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CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## MUSINGS...

by Pastor John Bethard

Christians spend a great deal of time focused on the Bible. In worship, the message, which is based on the scriptures, is the longest part of the service. Most congregations have a program on Sunday mornings called, "Sunday School" or the "Education Hour." The purpose of this hour is to learn more about – you guessed it – the scriptures. Almost every congregation has some special program in the summer for children that we call, "Vacation Bible School." Most congregations have weekly Bible studies and small groups, all with the goal of diving deep into the scriptures.

Still, the Bible can seem intimidating and sometimes even boring (don't gasp too loudly, folks, I'm just keeping it real). Many Christians don't know where to begin with personal Bible, and it can get overwhelming. Why are there two testaments? What is a testament? And those names!! I paid good money to go to seminary for three and a half years, and sometimes they stump me, and I studied biblical Greek and Hebrew! It's understandable that personal Bible reading gets ignored.

Tomorrow is our second session in the "Tools for a Growing Faith" series. We will be focusing on the scriptures. The goal of the session is to give attendees some practical ways to incorporate more scripture reading and study into daily life. It will not be an exhaustive class that teaches us everything we need to know about the Bible. That is a topic better suited for a Sunday School format. For those who attend it will be a valuable, hand-on class from which each person will benefit.

Christians are often referred to as "People of the Book." That book is the Bible (not the *Book of Order*). The scriptures are central to what we believe and how we live out our faith. It is of great benefit to learn all we can about them, and I hope and pray tomorrow's session will bless all who attend.

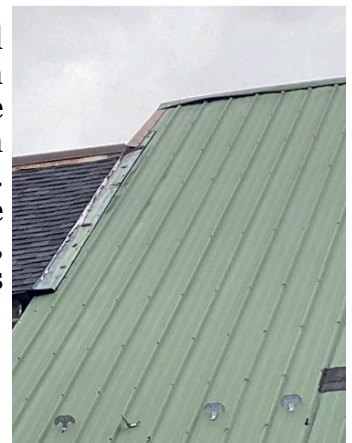
We meet at 10am in the church parlor.

Blessings,

Pastor John

### Fellowship Hall Roof Update

Work should begin soon on the fellowship hall roof. The whole roof will be replaced and then work will begin on the water damage on the inside. Today, we have raised \$4225 through some generous gifts from the congregation. Thank you! This will go a long way to offset the costs of this project. The cost for the roof work, which includes repairs to the manse roof, is approximately \$60,000.



Charles Town Presbyterian Children, Youth, and Family Ministries is excited to announce

# Kid's Group!

Kid's Group is moving! We will now be meeting each Sunday from 3-5PM. I look forward to seeing you there! Here are some of our upcoming events:

## **Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 3-5PM: Pokemon!**

Our third Pokémon event will feature more free cards, more fun activities, supervised trading, pre-made decks to play the trading card game with, and another movie to watch! If you have Pokémon cards and want to learn how to play the official game, or want help making a deck of your own, this is the perfect event for you. There may even be prizes for anyone who can beat Garth at the trading card game!

## **Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 3-5PM: Mausritter!**

Our second session of the adventure game where players take on the roles of brave little mice in a fantastical world is sure to be loads of fun! Drama, hijinks, and adventure all await any who would like to join in, all you need to bring is your imagination!



**Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt:** Palm Sunday will be here soon! On Palm Sunday, April 10th, is our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the kiddos. Weather permitting, we will have two different hunts: the 2-5 year olds will hunt on the grass lawn of Mildred street and the 6-10 year olds will hunt for eggs around the playground equipment and the lawn closest to the manse. **We are asking for candy donations for inside of the eggs.** No Hershey kisses or foil wrapped candies, please. We had some ants get into our eggs in the past, which was not a

fun surprise. If you can donate a bag or two of candy, please drop them off in Garth's office on Sundays or at the Church Office during the week. Thank you!

## Tools for a Growing Faith

All are welcome to join us for this six-week study during Lent. Each week will focus on a different topic that is integral to personal discipleship and spiritual growth. This series will be led by Pastor John and Garth Stevens-Jennings. Participants are welcome to attend one, several, or all of the meetings. While the whole series will be of benefit to all who attend, if there are one or two topics that stand out, it is fine to attend only those weeks.

We will meet in the church parlor on Saturdays at 10am.

**March 12**  
**March 19**  
**March 26**  
**April 2**  
**April 9**

**Scripture**  
**Prayer and Fasting**  
**Study, meditation, solitude**  
**Spiritual Gifts and Service**  
**Sharing Our Faith**

Questions? Email Pastor John at [jbethard@ctpres.org](mailto:jbethard@ctpres.org), or Garth at [garthstevensjennings@ctpres.org](mailto:garthstevensjennings@ctpres.org). We will follow the most recent pandemic guidelines adopted by the session.

