## PITSBURG CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

You can see our services on Facebook or YouTube Under "Pitsburg Church of the Brethren"

## --- CALENDAR OF EVENTS ---

#### **Sundays:**

8:45 am Coffee fellowship 9:00 am Bible Café led by Dewayne Heck 10:00 am Praise and Worship

## **Tuesdays:**

LifeWise class on Summer hiatus/break

### Wednesdays:

7 pm Bible Study on summer hiatus

Aug 2 Board meeting Wednesday 7 pm

Aug 5 Ice Cream Social at Happy Corner CoB Saturday 4-7 pm. To benefit District Brethren Disaster Ministries

Aug 12 Saturday - Youth canoeing
All are invited to get a dose of nature

Aug 25 Darke Co Fair - Spiritual Life tent Fri 10 am

Sept 4 Labor Day

Sept 6 Board meeting Wednesday 7:00 pm

Sept 13 Council meeting Wednesday 7:00 pm

Sept 20 Bible Study resumes Wednesday 7:00 pm

Oct 28 Fall for Jesus - carriage rides, food, fun and fellowship

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

August food item is Chili Ingredients *Items may be left with the Strawsers for transport.* 

WORSHIP LEADER: August: Bruce Shank September: Diane Jay October: Ron Goubeaux

Note:

If we have not listed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the Pastor so

# **August 2023**

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Isaiah 4:6 (NASB 2020)

<sup>6</sup> And there will be a shelter to *give* shade from the heat by day, and refuge and protection from the storm and the rain.

#### FROM THE PASTOR

The above scripture is speaking of the future glory for the survivors of Zion. That God will provide protection. As we endure a hot summer, we must not forget to gathering in the house of the Lord, where God offers cool protection, but also spiritual growth and wisdom to get through the everyday struggles we all must endure. By coming and sharing and holding each other in prayer, we gain strength, and hope, and encouragement to move forward - and also invite others to experience new life abundant in a loving environment.

We grow by joining together, not just in worship, but in events like the fireworks gathering at the Heck house, and the Air Show gathering in Vandalia.

We look forward to other great times - such as the canoeing which is coming Saturday August 12th. Stay tuned for another important gathering event, as we consider how to invite the community to share the joy of our remodeling efforts.

Pastor Ken

The Aug 6 ice cream social includes delicious choices at an a la carte meal, a vast selection of homemade pie, and make your own Sundae's.

In the past, extra pies were available for purchase at around 6:30 pm

Happy Corner CoB, 7037 N Union Rd, Clayton OH

#### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

- Tom Walker
- 9 Justin & Rachael Strawser
- 10 Anita Troutwine
- 10 Tammy Subler-Morrison
- 15 Brody Williams
- 15 Mark Bankson
- 16 Doug & Anna Bevins
- 21 Darwin Rhoades
- 21 Linda Taylor
- 28 Kenneth Miller

#### PITSBURG YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Youth invited the church family to celebrate July 4th. We met at the Heck's in New Madison. There were 24 who enjoyed fun, food, fellowship & fireworks.

Devotions was centered around Romans 8:12

"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world".

In the midst of the fireworks, we must not forget who the "Light" of the world is.

Lots of hot dogs were roasted and many enjoyed s'mores and snacks. The youth enjoyed yard games while the adults enjoyed conversation.

Oh, yes... the most important thing... Our prayers were answered. The rain held off until right after the end of the fireworks ... It was then we felt rain drops. God indeed is good!

On Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup> the Youth invited the church family to the Legacy Finishing System's parking lot to watch the Dayton Air show (note: Legacy donated the acoustic ceilings for our remodel project).

It was a great day to watch airplanes. Doug Harter and his son Kane provided the grill and cooked the hotdogs and brats for our tailgate party.

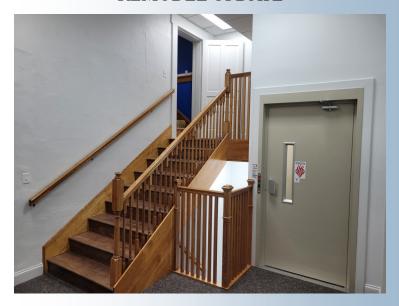
Others donated delicious cookies, brownies, veggies, desserts, chips, etc. We had a wonderful lunch as we watched the airplanes do all sorts of maneuvers in the sky. The youth enjoyed playing corn hole and other games between performances while others sat in their chairs and kept their eyes to the sky. There we 27 who joined us for fun, food, and fellowship.

