

# THE Connection

JENNERSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - NEWSLETTER

May 2022

## National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 5th is the National Day of Prayer for 2022. We will be observing the day with a 12-hour prayer vigil beginning at 7am and ending at 7pm. The time is broken down into 15-minute increments and we are asking you to please sign up for one or more slots.



The theme this year as we pray for America is "Exalt the Lord who has Established Us." Let us unite as a church family and pray for our country and all that entails. Prayer packets containing scripture passages to enhance your prayer time will be available at the Information & Events Center.

## 2022 Ladies' Brunch

You're Invited!

Our annual Ladies' Brunch will take place on Saturday, May 7th at 10am. All ladies of all ages are welcome to attend as the men of the church prepare and serve a delicious brunch.

Please sign up if you plan to attend and list how many will be attending with you. Come and enjoy some fellowship with a great bunch of people and great food! There is also a sign-up sheet for the men who wish to participate in serving the brunch.

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

Isaiah 52:7a NIV

## The Pastor's Corner



There are many folks who claim to be followers of Jesus in our world today. You may know some of those people. However, if we claim to be a follower of Jesus, there needs to be evidence of that claim. Lip service does not necessarily mean full-fledged devotion. And while we are not to be judgmental toward other people, we should be able to distinguish someone who lives what they believe and someone who only talks a good talk.

Jesus told His disciples, *"I am the Vine, you are the branches; he who remains in Me will bear much fruit...I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit— fruit that will last."* (John 15:5, 16) Notice the progression from "fruit" to "more fruit" to "fruit that will last." That is what God wants from us.

Here are three characteristics of fruit.

First, fruit reflects the nature of the vine or tree of which it is a part.

Second, fruit is always visible. There is no such thing as invisible apples or pears.

Third, fruit always grows for the benefit of someone else.

Jesus is telling us that when God says He wants you to be a fruitful Christian, He wants you to produce the character of Christ in a very visible way, so that others will see it and want to take a "bite" out of your life, and in doing so will be drawn to Christ.

Let's do all that we can to stay connected to the Vine (Jesus) this month and be able to effectively witness to the One who gives us strength.

Faithfully,  
Pastor Chuck

**Stay connected: read "The Connection"!**

# Upcoming Sermons

The Apostle Paul loved the people that made up the church in Philippi. Even though he was in prison when he wrote to them, he expressed and expected joy from every follower of Jesus. The hope during our newest sermon series entitled **PHILIPPIANS: MORE THAN HAPPINESS** is that we will discover what Paul wanted for the Philippians: Joy.



5/1 "What A Real Family Is Like"  
Philippians 1:1-8

5/8 "What It Takes To Grow"  
Philippians 1:9-11

5/15 "When Bad Things Happen"  
Philippians 1:12-18a

5/22 "Joy!"  
Philippians 1:18b-26

5/29 "Citizens of the Kingdom"  
Philippians 1:27-30

# Upcoming Birthdays

- 1: Emily Floyd (PC's granddaughter)
- 2: Jayne Ginter
- 4: Melinda Greeley
- 6: Andrew & Clara Penrod
- 8: Jan Smith
- 9: Carletta Yourich
- 13: Jackie Rietscha
- 16: David Onstead
- 19: Jeremy Hay
- 20: Nathan Pelesky
- 26: David Knorr, Sydney Lasure
- 29: Joe Kush



# Upcoming Anniversaries

- 4: Clint & Heidi Fleegle
- 15: Walter & Joyce Gilbert



# Jennerstown Family News

Men's Ministry will not meet in the month of May due to hosting the Ladies' Brunch on May 7th.

Bible Study meets every Sunday from 6-7pm. The current topic is "The Gospel of Matthew." We will be concluding the Sermon on the Mount in Chapter 7. Everyone is welcome to attend!

The Praise Band at our contemporary service is looking for new members. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Beverly Penrod.

# Upcoming Events

- 5/5: National Day of Prayer
- 5/7: Ladies' Brunch 10am
- 5/8: Happy Mother's Day!
- 5/15: District Conference  
(2:30pm Grace UMC-Somerset)
- 5/21: Armed Forces Day
- 5/22: June newsletter & calendar available
- 5/29: Peace with Justice Offering
- 5/30: Happy Memorial Day



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



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