

May 2023



# MUSINGS...

by Pastor John Bethard

I have a confession. This is my favorite time of the year.

No, not spring, though spring has many things for which I am thankful: the colors, the warmer weather, the life bursting forth. It's incredible! What I am referring to is the time between Easter and advent.

The rhythm of church life is that every church staff starts thinking about advent and Christmas in October. And almost immediately after Christmas, we must think about Lent and Easter. For five or six months we are the busiest we are all year. Christmas and Easter are important times every year, and it is very important to mark those celebrations. They are signposts on our journey with Christ. They are also phenomenally busy. More meetings, more services, more ministry. And if we are not careful, we can easily burn out, and those very celebrations lose their joy.

This is why the time between Easter and advent is my favorite time of the year. There is less "noise," less extraneous stuff distracting us. It allows me to work on being more consistent in almost every area of my life. I like to think of it, believe it or not, as "maintenance season." I have the time to address areas of my life that need work. When we are super busy, we might skip cleaning the house for one week, or wait a few days to mow the lawn. Those things can wait, but not forever. Maintenance is important, for good maintenance will often serve as the foundation for good results in other areas of life.

While we are in this maintenance season, we have the time as individuals and as a congregation to address the areas we may have let go of in the busyness of the past few months. If prayer or scripture reading are not habits, this is a good time to correct that oversight. If weekly worship is not on the calendar, now is a great time to make that change. If there are issues in the way we are administrating the mission of the congregation, this is the season to address it.

My hope and prayer for all this spring, summer, and fall, is that we use our time wisely to make appropriate changes and adjustments that will yield rich rewards in our spiritual life. I close with these words from the Apostle Paul to Timothy, in 1 Timothy 4:8:

*"...for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come."*

Blessings,

Pastor John



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## 🎵 MUSIC NOTES 🎵 from Miss Penny

### Attitude of Gratitude

Are You Interested?



This summer could be filled with many music possibilities. Please fill out the attached form and return to Penny or the church office.

#### Bells

Adult-advanced small group \_\_\_\_

Adult-beginner small group \_\_\_\_

Youth-ages 10-15 \_\_\_\_

Child-ages 6-10 \_\_\_\_

#### Basic Music Skills

Adult \_\_\_\_

Youth \_\_\_\_

Child \_\_\_\_

#### Piano

Adult \_\_\_\_

Youth \_\_\_\_

Child \_\_\_\_

#### Summer Music Camp for Kids

3 hours once a week in July \_\_\_\_

I'd prefer weekday \_\_\_\_\_ weekend \_\_\_\_

I'd prefer morning \_\_\_\_\_ afternoon \_\_\_\_\_ evening \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**HOSPITALITY STATION**  
**BAGEL**  
**BAR**  
**BRUNCH**  
3RD SUNDAY  
EACH MONTH  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP

**Please join us at the Hospitality Station** on Sunday, May 21st, immediately after worship for a Bagel Bar Brunch! If you or your Sunday School class would like to sponsor a 3rd Sunday brunch, a sign-up sheet is located on the piano in the sanctuary! May this time of fellowship give you an opportunity to discuss the sermon, upcoming activities, visit the library and take joy in the Lord!

For more information see Penny Liston.

Charles Town Presbyterian Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

## Kid's Group!

Kid's Group meets each Sunday from 3-5PM. I look forward to seeing you there!

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



News flash!!

Join us this summer for **Stellar** VBS

July 17-20, 2023

9am-12:00 noon

**Stellar** will rocket kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that is light years of fun!

SAVE THE DATE

more to come...

**The Discipleship and Family Ministry Committee** undertakes responsibility for nurturing and training members of our congregation for responsible life and service in the church and in the world --in a word, discipleship. Under the Session's direction the DFM Committee is tasked with supervising the formal educational programs of God's family within this church and assisting in ministry to home and family as we seek to follow and be transformed by Christ.

