

THE Connection

JENNERSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - NEWSLETTER

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Come Serve with WACK



WACK stands for Windber Area Community Kitchen and it is based at Calvary UMC in Windber. They serve free, home cooked meals on Saturdays and have other outreach programs as well.

We have volunteered to help with these Saturday meals several times and will, once again, be doing so. Our Missions Team has scheduled us to help serve a meal on Saturday, May 26th. You may sign up to help from 3-5pm or 5-7pm. The meals are served from 4-6pm, so if you work the early shift, you will help to set up and to serve and if you work the late shift, you will help to serve and to clean up.

This is a great opportunity to share the love of Christ with others! Sign up to help!

Peace With Justice Sunday



Peace with Justice Sunday is one of six church-wide Special Sundays with offerings of the United Methodist Church.

Peace with Justice Sunday enables the United Methodist Church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global programs.

The special offering benefits peace with justice ministries in the annual conference and through the General Board of Church and Society.

We will be taking this offering on Sunday, May 27th. There will be special envelopes provided in your worship folders. Please give generously over and above your regular tithe. Thank you.

"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



The Bible is full of promises from God. "He will never leave us." "He will bless us." "He conquers sin." I found one of the promises from God that I had never noticed before and what makes it special is that it is a conditional promise. An "if/then" promise. "If you do this, then I will do that."

Here is the promise: *"If you walk in my ways and keep my requirements, then you will govern my house and have charge of my courts and I will give you a place among these standing here."* (Zechariah 3:7) God says, **if** you are obedient and **if** you are faithful, **then** you will receive my blessing.

Joshua is a priest and if he does what God requires, then he will be given leadership among God's people, authority over the temple and access to God. Imagine being given the privilege to be in the very presence of God, even among the angelic beings!

God has great plans for us if we follow what He says. I think about the coming summer months and how the weather and other activities will be calling us to abandon Sunday worship and the special opportunity we have to be in the presence of God. Let me encourage you to walk in the way that God calls and to keep His requirements (be in prayer, be present in worship, be involved in ministry, be reading your Bible) so that you might experience the very presence of God! What a promise!

Faithfully,

Pastor Chuck



Upcoming Sermons

One of the most disturbing stories in the Bible can teach us great lessons on how to treat one another. That will be our lesson from the book of Judges. We go from that "terrible tale" to the awesomeness of God as He is described in the book of Isaiah.

5/20 "A Terrible Tale of Terror"

Judges 11:29-40



5/27 "Guardian of the Galaxy"

Isaiah 6:1-8



As we start the month of June, we begin a short series based on the Sermon on the Mount entitled **IT AIN'T EASY**. Join us as we study God's word together!

IT AIN'T
EASY

6/3 "You Are Tough to Like"

Proverbs 15:1; James 1:19

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

Upcoming Birthdays

5/20: Mike Kaufman, Nathan Pelesky

5/26: Sydney Lasure, Spencer Zatzko

5/27: Joyce Ginter

5/29: Joe Kush

6/1: Micah Floyd, Tausha Garretson, Christina Shaulis



Upcoming Anniversaries

6/1: Bob & Janice Frazier

Jennerstown Family News

Our next two **Bible Study** lessons will cover the prophetic book of Haggai. This prophet relayed to the people the importance of putting the reverence and needs of God first instead of our own.

We will be meeting on Friday, May 18th and Friday, June 1st at 8am. Refreshments are provided.

This little book of only two chapters is still relevant to us today. Come and find out why!

Our **Missions Team** is now collecting hygiene items for UMCOR through the end of July. Details of what to purchase can be found on the inserts in the worship folder or at the Information & Event Center.

They are hoping to sponsor a bus trip to *The Barn* in order to deliver all of our collections and to help assemble cleaning and hygiene kits. Be watching for more information.

Our church provides many different opportunities for ministry. One such way is the **C. David Brant Scholarship**. David Brant was a member of our church a number of years ago and in his memory, a scholarship was established for any student who desired to attend a Christian college or university.

The good news is: we have been able to bless several students with funds from this scholarship. The bad news is: the funds are diminishing.

If you feel led to contribute to this scholarship over and above your regular tithe to help the college students of our church, mark your offering envelope accordingly. Thank you.

An update of our new **church directory** will be printed **this week**. Please make sure any additions or corrections are in the church office. Thank you.

Vacation Bible School is set for the week of June 18-22. Our theme this year is the "Armor of God" Check out our amazing banners in the sanctuary and be watching for more information including sign-up sheets to help and for food. Be here that week for a fun time of growing in our faith!

Mark your calendars for these events:

- Service opportunity with WACK 5/26
- Peace With Justice Offering 5/27
- Vacation Bible School 6/18-22