

July 29–
August 11,
2022



CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CT Press

MUSINGS...

by Pastor John Bethard

Hopefully, by now, we've all seen the notice to "save the date." On Sunday, November 6, we will have a Homecoming Celebration marking the 235th anniversary of the founding of Charles Town Presbyterian Church. We will begin the morning with special activities in our Sunday School classes at 9am. At 10:30, we will worship, and it will be an incredibly special service. We are inviting former pastors to worship with us, and the general presbyter from Shenandoah Presbytery, the Reverend Bronwen Boswell, will be preaching. There will also be a variety of special music contributions. Following worship, we will enjoy a catered lunch, followed by some fun activities together. As the date draws near, we will have more details about the event. I'm sure you will not want to miss this!

There are a couple of ways members can be involved. Anyone interested in helping to plan the event is welcome to contact Kathy Donadio, the chairperson for the stewardship and vision committee. Her email is feebler8@gmail.com, or she can be reached by phone at 703-403-9189. The more people providing input and helping with planning will certainly make this a memorable day!

As I mentioned, we are having the lunch catered, so that no congregation members are tasked with making the meal and having to miss any of the activities. As this is going to be a cost to us, we are asking that those with the means consider sponsoring a table for the meal. We estimate that it will cost about \$200 per table for the lunch. This will not be a typical table sponsorship. Table sponsors will be recognized, but no one will have to recruit people to their table, nor will sponsors be assigned a particular table. Anyone who would like to sponsor a table should contact me for specifics.

This anniversary is special for two particularly important reasons. First, it is a remarkable achievement to reach 235 years! That is a sign of God's grace and provision, for certain. This anniversary celebration allows us to reflect on and honor our legacy, while looking forward to where God is leading us. Second, the pandemic kept us separated for a long time. And though we have been engaging in more gatherings over the last year, it was not all that long ago that we *couldn't* get together. The pandemic taught us that we should take nothing for granted. So, save the date and plan to come, even if it's been a while since coming to the church. We want everyone to celebrate with us!

As the plans solidify, we will be sure to share more of the details.

Sincerely,

Pastor John



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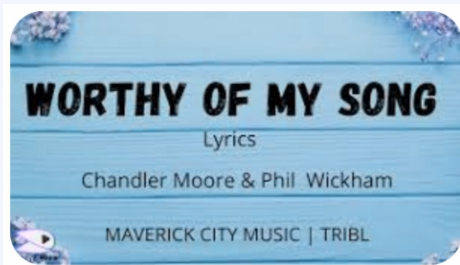
Kid's Group!

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 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.'

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"

I'm gonna sing
'Til my heart starts changing
Oh, I'm gonna worship
'Til I mean every word
'Cause the way I feel
And the fear I'm facing
Doesn't change who You are
Or what You deserve

I give You my worship
You still deserve it
You're worthy, You're worthy
You're worthy of my song
I'll pour out Your praises
In blessing and breaking
You're worthy, You're worthy
You're worthy of my song

Yes You are, yes You are, Jesus
You're worth

I'm gonna live
Like my King is risen
Gonna preach to my soul
That You've already won
And even though I can't see it
I'm gonna keep believing
That every promise You make
Is as good as done

I give You my worship
You still deserve it
You're worthy, You're worthy
You're worthy of my song
I'll pour out Your praises
In blessing and breaking
You're worthy, You're worthy
Jesus, You're worthy of my song

You're worthy, You're worthy
Jesus, You're worthy of my song
You're worthy, oh You're worthy

When I sat by that hospital bed, You were worthy
And she could barely lift her head, You were worthy
After all those tears were shed, You were worthy
I'll never stop singing Your praise
I'll never stop singing Your praise

And in the blessing, in the pain, You are worthy
Whether You say "yes" or "no", or "wait", You are worthy

Through it all, I choose to say, "You are worthy"

I'll never stop singing Your praise
No I'll never stop singing Your praise
And when I finally see Your face, I'll cry worthy
And when You wipe these tears away, I'll cry worthy
Above every other name, You are worthy
I'll never stop singing Your praise

Blessings and love, Penny

Sport Your Faith

We just participated in the WV Fest in downtown Charles Town. During which we reached out to Fest goers to let them know about our church family. It would have been fantastic if our members had matching logo shirts to highlight our pride in our church family. The Stewardship committee extends an invitation to you to purchase a polo shirt with our logo KNOW GROW SERVE and our church name so that during such functions or just sporting about town we can promote our church family. This will be a one-time order, so we need to know numbers and sizes. The shirt is a performance mesh polo in a slate gray. Cost will be \$28.00. (2XL +2.00 3XL/4XL +3.00). Final order will be placed August 23. Please contact Diane Mayhew for questions and orders. dcmayhew@hotmail.com or 304-676-2807. Make sure I confirm your order please. If you can't reach me leave message in the church office.



Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Color: slate gray

Cost: \$28.00

Orders: due by August 23rd

Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large _____ Total _____

2XL _____ 3XL _____ 4XL _____ Total _____

(additional charge each - 2XL +\$2.00; 3XL/4XL +\$3.00)

_____ at +\$2.00 \$ _____; _____ at +\$3.00 \$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____

Celebrations

Birthdays

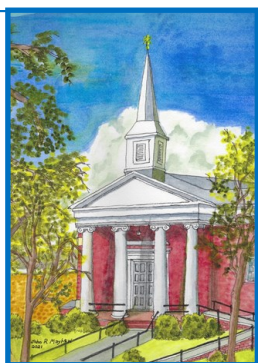
Jonathan Burns
Patsy White
Judy Hockman
Rosalyn LaVallee
Bryan LaVallee
Gary Scott
Doyle Criswell
Chris Damm
Katherine Hunt
Debbie Stafford
Michael Stevens
Holston Smith
Bryce Van Zomeren



Jillian Donadio
Tommy Morgan
Linda Puster
James Burns
Kay Feldstein
Mike Kursey
Brittany Moreland
Debra Low

Anniversaries

Mike & Margaret Kursey
Amy & James Sheetz
Ray & Joyce Jamison
Mark & Debbie Stafford



You are cordially invited
To join us on Sunday, August 14, at 10:30am for

A Celebration of Faithfulness!

A service of hymns, songs and testimonies
Celebrating God's faithfulness!
We hope you are able to join us
as we recount God's faithfulness to CTPC
and how we can respond in the coming year.
A light reception will follow on the church lawn.



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Sunday @ CTPC

10:30am-Worship Celebration FaceBook

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



[Donate](#)



CTPC Zoom Meet- ings 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



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. 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!

Missionary News

Drake Williams is in North Wales, PA

Drake's daughter Abby Williams graduated with a bachelor degree in English from Emory University. She will be working with a campus ministry at Emory called Bread. This ministry reaches out to non-Christians. Drake has asked for prayers for Abby as she begins this ministry. Drake continues to work with preparing others for ministry. He has also asked for prayers for David Bosworth his friend as David gets ready to defend his thesis. He also wants us to pray for the 13 million Ukrainians' who have fled their country and for the Romanian commentary blog that will be a blessing for Romanian Christians.

Mick and Cathy Sander in Eswatini

Mick and Cathy are working with the Deaf church. On May 26th they celebrated the Lord's Supper together for the first time. Mick and Cathy are learning about Symbolic Universal Notation (SUN). This is a new kind of writing for Deaf people using pictures. They participated in a four-day training program to learn more. They hope to use SUN in training non-literate Deaf people who have not had the opportunity to attend school.

Their Trauma Healing program is training indigenous facilitators who can bring the program to Eswatini in their own languages. (si Swati and ESL).

Mick has an inguinal hernia and will need surgery. They hope to schedule surgery in July. They are planning on a visit in October and hope to visit many of the churches supporting their ministry. They just celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary.

Mark Hare and Jenny Bent are in Costa Rica

Mark and Jenny are part of the Latin American Biblical University. The university is committed to producing up to 80 per cent of their electrical needs with an extensive set of solar panels. The UBI Green Team put together worship services that celebrate the connection between their actions and faith in word and song. They are also gardening and producing compost and are harvesting rainwater for watering the garden. They suggested that if you are interested to join Earth Care (<https://presbyearthcare.org>).

Mission and Outreach will be contacting our missionaries to let them know that we are praying for them as well as letting them know what we are doing here at CTPC.



Weekly Congregational Giving:

Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.

Sunday, 17th Receipts: \$3,104 Special Offerings: Loose—\$27; Sunday School—\$34; Help Fund—\$100; Hunger—\$15; Sunday, 24th Receipts: \$590; Sunday School—\$20; Hunger—\$109.

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.



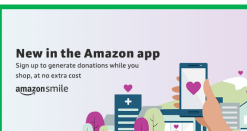
The flower chart for 2022 is available for sign up. It is located on the bulletin board by the church office or call at 304-725-5316. If you would like to donate your flowers for the deacons to deliver to a shut-in or someone in the hospital, please call the church office.



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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>



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



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



Meals on Wheels—Volunteers Needed!

MOW is in urgent need of drivers. Please call 304-725-1061 if you are interested in being a volunteer driver. You can do as little as one day a month.