relationship with Him. Come and worship with us and you will surely be blessed.

Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall following the concert.

There's a wonderful legend about Saint Francis, the kindly thirteenth century monk, who one day informed his brethren that he planned to go into the nearby village on a preaching mission. He invited a novice to go along. On their way, they passed an injured man and Francis promptly stopped, saw to the poor fellow's needs and arranged medical care for him. They went on and soon passed a homeless man who was near starvation. Again, Francis stopped his journey and ministered to the hungry, homeless man. So it went, through the day: people in need, Francis lovingly caring for them as best he could until the sun was low in the sky. He told his novice friend it was time for them to return, now, to the monastery for evening prayers. But the young man said, "Father, you said we were coming to town to preach to the people." Francis smiled. Then he said, "My friend, that's what we've been doing all day."

That's evangelism at its most faithful. Ministry to people in their need. Not worrying about numerical growth, or adding to one's own conversion record, or winning acclaim within the denomination. Evangelism is sharing the love of God in concrete form among God's people. *Sermons.com, E. Carver McGriff, Times of Refreshing, CSS Publishing Company*

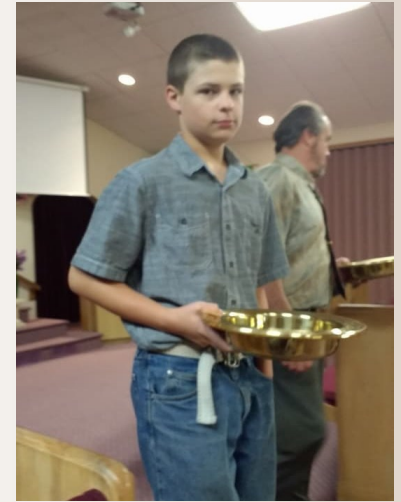


Years ago I read something rather odd: "The reason mountain climbers are tied together is to keep the sane ones from going home." Whoever said that was playing with us a bit, for we know mountain climbers are tied together to keep from getting lost or going over a cliff. But there's another piece of truth here. When things get tough up on the mountain, when fear sets in, many a climber is tempted to say, "This is crazy! I'm going home."

The life of faith can be like that-doubts set in, despair overwhelms us, and the whole notion of believing in God seems crazy. Jesus knew his disciples would have days like that. So he told them we're tied together like branches on the vine-or like climbers tied to the rope-tied together by the Spirit, to trust in one who is always more than we can understand, to keep us moving ahead on the journey of faith, to encourage us when believing seems absurd. "I will not leave you orphaned," said Jesus. "I am coming to you." *Sermons.com, Barbara K. Lundblad, I Will Not Leave You Orphaned*

There is an old story of a conversation between a pig and a cow. The pig is complaining to the cow that nobody ever has a kind word for him. "Look at the way I give of myself," he says. "I produce bacon, ham, and pork chops. The bristles of my skin are used for brushes, my hide for luggage. Why, some people even pickle my feet and consider them a delicacy. Why is it then that everyone speaks more kindly of you, the cow, than of me?" To which the cow replied, "My friend, perhaps it is that I give of myself while I am still alive."

Sermons.com, Lee Griess, Return to The Lord, Your God, CSS Publishing Company



Several years ago a submarine was being tested and had to remain submerged for many hours. When it returned to the harbor, the captain was asked, "How did the terrible storm last night affect you?" The officer looked at him in surprise and exclaimed, "Storm? We didn't even know there was one!" The sub had been so far beneath the surface that it had reached the area known to sailors as "the cushion of the sea." Although the ocean may be whipped into huge waves by high winds, the waters below are never stirred.

This is a perfect picture of the peace that comes from Christ's Spirit. The waves of worry, of fear, of heartbreak, cannot touch those resting in Christ. Sheltered by His grace and encouraged by His Spirit, the believer is given the perfect tranquility that only Christ can provide.

Sermons.com, Adrian Dieleman, Receive the Holy Spirit

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Father's Day at Pittsburg

