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CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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MUSINGS...

by Pastor John Bethard

Lately I have been thinking about outreach and mission.

It is in outreach and mission that every congregation finds their purpose and their legacy. I suppose, for me, this comes out of the recent 40th Gala Anniversary celebrated by Jefferson County Community Ministries. I went to that event representing the congregation and was reminded of something very important: Charles Town Presbyterian Church was one of the six churches who had a vision for a coordinated ministry helping people in need. Now, JCCM is poised to begin construction on a building that centralizes their work and provides permanent shelter for those who need it. Who would have thought the original idea forty years ago would lead to that kind of work and ministry?

Our congregation is blessed to have some quality preaching provided by elders when the pastor is absent. In recent decades, I can think of three elders – Buddy Smoot, Henry Christie, and David Weil, who not only preach (ed) at CTPC, but also preach in other congregations in our presbytery as they have need. And one of them, David Weil, is currently in the commissioned ruling elder program, learning how to be a pastor. What a joy to be part of congregation who “sends out” teachers and preachers from our own ranks.

Once a month, our church, like most in Jefferson County, helps feed hungry people. This is important work. Few of our congregation truly know what it is like to be food insecure or homeless. However, there are plenty of people who do, and they are our neighbors and friends. So, heeding the words of Jesus to feed the hungry, we joyfully and often creatively do so.

We are a generous congregation focused on helping people in need. We happily share our able teachers and preachers with other congregations. This is our outreach legacy.

But this does not mean we should sit back and take it easy.

About fifteen years ago, I preached through the book of Acts. I am doing so again beginning Memorial Day weekend. Much has changed in the world since we last looked at this book, and I’m doing so with an eye to what it means to live out our faith in Christ in the 2020’s. I’m calling the series, “How to ACT like Jesus.” The goal of this series is to help each of us live more intentionally and purposefully for Jesus, adopting a way of life that will mark the legacies of each of us.

Pastor John



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🎵 MUSIC NOTES 🎵 from Miss Penny

Attitude of Gratitude

This is the season where I've begun listening to new releases of choir and bell music for the 2023 Fall and Winter season. I'm so very excited with what's coming! So excited, that I've already got a plan for Christmas! Our Music Ministry program welcomes donations towards our purchase of new music!

Quick reminder:

Please let me know if you're interested in any summer music programs by June 1st!

If you are interested in doing special music during the month of July in worship, please reach out to me!

Blessings, Penny

SUNDAY 6/4- NO CHOIR

WEDNESDAY 6/7 PRACTICE 7:15

SUNDAY 6/11- CHOIR SINGS

WEDNESDAY 6/14 PRACTICE AT 7:15

SUNDAY 6/18- CHOIR SINGS

SUNDAY 6/25- NO CHOIR

*****NO CHOIR THE MONTH OF JULY*****

WEDNESDAY 8/2- PRACTICE AT 7:15

SUNDAY 8/6- NO CHOIR

WEDNESDAY 8/9- PRACTICE AT 7:15

SUNDAY- 8/13- CHOIR SINGS



SCHEDULE
June-July- part of August



Are You Interested?

This summer could be filled with many music possibilities. Please fill out the 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 ____

Piano

Adult ____

Youth ____

Child ____

Basic Music Skills

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: _____



Please join us at the Hospitality Station on the 3rd Sunday of each month, 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.

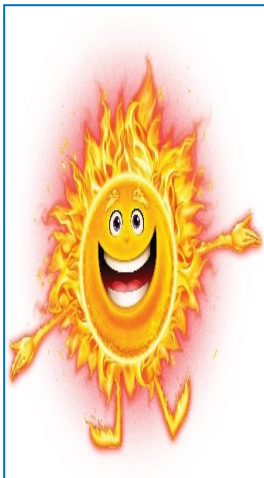
News flash!

Coming this summer to
Charles Town Presbyterian Church



VBS

It's an out-of-this-world adventure that is light years of fun!



July 17-20
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Kids : rising K through rising 6th grade

Register online
Check out our CTPC FB page

For more information email Garth at garthstevensjennings@ctpres.org



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.

