

THE Connection

JENNERSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - NEWSLETTER

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Bake Sale for Life

On Saturday, June 2nd, the Women's Ministry will be sponsoring a Bake Sale here at the church. The sale will be from 9am-Noon in the church parking lot (weather permitting) and the proceeds will go toward Relay for Life.



Ladies, sign up to bake and we also need a total of six workers to work the sale. Let us know what you'll be baking, if possible, so we can have a nice variety.



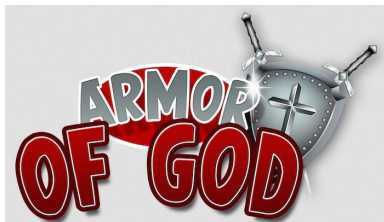
VBS Is the Place to Be!

The Armor of God will be our theme for this year's Bible School which will take place from June 18th to June 22nd.

We will begin each evening with supper and an opening, and then break into three age groups for a lesson, music and crafts. There will also be an adult class led by Bev Penrod.

Registration forms are available at the Information & Event Center as well as an envelope in which to deposit them.

Plan to be here from 6pm-8:15pm each evening and learn about God's protection for His people!



"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

Life. It can be wonderful. It can be heartbreaking. It can be anything in between.

Throughout our lives, our days run the gamut of emotions. There are days that make us feel victorious and days that make us feel defeated and some days that don't seem to have any impact at all. But all of these days combined make up our story...the story of who we are.

The wonderful days are easy to handle. Walking down the aisle on your wedding day. Holding your new-born baby in your arms. Taking that dream vacation. Those days are what we call mountain top experiences and they are, indeed, wonderful!

The difficult days are not so easy to handle. A doctor's diagnosis that you never wanted to hear. The death of a loved one. A child whose gone astray. Those days are what we call valley experiences and they can be, indeed, heartbreaking!

If asked, most of us would say that we'd rather have more wonderful days than heartbreaking ones. In fact, we'd probably choose to forego the heartbreaking ones altogether. However, many times, as we look back, reflecting on our story, we realize that God used our heartbreaking situations to change us, to grow us...and we remember that God works all things together for our good when we love Him.

As a Christian, I've come to realize that when all those days are woven together and when all is said and done...life is definitely wonderful and we will always feel victorious as we continue to walk with God through both the wonderful and heartbreaking days...creating our beautiful story!

Blessings,

Cheryl



Upcoming Sermons

Many of us have things that keep us up at night. In this short series called **IT AIN'T EASY**, we will explore practical ways from Jesus' first sermon to keep from tossing and turning when we should be sleeping soundly.

Themes such as having a burden for people who make life difficult and maintaining a proper perspective on a Christian image will be the focus of the first two messages. On Father's Day, we will discuss doing our best to trust God when it comes to stressful situations. Hopefully, these will all help us to grow in our walk with Christ.

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EASY

6/3 "You Are Tough to Like"

Matthew 5:43-48

6/10 "Managing My Image"

Romans 3:23; Matthew 6:1-6

6/17 "Trading Panic for Peace"

Matthew 6:25-34; Philippians 4:6-7

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

What's in the Library?

We want people in our lives we can trust, confide in and turn to when life gets tough – people who not only appreciate our gifts, but who are also fully aware of our flaws and failures, yet want to be with us anyway.



In **I'd Like You More If You Were More Like Me**, pastor and best-selling author, John Ortberg shows us how to overcome obstacles and create meaningful relationships we all crave—with God and with others.

Pick up this timely book in our library today!

Jennerstown Family News

Our **Bible Studies** will conclude with the little book of Haggai and then begin with the prophet Zechariah. Haggai's ministry was aimed at arousing the people into action, while Zechariah's messages were given for their encouragement. 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 June** at 8am. Refreshments are provided!

Nice weather has finally come to the mountain and so on **Wednesday, June 27th** we will be having a **Golf Outing** at Oakbrook Golf Course. We will meet there at 5:30pm. Cost is \$15 for 9 holes and a cart. Be watching for a sign-up sheet!

July will be here before you know it and on **Sunday, July 15th**, we will be having an outdoor worship service at 10am followed by a picnic and our annual **National Ice Cream Day** celebration. Be watching for a sign-up sheet!

We are in the middle of a 3-month drive to collect supplies to make **Hygiene Kits** for UMCOR. Donate any of the items on the sheet at the Information & Event Center. Kits will be assembled later on in the summer at *The Barn*.

Mark your calendars for these events:

- Women's Ministry Bake Sale 9am-Noon
- Vacation Bible School 6/18-22 6pm
- Golf Outing 5:30pm
- One Service/Nat'l Ice Cream Day 10am
- Altoona Curve game 7/17 7pm

Upcoming Birthdays

- 6/3: Sherry Hoffman
- 6/5: Jacob Hoffman
- 6/9: Elaine Merringer
- 6/11: Grace Huber (PC's granddaughter)
Dennis Ryniak
- 6/16: Scott Brant



Upcoming Anniversaries

- 6/7: Pastor Chuck & Cheryl
- 6/10: Jeff & Jackie Frampton
John & Dixie Kodrin
- 6/11: Aaron & Caitlin Rosenbaum
- 6/13: Mike & Marilyn Kaufman
Levi & Jess Shaffer