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CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## MUSINGS...

by Pastor John Bethard

It's hard to believe that the daylight is getting shorter already. This summer flew by!

We've had a busy summer in 2023. We kicked off June with a fun pork barbecue dinner hosted by the Yokefellows Sunday School class. We hosted a very successful Vacation Bible School in July. We also survived a vicious day of storms that did significant damage in our community, and our sanctuary roof was not spared. Hopefully, by the time this goes to press we will know exactly how we are moving forward on that. We also held a monthly fellowship time after worship on third Sundays this summer. As we look ahead to September, we have much going on, and I want to tell you about that.

On **Sunday, September 10**, we will highlight Christian Education during the education hour and during worship. This is always a special Sunday, as we give new Bibles to third graders and pray for our teachers, in addition to other activities. On **Sunday, September 17**, our worship will be "A Celebration of Faithfulness," with an emphasis on stewardship. Every household connected with CTPC should have received an invitation and pledge card. Pledge cards can be turned in during worship that Sunday, or at the church office via mail or drop off. **October 1**, is World Communion Sunday, which we will incorporate into our celebration of the sacrament.

Speaking of stewardship, I want to share an easy way to support one of our ministries. Outside the sanctuary we now have a hospitality station that has coffee and snacks. The snacks are popular. If all of us when we are shopping, could grab snacks that are prepacked, like crackers, chips, cookies, lollipops, etc., we could keep our snack supply fully stocked.

One other exciting ministry that is underway is happening up in Martinsburg. For the first time in over 40 years, our presbytery is planting a church. Community Cup Coffee and More is located on Burke Street, and yes, it's a coffee shop. But it is also a ministry seeking to reach people in the recovery and other disenfranchised persons who do not feel comfortable in traditional churches. The new pastor, Dwight McCormick, will start his work next month. Unlike typical pastorates, there is no congregation or session, yet. Dwight and his wife will be staying in an AirBnB while they seek permanent housing. Please keep Dwight and Community Cup in your prayers. I am certain we will be doing some work together in the years to come.

I hope we are all able to make the most of the remaining days of summer. As busy as they have been, they have been a source of blessing for us. And those blessings are poised to continue as head into the fall season.

All the best,  
Pastor John



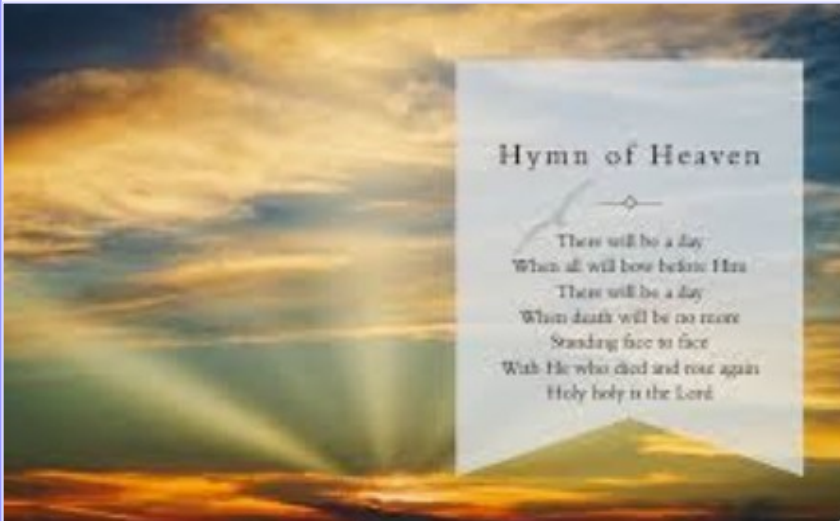
Know. Grow. Serve.

## 🎵 MUSIC NOTES 🎵 from Miss Penny

### Attitude of Gratitude

#### *Hymn of Heaven*

May the “Hymn of Heaven” sustain you when your heart is heavy and with it’s promise increase your hope and faith. Holy, Holy is the Lord!



How I long to breathe the air of Heaven  
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets  
To look upon the One who bled to save me  
And walk with Him for all eternity  
There will be a day when all will bow before Him  
There will be a day when death will be no more  
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again  
Holy, holy is the Lord  
And every prayer we prayed in desperation  
The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear  
In the end, we'll see that it was worth it  
When He returns to wipe away our tears  
Oh, there will be a day when all will bow before Him  
There will be a day when death will be no more  
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again  
Holy, holy is the Lord  
And on that day, we join the resurrection  
And stand beside the heroes of the faith  
With one voice, a thousand generations  
Sing, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain"  
And on that day, we join the resurrection  
And stand beside the heroes of the faith  
With one voice, a thousand generations  
Sing, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain"  
"Forever He shall reign"  
So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven  
With angels and the saints, we raise a mighty roar  
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave  
Holy, holy is the Lord

Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Children's Choir

AGES 12 AND YOUNGER



REHEARSALS 11:30AM SUNDAY MORNING  
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2023  
IN THE CHOIR ROOM

Invite a friend for singing & ringing fun !



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).

# Trunk or Treat



The spookiest time of the year is on the horizon, and so is the CTPC trunk-or-treat! The event will take place on Sunday, October 29th, from 3PM to 5PM. Please contact [garthstevensjennings@ctpres.org](mailto:garthstevensjennings@ctpres.org) if you would like to display a trunk, and we look forward to seeing your spooky (but not too spooky) costumes there!



## Celebrations this month

### Birthdays

Emily Pizzuti  
Allen Rogers  
Mary Rider Kline  
Connor Howard  
Ken Hetzinger  
Tammy Connors  
Ben Puster  
Tiffany Pitcock  
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



The church office will be closed on Monday, September 4th, in observance of Labor Day. Blessings for a safe holiday weekend.



**Yokefellows BBQ Pork dinner.** Get your tickets now from any Yokefellow and plan to join us on Saturday, October 28th, 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.

### **Free Books**

A small group has been working to re-organize the church library. It was decided that some of the books should be repurposed, so they will be displayed in the hall outside the library on Sundays, Sept 10, 17, and 24. Please feel free to take any books from the table you (or a member of your family) might use. Many of them are for young adult fiction readers but adults may enjoy those also. Any books remaining on the 25th will be taken away for another useful purpose.

**Weekly Bible Study** will resume on Wednesday, September 13 at noon. We will begin studying the book of Joshua. Bible Study meets by Zoom and all are welcome. Contact Pastor John or the church office for the Zoom information.

## 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](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).

**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.

**These Days** daily devotionals for October/November/December are available in the information racks located in the narthex and by the church office.



**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/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). Thank you.

**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.



**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. We are open 8am-1pm.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Saturday, October 7th, Meals-on-Wheels Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser. Watch for more details to come.



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 (heartly 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



**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.

**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)
- Worship and Music - Lazan Rogers [lazanrogers@yahoo.com](mailto:lazanrogers@yahoo.com)  
- 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)