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CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CT Press

MUSINGS...

by Pastor John Bethard

August 2024 marks entry into my third decade of ministry at Charles Town Presbyterian Church. One of the greatest changes that has happened in the congregation during my tenure is how adaptable we've become. That adaptability is reflected well in our current capital campaign.

Discussion about a campaign began over a year ago when part of the sanctuary roof was damaged by a dangerous storm. I know that seems like it is a long time ago, and it might look like the campaign is dragging its feet. I want to explain why it looks like this and what's happening.

In the 2010's, our congregation was getting overly worried about finances. And so, we started deferring maintenance. As discussions on the campaign unfolded, the campaign sought input from the congregation as to what else a campaign might fund. After soliciting that feedback, the campaign team and property committee started really looking at the building. And every time the campaign believes they have the priorities organized, other problems with plumbing and air conditioning have popped up. We could easily spend \$100K today just to bring the rest of the AC units up to date. Just this past week we learned the flat roof on the McCurdy section needs to be replaced. So, creating the priority list has been an ongoing challenge.

The campaign team is also seeking to manage this campaign in a unique way. It would be extremely easy to just use a template from some of the bigger campaigns of the past, but much of the methodology is out of date. The team is seeking relevant and meaningful ways to update strategy, so the campaign is as successful as possible. Two big features of this campaign are the funding opportunities and the timeline. Like all capital campaigns, there is a list of projects we hope to fund, but instead of only setting a financial goal, we are trying to manage it in a way that if someone wants to completely fund one item on the list, they are able to do so, making it a very personal campaign in that way. The other piece the campaign team is working on is a timeline. The work this campaign will fund will be spread out over the next couple of years as money and schedule permit. But the campaign team is discerning how this capital campaign might continue long-term and turn into a way to address ongoing physical plant issues.

The expected official launch of the campaign will be Sunday, September 15. The campaign will be highlighted in worship and there will be an informational gathering following worship. In meantime, please be in prayer for the campaign and the team leading it, and we all need to prayerfully consider what our personal commitment will be to this important project.

All the best,

Pastor John



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Attitude of Gratitude

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

This wonderful hymn isn't in our Glory to God hymnal. May you be filled with the hope, grace and comfort that these lyrics inspire.

1 O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of Thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward
to Thy glorious rest above.

2 O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth,
changeth never, nevermore!
How He watcheth o'er His loved ones,
died to call them all His own;
how for them He intercedeth,
watcheth o'er them from the throne.

3 O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
love of every love the best;
'tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'tis a haven sweet of rest.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'tis heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to Thee.

Source: Psalms and Hymns to the Living God #321



Blessings, Penny

CTPC's Senior Summer Music Fun!





*Contact
Penny or Lazan*



The Hospitality Center Needs Your Support!

**Snacks, coffee pods, bottled water
Fruit, OJ, apple juice
Monetary donations**

Contact Lazan or Penny for more info



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The CTPC Hospitality Center has created this wish list to assist in maintenance and growth. All donations greatly appreciated!



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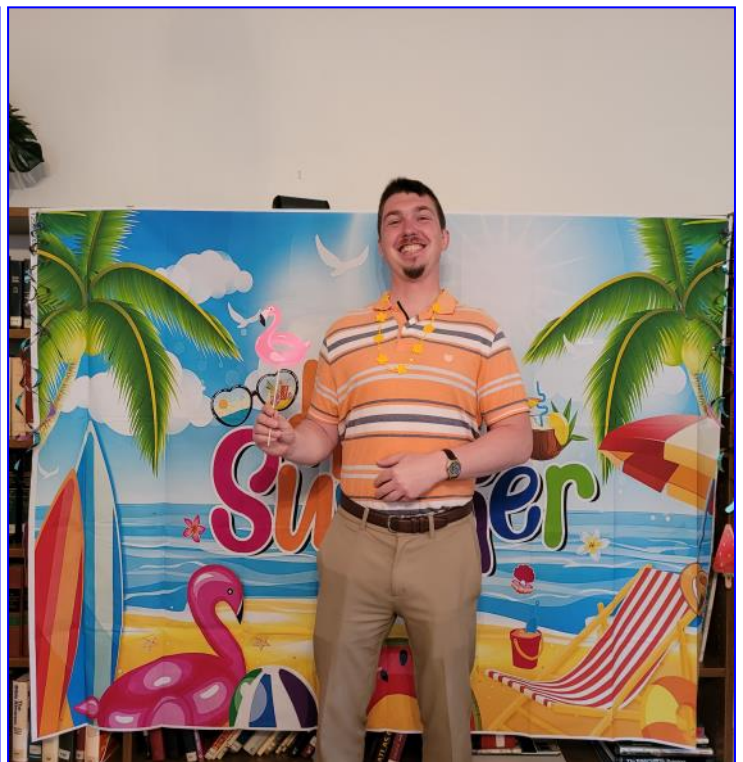
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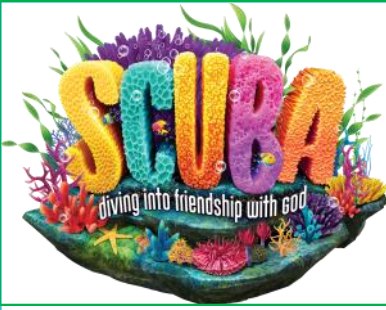


