

# THE Connection

JENNERSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - NEWSLETTER

June 2023

## Summer VBS

Vacation Bible School is back! Our theme this year is the ARMOR OF GOD! VBS will be held June 26th-29th from 6pm-8pm. We will begin our opening in the church sanctuary, so please enter the church through the front doors.

Throughout the VBS experience, the kids will sing songs, learn about the mighty ARMOR OF GOD, and have crafting time. And there are snacks! Each evening's activities will end in the sanctuary as well, so child pick-up will take place upstairs.

Please pick up a registration form for EACH child at the Information & Event Center or contact the church office at 814-629-7430 to have a form sent to you. All completed forms should be placed in Heather Kush's mailbox!



## VBS Snacks

As we have done in the past, snacks will be provided throughout the evening. Please see the sign-up sheet on the Greeters' Table if you would be willing to donate food items for the snacks. We are requesting all perishable items be dropped off either the 25th or 26th. If you have any questions, please see Kathy Ryniak.



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

Isaiah 52:7a NIV

## The Pastor's Corner



Our brains are amazing! Did you know that a speck of brain tissue the size of a grain of sand contains 100,000 neurons and 1 billion synapses. Those are the connectors between the neurons that transmit information. Your brain contains as many neurons as there are stars in the Milky Way, and more synapses than there are galaxies in the known universe. Also, your brain averages about 36,000 thoughts per day—95% are repetitive thoughts from the prior day, and 80% of those thoughts are negative.

Interestingly, the word brain never occurs in scripture. In fact, there was no Hebrew equivalent for the word. When speaking of the brain, the Biblical writers used the words "thinking" or "innermost being" or "mind." The Apostle Paul was fond of using the word "mind" dozens of times.

For instance, to the Corinthians, we are to have the mind of Christ. To the Colossians, we are to set our minds on things above. To the Romans, we are not to be haughty in mind. Those are just a few examples. The Psalmist prayed, "Examine me, O Lord, and try me. Test my mind and my heart."

So, here is your homework assignment for the month as it is written in Romans 12:2: Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.

Faithfully,  
Pastor Chuck

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

## Upcoming Sermons

Some of the characters in Scripture are folks that we should want to be like. There are others that we should learn from their lifestyle or mistakes but every account is a part of holy Scripture and profitable for teaching and learning. We will be continuing in our series called **WHO ARE THESE GUYS (AND GALS)?** throughout the month of June. Please read ahead of time to best prepare for our time of worship.



- 6/4** "The Man Who Came and Went and Came Again"  
Luke 5:4-15; 22:31-34, 54-62
- 6/11** "The Man Who Came Last"  
Luke 23:32-43
- 6/18** "The Man Nobody Loved"  
2 Chronicles 21:11-20
- 6/25** "The Man Who Doubted"  
Mark 9:14-24

## Upcoming Events

- 6/3: Clergy Session 10am  
6/5: PPR 6pm  
Church Council 7pm  
6/13: Touch of Love (remote)  
6/14-17: Annual Conference  
6/18: Happy Fathers' Day  
6/21: First Day of Summer  
6/26-29: Vacation Bible School

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



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



## Upcoming Birthdays

- 1: Micah Floyd (PC's grandson)  
Tausha Garretson  
3: Sherry Hoffman  
5: Jacob Hoffman  
7: Jill Croushore  
9: Elaine Merringer  
11: Grace Huber (PC's granddaughter)  
Dennis Ryniak  
12: Gavin Berzonski  
16: Scott Brant  
18: George Hazlett  
20: Carrie (Hildbold) Floyd  
21: Dave Pelesky  
22: Tabitha Penrod  
26: Heidi Fleagle  
Heather Kush  
28: Carley Awtey

## Upcoming Anniversaries

- 1: Bob & Janice Frazier  
10: Jeff & Jackie Frampton  
11: Aaron & Caitlin Rosenbaum  
12: Caleb & Stephanie Hildbold  
23: Keith & Leshia Stufft  
24: Logan & Britta Corle

## Jennerstown Family News

Men's Ministry will meet the third Saturday of every month at 8am. Pastries will be provided.



Bible Study meets every Sunday from 6-7pm. The current topic is "Jude". On Sunday, June 25th the new topic will be "Hebrews" Everyone is welcome to attend!



The Worship Team is looking to add special music to the first worship service. If you would be interested, or know someone who would be, please contact Lou Ann O'Shields.