

# THE Connection

JENNERSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - NEWSLETTER

July 2022

## National Ice Cream Day



On Sunday July 17th we will be celebrating National Ice Cream Day!

We will start our day with Sunday school for all ages at 9am with a combined worship service 10am outside under tents! Our praise band will lead music for the service so please bring your Bible and your lawn chairs!

Following our time of worship we will enjoy an ice cream sundae bar in the social room downstairs. Hope to see you there!

## Christmas in July

Our annual Toy Giveaway is still 5 months away, but there is a lot of preparation that takes place before that, like shopping! We will be taking a special offering on Sunday July 24th for that purpose. Special envelopes will be available for both worship services. We ask that you give generously to this worthwhile ministry!



## Running the Race



Hopefully, you have been participating in the summer Bible reading plan entitled, "Running the Race." The race ends on July 31st. As you finish your race, please turn in your completed page to Amanda Stillwagon.

Prizes, ranging from books to free meals from restaurants, await for all school-aged children that complete the race! Awards will be handed out on Sunday, August 1st!

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

Isaiah 52:7a NIV

## The Pastor's Corner



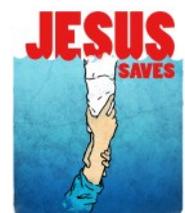
One of my favorite stories in the Bible is the event where Peter walks on water. Even today, when I read about it, I shake my head that he actually got out of the boat and walked toward Jesus! What that must have felt like! What was going through his mind as he took a step! And most of us are familiar with what happened next: He began to go under.

Just picture the scene: Peter is walking on the waves, the rough waves, and he starts to go under and he calls out to Jesus for help. Jesus reaches out and grabs Peter's hand or arm and pulls him to safety. But here is question for you: How did Peter get back into the boat?

Jesus didn't give Peter a life jacket at this point or a pair of floaties that my grandchildren wear in the water. I am thinking that Peter walked on the water again and this time hand to hand with Jesus back into the boat. And the really neat thing about that is that God still rescues us today when we fail.

Let me encourage you to put some risk in your walk with Jesus. We live in a world that desperately needs to hear and see Jesus and it is quite possible that you will be the only Jesus that someone may ever hear and see. Will you start to sink sometimes? Probably. Will every endeavor be successful? Probably not but the One who walked on water is big enough and strong enough to pull us through and will walk with us every step of the way. Count on it!

Faithfully,  
Pastor Chuck



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

# Upcoming Sermons

The Apostle Paul really loved the people in Philippi. He wanted them to grow in their faith and follow his example of faithfulness and devotion to Jesus. His words are given to us to follow as well. How is your walk with Christ growing? Join us as we learn together in our series called **PHILIPPIANS: MORE THAN HAPPINESS**.



- 7/3** "The Fellowship of Friends"  
Philippians 2:19-30
- 7/10** "Rejoice!"  
Philippians 3:1-7
- 7/17** "A Litany of Lies"  
Philippians 3:8-11
- 7/24** "In Between Times"  
Philippians 3:12-14
- 7/31** "Moving Ahead and Standing Still"  
Philippians 3:15-4:1

## Jennerstown Family News

Men's Ministry meets on the third Saturday of every month at 8am. All men are welcome to join in the fellowship and there will be sweets from The Pie Shoppe!



Bible Study meets every Sunday from 6-7pm. The current topic is "The Gospel of Matthew." Everyone is welcome and encouraged 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.

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



## Upcoming Birthdays

- 4: Dennis Barnick  
5: Bret (Shaffer) Ford  
8: Jeff Frampton, Caitlin Rosenbaum  
9: Charlie Hildbold, Allie Knorr  
11: John Berkey, Adam Ulrich  
14: Dan Graboski  
19: Donna Thomas, Kristine Thomas  
23: Skip Shaffer  
26: Faith Pelesky  
31: Ian Lasure



## Upcoming Anniversaries

- 3: Ralph & Dorothy Wainwright  
24: Dennis & Debbie Barnick  
25: Skip & Patti Shaffer  
27: Jude & Jackie Rietscha



## Upcoming Events

- 7/4: Independence Day (Office Closed)  
7/16: Men's Ministry 8am  
7/17: National Ice Cream Day  
7/24: Toy Giveaway offering



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

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