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CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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MUSINGS...

by Pastor John Bethard

One of the more interesting aspects of the pandemic is the way it has affected the way we experience the passing of time. And the effect is not the same for all of us. For me, it has compressed things. For example, Ash Wednesday is less than two weeks away, and even though it is much later this year than most years, it feels like we just celebrated Christmas a couple of weeks ago. Since Lent is nearly upon us, I want to tell you about some of the upcoming events that will happen as that season begins.

Ash Wednesday. This is the traditional beginning of Lent, and we will have a worship service at 7pm on Wednesday, March 2. This service is intentionally penitent, as the season of Lent is one of introspection and self-denial. I encourage all to attend this service and experience a very thoughtful and humble worship service that will seek to set the tone for the season.

Tools for a Growing Faith. Each Saturday this Lent, Garth Stevens -Jennings and I will be leading a weekly seminar on basic aspects of our Christian faith. Attendees can attend one, some or every week. Each topic is designed to enrich our faith journey, no matter how long we have been following Christ. We will meet Saturdays in the church parlor at 10am. Here is the schedule:

March 5	Worship
March 12	Scripture
March 19	Prayer and Fasting
March 26	Study, meditation, solitude
April 2	Spiritual Gifts and Service
April 9	Sharing Our Faith

Community Prayer Service. CTPC will be hosting a community prayer service led by several pastors in our community. With so much division in our churches and in the world, we felt it necessary to come together to intentionally pray. It will be a simple service: music, prayer, music. The prayer section will be led by different pastors praying for different topics. In a world with so much division, a joint witness to our unity in Christ is needed more than ever. I hope you can join us. The service will be held on **Sunday, March 6 at 4pm.**

We will have more activities as the season progresses, and as we get closer, our newsletter and social media will keep the congregation and community informed.

Blessings,

Pastor John



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Celebrations this week

Sunday @ CTPC

Birthdays

Steve Bossung
Beth Pugh



Eleanor Puster
Kathy Shue

10:30am-Worship Celebration FaceBook

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



CTPC Zoom Meetings this week

To join any of the Zoom meetings listed below, please email the church office at ctpres.org for contact information.

- **The Faithweavers** is a blended Sunday School class with in person and virtual options led by Margaret Kursey.
- **DFM Meeting** Tuesday at 7pm.



Ash

Wednesday Service.

Please join us for our Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, March 2nd, at 7:00pm. The offering received will be divided between Church World Services and the Mission and Outreach Committee.

CTPC Upcoming Events:

March 2nd: Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm
 March 5th: Friendship Ministry Meal 5:30pm
 March 6th: CTPC Hosting Community Prayer Service 4:00pm
 March 8th: Life Line Screening 8-5:00pm
 April 2nd: Friendship Ministry Meal 5:30pm
 April 10th: Palm Sunday
 April 14th: Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm
 April 15th: Community Cross Walk at Asbury UMC 10:00am
 April 17th: Resurrection Sunday—One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
 April 18th: OFFICE CLOSED

Important TAX NOTICE: To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, do not file your 2021 income tax return until you have accessed your on-line giving statement. If you need the office to print a hard copy of your contribution statement please call (304-725-5316) or email (ctpres@ctpres.org) the church office. To access your giving statement go to servantkeeper.com/member-portal/ctpres/login#/, go to giving history, under "overview" click on the drop down dates and choose year (2021), and the option to print your statement needed for tax purposes.



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🎵 MUSIC NOTES 🎵 from Miss Penny



“Attitude of Gratitude!”

The Bible commands us to Sing! There are as many Bible verses about singing as there are about love. No where does it say to sing only if you have a beautiful voice or only if you can read music. We are called to sing praises to our Lord ! Pray and sing, sing and pray!



Our Glory Singers practice on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm and we need your voice, especially tenors and altos! If you're interested in sharing your love of the Lord through singing, please contact me at: penfvfarm@aol.com or at church office 304-725-5316.

All God's children got a place in the choir!

Blessings, Penny

Session News

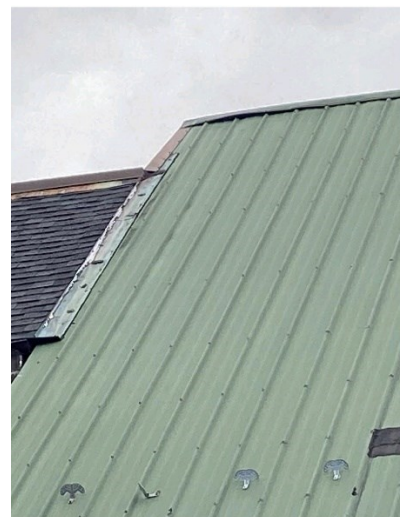
At the February 15 stated meeting of the session, the elders took the following actions:

