

September 17-23,
2021



MUSINGS...

by Pastor John Bethard

Regarding Masks: The session of Charles Town Presbyterian Church **STRONGLY** encourages all in attendance at worship to wear masks. If Covid numbers do not improve or worsen, the session will need to consider stronger actions, which might include mandatory masking and possibly even more strict measures.

When I was an older child, probably pre-adolescent, it was a fascinating moment when I would notice that my parents would encourage behavior in my sister and I that they themselves didn't always adhere to. This is a normal part of child development. As we grow, our ability to understand abstract concepts grows, as well, and we start connecting patterns we didn't always notice when we were younger. Often as parents, when our kids call out this behavior, our response is to say, "Do as I say, not as I do," or maybe even the big one – "Do it because I said so."

But that is not sufficient, is it? It's always uncomfortable when anyone calls out our inconsistencies. It means we lack integrity in some part of our lives; sometimes we aren't even aware of it. Our children look to us to learn how to be adults, and as they are growing, it is a scary moment when we realize our parents are fallible. Deep down, we know it means we are, too.

I am on vacation this week, and even though I will not be in the pulpit this Sunday, we are continuing the message series, "Loving Others." This week, we will be considering the mess that Moses got into when he murdered an Egyptian soldier, but then tried to encourage reconciliation between two Israelites who were fighting. Their immediate response was to call out Moses for his hypocrisy.

Consistency is very important part of our Christian walk. We can't be one way on Sundays and then act differently the other six days, all while claiming we are in Christ. Such behavior makes us look bad and casts an unfavorable light on the gospel and our Savior.

That said, the reality is none of us can be consistent all the time. We're going to struggle with sin, we're going to falter. But thanks be to God, we are not judged on those missteps, rather, when God looks at us, God sees Christ and his atoning work on the cross. That should not, however, lead us to think that inconsistency is not a big deal. We should always seek to live for Christ as unflinchingly as possible.

If you're asking what our faithfulness has to do with loving others, the answer is simple. We don't live in a vacuum. Our lives continually intersect with others', and how we live out our faith impacts more people than we know. Let us, therefore, keep up the work of letting Christ conform us to his will.

Blessings,

Pastor John

CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CT Press

Celebrations this week

September Birthdays

Louise Spitzer
Laurie Bethard
Tiffany Burns
Wayne Thompson
David Weil



September Anniversaries

George & Jeannette Tabb
Gary & Ruth Scott

Sunday @ CTPC

10:30am-Worship Celebration FaceBook

For a complete listing of all of the church activities, please click [here](#).



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You can listen to Pastor Johns' sermon here:

<https://soundcloud.com/john-bethard>



CTPC Zoom Meetings this week

(The Zoom meetings below are always the same info)

The Faithweavers has a blended Sunday School class with in person and virtual options. The class is studying Ephesians by Eric C. Redmond in the Knowing the Bible Series. Please come as you are. We will space out as much as possible. All are invited and welcome! Log into Zoom and join Meeting ID. 789 5479 7659 and Password 8ZFctT. For more information, contact mkursey@gmail.com.

Session Meeting, Tuesday, September 21, 7:00pm

Topic: CTPC Session Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91075223945?pwd=UXd3ejJOeks4K3VuQnYobjdZSszRUQT09>

Meeting ID: 910 7522 3945

Passcode: Elder

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study, at 4:00pm.

Topic: Charles Town Presbyterian Church Bible Study

<https://zoom.us/j/96202042739?pwd=ZWt5aUhJYlBOVHJJobE1RYmFoT2llQT09>

Meeting ID: 962 0204 2739

Passcode: 021517



Dear CTPC, We are so grateful to have had the opportunity to visit, great you, and share the exciting work that God is doing in Eswatini.

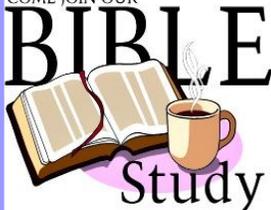
Thank you for your faithful prayers, encouragement, and support.

