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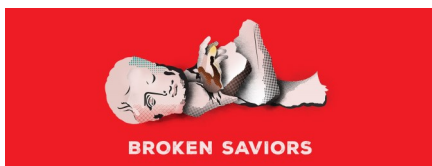
JENNERSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - NEWSLETTER

April 22, 2018

"Broken Saviors"

J.D. Greear discusses "Broken Saviors". The book of Judges is filled with them and we will look at one that is often overlooked yet tells an important and disturbing story. His talk is entitled "Hot Dog Faith".

Join us as we watch this 41-minute video on **Saturday, April 28th** at 9am and then discuss what we've learned. This will be a good way to see how the ancient stories from the Bible relate to us today as well as an opportunity for fellowship and to grow in our faith! Sign up today!



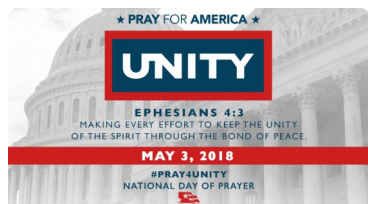
National Day of Prayer

On **Thursday, May 3rd**, we will be observing the National Day of Prayer with a 12-hour prayer vigil followed by a service at 7pm.

Our prayer vigil, which begins at 7am is broken down into 15-minute segments and there are still a few slots left. Sign up to pray...and if there isn't a convenient time left, sign up next to someone else during a time that fits into your schedule. You may also sign up for more than one segment.

Praying can take place at the church or at home...even at work or school! There will be prayer guides available on Sunday, April 29th for you to take and they will be at the church as well if you choose to pray there.

Our hope and prayer is that everyone takes part in this very special day as we unite to pray for America!



"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

Random acts of kindness. Most of us have heard of them. We've maybe even done them...or had them done to us. Sometimes they're planned, but most times...they just happen...unexpectedly and at random!

Chuck and I recently took a trip to Yorktown and Jamestown in VA. We also toured Harper's Ferry, WV and Antietam, MD. We wanted to use our National Parks Pass before it expired!

We enjoyed walking through history and even did some hefty climbing...if you've ever been to Harper's Ferry and climbed to Jefferson Rock, you know what I'm talking about! After that climb and the descent, we took a moment to have a protein bar and a drink of water on a bench. While there, two families came by with a total of 11 children! We started talking with them and discovered that they were Christians. One family had just moved to Raleigh, NC and we mentioned that our son, Charlie, was interviewing for a job near there and that we were hoping this job would be the answer to many prayers. The NC man offered to pray with us right then and there...and we were so blessed by this unexpected, random act of kindness!

After finishing up at Harper's Ferry, we headed to Antietam, arriving around lunch time. We should have stopped along the way for something to eat because our sparse breakfast and that protein bar were causing us to run on empty...but we didn't. We watched the film about Antietam at the Visitor's Center and got our passport stamped in the bookstore. Then we climbed some stairs to an observation deck, from which you can see the entire battlefield. As we opened the door to the deck, the wonderful aroma of pizza overwhelmed us. We must have appeared to be starving because the nice group of ROTC seniors from IUP offered us each a slice. Once again, we were blessed by this unexpected, random act of kindness!

Look for ways that you can be a blessing to others... even ask God to present you with an opportunity to do just that...but also be open to the times when God will use others to bless you! Random acts of kindness... God's way of revealing Himself through us and to us!

Blessings,
Cheryl

Upcoming Sermons

We end the month of April and our series entitled **WATCH YOUR WORDS**, discussing the importance of being encouraging toward one another. So often our words are depressing or discouraging and such talk should not be coming from followers of Jesus.



4/29 **"Debbie Downer"**
Proverbs 15:1; James 1:19

The Bible describes real-life without sugar-coating it. Such is the case with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Come and learn how these folks are much like each one of us as we ask ourselves "Is that necessarily good?" during our two-part series entitled **MY CRAZY FAMILY!**

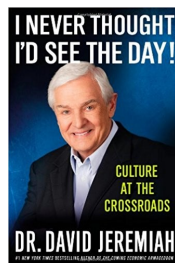


5/6 **"On Needing and Having Faith"**
Genesis 22:1-14

5/13 **"What Are Your Plans?"**
Genesis 25:27-34

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

What's in the Library?



In **"I Never Thought I'd See the Day"**, Dr. David Jeremiah identifies the nine major indicators of looming disaster and then issues a strategy for turning the tide and equips us with the weapons we need for the battle ahead. He says, "We must understand that we are in a war for the very heart and soul of civilization or the consequences will be catastrophic."

Pick up this timely book in our library today!

Jennerstown Family News

For our next two **Bible Studies**, we will conclude our study in the book of Ezra and begin studying the book of Haggai. Some of the themes we will discuss will be the grace of God and His blessings. These books are very relevant to us today and you are encouraged to join us when we meet downstairs on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of May at 8am.

Refreshments are provided!

The trustees are sponsoring a **Spring Work Day** on **Saturday, May 5th** beginning at 10am in order to spruce up the grounds of the church property. We will be replacing mulch and planting flowers as well. Sign up today to help make our church property beautiful for the upcoming season!

Sign up to attend the annual **Ladies' Brunch** on **Saturday, May 12th** at 10am. We will also be bringing wrapped "shower" gifts for our nursery. (See worship folder insert for gift suggestions.)

We are just about done collecting cleaning supplies for UMCOR. Please bring any final donations in by Sunday, April 29th. Be watching for the next donation project sponsored by our Missions Team!

Mark your calendars for these events:

- "Broken Saviors" video 4/28 9am
- National Day of Prayer Service 5/3 7pm
- Spring Work Day 5/5 10am
- Ladies' Brunch & Nursery Shower 5/12 10am
- Vacation Bible School 6/18-22 6pm

Upcoming Birthdays

- 4/29: Amelia Fleegle
- 5/1: Emily Floyd (PC's granddaughter)
- 5/2: Blair Nichols
- 5/6: Kathy Magyar, Andrew & Clara Penrod
- 5/8: Jan Smith
- 5/9: Carletta Yourich
- 5/13: Jackie Rietscha
- 5/14: Scotty Horner
- 5/15: Faith Shaulis
- 5/16: David Onstead
- 5/19: Jeremy Hay



Upcoming Anniversaries

- 5/4: Clint & Heidi Fleegle
- 5/15: Walter & Joyce Gilbert