

**June 24-30,  
2022**



## **MUSINGS...**

**by Pastor John Bethard**

### **Summer So Far**

The official start of summer was this past Tuesday. The Summer Solstice is the longest day of the year. The unofficial start of summer is Memorial Day weekend, and for those who teach, the summer quarter is June-August.

This summer I am teaching, along with Garth Stevens-Jennings, the Faithweavers class. I am teaching something I already taught this past Lent, "Tools for a Growing Faith." I offered this class on Saturdays, and each class focused on a different aspect of personal discipleship that is integral to every Christian's faith journey. I was disappointed during Lent because only a two-three people attended. I felt the material was important, and I asked Margaret Kursey, who coordinates the Faithweavers class, if she wanted the summer off, since she has been teaching that class for years with no break.

Because we have more time over the twelve or so weeks of summer, I've been able to expand the material, and I have had such fun teaching it! There are six topics we are covering over the summer. This coming Sunday we will wrap up worship, and I will begin teaching about personal Bible Study. I expect that to take two to three weeks, as well. Over the course of the summer, we will cover (in addition to worship and Bible Study) prayer; spiritual gifts; study and solitude; and service.

And though I will be prepared to move from one topic to the next, each week will be helpful. I want to encourage you to consider coming to this class, even if you can only attend sporadically. I believe it will be beneficial.

Discipleship is a lifelong journey, and it makes a dramatic difference in our relationship with Christ. If we're looking for a metaphor, it's like the difference between a casual friend and a bestie. This summer class is meant to provide the tools needed to help each of us grow closer to Christ.

I hope to see you there!

All the best,

Pastor John



**Know. Grow. Serve.**

# Kid's Group!

**Kid's Group, Sunday, June 26th, 3-5PM:** this week we will be playing Minecraft together! Bring a device and let's get mining and building!

**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 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](mailto:garthstevensjennings@ctpres.org).

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

## 🎵 MUSIC NOTES 🎵 from Miss Penny

### ***"Attitude of Grati-***

### ***tude"***

As we are looking forward to July, here are a couple music ministry worship happenings you can look forward to!

Sunday July 3rd is going to be all pipe organ ! Be sure to sing out loud and clear so I can hear you upstairs!

Sunday July 10th, Pat Dick will help us prepare our hearts and minds for worship with a special prelude!

Sunday July 17th, Rose Ann Glover will be at the organ for our prelude and musical offering!

Sunday July 24th, - still available

Sunday July 31st is going to have a gospel music feel! Look forward to Anne Portrey singing something wonderful!

Those involved in music ministry are looking forward to July, but more importantly, we are looking forward to serving and praising our Lord with the gifts He gave us.

Are you looking forward?

Blessings and Love,



## Celebrations this week

## Sunday @ CTPC

### Birthdays

Matthew Fowler  
Sandra Littleton  
Carley Duncan  
Henry Christie  
Rachel Wilson



### Anniversaries

Andy & Roxanne Noland

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.
- **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](mailto:gary3042795296@gmail.com) or James Mackenzie at email: [mackenzie48708@gmail.com](mailto:mackenzie48708@gmail.com)

## Session News

At the June 21 stated meeting of the session, the elders took the following actions:

Approved as presented, the minutes of the stated session meeting of May 17, the called meeting to receive new members of May 29, and the congregational meeting of June 12.

Reviewed the concepts of differentiation and fusion as part of Pastor John's ongoing elder education.

Her reports from committees:

- **Communicating with Technology:** the sanctuary monitors will be installed soon.
- **DFM:** Vacation Bible School will be held the week of July 18, kicking off on Saturday, July 16, with the "Summer Olympics."
- **Mission & Outreach:** Reported on the success of Charles Town Day.
- **Personnel:** Mid-year reviews are complete.
- **Property:** There is a substantial roof leak in the flat roof section of the McCurdy building, which joins all three major building sections.
- **Stewardship & Vision:** The 235<sup>th</sup> celebration is November 6<sup>th</sup>, and Stewardship Sunday is August 14
- **Worship and Music:** Written report.

Pastor John reviewed how the elders should prepare for Stewardship Sunday.

Kathy Shue was appointed elder commissioner to the August presbytery meeting.

**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.



### 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ruth and Gary Scott. August 6<sup>th</sup>, the Deacons. September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the choirs. October 1, George Tabb and Jason Mullens. November 5<sup>th</sup>, the Yokefellow's Sunday school class. December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 preven-

tive 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.<sup>1</sup>

**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.<sup>2</sup>

**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.



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





### Weekly Congregational Giving:

Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. Sunday's Receipts: 5,144; Special Offerings: Loose—\$43; Sunday School—61; Help Fund—\$50.

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.**

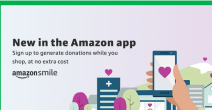
By going through the Foundation, the fee they charge actually helps the mission of their organization, which is to help Presbyterian churches to be excellent stewards of their gifts and resources. The exciting part about working with the foundation is that we are able to use a mobile app that is connected 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.



**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



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