With love in Christ, Mick & Cathy Sander, your missionaries to Eswatini



The Property Committee is tentatively planning a work day for Saturday, September 25, from 8:30am-noon. We will be trimming bushes, painting, weeding, and other outdoor activities. So roll up your sleeves, put on your big floppy hat, and join us to help make the outside of the Church as beautiful as the people who worship inside.

COME JOIN OUR



Weekly Bible Study. As Bible study wound down at the end of spring this year, we talked about changing the meeting time. Some of the attendees are involved in the music ministry, and those rehearsals are usually Wednesday evening. We are going to try meeting at a new time, and the study will continue to meet via Zoom. Our new time will be 4pm on Wednesdays, beginning September 22. We are studying the book of Ezekiel, and all are welcome to join us.

♪♪ MUSIC NOTES ♪♪ from Miss Penny

Attitude of Gratitude!



Handbell practice for Jean Dorsey memorial service Wednesdays, September 15th, 22nd, and 29th, at 6:30pm.

Geneva Ringers resume on Wednesday, October 6th, at 6:30pm.

The Legato Handbell Team resumes practice on Wednesday, September 22nd, at 12:30pm.

Glory Singers practice Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm, and Sunday mornings at 10:00am.

*Change may occur due to Covid!

In an effort to show our love for others and our community, we will wear masks until the viral load in our area subsides.

Please stay safe and well. Wear a mask at indoor activities and love like Jesus!

Blessings, Penny



Meals
Ministry

Mission and Outreach— Friendship Ministry Meals. We are continuing to serve meals on the first Saturday of each month. We are packaging meals to take out since there is still a Covid threat. The numbers vary month to month but the average is thirty meals each Saturday. George Tabb and Jason Mullen's for October 2nd, the Yokefellow Sunday school class for November 6th, and Marsha Dibbern and Patsy White for December 4th. If you would like to host a meal for 2022, please let the Mission and Outreach team know. Call Patsy White (304-725-8058) or Kathy Donadio (703-403-9189). If you would like to help by donating food items or fixing a dish please let us know. Many in our community count on this evening meal and it may be the only food they have that day. If we all pitch in and help it makes the meal very enjoyable. It is one small way to be a good steward. We hope that you can help in any way that you can. (Water, cookies, chips, fruit)

