

September
2024



MUSINGS...

by Pastor John Bethard

I need to begin with a **HUGE** thank you to everyone who made the 20th anniversary celebration possible on August 11. The meal was great, the tributes were touching, and it was fun. The gifts were far more than I expected and I'm so grateful for everything everyone did. I'll say again what I said that day: this is only possible because this congregation is so resilient and loving. I am looking forward to (hopefully) finishing my career in ministry at CTPC. We have plenty of work until that day comes! I am extremely excited by what's ahead.

Our immediate future, however, is my focus for this month's newsletter. September is always a busy month for us, and this year will be even busier. Sunday, September 8, is Christian Education Sunday. The emphasis in worship will be on education and how important it is for faith development. We will pray for the Sunday School teachers for the coming year and celebrate our education program. That morning, we will also have a called meeting for the purpose of electing officers. There is information elsewhere in the newsletter about this meeting.

The following Sunday, September 15, will be stewardship Sunday. We will hear some personal stories from several people about how they experience and engage in stewardship. We will also launch the capital campaign that morning. The goal, scope, and unique nature of this campaign will be highlighted. On Wednesday, September 18, my Wednesday noon Bible Study will resume. We meet at noon by Zoom and we will be studying the minor prophets.

The next day, Monday the 16th, we will be hosting one of the denomination's peacekeeping missionaries for a presentation at 7pm. The missionary is visiting various churches in Shenandoah presbytery that week. This promises to be an insightful presentation about what's happening in the world and how the Church is responding.

On Saturday, September 28, the Yokefellows Sunday School class will be hosting a barbecue dinner. Pricing information is found elsewhere in the newsletter. These barbecues are always fun, and the food is always (let me find the word...) EPIC! I hope to see you all there!

As you can see, we are hitting the ground running. Over the course of only a few weeks, we will be focusing on stewardship, education, mission and fellowship. I am looking forward to these events helping build momentum as we head into the fall.

Blessings,

Pastor John





Attitude of Gratitude

Fall is fast approaching which means it's time to start planning and practicing for this Christmas!

The Silver Bells are on a little break till Tuesday, October 1st, at 1:00pm. If you are over 60 and would like to try reining, please let me know.

During the summer we started a percussion group for seniors. They now call themselves the CPTC Boomerangs and would love for you to join them for the fall season. Rehearsals being again on Tuesday, October 8th, at 2:00pm

Thins are going to look a little different for our Geneva Ringers this fall. Rehearsals will be on Sundays following worship at 11:30am, beginning Sunday, October 6th, 2024. We have room for more ringers, so please let me know if you're interested.

Weekly Wednesday evening choir practice for the Glory Singers resumes on September 11th, at 7:00pm. If you'd like to praise God thru song, please join us.

Music Ministry is a great way to participate in the life of the church and an authentic and personal way to deepen your relations with the Lord. Please join us!

Blessings, Penny



New Members Wanted!

*The Geneva Ringers currently
have several positions open for the
Fall/Winter Season*

*Contact Penny LaRue- Director of Music
penfufarm@aol.com or 304-725-5316
for more info*

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Fall Schedule

Beginning Tuesday October 1st

Basic music 11am
Silverbells 1pm
Boomerangs 2pm

Beginning Sunday October 6th

Geneva Ringers 11:30am

Glory Singers

*Weekly rehearsals resume
Wednesday September 11th at 7pm*

CTPC
Hospitality
Team
Members Wanted

Contact
Penny or Lazan

CALL FOR DONATIONS

The Hospitality Center Needs Your Support!

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

Contact Lazan or Penny for more info

Charles Town Presbyterian Church

All Are Welcome!

Education Hour 9am
Worship Celebration 10:30am

CTPC
Hospitality Center
Fall Fest
Sunday September 22nd
Following worship
Please join us!

Food Collection Spot for Food Drive

LET'S FILL IT UP!
FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY
COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Know. Grow. Serve.

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



Serve the Lord by Serving at His Table!

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.

