

THE Connection

JENNERSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - NEWSLETTER

December 10, 2017

Here We Go a Caroling!



On **Saturday, December 16th** we will be going **Christmas Caroling!** Meet at the church at 6:30pm and plan to walk throughout the streets of Jennerstown spreading Christmas cheer!

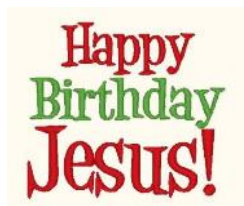
Song sheets will be available. Bring a flashlight or your phone so that you can see the words!

When we're done, we will gather back at the church for hot chocolate, cookies and some games!

Sign up today if you plan to come and invite a friend to come with you!

On Christmas Eve...

Christmas Eve is always a special day and this year is no exception! In the morning, we will have both of our usual worship services. In between them, we will have a program presented by our children followed by a **Birthday Party for Jesus** in our fellowship hall!



At 7pm that evening, we will meet at the church for our annual **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**. We will conclude our Advent sermon series by discussing the beloved carol "What Child is This?" and will close the service by singing "Silent Night" by candlelight!

"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



Christmas is the time when we not only get gifts but give gifts. The older I get, the more I enjoy seeing the faces of those who receive gifts. Sometimes, the person receiving the gift is quite pleased with what they get. Other times, you can simply tell that the gift is not necessarily what they wanted or needed.

It reminds me of a story I heard of a Sunday school teacher who was telling her class of 4th graders about the three wise men bringing gifts to the baby Jesus.

A little girl who had recently become a big sister of a brand-new baby brother said, "Well, I guess gold and all that stuff are all right, but I'll bet Mary really wished somebody had brought some diapers."

The wonderful news of Christmas is that God knew exactly what we needed. He gave us Jesus.

My prayer and hope this Christmas season is that you will give the same, that you will give to the people you meet, Jesus.

Merry Christmas,
Pastor Chuck

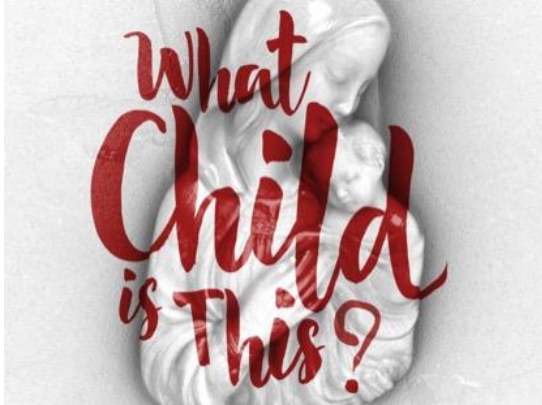


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Upcoming Sermons

Our Advent series is based on the famous carol **WHAT CHILD IS THIS?** We have been discussing the central characters of the Christmas story.

On Christmas Eve, we will conclude the series with a special look at the carol itself and how it can remind us of the unique relationship we can enjoy with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



- 12/17 **"Mary"**
Luke 1:26-35
- 12/24 **"Joseph"**
Matthew 1:18-25
- 12/24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**
"Anthem"
Luke 2:25-38

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

## Upcoming Birthdays

- 12/17: Ian Smith  
12/20: Shorty Onstead  
12/25: Esther Saylor  
12/29: Lois Emerick, Donna Phillips



## Upcoming Anniversaries

- 12/24: David & Kathy Onstead  
12/28: Charlie & Carolann Hildbold  
12/29: Ben & Carrie Floyd

## Jennerstown Family News

Our **Bible Study** will be "re-starting" in January. Our study will conclude the prophetic book of Micah and begin the surprisingly informative book of Zephaniah.

We will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Friday mornings at 8am. Refreshments are provided. Hope you will be able to join us when we meet!

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Our annual **De-Hanging of the Greens** will take place on **Saturday, January 6th** beginning at 9am. It doesn't seem like it now, but we will be ready to put our decorations away as we prepare for the new year that God has in store for us!

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On **Friday, January 12th** we will be having another **Movie Night**. Beginning on December 17th, there will be ballots in the worship folders enabling you to vote for the movie of your choice.

We will also enjoy a meal of chili, cornbread, salad and dessert before we watch the movie! The whole evening will begin at 6pm. Be watching for a sign-up sheet and "remember to vote!"

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2017 has been a great year for JUMC! We have had many wonderful activities and opportunities for outreach and we are confident that the Lord has many great things planned for us in 2018!

A few years ago, **JUMC T-shirts** were made available for purchase. They are great to wear at these events. We would like to put in another order and we need 24. We already have orders for 11.

Maybe you missed ordering a shirt the first time or you'd like one in another color. **Order forms are available at the Information & Event Center.**

Let's order these soon so we can be ready for the many things that God has for us to do in 2018!

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For the kids: "Look & Find" all the times that the word **CHRISTMAS** is in this newsletter and circle them. Let Pastor Chuck know how many you find!

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Mark your calendars for these events:

- Caroling 12/16 6:30pm; Basket Blessing
- Children's Program 12/24 10am (upstairs)
- Happy Birthday Jesus Party 12/24 (downstairs)
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 12/24 7pm
- De-Hanging of the Greens 1/6 9am
- Movie Night and a meal 1/12 6pm