COMMUNION

The central Sacrament of our faith is Holy Communion. Preparation for this holy experience requires the hands and hearts of those willing to serve at the Lord's Table by preparing it for celebration of the Sacrament. We need your help! If you feel called to Serve the Lord by Serving at His Table please contact Lazan Rogers or any member of the Worship Team or the church office.







Thanks to all the staff, helpers, and contributors to SCUBA VBS 2024. We couldn't have done it without all those willing hands and hearts. We had 24 children participate this year. They were a super group of kids who seemed to grab onto the concepts we were teaching about the reality of a God who loves us, who we can trust, and whose son, Jesus Christ, sacrificed His life for everyone and forever.



Sunday, September 8th, will be Christian Education Sunday. We will recognize, and pray for our Sunday School teaching staff as well as nursery attendant and SS superintendent.

Charles Town Presbyterian Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

Youth Group!

Youth Group meets each Sunday from 2:30-4:00pm.

Kid's Group!

Kid's Group meets each Sunday from 4:00-5:30pm.

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.

Celebrations this month

Birthdays

Jillian Donadio
Tommy Morgan
Linda Puster
Kay Feldstein
Mike Kursey
Brittany Moreland
Debra Low
Jeannette Tabb
Ann Workman
Micaiah Noland
Mark Day
Brett Moreland
Lazan Rogers
Rebecca Karos
Joe Hardy
Emily Rutherford



Lauren Fowler
Debbie Henshaw



Anniversaries

Mike & Margaret Kursey
James & Amy Sheetz
Jim & Donna Warbel
Chris & Sherry Clark
Ray & Joyce Jamison
Mark & Debbie Stafford
Allen & Lazan Rogers
Peter & Signe Garms
Ron & Stephanie Rossi
Tim & Donnie Casserly
Thane & Laura
Van Zomeren

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 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, September 28, 4:30-6:30pm, 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.



Charles Town Presbyterian Church 2024 Elder Committee Assignments

Communicating with Technology -	Beth Pugh
Discipleship and Family Ministry -	Marsha Dibbern
Finance -	Diane Mayhew
Mission and Outreach -	Doyle Criswell
Personnel -	Kathy Shue
Property -	Gary Scott and Diane Mayhew
Stewardship and Vision -	Beth Pugh and Patsy White
Worship and Music —	Signe Garms and Lazan Rogers



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Online giving helps you to bring your offering before God in a simple, and secure way.

You can choose from The Presbyterian Foundation, Facebook, or PayPal, each of which have a nominal fee that you can include as part of your gift. 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/Apple 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>).

Seeking a nursery attendant:

Where—CTPC

When—every Sunday 10AM-noon

What—an aide for our current nursery attendant, Jordan, as she cares for children infant- Kindergarten

Why—to keep a safe environment for young children while parents (members or visitors) worship in our church sanctuary

Who—We seek a Christian individual 18 years or older who loves and respects children. This person should be gentle, warm, trustworthy, responsible, playful, nurturing, patient, and punctual.

This is a part time position. Hourly wage will be discussed when serious candidates apply. A background check will be required. Email a resume to Charles Town Presbyterian Church: ctpres@ctpres.org



The flower chart for 2024 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.

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.



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



Meals-on-Wheels is in need of volunteers to help Monday—Friday for packing meals (8am-10am) and delivering meals (10am –Noon). We have five areas in Jefferson County that we deliver to and need drivers for all of them. Please call (304-725-1601) or stop by the kitchen of the Charles Town Presbyterian Church.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Capital Campaign Update:

Dear Congregation Family, thank you for participating in our shared Sunday School

Hour's facilities walkthrough which identified over 60 items that we could improve with your Capital Campaign contributions. There are a handful of items that don't cost us anything, and in 2024 you should look for some scheduled work days to help out in sharing your time to complete. For those wanting to make a difference sooner, you can contribute to the Capital Campaign now through your usual donation method or via the no-fee PayPal Giving Fund <https://paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/3122728>.