- Examined David Weil for participation as an “Explorer” in Shenandoah Presbytery’s Commission Ruling Elder program. This is the first step in David determining if he wishes to be a CRE. When David completes the program, he will be able to provide pastoral services to congregations in the presbytery. David received enthusiastic and unanimous endorsement from the session. Marsha Dibbern agreed to serve as David’s session liaison.
- Approved a request submitted directly to the session by the group Charles Town Light House Aglow, to host a conference on domestic violence at the church on May 21, 2022.
- Approved a revised description of the treasurer responsibilities submitted by the trustees and finance committee. These duties include attending quarterly Joint Finance Team Meetings, checking in with bookkeeper at least quarterly to ensure all procedures are being followed, presenting quarterly reports to the Joint Finance Team, and ensuring the annual financial review is completed and the report presented to Session. The session is seeking someone from the congregation to serve as treasurer. This person should be versed in financial practice and can commit to the tasks outlined above. Interested person are welcome to contact the chair of the finance committee, Kathy Donadio, at feebler8@gmail.com.
- Unanimously approved a request from the worship committee to remove the small front pew on the downtown side of the sanctuary to make room for a permanent bell table set up. This will reduce moving of tables and bells. For concerts and special occasions, the bells will still be able to set up across the front of the sanctuary.
- Appointed Kathy Shue as elder commissioner for the February meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery.
- By majority vote, the elders revised the pandemic policy. Beginning March 1, masks will be optional for all activities. The session asks all members and attendees to be mindful of others, and to consider staying home when not feeling well, whether it is the flu, covid, or some other illness
- By unanimous vote, approved a contract for roof repairs to the manse and replacement of the fellowship hall roof. More information will be shared with the congregation under separate cover.

Dear Church Family,

At the February 15 stated meeting of the session, the elders approved a roofing proposal with two parts – repairs to leaking areas along the chimneys of the manse, and replacement of the fellowship hall roof. Anyone who has recently visited the fellowship hall can spot the water damage, particularly along the parking lot wall. The fellowship hall roof is the oldest of our metal roofs and is over thirty years old. Replacement is the best option. The manse problem is intermittent –precipitation has to be heavy, and coming from a particular direction. It is not a new problem; we have had to deal with repeatedly for over twenty years. Essentially, the section along the chimneys was installed incorrectly, and these repairs will correct that issue. The estimate for both projects is \$58,106. When the roof is replaced in the fellowship hall, there will be additional expenses to repair the damage from the roof leakage.

This is obviously an unplanned expense. The session is considering how to finance this project, and it is possible a capital campaign may follow. Members and friends of the congregation are invited to give a financial gifts to help offset the costs of this unexpected repair. Those who are able are asked to make sure “roof repairs” is in the memo of the check. As one of the elders astutely observed during the meeting, “The roof is the most important part of any structure.” The session also asks the congregation to keep this matter in prayer. The pictures below accompanied the proposal.





Weekly Offering

Weekly Congregational Giving:

Needed to Meet

Expenses Budget: \$6,934

Sunday's Receipts: \$3,050;

Special Offerings: Loose—\$2; Sunday School—\$19; Memorial—\$50; Souper Bowl of Caring—\$112.05.

Checks can be mailed to:

CTPC, PO Box 89, Charles Town,

WV 25414

For electronic giving, please scan here:



Online giving helps you to bring your offering before God. In addition to the no-fee Facebook do-

nations 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.**

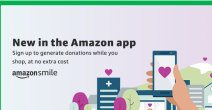
By going through the Foundation, the fee they charge actually helps the mission of their organization, which is to help Presbyterian churches to be excellent stewards of their gifts and resources. The exciting part about working with the foundation is that we are able to use a mobile app that is connected to our account. The app is called Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement on the Google Play or Apple App Store. You can set up for weekly, monthly or one time giving! Note: If you were previously using the "Give Plus" app, that has been superseded by the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement as of January 31, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you.



The flower chart is available for sign up. It is located on the bulletin board by the church office or call at 304-725-5316. If you would like to donate your flowers for the deacons to deliver to a shut-in or someone in the hospital, please call the church office.

For those who wish to continue with the Bible reading plan in 2022, you can access or download the document [here](https://www.navigators.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/navigators-bible-reading-plan.pdf). This plan is a little different than the 2021 plan. The 2021 plan had only five readings per week, and we were able to finish the entire New Testament. The 2022 plan has two readings every day, and they are a little longer, but we will read through the whole Bible in a year. If you read through the 2021 plan, it is okay to use this plan but skip the New Testament readings. These are the readings from which Pastor John will do his daily devotions each morning on the church Facebook page.

<https://www.navigators.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/navigators-bible-reading-plan.pdf>



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JCCM Food Pantry needs. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated: hot dogs, ground beef, eggs, shelf stable/powdered milk, jelly, powdered coffee creamer, salt, sugar, cooking oil, dish soap, laundry detergent, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, paper towels, cat/dog food. Thank you, Kari Dean, Food Pantry Coordinator, JCCM

Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Charles Town Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered: **Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque), Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Atrial Fibrillation, Osteoporosis Risk.** An ultrasound is performed to measure the shin bone for abnormal bone mass density. This can help assess the risk of osteoporosis, a disease where bones become weak and brittle. These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$139 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. Informational flyers located in the narthex and bulletin boards. Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441, text the word "circle" to 797979 or online at <https://llsa.social/HSC>.

