

June 4, 2021



MUSINGS...

by Pastor John Bethard

This past week, I had the privilege of delivering the first of our community give-back gifts. I went to Mountaineer Recovery Center in Kearneysville. MRC is a residential treatment facility for people struggling with substance abuse disorder. MRC opened in November of 2019 and was immediately filled to capacity.

To help meet the need MRC made plans to build an adjoining facility for women and children. That building is in progress. They will be able to house twelve women with children and about a dozen women without children. One part of their plan for the women's center was to have multi-use garden area for prayer, reflection, and occasional programs. This part of the plan remained unfunded until Wednesday. Our gift of \$25,000 will significantly aid in moving that part of the project along and help them secure the remainder of the needed funding.

When I delivered the check on Wednesday, I was given a tour of the work in progress. I even remembered to take pictures and those are posted below. The target date for completion of the women's center is November of this year, and, as you can see from the pictures below, they are well on their way.

I was pleasantly surprised to learn that many of the MRC staff are Christians, including the director. They see all their clients as people created by a holy God, worthy of the help they need to live better, happier, more productive lives. It is a great joy to help them realize their goals as they seek to demonstrate a strong love of neighbor.

I encourage all of us to lift MRC and its staff up in prayer regularly. Helping people recover from substance use disorder is hard work, and their work is needed in our community. I am so grateful that God led our congregation to be so generous.

Blessings,

Pastor John



Artist's rendering of the garden area



The Women's and Children's Center



This is the area where the garden will be located

Celebrations this week

June Birthdays

Rose Baddorf
Hannah Rossi
Mona Thompson
Sue Back
Alex Bethard
Augusta Whitacre
Jon Gregoryk
Joshua Wilson



June Anniversaries

Larry & Nancy Lloyd

Please Note: in order to protect those whose names are listed in the celebrations, we do NOT list the actual dates. Those dates may be found in the on-line church directory.

Sunday @ CTPC

10:30am-Worship Celebration FaceBook

For a complete listing of all of the church activities, please click [here](#).



Donate



You can listen to Pastor Johns' sermon here:

<https://soundcloud.com/john-bethard>



GRADUATE INFORMATION: We will be recognizing our graduates during the worship service this Sunday, June 6th.

Jillian Donadio - MSSD (Model Secondary School for the Deaf) and will attend Gallaudet University in Washington, DC. in the fall, considering a degree in social work.

Emily Pizzuti—Washington High School and plans to attend WVU in the fall.

Jessica Wells – Washington High School and plans to attend Ferrum College in the fall and has received a Deans Scholarship.

Megan Henshaw – Shepherd University with a Regent Bachelor of Arts degree. Planning to work while obtaining Masters degree in Business Administration.

Congratulations, Grads!!

In-Person Worship Information (revised 5/19/21)

Masks. Per the revised CDC guidelines, fully vaccinated persons do not need to wear masks. So, if you are fully vaccinated, masks are optional in worship. Those who are not vaccinated or have health concerns are encouraged to continue masking. We trust that as brothers and sisters in Christ, we will honor each person's decision on this matter.

No singing...yet. The virus is still out there, and it is spread via aerosol, meaning the water droplets that come from our noses, mouths, etc. Even with masks, singing remains a spreader activity. For now, we encourage attendees to speak the words of the songs and hymns we sing. The first moment we can sing without fear of spread, sing we shall! So hang in there, that time is hopefully coming soon!

Seating and social distancing. We are still requesting that worshipers sit at least every other pew. When we serve communion, we will be bringing the bread and the cup to each person, not passing it down the pew. We will access by way of the pew in front.

Offering. We will have offering plates available at the doors, and we ask that everyone drop their gifts into the plates as they enter. This is to limit contact.

Virtual worship will still stream. We will continue to stream worship services live over Facebook. If you don't feel well or don't yet feel safe, worship with us virtually!

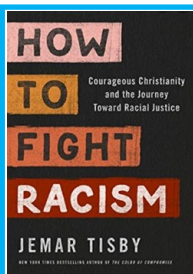


CTPC Zoom Meetings this week

(The Zoom meetings below are always the same info)

The Faithweavers will begin a blended Sunday School class on June 6, with in person and virtual options. On June 6, the class will begin studying Ephesians by Eric C. Redmond in the Knowing the Bible Series. In addition, the class will begin with a kick-off brunch (individually packaged foods). Please come as you are; masks are optional for those who are vaccinated. We will space out as much as possible. All are invited and welcome! Log into Zoom and join Meeting ID. 789 5479 7659 and Password 8ZFCtT. For more information, contact mkursey@gmail.com.

The Yokefellows Sunday School Class will resume in-person class on June 6. The lesson will be taught by a class teacher from the Adult Bible Studies series. Those who would like to visit the class on ZOOM should contact the following Yokefellows Sunday School Class members at their email address to request a ZOOM "invite": Gary Scott gary3042795296@gmail.com or James Mackenzie mackenzie48708@gmail.com



READ Book Study News

The Racial Equality and Discipleship group will be starting a new study in April. We will be reading and discussing Jerome Tisby's *How to Fight Racism: Courageous Christianity and the Journey Toward Racial Justice*. Anyone interested in joining us for this study is welcome to get a copy of the book and join us on the dates below. At least through May, the meetings will be through Zoom, and that information is included below. Meetings are on the Saturdays noted below and begin at 10am.

For the meeting on...

Saturday, June 26

Read...

