

THE Connection

JENNERSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - NEWSLETTER

February 2021

Ash Wednesday Experience



February 17th is Ash Wednesday, which is the beginning of the Lenten season. The following is from our United Methodist Book of Worship and explains what Ash Wednesday is all about:

Ash Wednesday emphasizes a dual encounter: we confront our own mortality and confess our sin before God within the community of faith. The form and content of the service focuses on the dual themes of sin and death in the light of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ.

This year, we are observing this special day in a different way. Our church sanctuary will be open from Noon- 7pm and various places around the sanctuary will have Scripture readings, a brief devotional from Pastor Chuck and the communion elements of bread and juice. They will be prepared in a safe manner for all folks. Come and sit as long as you desire, reflect on the goodness and sacrifice of our Lord and prepare for the Lenten season.

Ham Pot Pies for Sale



We are almost there!! The parking lot is almost completely paid off! On Friday and Saturday, February 19th and 20th, our Trustees will be preparing Ham Pot Pie as a fund raiser to help pay off the remaining debt to the parking lot. There will be a sign-up sheet at the entrance to the sanctuary where you can volunteer to help as well as sign up for a delicious meal! Pick up on Friday is 4-6pm and Saturday from 9-10am.

The cost is only \$8 a quart so invite your family and friends to contact Dennis Barnick at 279-4444 or, of course, sign the sheet before or after worship.

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news."

Isaiah 52:7a NIV

The Pastor's Corner



The story is told of the farmer who had lived on the same farm all his life. It was a good farm, but with the passing years, the farmer began to tire of it. He longed for a change. Every day he found a new reason for criticizing some feature of the old place. Finally he decided to sell, and listed the farm with a real estate broker who promptly prepared a sales advertisement. As one might expect, it emphasized all the farm's advantages: ideal location, modern equipment, healthy stock, acres of fertile ground, etc. Before placing the ad in the paper, the realtor called the farmer and read the copy for his approval. When finished, the farmer cried out, "Hold everything! I've changed my mind. I am not going to sell. I've been looking for a place like this my whole life!"

I truly believe that when people come to our church, that is their response. "I've been looking for a place like this my whole life." I love our church family and the ministries that we get to be a part of. And of all of the advantages that our church offers, the best is that we love Jesus and His love is made available to all people.

I believe that and I know you do too so let's do all that we can to invite folks and encourage each other and take part in the times we have as a church family.

This month of February includes both Valentine's Day and the beginning of the Lenten season, love and sacrifice. What a great description of our Savior and what the church is to be about!

Faithfully,
Pastor Chuck



Upcoming Sermons

We continue in our series called **WHO NEEDS THE OLD TESTAMENT?** and will be focusing on the children of Israel and their leader, Moses. The lessons they needed to learn are similar to our lives today. Join us as we journey through the beginning books of the Bible.

- 2/7 "The God Who Delivers"
Exodus 1-12
- 2/14 "What About These Laws?"
Exodus 3:1-6, 19:1-25, 20:1-26, Leviticus
- 2/21 "Wilderness Lessons"
Exodus 3, 16, Deuteronomy 8
- 2/28 "What Indiana Jones was Looking For"
Exodus 24-30, Leviticus 16

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

Upcoming Birthdays

- 5: Brooke Garretson
6: Mark Pritts
8: Buff Hazlett
11: Sharon Brown
12: Ariel Garretson
15: Ava Lyn Shaffer
16: Logan Corle
18: Britta (Musser) Corle
19: Alexis Bittner
20: Carlie Hildbold (PC's granddaughter)
21: Lexi Fulmer
23: Kelly Fritz, John Gilliland
26: Patti Shaffer
28: Conrad Shaffer



Upcoming Anniversaries

- 14: John & Tracy Gilliland



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

Hooks & Needles is under way and we are meeting every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 7-8pm in the fellowship hall. Bring either a crocheting or knitting project to work on or if you are just learning, come and we'll help you to get started. Join us as you are able!



The **Testing of Your Faith** study has been a real blessing to the 18 or so people who have been coming. We meet on Sunday evenings from 6-7pm at the church in the fellowship hall. Feel free to join us. There's something new to learn in each lesson!

We have a **Community Group** that meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at the church in the fellowship hall. It's a great time of fellowship and spiritual discussion with plenty of room for social distancing! Feel free to join us!

Mark your calendars for these events:

- Hooks & Needles 2/3 7pm
- Communion 2/7 during worship
- The Testing of Your Faith 2/7 6pm
- Community Group 2/11 6:30pm
- Ash Wednesday Experience Noon-7pm
- The Testing of Your Faith 2/14 6pm
- Hooks & Needles 2/17 7pm
- Ham Pot Pie Pickup 2/19 4-6pm
- Men's Ministry 2/20 8am
- Ham Pot Pie Pick-up 2/20 9-10am
- The Testing of Your Faith 2/21 6pm
- Community Group 2/25 6:30pm
- The Testing of Your Faith 2/28 6pm