

Pittsburg Church of the Brethren Newsletter

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September 2016

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

--- CALENDAR OF EVENTS ---

- Sept 4 Sunday worship special - Norma Baker
6:00 pm Sunday Evening Concert
Hymn Sing
- Sept 11 Sunday worship special - Williams Children
- Sept 14 Wednesday 7:00 pm Church Council
- Sept 18 Sunday worship special - Darwin Rhoades
- Sept 21 Wednesday 7:00 pm Bible Study
- Sept 25 Sunday worship special - Dinah Weaver
- Sept 28 Wednesday 7:00 pm Bible Study
- Sept 30/Oct 1 District Conference at Oakland
- Oct 2 Sunday worship special -
6:00 pm Sunday Evening Concert
Sojourner Quartet
- Nov 6 Sunday worship special -
6:00 pm Sunday Evening Concert
Hoosier Harmony
- Dec 4 Sunday worship special -
6:00 pm Sunday Evening Concert
Christmas Concert



2 John 4-5NRSV

⁴I was overjoyed to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we have been commanded by the Father. ⁵But now, dear lady, I ask you, not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but one we have had from the beginning, let us love one another.

From the Pastor

September represents a new beginning. A new school year and a new church season. This year we begin the season with wonderful news. Through the efforts of Revive Ohio over eighty people have been baptized as children of God. The best new beginning ever. We at Pittsburg also have good things planned for the new year. We are working on a revival for October 20-23. We hope to do this in conjunction with Painter Creek and have a major spiritual effect on our corner of Dark County. We are also about to enter in another season of Kairos prison ministry which will change many lives at Warren Correctional. In the midst of the newness that comes in every season, we need to remember to love one another and support each other in the changes that constantly occur in our lives. We might get to feeling like we are struggling on our own - but in reality, we have each other - a whole congregation of believers that share the faith, share the burden of care, and want to grow the Kingdom. May we understand our place in those efforts and look at the new season together!

Pastor Ken

**SEPTEMBER
BIRTHDAYS &
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 4 Cynthia Brown
- 4 Lois Stickley
- 7 Isaac Dues
- 7 Erica Williams
- 9 Molly Dues
- 16 Gilbert Jay
- 24 Steven Marker
- 26 Justin Strawser

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 September

Crackers

Box in cloak room



**The September 4th Concert will be:
Hymn Sing**

The Pittsburg Church of the Brethren will begin their fall concert series on Sunday, September 4, 2016 @ 6 PM, by holding their semi-annual hymn sing. What better way to start off the fall season than by giving praises to God through song! This is the time for guests to request a hymn that moves them and join the entire congregation singing it. Please plan to attend (song books provided).



There is a story of a small lad whose mother, unknown to him, planned a surprise birthday party. After he got home, he went upstairs to his room. Then all his classmates and teachers gathered in the living room. When his mother went to his room to get him, he was gone. He had climbed down a tree outside his window and was hiding in a nearby park. The rest of the children went on to enjoy a good time, but Johnny never turned up. When he came in for supper his mother asked where he had been; he had missed a wonderful time, planned just for him. He tearfully confessed he had heard her call but hid until suppertime because he thought she had a chore for him to do!

How sad - for him and for us if we make the same mistake. There is a party being prepared. The guest list is all inclusive. No matter how many parties we have missed in this world, we don't have to miss out on this party. The One who throws this party is all loving, all gracious, all generous. We are invited even though there is nothing in this world we can do to repay our host. All that is asked is that we accept the invitation. *Eric S. Ritz, The Ritz Collection, www.Sermons.com*



“Fresh Spirit” came and blesses us with beautiful music and testimony. While here, we had a special treat as Sarah sang with New Dawn.



Charlemagne was the greatest Christian ruler of the early Middle Ages. After his death a mighty funeral procession left his castle for the cathedral at Aix. When the royal casket arrived, with a lot of pomp and circumstance, it was met by the local bishop, who barred the cathedral door.

"Who comes?" the Bishop asked, as was the custom. "Charlemagne, Lord and King of the Holy Roman Empire," proclaimed the Emperor's proud herald. "Him I know not," the Bishop replied. "Who comes?"

The herald, a bit shaken, replied, "Charles the Great, a good and honest man of the earth." "Him I know not," the Bishop said again. "Who comes?"

The herald, now completely crushed, responded, "Charles, a lowly sinner, who begs the gift of Christ." To which the Bishop, Christ's representative, responded, "Enter! Receive Christ's gift of life!"

The point, of course, is that in God's eyes, we're all equally needy. Charlemagne, Mother Teresa, you and me. None of us will ever be "good enough" to force entrance into the presence of God.

Alex Gondola, Jr., Come As You Are, CSS Publishing Company - Sermons.com



Pittsburg church at the BRC in the new Shuff Spiritual Life Center.



From the internet
Nails In The Fence
Author Unknown

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence.

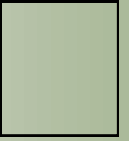
The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence.

Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone.

The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there."

The little boy then understood how powerful his words were. He looked up at his father and said "I hope you can forgive me, father, for the holes I put in you." "Of course I can," said the father.

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At Pittsburg we are blessed with the joy of children! Come share our joy and help nurture these and each other in our faith and ministry.