## 🎵 MUSIC NOTES 🎵 from Miss Penny



### “Attitude of Gratitude!”

This Sunday in worship you will hear 2 versions of "How Can I Keep from Singing?" The Geneva Ringers will begin our worship service with a version based on the original hymn tune....

My life flows on in endless song: Above earth's lamentation  
I hear the sweet though far off hymn that hails a new creation:  
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing:  
It finds an echo in my soul how can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die?  
The Lord my Savior liveth; what though the darkness gather round!  
Songs in the night He giveth: my inmost calm while to that refuge clinging;  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

I life mine eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue above it;  
And day by day this pathway smooths since first I learned to love it:  
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing:  
All things are mine since I am His how can I keep from singing?

(Author: Robert Lowry 1826-1899; Music: My Life Flows On , author: Ira David Sankey 1840-1908)

Later in the service the Glory Singers will present a version by Chris Tomlin for the musical offering....

There is an endless song, Echoes in my soul, I hear the music ring  
And though the storms may come, I am holding on To the rock I cling

How can I keep from singing Your praise How can I ever say enough  
How amazing is Your love How can I keep from shouting Your name  
I know I am loved by the King And it makes my heart want to sing

I will lift my eyes In the darkest night For I know my Savior lives

And I will walk with You Knowing You'll see me through  
And sing the songs You give I can sing in the troubled times Sing when I win

I can sing when I lose my step And fall down again  
I can sing 'cause You pick me up Sing 'cause You're there  
I can sing 'cause You hear me, Lord, When I call to You in prayer  
I can sing with my last breath Sing for I know  
That I'll sing with the angels And the saints around the throne

May your life flow on in endless song!  
Blessings!  
Penny



## Celebrations this week

### Birthdays

Joseph Farmer  
Mike Thompson  
David VanVuuren



## Sunday @ CTPC

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](mailto:ctpres.org) for contact information.

- **The Faithweavers** is a blended Sunday School class with in person and virtual options led by Margaret Kursey.
- **Technology & Communication** meeting Monday, 7:00pm.

**The session** is looking for a treasurer. Duties include: attending quarterly Joint Finance Team Meetings, ensuring all bookkeeping procedures are being followed, presenting quarterly reports to the Joint Finance Team, and ensuring the annual financial review is completed and presented to Session. This person should be versed in financial practice and able to commit to the tasks outlined above. Interested persons are welcome to contact the chair of the finance committee, Kathy Donadio, at [feebler8@gmail.com](mailto:feebler8@gmail.com).

## CTPC Upcoming Events:

March 12th, 19th, 26th, April 2nd, 9th:  
Tools for Growing Faith 10:00am  
April 2nd: Friendship Ministry Meal 5:30pm  
April 10th: Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt  
following worship  
Beulah Chapel 1:30pm  
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

**The Congregational Nominating Committee** has begun work on securing nominees for elders, deacons, trustees, and at-large members for next year's nominating committee. If you have suggestions for persons the CNC might consider, please be sure to speak with Sue Flanagan, Hoyle Fulbright, Diane Mayhew, David Weil or Patsy White.

**These Days** daily devotionals for April, May, June are available in the information racks located in the narthex and by the church office.

**One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** will be collected on Resurrection Sunday, April 17th. The OGHs offering is used to assist people in suffering and in need through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self Development of People program.



### Memorial or Honorarium

**Lilies.** Lilies are available this year to be placed in the sanctuary on Resurrection Sunday, April 17th. Please call or email the church office (304-725-5316 or [ctpres@ctpres.org](mailto:ctpres@ctpres.org)) by **Wednesday, March 30th**, to place an order. Cost is \$15. Pet owners, please be advised that lilies are toxic to our pets when ingested. Please take necessary precaution.



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## Weekly Offering

## Weekly Congregational Giving:

Needed to Meet

Expenses Budget: \$6,934

Sunday's Receipts: \$3,967;

On-Line Giving—\$882; Special Offerings: Loose—\$31; Sunday School—\$25; Ash Wednesday—\$105; Fellowship Hall Roof—\$400; Help Fund—\$80; Hunger—61. 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

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 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.

**2022 Giving Envelopes** are now available in the narthex for those attending in person worship. Call or email church office (304-725-5316 or ctpres@ctpres.org) if you would like to have envelopes mailed to you. If you give with a check, envelopes are not necessary. If giving with cash, please write your name on an envelope to enable us to credit your giving statement properly.

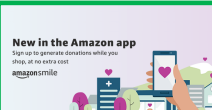


**The flower chart for 2022** is available for sign up. It is located on the bulletin board by the church office or call at 304-725-5316. If you would

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 and dog food. Thank you, Kari Dean, Food Pantry Coordinator, JCCM



**Know. Grow. Serve.**

I will be like dew to Israel; he shall

blossom like the lily...

HOSEA

