

THE Connection

JENNERSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - NEWSLETTER

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"Be Not Afraid" by Bob Goff



The courage we exhibit impacts those around us. In this session from the 2012 Catalyst Conference, Bob Goff, attorney and author of the best-selling book "Love Does", shares personal stories of how our lack of fear can help those around us not to fear anymore!

On **Saturday, April 14th** beginning at 9am, we will show a 15-minute presentation of **"Be Not Afraid"** followed by a time of discussion.

This is a great opportunity to grow in or develop your faith and to interact with fellow believers from your church family. Sign up to attend!

All-Church Bowling



On **Sunday, April 22nd** we will be going bowling from 3-5pm at Terrace Lanes in Somerset.

Cost for the event is \$8.50 per person for two games and shoes, payable when you sign up.

We will meet at Terrace Lanes a little before 3pm and will bowl two games. After that, for those who are interested, we will eat at one of the following restaurants: Pizza Hut, Eat 'N Park or Hoss'.

Please sign up if you are interested in attending this event and **make your checks payable to JUMC**. Please mark the envelope: "Bowling". Also when you sign up, choose one of the three restaurants (the one with the most votes wins!) Hope to see you there!

"Now all of you together are Christ's body, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it."

1 Corinthians 12:27 NLT

The Pastor's Corner



I recently signed up for a quarterly mailing called "The Pastor Box". I was intrigued because within each box will be books, movies and other items that I might not otherwise purchase or even know about. I received my first box last week and I was very pleasantly surprised!

Within the box were six books, five of which I had never heard and can't wait to read. The box also contained two t-shirts and a pair of socks with a theologian imprinted on them! Kind of weird, but...

I got to thinking about my box and the surprises that I will find over the next few months. These boxes are a lot like life. I don't know what is going to be in them, but I know that they will contain items that will aid in my Christian walk.

Isn't that like our walk with Christ? We don't know what the next day will hold but when we put our trust in Him, we know that whatever comes our way will help us to develop our faith so that we will be more like Jesus. There will be surprises. There will be things we feel we don't need, but if we avail ourselves to them, then we will grow!

Be ready for the surprise that come your way! Trust in God. May your faith be strengthened and let's see what God will do with and for us!

Faithfully,

Pastor Chuck



Stay connected: read "The Connection"!

Upcoming Sermons

How we speak and what we actually say are so important! We use words and words can either build up or tear down. How are you using your words?



The remaining weeks of April will be about **WORDS**, our series title. We will discuss telling the truth, the danger of spreading rumors and the timing and usage of encouraging words. We all use them, so let's all be a part of learning more about them: **WORDS**.

4/15 "Liar, Liar"

Matthew 5:33-37

4/22 "The Rumor Weed"

James 3:2-12

4/1 "Debbie Downer"

Proverbs 15:1; James 1:19

Grow in your faith: make attending worship here at JUMC your #1 priority on Sunday mornings!

Upcoming Birthdays

4/15: Mary Ann Burkhart, Jess Shaffer
4/16: Pastor Chuck, Daniel Floyd, Jude Huber
4/18: Grace Garretson, Adam Lasure
4/21: Johnny Emerick
4/22: Jackie Frampton
4/23: Kaitlyn Knorr, Sammy Lasure
4/24: Dylan Shaulis
4/27: Caitlin Hildbold Huber



Upcoming Anniversaries

4/26: Dennis & Kathy Ryniak

Jennerstown Family News

Will Rogers once said, "We can't all be heroes because somebody has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by." But we *can* all be heroes, at least from God's point of view. One of those heroes is Ezra. We will continue with chapter 7 and finish his book with our next two gatherings. You are welcome and encouraged to join us as we study God's Word together!

Our **Missions Team** will still be collecting cleaning supplies for UMCOR through the end of the month. Thank you!

They are also sponsoring a special offering this month on the 15th : Native American Awareness Sunday. Please pray about giving to this vital cause!

On **Saturday, April 21st**, the Trustees are planning to have an outside "**Spring Work Day**". We will be tidying up the grounds as well as replacing the mulch and planting flowers. There's a job for everyone so sign up today and help make our property beautiful for the coming season!

An update of our new **church directory** will be printed on May 15th. Please check yours for any changes or additions to be made and let the office know. Thank you.

Vacation Bible School is already being planned for the week of June 18-22. Our theme this year will be the "Armor of God" Be watching for more information including sign-up sheets to help and for food. Plan to be here that week for an amazing time!

Ladies! Make sure to be reading your books for our discussion time on Thursday, April 19th at 6:30pm!

Mark your calendars for these events:

- "Be Not Afraid" video 4/14 9am (Sanctuary)
- Native American Awareness Offering 4/15
- Women's Book Study 4/19 6:30pm (Soc. Rm.)
- Spring Work Day 4/21 Noon (Outside)
- Bowling 4/22 3pm (Terrace Lanes Somerset)
- "Broken Saviors" video 4/28 9am (Sanctuary)
- National Day of Prayer Observance 5/3
- Ladies Brunch 5/12 10am (Social Room)