Under this umbrella our committee oversees Christian education, finds and trains leaders and teachers, approves curriculum, oversees equipment and material procurement, oversees youth ministry, supports family ministry, manages the nursery program, coordinates and plans annual VBS, family fellowship activities, Christian Education Sunday, Advent Celebration and similar events.

As you see, we are very busy! If you have an interest or abilities to share, we could use you on our committee(!) or, as a volunteer for one of these important ministry activities.

We are actively seeking volunteers right now for Vacation Bible School. If you want to help in any way--teaching, teacher's aide, leading games, providing snacks, making decorations, decorating the Fellowship Hall and classrooms, helping to organize or advertise--please let us know. You can contact the church office, Garth Stevens-Jennings, or Marsha Dibbern:

[ctpres@ctpres.org](mailto:ctpres@ctpres.org) office

[garthstevensjennings@ctpres.org](mailto:garthstevensjennings@ctpres.org) Garth

[marshadib@juno.com](mailto:marshadib@juno.com) Marsha

## Session News

The session met for its February stated meeting on Tuesday, March 21, and took the following actions:

- Received as corrected, the minutes from the March 2022 stated meeting and the called meeting of March 26.
- The CNC have a report to the session and asked for a called meeting to present their report. The meeting is set for Sunday, May 7 immediately following worship. The CNC will recommend the congregation change the number of trustees from five to three. This is because we no longer need as many trustees for the Edge Hill Cemetery board. The CNC will then present their list of nominees for elders, deacons, trustee, and next year's CNC at-large members. That list can be found in the bulletin and newsletter.
- The DFM committee shared that Vacation Bible School will be held July 17-20, in the mornings like last year. The committee also reported on the egg hunt and bowling.
- The session authorized Kathy Shue to serve as the elder commissioner for the May meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery.
- The session scheduled homebound communion for May 7.
- The session authorized a request from Beulah Chapel, for a ramp to be built at the entrance. The work will be completed by Matt Wilfong, a fully licensed and insured local contractor.

**Looking for a place to serve?** Have questions about a particular activity but not sure who to ask? Here are the list of committees and the people who serve on them:

Communicating with Technology – Roger Snook [rogercsnook@gmail.com](mailto:rogercsnook@gmail.com)

Discipleship and Family Ministry - Marsha Dibbern [marshadib@juno.com](mailto:marshadib@juno.com)  
- Beth Pugh [bethandvincent@comcast.net](mailto:bethandvincent@comcast.net)

Finance and Budget - Kathy Donadio [feebler8@gmail.com](mailto:feebler8@gmail.com)

Mission and Outreach - Doyle Criswell [doyle.criswell@comcast.net](mailto:doyle.criswell@comcast.net)

Personnel - Kathy Shue [dashuka@msn.com](mailto:dashuka@msn.com)

Property - Gary Scott [gary3042795296@gmail.com](mailto:gary3042795296@gmail.com)

Stewardship and Vision - Kathy Donadio [feebler8@gmail.com](mailto:feebler8@gmail.com)

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- Signe Garms [signegarms@gmail.com](mailto:signegarms@gmail.com)

Fellowship - Lazan Rogers [lazanrogers@yahoo.com](mailto:lazanrogers@yahoo.com)  
- Kathy Shue [dashuka@msn.com](mailto:dashuka@msn.com)

## Celebrations this month

### **Birthdays**

Ashley Pugh  
 Lean Camilletti  
 Connie Casserly  
 Camdyn Noland  
 Jennifer Morgan  
 Karen Gregoryk  
 Dea Ping  
 Jimmy Low  
 J. P. Burns  
 John Fanjoy  
 Sara Fowler  
 Abby Duncan  
 John Karos



Lauren Rossi  
 Jack Huyett  
 Jamie Hardy

### **Anniversaries**

John & Rebecca Karos  
 Jon & Karen Gregoryk  
 Corey & Brooke Smith  
 David & Jackie Weil  
 Vincent & Beth Pugh  
 Michael & Deborah Gregory  
 Mark & Mary Day  
 Michael & Heather Duncan

## **Sunday @ CTPC**

10:30am-Worship Celebration FaceBook

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



## **CTPC Zoom Meetings**

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).



