

August 12-18,  
2022

## MUSINGS...

by Pastor John Bethard



This coming Sunday is Stewardship Sunday. Now before anyone starts thinking, “Great, the church is asking for money,” I want to explain what we are doing this year.

Last year we shifted gears in a dramatic way. Over the years, our stewardship program looked like most churches: the annual stewardship letter, a sermon, and collection of pledge cards. I’m not naïve, nor is the session; we know that format doesn’t work, and that those letters didn’t really change much of anything for anybody. Last year we attempted something different. We asked six people from the congregation to share their stewardship experience, and how that experience affected their faith commitment and their commitment to CTPC. We also sang several hymns and songs that focused on discipleship and giving. We were told afterward that it was one of the best, maybe *the* best stewardship service we had ever done.

This year, our service will follow a similar format, but the focus is different. Every major ministry area: worship and music, fellowship, property, communications, missions, and discipleship and family ministry, will share how the stewardship of the congregation made an impact in each of those areas. Anyone who has wondered what we do and how we do it will have the opportunity to hear what God is doing in and through our congregation. I am extremely excited about this worship service! Like last year, those who are ready to make their stewardship pledge for 2023 will have the chance to do so. Those who are unable or not ready can bring their stewardship pledge back at a later time.

I could bore you all with a bunch of statistics, I could quote scripture, but the bottom line is this: Stewardship is about response and responsibility. Everything we have is a gift from God. Everything. We are called to view our time, talents, and treasure as God’s gift to us, and to use those things responsibly in a godly manner. But we are also called to respond to what God has given us in Christ with those gifts. God the Father sent God the Son to pay the penalty for our sins so that we could have a relationship with God forever. Stewardship asks the question, “What kind of response should so great a sacrifice exact from us?” All those responses work together by means of offering and service to accomplish the ministry of our congregation. Stewardship creates synergy where we can accomplish more together when we all participate sacrificially in the work of Christ’s Church. I hope all of you attend Sunday and learn how that synergy is working!

On a more personal note, thank you for the prayers. During my second week of vacation, I got Covid. I was not surprised, as it rapidly spread through our whole household. All our cases were mild, though my mild case is stubbornly hanging on. I will test Friday, and if my test is negative, I will be joining you in person on Sunday, masked, of course. I will not shake hands and I will keep my distance.

Blessings,

Pastor John



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Charles Town Presbyterian Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

# 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"*

Music Ministry Needs You!

Our music ministry exists for the sole purpose of worshipping our Lord with the gift of song.

If the Lord has given you the gift of voice or instrument, or the desire to learn, then



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

Please contact me at [penvfarm@aol.com](mailto:penvfarm@aol.com) or the church office 304-725-5316 if you're interested in singing, ringing, or play an instrument!

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](mailto: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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

## Celebrations

### Birthdays

Jeannette Tabb  
Ann Workman  
Micaiah Noland  
Mark Day  
Brett Moreland



Lazan Rogers  
Rebecca Karos

### Anniversaries

Ray & Joyce Jamison  
Mark & Debbie Stafford

## Sunday @ CTPC

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

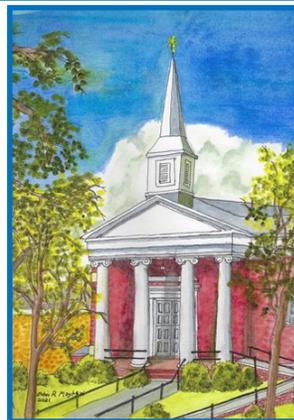
- **The Faithweavers** is a blended Sunday School class with in person and virtual options led by Margaret Kursey.
- **Yokefellows Sunday School Class.** The Class will begin with a short business meeting from 8:45 am to 9:00 am at which time prayers will be offered for class members, family and friends 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).



Our Christian sympathy is extended to former pastor, Rev. Charles F. Klotzberger, on the passing of his wife, Vera, this past July. May God bless those who grieve.

Pastor Chuck would appreciate cards and notes at this time.

Rev. Charles F. Klotzberger  
901 Madrona Street, Apt. 317  
Midlothian, VA 23114



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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### 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 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!

## Charles Town Presbyterian Church Stewardship Pledge Card 2023



Your gift helps us plan effectively for a brighter future. Please help support the ministries and mission of Charles Town Presbyterian Church.

*Thank you!*

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Cor 9:7

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ wishes to pledge for 202\_\_:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_      Week      Month      Quarterly      Annual      (circle one)

It is my hope to increase my giving by \_\_\_\_\_%

I can support with my time and talents in these areas:

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### Weekly Congregational Giving:

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

Receipts: \$2,995; On-Line Giving—\$1,309; Special Offerings: Loose—\$73; Sunday School—\$21; Help Fund—\$170; Hunger—\$50.

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



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



**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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