

August 19-25,
2022



MUSINGS...

by Pastor John Bethard

I recently celebrated my eighteenth anniversary as pastor of Charles Town Presbyterian Church. Some days, I can't believe it's been that long. Most days, though, I hear myself asking, "Has it really been eighteen years already?" It still feels like there is so much to do, and that our congregation has so much potential.

One of the noticeable changes that happened about a decade ago was when we moved our newsletter to a weekly format and made it available by email. There was so much happening in the life of the church that we needed a way to let people know what was coming up. A monthly newsletter was not cutting it.

Much has changed since we made that decision. Ten years ago, social media was still in its infancy (maybe it's adolescence). We did not yet have a Facebook page. Now we have a highly active Facebook page, along with numerous "groups" connected to the page. Today, only less than ten percent of our congregation is without email. When we have to communicate something to the congregation, the weekly newsletter is often "behind," because the timely information was already shared via social media and/or emails to the congregation. This is the reason more than half the newsletter seems redundant week to week.

Because of this, we are switching back to a monthly format, beginning in September. The newsletter will appear in email inboxes on the fourth Friday of each month. For those who receive it by mail, it will arrive shortly after. The emphasis of the newsletter will shift with this change. There will be a monthly calendar, and we will still post a list of birthdays and anniversaries for the month. The general news of the church will be up to date each month, and hopefully the newsletter will be less repetitive than it is now. The deadline for the monthly newsletter will be the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Decades ago, churches used newsletters as an important communication tool. Now that we are in the digital age, we can more easily use email and social media in a timely way to share what's happening now in the life of the congregation. Those who have email but don't receive the newsletter can email the office at ctpres@ctpres.org to start receiving the newsletter. For those who use Facebook, be sure to like and follow the church page, which you will find [here](#).

We will still mail the newsletter to those who do not have email. Our website will still have the calendar. Bulletins will still come each week by email. Of course, the best way to stay informed is to make a habit of regular worship attendance.

Blessings,

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"

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 penfvm@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 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.

Are you receiving emails for the church office? Has your contact information changed? To update your information please email the church office at ctpres@ctpres.org. Thank you.

Celebrations

Birthdays

Mike Ishman

Jane Groves

Joe Hardy

Emily Rutherford



Anniversaries

Allen & Lazan Rogers

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 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.

235th Homecoming Celebration

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, with guest speakers and plenty of special music. 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!

We are currently looking for help in two ways. First, we are putting together a planning team. This team will meet regular to shape the events of this special day. 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!

Second, we are looking for table sponsors to the lunch. We estimate that it will cost about \$200 per table for the lunch. We are hoping to find sponsors for eight to ten tables. 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 Pastor John for specifics.



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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. September 3rd, the choir. 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!

Pledge Cards. We will be collecting pledge cards through the end of the month. You are welcome to place them in the offering plate or in one of the gold boxes at the front of the sanctuary, drop off at the church office or mail to CTPC, PO Box 89, Charles Town, WV 25414. Thank you.

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:



Weekly Congregational Giving:

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

Receipts: \$2,846; Special Offerings: Loose—\$75; Sunday School—\$26; Help Fund—\$191.

Checks can be mailed to:

CTPC, PO Box 89,
Charles Town, WV 25414

For electronic giving, please scan here:



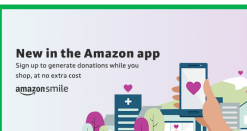
For those who wish to continue with the Bible reading plan in 2022, you can access or download the document [here](https://www.navigators.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/navigators-bible-reading-plan.pdf). This plan is a little different than the 2021 plan. The 2021 plan had only five readings per week, 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>

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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