

October 2023



MUSINGS...

by Pastor John Bethard

As most of you know, back in June the church sanctuary roof suffered damage in a severe storm. The insurance company is covering the cost of repair, which is approximately \$20,000. However, the session feels there is great wisdom in replacing the entire roof. It is the oldest roof on our buildings, and it protects the oldest and most important part of our building – the sanctuary. The initial estimate for the new roof, along with new gutters, downspouts, and gutter guards is around \$75,000.

The session has decided to begin a capital campaign to fund this project. This capital campaign will also seek to “catch up” on some deferred maintenance that we have put off for some time, so the goal will be greater than the amount needed for the roof alone. This campaign is still very much in its infancy; we are still organizing the campaign, setting the goals, and defining the projects. We are committed to the best possible transparency and communication possible for this exciting project.

I’m sure many will ask why we need a capital campaign when we have so much money in the bank. The reason is straightforward – things have changed. Fifty years ago, most churches enjoyed regular “legacy gifts,” large gifts, usually as part of someone’s estate, that were regular occurrences. But that has become rare, and there is little wisdom in assuming some gift will come along and save us, fiscally speaking. This is why the trustees have been working to shift the way we use our investments. As much as possible, they hope to keep the principle intact and only use the interest generated by the investments. This has the effect of generating significant income over time for us, which will be helpful. If we routinely spend down the principle, it weakens the power of the fund to generate interest. Hats off to the trustees for their forward thinking on this!

We are blessed with an amazing facility from which to do our ministry. Only a few members remain who remember the last big building project, from 1960, when the educational wing was completed. Most of us enjoy using a building we did not build, but it is a large physical plant that must be maintained.

In the coming weeks, as we firm up details, we will share them with you. If anyone has questions, at this point, they can be directed to me, and I’ll answer them the best I can. I want to encourage us to do two things as we move forward. First, please be in prayer for this campaign. There are quite a few details and much work ahead. Pray for those whom the Lord is calling to serve on this team. Second, I want to encourage us to not let the campaign distract us from our usual ministry activities, which are important and need to continue. We are a resilient congregation, and we are more than capable of managing all of this.

All the best,

Pastor John



Know. Grow. Serve.

Attitude of Gratitude



World Wide Communion **symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense.**

It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936.

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
Gift of Finest Wheat

*(Refrain) You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.*

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
So when you call your fam'ly, Lord, we follow and rejoice. (Refrain)

With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude
That you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav'nly food. (Refrain)

Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ oupoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, deciare our oneness in the Lord? (Refrain)

They myst'ry of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. (Refrain)

You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your name in truth and charity. (Refrain)



Christmas Choir

*Rehearsals start Wednesday
September 25th
At 7:15pm in the choir room*

*For anyone that wishes to join the Joy Singers
In singing at our Christmas Joy Service!
"A Journey to Joy"
A Cantata for Christmas*

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.

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 if you would like to display a trunk, and we look forward to seeing your spooky (but not too spooky) costumes there!

Session News

The session met for its September stated meeting on Tuesday, September 19, and took the following actions:

- Received as corrected, the minutes from the August stated meeting and the September 10 called meeting.
- Heard a report from the August meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery.
- Unanimously approved a motion from the Stewardship and Vision committee to begin formulating a capital campaign to fund the balance of the sanctuary roof replacement and some long-deferred maintenance and beautification projects. The congregation will be kept up to date as the campaign takes shape.
- Unanimously approved a motion from the Worship and Music committee to adopt the following schedule of special services through the end of the year:

Thanksgiving Eve	11/22 @ 7:00pm
Christmas Joy	12/10 @ 3:00pm
Longest Night	12/21 @7:00pm
Christmas Eve	10:30am and 5:00pm (Sunday)
New Year's Eve	10:30am

- Spent time in prayer for the needs of the congregation and community.

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

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.

Celebrations this month

Birthdays

Tim Casserly
Sharon Criswell
Brooklyn Farmer
Hoyle Fulbright
Jackson Smith
Evan Longerbeam
Conner Snook
Roger Snook
Katherine Burns
Stephanie Rossi
Lillian Duncan
Margaret Kursey
Terri Mullens
Emily Mayhew
Blossom Harrison
Emma Damm



Kaz Feldstein
Cheryl Fulbright
Austin Gregoryk
Spencer Wells
Saige Bethard
Mary Day
Daniel Hart
Lari MacKenzie
Vicki Burns
Madison Henshaw
Roxanne Noland
Autumn Sword
Anniversaries
Jonathan & Vicki Burns
Harry & Linda Puster
Hoyle & Cheryl Fulbright
J.P. & Donna Burns



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.

CTPC Upcoming Events:

October 1st: World Communion Sunday
October 7th: Meals-on-Wheels Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser
October 8th: Blessing of the Animals at Zion Episcopal Church 2:00pm
October 28th: Yokefellows BBQ Dinner 4:30-7:00pm
October 29th: Trunk or Treat 3-5:00pm
November 1st: Life Line Screening 8-5:00pm
November 22nd: Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00pm
November 23rd: Happy Thanksgiving—OFFICE CLOSED
November 24th: OFFICE CLOSED
December 3rd: Advent Celebration following worship
December 10th: Christmas Joy Service 3:00pm
December 21st: Longest Night Service 7:00pm
December 24th: Christmas Eve Service 5:00pm
December 25th: Merry Christmas! - OFFICE CLOSED
December 26th: OFFICE CLOSED

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.

Thank You

To the Charles Town Presbyterian church—we want to extend our gratitude. Your compassion, prayers, food, cards and messages have been greatly appreciated during this difficult time. Know that your kindness has and continue to be a light in our lives right now.

With great and humble gratitude,
Jeralene & Hartley Tetro



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/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



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.



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.

**Meals-on-Wheels
Soup, Sandwich and Bake Sale**

on Saturday, October 7th, 9am—2pm.
New soup this year is Chicken Corn Chowder!



Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Charles Town Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

A package of four screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered: **Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque)**. An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke. **Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening**. An Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke. **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)**. An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a serious medical emergency. **Atrial Fibrillation**. A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications. These 4 vital screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 1-844-591-7160, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at <https://llsa.social/HC>