

November
2023



MUSINGS...

by Pastor John Bethard

We have some exciting activities coming up in the next month, beginning with this weekend!

Busy Weekend

On Saturday, the Yokefellows Sunday School class will be hosting a pork barbecue. I know I sound like a broken record, but this is one of the easiest ways to introduce people to our church family. I encourage all of us to invite people! And if you see someone you don't know, introduce yourself and make friends! We are also blessed this weekend to have Mick and Cathy Sander, two of the missionaries we support, visiting us this weekend. They will join us for the barbecue on Saturday, and on Sunday they will host a combined Sunday School class and tell us about their work. During worship Mick will also speak briefly. Sunday afternoon, we are hosting a Trunk or Treat in our church parking lot from 3-5:00pm, and we are partnering with St. Thomas Lutheran for this outing.

Capital Campaign

The upcoming capital campaign is moving along. We are excited that Roger Snook and Christian Pechoukonis have agreed to serve as campaign co-chairs. This campaign will not only seek to replace the monies used from our investments to replace the sanctuary roof, but it also seeks to fund some projects that have been deferred since before the pandemic began. To that end, the capital campaign is seeking congregational input. We plan to do this in a combined adult Sunday School class on Sunday, November 19. We will meet in the fellowship hall and engage in some creative ways to get feedback from all who are present. Even if you do not attend Sunday School regularly, we encourage you to attend. This event will serve as an important way to get congregational feedback on the direction of the campaign. And if you are interested in serving on the campaign team, please come to the event on the 19th and learn more about where this campaign may be headed.

Later this month

It's November! That means the holidays are upon us. As always, we have some special events and worship services. Our annual Thanksgiving Eve worship service will be Wednesday, November 22, at 7pm. This service really sets the tone for what Thanksgiving is truly about. Also, toward the end of the month, we will be deep in advent and Christmas planning. Keep an eye out for invitations to purchase poinsettias, to be involved in our parade outreach on Saturday, December 2, at 2pm, and the usual holiday events. They are coming quickly, and we don't want anyone to miss out!

All the best,

Pastor John



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🎵 MUSIC NOTES 🎵 from Miss Penny

Attitude of Gratitude



As we welcome November and the season that is upon us, let us not forget to Give Thanks today and everyday!

I give thanks to God for our music ministry and all of our choir members and musicians who have already been hard at work preparing for Thanksgiving and this Christmas season.

Please mark your calendar now for our annual Christmas Joy service that will be on Sunday, December 10th, at 3pm. This year we will take "A Journey to Joy"! This cantata for Christmas by Joseph Martin will feature our special Christmas choir and be enhanced with special music from our Geneva Ringers and Silver Bells. The congregation is also necessary in the fulfillment of the journey.

"Give Thanks with a grateful heart.

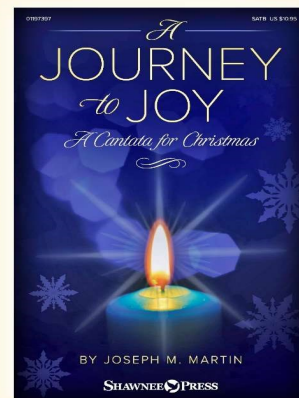
Give Thanks to the Holy One.

Give Thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son!"

To lead us on "A Journey to Joy".

Blessings, Penny

Charles Town Presbyterian Church Music Ministry Presents



Please Join Us
Sunday, December 10th
At 3pm
For our Christmas Joy Service !
Featuring our vocal & handbell choirs



Hear ye, hear ye, one and all



Advent Celebration

Sunday December 3rd *for all ages*

Immediately following worship

Light lunch

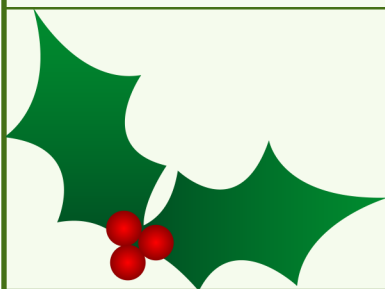
Carol singing

Ornament exchange

Make Advent crafts

Trim the Fellowship Hall Christmas tree with Chrismons

ADULTS- decorate the sanctuary if able



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 October stated meeting on Tuesday, October 17, and took the following actions:

