September 2019

Pitsburg CoB
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- - - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - - -

Sept 4    Wednesday 7:00 pm
Church board

Sept 8    Sunday 4:00 pm at Greenville Cob
Joint Love Feast with BBA Churches
Brethren for Biblical Authority

Sept 11   Wednesday 7:00 pm
Church council Meeting

Sept 18   Wednesday 7:00 pm
Bible Study - Starting the book of Genesis

Sept 21   Saturday 8:00 am
Training begins for Warren Correctional Kairos
Prison Ministry. If you are interested, contact
Pastor Ken

Sept 25   Wednesday 7:00 pm
Bible Study

Oct 2     Wednesday 7:00 pm
Bible Study

Nov 3     Daylight savings time ends
Set clock back 1 hour

Nov 6     Kairos cookies due - the weekend begins Nov 7

Genesis 1:1 (NRSV)
1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,

From the Pastor
On September 18th we will begin a new Bible Study Series on the book of Genesis.
This book was written that all people might better come to understand God, Creation, and how we relate with one another. The book allows us to question and doubt while searching purpose and for answers to life’s questions.
We invite the local community to join us in this study. It is designed to allow people to come and go - but is best understood if followed continuously.
Please join us and bring a friend. We have books to share and will get more as needed.
Pastor Ken

Castine Area Food Bank
September food item is Chili Ingredients

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

SEPtEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

4    Cynthia Brown
4    Lois Stickley
5    Jessica Marker
6    Craig & Rebecca Horner
7    Isaac Dues
7    Erica Williams
9    Molly Dues
15   Kal-El Morales
16   Gilbert Jay
24   Steven Marker
26   Justin Strawser

Sunday   9:00 am - Fellowship Hour
Sunday 10:00 am - Praise and Worship
From the back cover of the Dennis Prager Genesis book:

Many people today think the Bible, the most influential book in world history, is not only outdated but irrelevant, irrational, and even immoral.

This explanation of the Book of Genesis, the first book of the Bible, demonstrates clearly and powerfully that the opposite is true. The Bible remains profoundly relevant—both to the great issues of our day and to each individual life. It is the greatest moral guide and source of wisdom ever written. Do you doubt the existence of God because you think believing in God is irrational? This book will give you many reasons to rethink your doubts. Do you think faith and science are in conflict? You won’t after reading this commentary on Genesis. Do you come from a dysfunctional family? It may comfort you to know that every family discussed in Genesis was highly dysfunctional! The title of this commentary is “The Rational Bible” because its approach is entirely reason-based. The reader is never asked to accept anything on faith alone. In Dennis Prager’s words, “If something I write is not rational, I have not done my job.”

The Rational Bible is the fruit of Dennis Prager’s forty years of teaching the Bible—whose Hebrew grammar and vocabulary he has mastered—to people of every faith and no faith at all. On virtually every page, you will discover how the text relates to the contemporary world in general and to you personally. His goal: to change your mind—and, as a result, to change your life.
Dear Pittsburgh Church of the Brethren,

One of our family's highlights this year has been distributing audio Bibles. This month, God has opened doors to work alongside leaders from three local Thai churches so that they can be more involved in creating/distributing Bibles. This excites us because (1) Thais can explain the Gospel to other Thais more effectively than we can, and (2) we want to build ministries that are dependent on God's work through the local church, not us. Please pray for work in the following ways:

We plan to host a "Bible making party" next month to mass produce audio Bibles. Pray for clear communication and good collaboration with those who participate. Pray that God's Word continues to spread in languages/formats that are the best understood by our community. Some people assume that Christianity is for Westerners only. Pray for more neighbors to see that Jesus' grace is for all nationalities. Pray for an attitude of humility and servanthood as we work alongside the local church. Pray that those who receive the Bibles would listen to them and desire to follow Jesus.

We continue to thank God for each of you who has been a part of this work.

On Saturdays our church has a children's outreach. We've gone a few times to teach kids how to make bread. It's a bit chaotic with 40 pairs of little hands rotating through the kitchen, poking and pulling on sticky balls of dough. Even if the bread doesn't turn out beautifully formatted, the children seem to have fun. Pray these kids will continue to learn and grow in their faith. Overnight, Karis went from playing with teacups and dolls, to being fascinated with worms, moths and cockroaches. God's creation in our own backyard is amazing. But we do hope most of it stays outside. :) Finally, we ask you to pray that the Lord's message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes, just as when it came to you.

Norma loves to play the traditional Hymns!
We at the Pitsburg Church of the Brethren invite you to visit us on Sunday morning.

We also are beginning a study on the book of Genesis on Sept 18th. See inside for details.

If you have questions or prayer concerns you may call Pastor Ken at 937-546-6808.

The Pitsburg Players present a skit on Gideon - was the fleece wet or dry? What does it mean?