Session News

The session met for its May stated meeting on Tuesday, May 16, and took the following actions:

- Received as corrected, the minutes from the April 2023 stated meeting and the called congregational meeting of May 7.
- Heard verbal committee reports.
- Approved a motion to retroactively approve the special offerings for 2023, and a motion to approve the special offerings for 2024. The retroactive action was to correct the oversight of not having approved this year's special offerings. Both motions passed unanimously.
- Stewardship Sunday will be in September.
- Session authorized the celebration of the Lord's Supper for June 4.
- Due to action taken at the May 7 congregational meeting, the session unanimously approved the following change to the operations manual:

The Trustees at Charles Town Presbyterian Church shall be made up of three individuals divided into three 3- year classed. Trustees are invited to serve on the board of Edge Hill Cemetery.

- Adjourned after a brief discussion of upcoming events.

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

Discipleship and Family Ministry - Marsha Dibbern marshadib@juno.com
- Beth Pugh bethandvincent@comcast.net

Finance and Budget - Kathy Donadio feebler8@gmail.com

Mission and Outreach - Doyle Criswell doyle.criswell@comcast.net

Personnel - Kathy Shue dashuka@msn.com

Property - Gary Scott gary3042795296@gmail.com

Stewardship and Vision - Kathy Donadio feebler8@gmail.com

Worship and Music - Lazan Rogers lazanrogers@yahoo.com
- Signe Garms signegarms@gmail.com

Fellowship - Lazan Rogers lazanrogers@yahoo.com
- Kathy Shue dashuka@msn.com

Celebrations this month

Birthdays

James Ahalt
Seth Van Zomeren
Hannah Rossi
Mona Thompson
Alex Bethard
Augusta Whitacre
Jon Gregoryk
Megan Camilletti
Linda Myers-Hart
Lynn Pechekonis
Will Pugh
Peter Garms
Mickie Anderson
Zach Bethard
Bonnie Owens



Hartley Tetro
Matthew Fowler
Sandra Littleton
Carley Duncan
Henry Christie
Rachel Wilson
Anniversaries
Chris & Penny Liston
Larry & Nancy Lloyd
Doug & Julia McDonough
Doug & Patsy White
Doyle & Sharon Criswell
Bing & Laura Crosby
Glenn & Susie Moreland
Andy & Roxanne Noland

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

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.



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.



Graduates will be recognized during worship on Sunday, June 4th. Congratulations!

Library help needed! Judy Holt has answered the call to work on updating and reorganizing our church library. However, it's become obvious that this is a job for more than one person --could be even a small group. If you have some time in your schedule to help with this effort, please contact Marsha Dibbern. marshadib@juno.com



OFFICE CLOSED. The church office will be closed Tuesday, July 4th! Have a safe holiday.



Congratulations to Emily Mayhew & Ted Smith upon the birth of their daughter, Claire Rose Smith, on May 9th.

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. 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.



The Charles Town Water Walkers did the 6k walk on Saturday, May 20th without injury. Thanks to all of the participants and donors, we were able to raise \$1,275.00. We enjoyed clean water along the way and rejoice with the fact that 34,730 people (and counting) will be able to enjoy the same, thanks to the efforts of people who participated in the walk worldwide.

Worship Committee Workday. All are invited to join us on Saturday, June 10th, at 9am to do some general cleaning and tidying up of the sanctuary. We will polish silver, organize supplies and give the sanctuary a thorough "once over."

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

Missions and Outreach News

June 3rd Yokefellows BQ Pork dinner 4:30pm - 7:pm. We will have the Friendship meal.

We are looking for host of the Friendship meals the first Saturday of every month for 2024.

If you would like to host a Friendship meal please contact Doyle Criswell at 502-718-6411 or doyle.criswell@att.net.

Worship Help Needed. We need help running the technology used in worship each week. We are seeking two or three people to help run the PowerPoint slides and the camera for our live broadcast. These are fairly simple tasks, and we provide training. Please speak with Pastor John or Roger Snook if you can help.



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