

June 17-23,
2022



MUSINGS...

by Pastor John Bethard

Tomorrow, CTPC is participating in a first of sorts. Charles Town Days is tomorrow, and the downtown area will be closed so vendors from local businesses and organizations can set up to advertise and share information. We will be downtown telling people about our church, and hopefully, the gospel.

Outreach is one of the most important ministries in any congregation. At the end of Matthew's gospel, Jesus charges his followers to "Go into all the world and make disciples..." Outreach can be divided into two parts – service and disciple-making. Acts of service include work trips, like when we sent teams to the Gulf after hurricane Katrina, or the monthly Friendship Meals we provide for people who are food insecure. An act of service is doing anything to help improve life for someone facing hardship. Such acts demonstrate the love of Jesus to others and help make the world a better place.

Disciple-making is much harder work. It begins with Christians sharing the message and love of Jesus with others. When someone comes to faith, whether they are a child or an adult, they start a process of life-long learning about their faith in Christ. It is Christians nurturing other Christians in the faith. This is what it means to be the Body of Christ. A major part of our mission as Christ's Body is to share the message of Christ with others. When we don't share it, when that part of outreach stops, guess what happens?

Nothing.

Every pastor in every congregation is routinely asked about church growth. But growing the church is the wrong way to think about it. As I have said before, if we focus on growing the church, we won't. We must focus on growing Christ's kingdom, making disciples. It is a ministry that belongs to every follower of Christ. If we focus on the kingdom, church growth won't be a question.

That's why I'm excited about tomorrow. It is outreach. In addition to sharing information about the church, I am hoping people come with questions about faith and spirituality, that there might be conversations about the gospel.

Perhaps we will help make disciples and grow the kingdom!

Sincerely,

Pastor John



Kid's Group!

Bring out your Bricks: DFM Lego drive!

Do you or someone you know have any old Legos collecting dust in an attic or storage room? Donate them to the Youth and Children's Ministry, where they will be used for a number of upcoming events, including the creation of a model of Charles Town Presbyterian Church and contests to recreate iconic Bible scenes! Contact Garth for more info, or drop your donations by his office.'

Summer Olympics! Saturday, July 16th, 3-5PM

To kick off our time with Vacation Bible School this summer we will be throwing a Summer Olympics party for kids of all ages! Come and compete in various events to win prizes and bragging rights!

Vacation Bible School! Monday, July 18th -- Friday, July 22nd, 9-Noon

The theme for our Bible School this year is the Knights of North castle. Come join us for a week of learning fun, knights, and dragons! We are still looking for volunteers to run the program, if you are interested in helping contact Garth Stevens-Jennings at garthstevensjennings@ctpres.org.'

Any questions, please feel free to contact Garth Steven-Jennings (304-725-5316 or garthstevens-jennings@ctpres.org).

♪♪ MUSIC NOTES ♪♪ from Miss Penny

"Attitude of Gratitude"

Take Time to Be Holy"

Wm. Longstaff

As I started my 2nd cup of coffee for the morning, I began ruminating on current events and things going on in my own personal world. Without fail the Lord put in my head and heart the song I should embrace.

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let Him be thy Guide;
And run not before Him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
Each thought and each motive beneath His control.
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

May we all "Take Time to Be Holy " each and every day!

Blessings and Love,
Penny



Celebrations this week

Sunday @ CTPC

Birthdays

Peter Garms

Marcus Titus

Zachary Bethard

Bonnie Owens



Anniversaries

Bing & Laura Crosby

Glenn & Susie Moreland

10:30am-Worship Celebration FaceBook

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



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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.
- **Yokefellows Sunday School Class.** The Class will begin with a short business meeting from 8:45 am to 9:00 am at which time prayers will be offered for class members, family and friends who are ill or otherwise in distress. At 9:00am until 9:35 am a lesson will be taught by the class teacher from the Adult Bible Studies series. Anyone wishing to visit the class on ZOOM should contact the following class members to receive a ZOOM "invite": Gary Scott at email: gary3042795296@gmail.com or James Mackenzie at email: mackenzie48708@gmail.com



The church office will be closed on Monday, July 4th! Have a safe holiday.



