

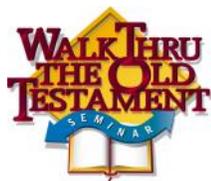
# THE Connection

JENNERSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - NEWSLETTER

September 9, 2018

## OT Walk-Thru Event

Pastor Chuck will be leading an Old Testament Walk-Thru the Bible event at the Rockwood Alliance Church on Saturday, September 22nd from 9am-3pm.



At this event, you will learn the most important people, places and events in the Old Testament. Cost for the day is just \$10, which includes a workbook and lunch! If you are interested in attending, please register at [www.walkthru.org](http://www.walkthru.org) or see Pastor Chuck for more information!

## Leading Generously to Begin...

It all started two years ago with *Living Generously* as we watched the Donovan family get out of their comfort zones to help in a soup kitchen.

It continued last fall with *Loving Generously* as we watched the Donovans "go against the flow" among their neighbors and peers.

It ends this month and next with *Leading Generously*...or maybe this will just be the beginning!



Join us for five Sundays, beginning on September 23rd as we watch the last installment of the *Reimagine Generosity* series that we've all come to love.

May we be blessed by this series of videos and messages and may we follow Jesus' example and learn to live, love, and lead generously!

*"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



In the book, *How To Be A Perfect Christian*, is the following paragraph:

"During the rare occasions when your exciting you-centered church does actual ministry, your primary goal is, at all costs, to avoid lifting a finger. Make no mistake, now that you've joined up with a church and are plugged in with a small group, church leadership is going to go after you *hard* to force you to sign up for a ministry or volunteer at some lame outreach event...If your taking this Christianity thing seriously, then, your job is to come up with **any excuse necessary** to get yourself off the hook of serving the body of Christ."

Needless to say, the book is a satire, but it does raise an interesting point. This is the time of year when folks are asked to prayerfully consider how and where they can serve in the coming year. Our church is only as effective as her members. Ask yourself, "How can I best serve my church, the body of Christ, in the coming year?"

I hope in reading this you will see the importance of serving and doing ministry together. There are no perfect Christians but we do serve a perfect God Who wants us to use our gifts for ministry. Let's see what we can do in the coming months together!

Faithfully,  
Pastor Chuck



# Upcoming Sermons

So many of us have habits that we would like to break. We have strongholds in our lives that need to come down. We will get practical advice from God's Word on how to do that.



9/16 "Strongholds"

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Then for five weeks, we will observe the Donovan family via video and learn how to lead in a godly fashion. Join us as we begin our series called **LEADING GENEROUSLY** and see the importance of generosity, extended to each of us from our Savior and how we can and should extend the same to others.



9/23 "Promise"

2 Corinthians 1:18-22

9/30 "Legacy"

Philippians 3:7-11

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

# Upcoming Birthdays

- 9/17: Bill Saylor
- 9/23: Amanda Beeman
- 9/25: Matthew Kodrin
- 9/26: Ralph Wainwright
- 9/29: Lori Musser



# Upcoming Anniversaries

- 9/28: Shorty & Helen Onstead
- 9/30: Barry & Lorie Awtey

# Jennerstown Family News

**Bible Study** will continue in the book of Zechariah. We will discuss how the prophet looked forward to seeing the Messiah, our Shepherd-King, Jesus. We will meet on Friday, September 21st at 8am, covering chapters 9-11, with refreshments!

After breaking for the summer, **Community Groups** will begin again for fall, winter and spring sessions. We meet weekly and discuss 4-6 questions pertaining to the previous Sunday's sermon. It's a good time of fellowship and spiritual growth.

We currently have three groups, all of which have room for more people and would also love to see more groups formed. If you're interested in hosting a Community Group, please see Georgiana Smith. If interested in attending a group, see Karen Berkey, Cheryl Hildbold or Kathy Ryniak.

Members of our church met together for golfing twice this summer...and got to see a hole in one! Way to go, Nathan!



Only nine ladies participated in our recent "Swap Party", but we had a wonderful time of fellowship and we proved the saying that "one man's trash is another person's treasure!"

On Saturday, September 29th we will be showing the movie "I Can Only Imagine" in our sanctuary. The evening will begin at 6pm with a meal: soup, sandwiches, and beverages will be provided. Sign up to bring dessert for the meal or snacks for the movie. Hope to see you all there!

## Mark your calendars for these events:

- J.A.M. starting back up 9/16 9am
- Walk-Thru Event 9/22 Rockwood CMA 9am
- Leading Generously Series Begins 9/23
- Meal & Movie Night 9/29 6pm

Traditional Worship: Sundays 9am  
 Sunday school for all ages: Sundays 10am  
 Contemporary Worship: Sundays 11:10am  
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