**Yokefellows BBQ Pork dinner.** Get your tickets now from any Yokefellow and plan to join us on Saturday, June 3rd, 4:30-7:00 pm, for fresh pork BBQ, slaw, mac & cheese, baked bean, desserts, and drinks provided. Tickets: \$15.00 adults; \$7.00 children under 12 years; Free children under 3 years. Proceeds from the dinner go to church ministries.



**Attention Graduates:** We would like to honor your achievements. If you have a graduate in your family or know of any graduates (high school or college) in our church family, please call (304-725-5316)

or email ([ctpres@ctpres.org](mailto:ctpres@ctpres.org)) their name, high school or college, and future plans to the church office by Monday, May 15th.

**Called Congregational Meeting .** The session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, May 7, following worship, to hear a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee. At that meeting, the CNC will recommend the congregation reduce the number of trustees from five to three. This is largely due to changes in the board structure at Edge Hill Cemetery. The CNC will place the following people in nomination:

Elder, class of 2026: Diane Mayhew, Beth Pugh, Patsy White

Deacons, class of 2026: Bob Tansill, Emily Rutherford, Roy Dick

Trustee, class of 2026: Margaret Kursey

CNC, class of 2024: Hoyle Fulbright, Matthew Henshaw, Anne Portrey

Nominations will be accepted from the floor.



## ONLINE GIVING

**Online giving** helps you to bring your offering before God. Money donated via any of the services listed here gets deposited to our church bank account. You can donate fee-free via Facebook or for a nominal fee, use the Presbyterian Foundation or PayPal. The Presbyterian Foundation fee does help the organization's mission, and you can easily use a mobile app (Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement on Google Play/AppStore) to set up for repeating or one time giving. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Donation options and tax information at [www.ctpres.org](http://www.ctpres.org). Thank you.



**The flower chart for 2023** 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.

**Attention Charles Town Water Walkers** is on Saturday, May 20, 2023. If you're unable to walk, go to the website and choose one of the team members to support: <https://global6k.worldvision.org/> They and the well recipients would be extremely grateful! **PROMO CODE!** Let's encourage people to say **YESTOWATER** with a \$10 off promo code! Code **YESTOWATER** will be active for all participant types through Midnight, next Wednesday 5/3.

**Mission and Outreach.** Our Mission and Outreach Committee is involved in several projects, but we need assistance. Will you help with one of the following?

- Assisting with at least one Friendship Meal, which is served the first Saturday of each month.
- Writing letters or sending cards to our missionaries, shut-ins, and others in our church family.
- Leading or Assisting with our "Sock-It-To-Me" campaign to collect socks for the Jefferson County Community Ministries during November.
- Helping as our church serves food and drink to those attending the Charles Town Christmas Parade.

Please contact Doyle Criswell at 502.718.6411 or [doyle.criswell@att.net](mailto:doyle.criswell@att.net)

**The Six-cents-a-meal offering**, is collected on the 4th Sunday each month, and goes to the Presbyterian Hunger Program. To contribute to this offering please note on memo line: hunger offering. Thank you.



JCCM Food Pantry needs. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated: spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, canned meat (vienna sausage, spam, chicken, tuna), canned beans, canned vegetables (not green beans/corn), soups (hearty and condensed), canned chili, rice (small bags), instant mashed potatoes, jelly and peanut butter, syrup, instant oatmeal, crackers, boxed pancake mix, cooking oil, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, paper towels, toilet paper, dish soap, laundry detergent. Thank you, Kari Dean, Food Pantry Coordinator, JCCM



**Pentecost Offering.** Giving to the Pentecost Offering on Sunday, May 28th, is investing in our greatest resource, our youth and our children. The Pentecost Offering makes it possible for the church to encourage, develop, and support its young people and address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of this offering stays in our local community and will be designated for Jefferson County Community Ministries. The other 60% will help support: young adult volunteer programs, ministries for youth, and child advocacy.



## OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, May 29th, in observance of Memorial Day.



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