Thank you to all who gave their time on the fellowship committee for providing food after Sue Back's memorial service. It was greatly appreciated by my family and friends.

God Bless, Bob Back

Pastor's Help Fund. During the pandemic, there were few requests for help. That has changed with the winding down of the pandemic phase of Covid and the dramatic increase to the cost of living. The help fund provides assistance for people who are in danger of eviction or have gotten behind in their utilities. The fund is now significantly low, and we need some donations to build it back up. Donations to the help fund can be given through the regular Sunday offering or mailed to the office. Note on memo line: help fund.

Check out the new aprons the Yokefellows cooking team received last weekend:





Friendship Ministry Meal

Several years ago, we changed the name of the meals served from "Homeless Meals" to "Friendship Ministry Meals." We did this because we realized that many who were coming

for a meal were not homeless, but they were hungry. For many of our guests it is the only meal they will have that day. Some of our guests live in a single hotel room with their entire family with no ability to cook a hot meal.

Matthew 25:35 says, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in." Feeding the hungry is an expectation Jesus has of his followers. Now more than ever our Christian family needs to step up to help with this community mission. Everything is extremely expensive right now. I wonder as I pay for our weekly groceries how others who are less fortunate are able to buy food for their family. You can help by volunteering your time and monies. We serve meals only twelve times a year. We serve the first Saturday of each month at 5:30pm. Our servers plan the meal and arrive at 4:30pm to begin packing the meals in carry out containers.

These are the servers for the rest of this year. July 2nd, Ruth and Gary Scott. August 6th, the Deacons. September 3rd, the choirs. October 1, George Tabb and Jason Mullens. November 5th, the Yokefellow's Sunday school class. December 3rd, the Mission and Outreach committee. Each and everyone of these groups could use help. It might be just bringing a case of water or bringing cookies. Of course, you could stop by and donate your time by helping to fix carryout containers. It only takes about an hour. Pray about how you can help and then volunteer. Many hands make fast work!



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, July 5, 2022. A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque). An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.

Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening. An Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.¹

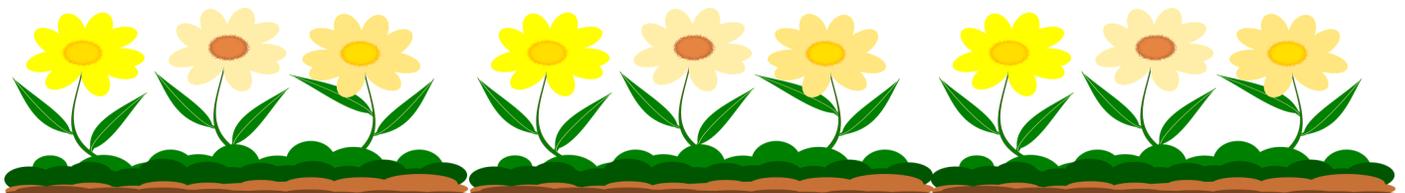
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA). An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a serious medical emergency.

Atrial Fibrillation. A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.²

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 take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441, text the word "circle" to 797979 or online at <https://llsa.social/HS>

These Days daily devotionals for July/August/September are available in the information racks located in the narthex and by the church office.





Weekly Congregational Giving:

Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. Sunday's Receipts: \$2,408; On Line Giving—\$1,807; Special Offerings: Loose—\$21; Sunday School—\$50; Scrubbies—\$30; Music Programs—\$185.

Checks can be mailed to:
CTPC, PO Box 89,
Charles Town, WV 25414

For electronic giving, please scan here:



For those who wish to continue with the Bible reading plan in 2022, you can access or download the document [here](#). 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>

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 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.



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



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.



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



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