

THE Connection

JENNERSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - NEWSLETTER

March 11, 2018

Green Meal & Movie Night



On **Saturday, March 17th**, we will have a **Green Meal and Movie Night** beginning at 6pm.

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, our meal will consist of only (or mostly) green food. So get creative and sign up today! Beverages will be provided.



Following the meal, we will watch the movie *Chariots of Fire*, winner of 4 Academy Awards!

Holy Week & Easter

Holy Week & Easter Schedule



Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday** as we remember Jesus' ride into Jerusalem amid waving palm branches. The children will present a play at 10am.

Next, we take part in a **Passover Meal** on Maundy Thursday at 6pm as we recall Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples.

On **Good Friday** we will have a Tenebrae Service, or service of darkness, at 7pm as we reflect on Jesus' seven last words taken from the Gospel of John.

On Saturday, there will be an **Easter Egg Hunt & Party** at 10am along with an interactive lesson on the real meaning of Easter!

We will begin **Easter Sunday** with a sunrise service at 7am followed by breakfast and our normal Sunday schedule.

"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 have been thinking a lot about excellence, about integrity. So many in our world today are satisfied with average, mediocre or less than great.

As many of you know, I love baseball. The game has changed quite a bit since I was a little boy. So, when something happens in the baseball world that is remarkable, it is noticeable. So many players today give the appearance that money is most important and that simply putting on a uniform should make the average fan awestruck.

I am reminded of a time in 1995 when the sports world literally was brought to its feet. It wasn't a record of tremendous speed or power. It was simply an honor given to someone who showed up more than anyone else. His name is Cal Ripkin, Jr., the shortstop for the Baltimore Orioles. He broke a record that many believed would never be broken.

When he walked on the field to begin game #2131, the crowd exploded. For 22 uninterrupted minutes, they stood and applauded. And then he did a great thing. He went and hugged each member of his family.

Ripkin's story reminds me to not only show up but to give my very best, each and every day. We are called to do the same, not because a record might be broken or to receive applause from others, but because we serve a God who gave His best, our Savior, Jesus Christ and we are to follow His example.

Will you join me in giving your best to our church, to our community and to our Savior? And, oh yes...play ball!

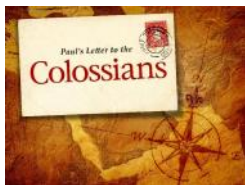
Faithfully,

Pastor Chuck

Stay connected: read "The Connection"!

Upcoming Sermons

The final two messages in our series, **DANGEROUS RULES**, based on the book of Colossians, help us to see that when we pray, God listens. That is important to know because He loves each of us and calls us to do the same.



On **Easter Sunday**, which is also April Fool's Day, we will discuss the Resurrection of Jesus and see how one of the disciples was, ultimately, not a fool for believing!



3/18 **"Your Prayers Matter"**

Colossians 4:2-6

3/25 **"Thank God for People"**

Colossians 4:7-18

4/1 **"Scar Tissue"**

John 20:24-29



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

Upcoming Birthdays

3/18: Chris Graboski

3/21: Justin Frampton, Bob Frazier

3/22: Levi Shaffer

3/23: Cheryl Hildbold

3/24: Gary Albright, Tina Pelesky, Westley Shaffer

3/25: Aaron Rosenbaum

3/26: Richard Beegle

3/28: Lisa Albright

3/30: Stephanie Walker



Upcoming Anniversaries

3/24: Richard & Doris Beegle

Jennerstown Family News

Over the next few months during **Bible Study**, we will be studying a few of the unsung heroes of the Bible who can inspire us today. Heroes are not defined by their circumstances, but by their choices. One such hero is Ezra and we will be reading chapters one through six for our next two times together. Learn what a hero is all about and join us on the 1st and 3rd Fridays at 8am. Refreshments are provided!



Vacation Bible School is already being planned for the week of June 18-22. Our theme this year will be the "Armor of God" and here's a **challenge for the kids**:

You'll find the "Armor of God" in the book of Ephesians, chapter 6. Find Pastor Chuck's wife, Cheryl, and tell her the 6 pieces of the armor and win a prize! Here's a hint: The 3rd one is the "Shoes of Peace". You need to learn them in order and you'll learn so much more about them when you come to VBS this summer!



Now through the end of April, our **Missions Team** will be collecting cleaning supplies for UMCOR. The items needed are very specific and you can find a list of these items at the Information & Event Center. When you bring in your items, please deposit them in the box by the glass table in the lobby. Thank you!



New church directories were recently put in the mailboxes at church. The office has already received some changes. Mark your Connection Card with any additions or changes and we will reprint in the middle of May. We will reprint quarterly, if needed.



T-shirts have been ordered and should be available by Sunday, March 18th!



Mark your calendars for these events:

- Green Meal & Movie Night 3/17 6pm
- J.A.M. 3/18 9am service
- Palm Sunday 3/25
- Passover Meal 3/29 6pm
- Good Friday Service 3/30 7pm
- Easter Egg Hunt/Party 3/31 10am
- Easter Sunrise Service 4/1 7am
- Easter Breakfast following Sunrise Service