Chapters 8-10 & Conclusion

Zoom Info:

<https://zoom.us/j/98451764248?pwd=SVUvTosvaWhsY1doN3E2aUErc3FiZzo9>

Meeting ID: 984 5176 4248

Passcode: 254484

Session has called for a congregational meeting on Sunday, June 20, following worship to hear and act upon a report from the congregational nominating committee. This will be an in-person meeting. If we are unable to have a quorum, the meeting will be rescheduled for Sunday, June 27 and conducted as a hybrid meeting (combination of in-person and Zoom meeting). The CNC will nominate the following people: Class of 2024: Elder – Signe Garms, Gary Scott, Kathy Shue; Deacon – Alex Bethard, Kaz Feldstein, Debra Low, Doug McDonough; Trustee – Janet Harner; CNC class of 2022: Sue Flanagan, Diane Mayhew, David Weil.

2021 Frazier Music Scholarship - The Frazier Music Scholarship was created in 2014 by the congregation of Charles Town Presbyterian Church upon the retirement of organist and choir director, Ceil Frazier, and in memory of her husband, Raymond Frazier, a choir and handbell member. The scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior in either Jefferson or Berkeley County who will be attending Shepherd University and majoring in music or music education. Sarah Seelinger is the sixth recipient of the Frazier Music Scholarship. Sarah is a graduate of Martinsburg High School and will be attending Shepherd University in the Fall of 2021 majoring in music. Congratulations to Sarah as she begins her college education with support from CTPC through this Frazier music legacy.



Attitude of Gratitude!

Music Ministry Sign Up

Small Group Handbells

Singers

Instrumentalist

If you are interested in sharing your gift of ringing, singing, or special music, please fill out below information. I hope you will prayerfully consider sharing your gift and contact me via: email: penfvfarm@aol.com (special music in subject line), FB messenger, call or text 304-886-2471.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Stay safe & well! Please wear a mask and love like Jesus!

Penny



WE STILL HAVE SPACE FOR YOU! Come on out to the first CTPC Yard/ Parking Lot Sale on Saturday, June 19, from 9-Noon. Spaces will be by the table. One church table space will be \$15 and a double \$25. Spacing will be generous. Any additional donations will be greatly appreciated, and all funds raised will go to the mission of the church. This is a great way to declutter your life and hopefully see your past treasures become someone else's treasure. This is also a great way to upcycle. If you have a friend that would like to reserve a space, we welcome guest sellers. If you have some items you would like to donate but not do a table, we are accepting limited items that are in good condition. Everyone is encouraged to have your things set up early as true yard sale hunters come out before opening time. If you know some of the items you are planning to sell, we can pre-advertise to create interest. We have some great items already committed for the sale. ALL remaining items and goods must be removed immediately after the sale. Any questions and table space reservations please call Patsy White (304 -725- 8058) or Diane Mayhew (304-676-2807). We would like to have an accurate count soon so please let us know this week if possible.



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Weekly
Offering

Weekly Congregational Giving:
Needed to Meet Expenses Budget:
\$6,934

Sunday's Receipts for May 30th:

\$6,480; Special Offerings: Sunday School—\$20;
Help Fund—\$27

Checks can be mailed to:

CTPC, PO Box 89, Charles Town, WV 25414

**For electronic giving, please
scan here:**



ONLINE GIVING

Online giving helps
you to bring your
offering before God.
In addition to the
no-fee Facebook do-

nations and nominal fee Paypal service, we set up
online giving through the Presbyterian Founda-
tion. **Money donated via any of these services
gets deposited to our church bank account.**

By going through the Foundation, the fee they
charge actually helps the mission of their organi-
zation, which is to help Presbyterian churches to
be excellent stewards of their gifts and resources.
The exciting part about working with the founda-
tion is that we are able to use a mobile app that is
connected to our account. The app is called Give
Plus (created by Vanco) and you can find it at the
Google Play Store if you have an android device
or you may find the app in the Apple app store by
searching for "Give Plus." The great part about the
Give Plus app is that you can set up for weekly,
monthly or one time giving! If you have any ques-
tions, please contact the church office. Thank
you.

The Six-cents-a-meal offering, collected
on the 4th Sunday each month, goes to the
Presbyterian Hunger Program. To contribute to
this offering please note on memo line: hun-
ger offering. Thank you.

2021- Let's Journey through the Bible Togeth-
er! Congregational Bible Reading. In 2021, we
will endeavor to read the Bible together! Using
the plan provided in the link below, we will take
advantage of a plan produced by Navigators,
and organization committed to deeper Chris-
tian discipleship. We encourage everyone to
participate.

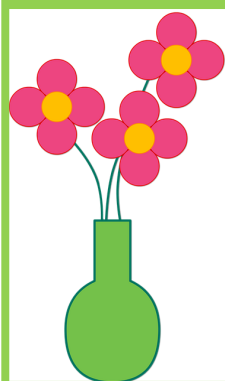
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charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app.
They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile
app purchases to us. How it works:

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2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on
"AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "Charles Town Presbyterian Church"
as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate
AmazonSmile in the mobile app



The flower chart is available
for sign up. Available dates: June
13, 20, 27; July 11, 18, 25; August
8, 15, 22, 29; September 12, 19,
26; October 10, 17, 24, 31;
November 14, 21, 28; December
12. Sign up by calling church
office at 304-725-5316, or by
email at ctpres@ctpres.org.
Please take flowers with you
following worship.



JCCM Food Pantry needs. Any
assistance would be greatly
appreciated: bottled water,
ground beef, hot dogs, paper
towels, instant coffee, canned
meats (spam, ham, tuna, chicken), sugar, mi-
crowave meals, caned fruit, shelf stable milk,
pancake mix, deodorant, conditioner. Dona-
tions may be dropped off at JCCM 9am-Noon,
Monday—Friday.

Have a great week and God Bless,
Diana Carpenter, Volunteer JCCM