

# THE Connection

JENNERSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - NEWSLETTER

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## Meal & Movie Night

This Friday, October 27th, we will be having a meal in the church social room beginning at 6pm.

Homemade vegetable beef soup, bakery bread and assorted beverages will be provided. Sign up to bring a salad and/or dessert to share.



Following our meal, we will watch the inspiring movie, ***Facing the Giants*** up in the sanctuary on the big screen!

Invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers and relatives to join us! Candy and bottles of water will be provided for the movie!

## Pastor Appreciation Month



Think of a way to honor Pastor Chuck this month:

- Pray for him.
- Send him a note or card.
- Be present in worship.
- Let him know it if you appreciate him.

It's the month to do it!

*“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



## Ponderings From the Pastor's Partner

One of the first things you do when you start dating is to hold hands. There's something very endearing about holding the hand of someone you care about. Chuck and I held hands a lot when we were dating. I have very fond memories of walking the campus of Grove City College, holding hands with the boy who would become the man I married. Back then, we held hands out of romantic love.

After we got married, we began to have children and with each birth, Chuck held my hand for support. As we took walks with our children, we held their hands...to keep them safe and to make sure that they stayed with us. We used our hands to tie their shoes and to wipe their tears...to hug them and to care for them. During those years, we held hands out of parental love.

Our hands are amazing! We use our hands for so many purposes. Our hands are used for healing, helping and holding. They are used for working, creating and praising God!

There are many references to hands in the Bible as well. Moses held his hands up so that Joshua could defeat the Amalekites (Exodus 17:10-13). The Israelites who lapped up water with their hands were chosen to defeat the Midianites (Judges 7:5-25). David chose to put his life in the hands of God (Psalm 31:5). Jesus' last words from the cross were committing His spirit into His Father's hands (Luke 23:46). Now, Jesus sits at the right hand of His Father in Heaven...promising to be with us always...holding us in the palm of His hand with godly love.

We are now empty-nesters and when we take walks, we hold hands out of romantic love, but also to steady each other...especially when hiking on uneven ground. Last Sunday afternoon, Chuck and I spent a couple of hours at Idlewild Park...one last time before they close for the season. I enjoyed walking through the fallen leaves with the autumn sunshine on our faces...holding hands with that boy once again out of a life-time of love!

Blessings,  
Cheryl

## Upcoming Sermons

Next week we will conclude our series called **LOVING GENEROUSLY** and discover what happens in the lives of the Donovans.



**10/29 "One to Another"**  
Matthew 7:12

In November, we will discuss themes ranging from giving thanks to how to be a welcoming church family to understanding the sacrament of Holy Communion.

**11/5 "It's Really Simple"**  
Luke 22:1-23; 1 Corinthians 11:26

**11/12 "Hi! We're Looking For a Church!"**  
Ephesians 2:19-22

**11/19 "I.O.U."**  
2 Kings 6:1-7

Join us as we grow in our walk with Jesus!

## What's in the Library?

Joel Rosenberg is a New York Times best selling author with more than 3 million copies sold among his 12 novels. This month, we are featuring **THE FIRST HOSTAGE**, the second book in a thrilling trilogy.



"The president of the United States...is missing." With those words, New York Times foreign correspondent, J.B. Collins puts the entire world on high alert. The U.S. government faces a constitutional crisis and Collins becomes a wanted man. These are just a few of the exciting events in our featured book!

If you like suspense mixed with historical fact, this book is for you!

## Jennerstown Family News

The prophet Micah rebuked the leaders of the nation and outlined the events that would usher in the promised kingdom. Knowing that God has a fantastic future planned for their nation should have made a difference in the way the people lived.

Join us at our **new time** as we find out how the nation of Israel reacted: the 1st and 3rd Fridays at **8am**. Please bring your Bible. Refreshments are provided!



On **Tuesday, October 31st**, we will be participating in the Jennerstown **Fall Parade**. Line-up is at 5:30pm by the bank with the parade beginning at 6pm.

We are looking for people to march in the parade following a JUMC banner. Please sign up if you are interested in participating!



"Remembering our Friends" is updated and available at the Information & Event Center.



**Don't forget these upcoming events:**

- Meal & Movie Night **10/27** at 6pm
- Camp Allegheny Fall Work Day **10/28** from 8am-4pm with lunch provided
- Jennerstown Fall Parade **10/31** at 5:30pm
- OCC Boxes due **11/12** at both services
- **Possible Outreach Event in November**



## Upcoming Birthdays

10/29: Georgianna Smith  
11/6: Scott Shaulis  
11/9: Emily Frey  
11/12: Christy Berzonski, Brandon Fulmer, Brittany Goss  
11/14: Angela Krieger  
11/15: Phyllis Berkey  
11/17: Debbie Barnick  
11/18: Hannah Taylor



## Upcoming Anniversaries

11/6: John & Karen Berkey