- Received as presented, the minutes from the August stated meeting and the September stated meeting.
- Received as presented, the report from the treasurer.
- Received as presented, the 2024 proposed ministry income and expense plan for 2024. The 2024 fiscal plan includes a 4% salary increase for employees.
- Approved the 2024 terms of call for the pastor and called for a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 5, following worship. Copies of the terms of call are available in the church narthex.
- Heard a verbal report from the Discipleship and Family Ministry Committee. The DFM has several events and projects in the works, including Trunk or Treat (10/29) and the annual advent festival.
- Heard an update on the upcoming capital campaign. The Stewardship and Vision committee has recruited co-chairs and plans to have a workshop on Sunday, November 19 during the SS hour for adults. This will be an opportunity to hear and give input on the scope of the capital campaign. The workshop will be held in the fellowship hall.
- Kathy Shue was appointed elder commissioner by acclamation for the November meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery.
- Elders were invited to sign up for assisting with homebound communion on November 5.

CTPC Upcoming Events November/December:

November 1st: Life Line Screening 8-5pm
November 5th: Congregational Meeting following worship
November 19th: Capital Campaign Sunday School
Gathering
November 22nd: Thanksgiving Eve
Service 7pm
November 23rd: OFFICE CLOSED
November 24th: OFFICE CLOSED



December 2nd: Charles Town Christmas parade 2pm
December 3rd: Advent Celebration/Decorate Sanctuary
following worship
December 10th: Christmas Joy Service 3pm
(snow date December 17th)
December 21st: Longest Night Service 7pm
December 24th: Christmas Eve Service 5pm
December 25th: OFFICE CLOSED
December 26th: OFFICE CLOSED
December 29th: OFFICE CLOSED
January 1st: Happy New Year! - OFFICE CLOSED

Children's Thanksgiving Offering.

This Thanksgiving we ask you to remember children and families experiencing pain, hunger, hopelessness, separation from loved ones. The Apostle Paul teaches us that part of living together in community is reaching out to our brothers and sisters when they face hardships, temptation, or sorrow. Four ministries started by leaders in the Presbyterian Church serve our communities and address the needs of thousands of children each year. By participating in the Thanksgiving Offering Program, our congregation will sustain the valuable services provided by: Edmarc Hospice for Children; Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands; Presbyterian Home & Family Services and the Family Alliance. The Thanksgiving Offering will be collected on Sunday, November 19th, and Wednesday, November 22nd. Note memo line "Thanksgiving offering". As always, thank you for your generosity.

Celebrations this month

Birthdays

Matthew Henshaw
Tracey Owens
Ruth Scott
Roberta Churchill
George Karos
Penny Liston
Quentein LaVallee
Cy Staniec
June Adams
Betsy Wall



Sharon Harrell
Susie Moreland
Allen Peacher
Shirley Ferguson
Kylee Low
Mary Via



Anniversaries

Marty & Carol Kable
Dan & Linda Hart
Ken & Kathy Reim

The session has called for a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 5th, immediately following worship for the purpose of acting on the 2024 terms of call for the pastor. Copies of the terms of call are available in the narthex.



Memorial poinsettias will be placed in our sanctuary this Advent and Christmas season. Call or email the church office by **Wednesday, December 6th**, to sign up (304-725-5316 or ctpres@ctpres.org). Cost is \$10.00, single stemmed. If you purchase a poinsettia, please remove it from the sanctuary after the 5:00 p.m. service on the 24th. Thank you.

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

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.



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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>).

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

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.



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 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.



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>