Session News

The session met in person for their regularly scheduled stated meeting on Tuesday, August 20 and took the following actions:

Received as corrected the minutes from the March stated meeting of session.

Wrote thank you notes to individuals who have taken on some important projects in the life of the congregation.

Authorized the baptism of Bennet Daryl Beeson, infant son of Daniel and Janette Beeson, at a date to be determined.

Heard verbal reports from the Discipleship and Family Ministry Committee and the Mission and Outreach Committee

By majority vote, approved a request from Jefferson County Community Ministries to use our building as part of rotation of churches hosting the temporary cold weather shelter during the winter months. JCCM is in the midst of raising money for their new facilities, which will include a permanent shelter. This will be the last cold season local churches need to help with this ministry in this way. They will use the rooms near the Liberty Street exit.

Approved extending the contract with ServiceMaster who takes care of cleaning, up to five visits per week. Currently, they come three times a week, an arrangement that began with the pandemic shutdown. With more activities in the building, we need to increase our cleaning.

Approved the bid on replacing the flat roof over the McCurdy entrance. The work will be done by Loudon Valley Roofing at a cost of approximately \$18000, barring no unforeseen problems. The session is relieved that this will be the last roof work for a long while.

Chose to wait on replacing the air conditioning unit in the church parlor in favor of assessing all the needs of the physical plant as there have been an unusual number of repairs over the past eight months.

At the request of the congregational nominating committee, called a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 8 following worship. At that meeting, the CNC will place into nomination the following people:

Elder: Chris Clark (2025); Christian Pechuekonis', Kathy Shue, Roger Snook (2027)

Deacon: Matthew Henshaw, Anne Portrey (2026); Gary Scott, Ruth Scott, Tommy Morgan (2027)

Trustee: Marty Kable (2027)

CNC: Allen Peacher, Rebecca Karos, Hoyle Fulbright (2027)

Nominations will be taken from floor per the *Book of Order*.

Assigned elders for homebound communion for October and November.

Discussed the need for the pastor to not visit people alone in their homes. When possible, the pastor will be accompanied by an elder, deacon, or any church member who feels called to this ministry. This issue was not raised in response to any concerns or issues; rather the session and pastor are seeking ways to be as transparent and safe as possible.

Discussed some of the overtures approved by the General Assembly this summer and sent to the presbyteries for approval.

Appointed Diane Mayhew elder commissioner for the September 14 meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery

The meeting adjourned with prayer at approximately 9pm. For those keeping track, this was the longest session meeting since before the pandemic.

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.



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.



Activity Bags for children attending Worship services are now available. Deacons will be offering them to any child attending. Children who are visiting may take the Activity Bag home with them. Children who are regular attenders will leave their bag in the Narthex to be used again the following Sunday.



The church office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd, in observance of Labor Day. Blessings for a safe holiday weekend.

Celebrating
20 years
with
Pastor John





Celebrations this month

Birthdays

Emily Pizzuti
 Allen rogers
 Mary Rider Kline
 Connor Howard
 Ken Hetzinger
 Ben Puster
 Louise Spitzer
 Tiffany Burns
 Jim Warbel
 Wayne Thompson
 David Weil
 Lucas Kropf
 Ray Jamison
 Margaret Damm



Wesley Clark
 Susan Wall
 Thane Van Zomeren
 Violet Eilers



Anniversaries

Samuel & Rachel
 Wilson
 Roger & Sandy Snook
 Bryan & Angie LaVallee
 Mike & Jane Ishman
 Hartley & Jeralene Tetro
 George & Jeannette Tabb
 Gary & Ruth Scott
 Chris & Margaret Damm

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 drink 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
 Discipleship and Family Ministry
 Finance
 Mission and Outreach
 Personnel
 Property
 Stewardship and Vision
 Worship and Music

- Beth Pugh
- Marsha Dibbern
- Diane Mayhew
- Doyle Criswell
- Kathy Shue
- Gary Scott and Diane Mayhew
- Beth Pugh and Patsy White
- Signe Garms and Lazan Rogers



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>).



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

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



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.



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.



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>.