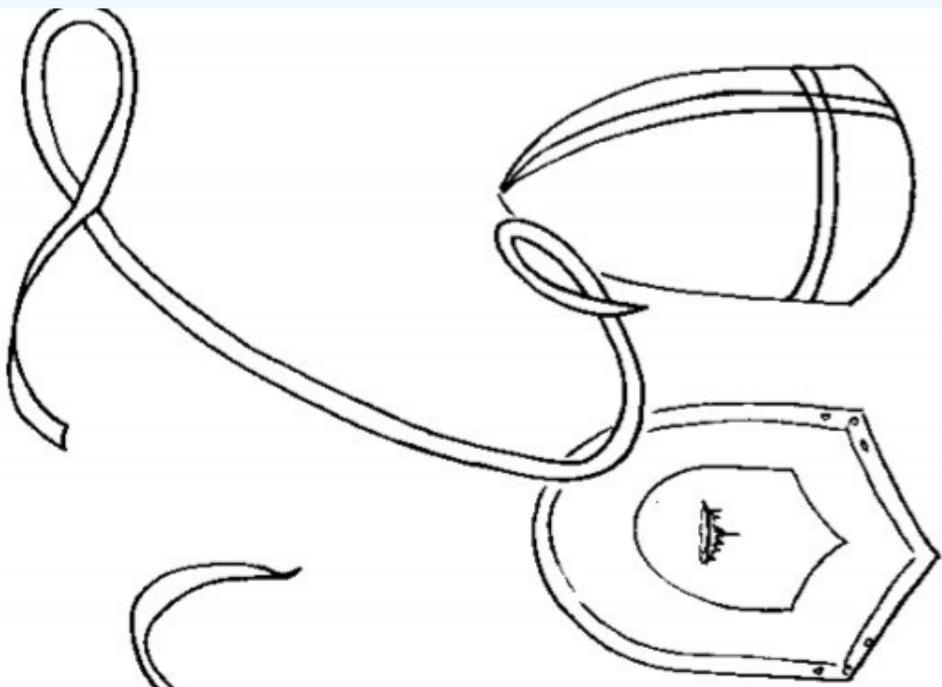


Yokefellows BBQ Pork/Chicken dinner

Saturday, October 23, 2021, 4:30-7:00 pm

Get your tickets now from any Yokefellow and plan to join us on Saturday, October 23, 4:30-7:00 pm, for fresh pork/chicken BBQ, slaw, mac & cheese, baked bean, desserts, and drinks provided. Tickets: \$15.00 adults; \$7.00 children under 12 years; Free children under 3 years. Donations appreciated.

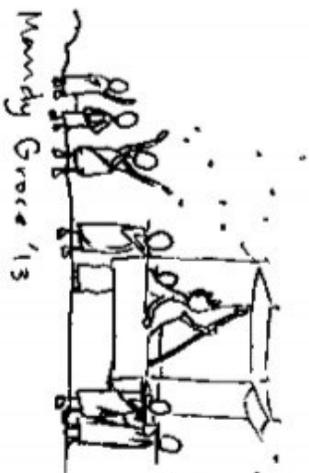




Samuel

The Lord is my fortress
and my deliverer...

the Philistines, the Moabites, the Edomites...



Mandy Grace '13

David defeated

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Weekly Congregational Giving:
Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934

Sunday's Receipts: \$3,535; On-Line Giving: \$350; Special Offerings: Sunday School—\$40; Loose—\$10

Checks can be mailed to:
CTPC, PO Box 89, Charles Town, WV 2541

For electronic giving, please scan here:



The Six-cents-a-meal offering, collected on the 4th Sunday each month, goes to the Presbyterian Hunger Program. To contribute to this offering please note on memo line: hunger offering. Thank you.

2021- Let's Journey through the Bible Together! Congregational Bible Reading. In 2021, we will endeavor to read the Bible together! Using the plan provided in the link below, we will take advantage of a plan produced by Navigators, and organization committed to deeper Christian discipleship. We encourage everyone to participate.

<https://www.navigators.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/navtool-5x5x5.pdf>

ONLINE GIVING

Online giving helps you to bring your offering before God. In addition to the no-fee Facebook donations and nominal fee Paypal service, we set up online giving through the Presbyterian Foundation. **Money donated via any of these services gets deposited to our church bank account.**

By going through the Foundation, the fee they charge actually helps the mission of their organization, which is to help Presbyterian churches to be excellent stewards of their gifts and resources. The exciting part about working with the foundation is that we are able to use a mobile app that is connected to our account. The app is called Give Plus (created by Vanco) and you can find it at the Google Play Store if you have an android device or you may find the app in the Apple app store by searching for "Give Plus." The great part about the Give Plus app is that you can set up for weekly, monthly or one time giving! If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you.



Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "Charles Town Presbyterian Church" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us. How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "Charles Town Presbyterian Church" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app

Faith Community Coalition for the Homeless is in need of volunteers in Jefferson and Berkeley counties who can check voicemails and make call backs to assist those who are experiencing homelessness in our community. This is a fully virtual opportunity and training will be provided. It is not a large time commitment, but help is urgently needed. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Cynthia Jamison (call/text/email:304-886-1959 and wvfcch@gmail.com).



JCCM Food Pantry needs. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated: hamburger, hot dogs, paper towels, regular coffee, canned meats (spam, ham, tuna, chicken), sugar, microwave meals, shelf stable milk, pancake mix, jelly, saltine crackers, rice/pasta sides, instant mashed potatoes, deodorant, shampoo & conditioner, toothpaste, dish soap, laundry detergent dry cat and dog food. Donations may be dropped off at JCCM 9am-Noon, Monday—Friday. Have a great week and God Bless, Diana Carpenter, Volunteer



The flower chart is available for sign up. Available dates: September 26; October 10, 17, 31; November 14, 21, 28. Sign up by calling church office at 304-725-5316, or by email at ctpres@ctpres.org. Please take flowers with you following worship.