Next month is canoeing on Saturday Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>. The church is invited. Check with Chad and Erica for more details.



Pat & Doyle Campbell's great-granddaughter enjoying the swing

## REMODEL UPDATE





Guess who took the swing pictures below.



Minutes after the picture on the left, the main support beam broke. No one was hurt, and the beam has since been replaced.

Thanks to Doug Harter, Dewayne Heck and Bruce Shank for the repair.

Now you can enjoy our swing in safety!



CHEESEMAN Nate and Ivy (Karis and Amara) Wycliffe

Dear Pitsburg COB,

Once again you have blessed us with your generousity toward our family and ministry. Thank you! We are excited to return to Thailand and be back with our Bible translation students in August. We are also eager to see how God moves next with the audio Bible Ministry. We've learned a lot while the States, including possibilities use 30 printing to make the audio Bible cases in the future.

Thank you for praying us through our time in America and helping to provide for our needs as we return to Thouland. Your partnership is greatly appreciated!

Note: Ivy



Our own Tom Walker plays with the Richmond Jazz Orchestra. You are invited to attend their performances. For more information, ask Tom.

A few Newsletters back I wrote an article about "What happens when you receive Christ into your life." There are five points and they are:

- 1. Christ comes into your heart (Revelation 3:20)
- 2. You become a child of God (John 1:12)
- 3. Your sins are forgiven (Colossians 1:14)
- 4. You have eternal life (I Joh 15:11-13)
- 5. You begin the adventure of knowing God personally. (Philippians 3:8)

Next is "How to grow in your relationship with God."

#### \* Prayer (Philippians 4:6-7)

This is when we talk to God about everything. When is the best time to pray? The Bible gives us an answer... Ephesians 6:18

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people".

#### \* Bible Study (Hebrews 4:12)

When reading our Bible God will speak to us. We must understand what the Bible is. Yes, it's God's Word but it is also...

Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth.

The only way to understand the Bible is to read the Bible. It also helps to have a good commentary such as "Barclay" as it helps us understand words and phrases.

#### \* Fellowship (Hebrews 10:25)

We need to spend time with our spiritual family on a regular basis.

Sunday School and Worship is a good way to come together with your spiritual family. It is during this time when fellowship draws us together.

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20

Where two or three meet together we have fellowship.

#### \* Disciple-Making

We need to help other learn about Jesus.

We can send a card, bake a pie, or maybe just spend time getting to know them.

Just like Phillip (John 1:43-51) who invited Nathanial to meet Jesus... we need to do the same.

Matthew 28:19-20 and Matthew 25:35-40 is disciple-making.

#### \* Obedience (John 14:15)

Let God direct your life

Even God has rules. They are many highways and back roads one can take in life but, God gives us direction on which road to take.

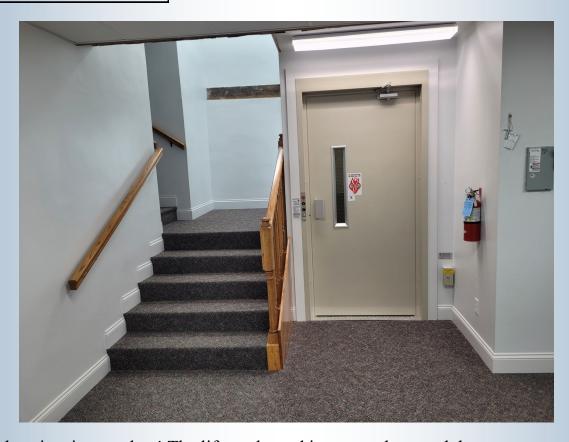
We need to stay on the narrow road and be sure to keep off the wide road.

The wide road may seem like fun but it always leads to a dead end.

Submitted by Dewayne Heck

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Our remodel project is complete! The lift works and is a smooth up and down transport for those in need. We will be planning a future open house at our Aug 2 board meeting.