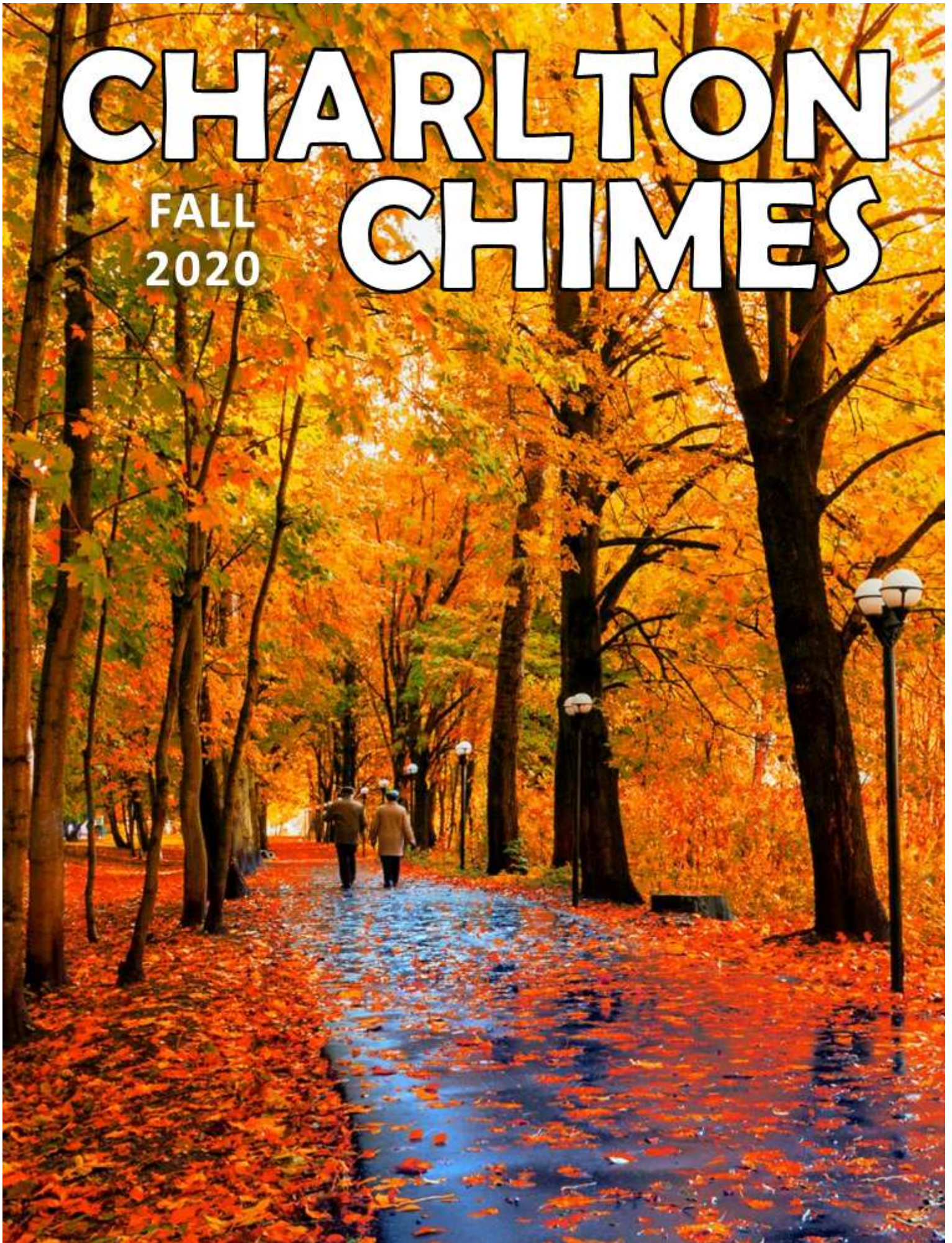


CHARLTON FALL 2020 CHIMES



As this newsletter was taking shape, it was evident there were two issues that were not part of our normal newsletter process.

The first issue was that this is normally our “back to church ministry edition”, as the summer ends and we normally get back to a full slate of ministries and programs each fall. But just like the pandemic affected many people’s summer plans, it will once again affect our programming at Charlton Church. This newsletter contains up-to-date information about decisions made by our Administrative and Ministry Councils in reference to the life and ministry of our church during this time.

The second issue is that we are once again in the midst of an election season. You will find an insert in the center of this newsletter which is a reprint from our 2012 fall newsletter. The information within this insert is relevant during every election.

They say that you should never discuss religion and politics ... and in this insert we’ll be talking about both of those topics.

But rest easy ... this isn’t an endorsement of a presidential candidate. In fact, you won’t find either of their names anywhere in this issue. Nor will you find the name of any political party. The question that’s being raised is more philosophical than that.

How does faith play a part in how a person chooses to vote? Should it even play a part? What questions does faith raise in making these decisions?

For many people, it is not a difficult decision. They seem to follow the “party line”, and that does not necessarily mean a political party. Many people will blindly follow the endorsement of a group that is important to them; whether it be a political party, family tradition, special interest group or even a church. Yet others find their voting decisions to be a very private and independent matter.

Are political issues and issues of faith two separate matters? It has been said that “your faith will affect your politics or your politics will affect your faith”. Is this true?

In this newsletter insert, we will attempt to take a look at the life of Jesus, his teachings and how our relationship with God in the present day calls each of us to make the best possible and informed decision when we enter the voting booth.



The Charlton Chimes

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From the Pastor ...

Old English *wilcuma* "welcome!" is an exclamation of a kindly greeting. Others would say that well-come, means be well by entering here. It means that they are pleased with your arrival, or simply presume that joining you will help them to be well. The Letter to the Hebrews says: *"Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing; some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."* Therefore, being welcoming and hospitable is a core attitude in our Christian life.



Since day one, the Arenas family has felt the love and care of Charlton Church. Christian love manifested through cards, phone calls, emails, greetings, gifts, words of encouragement, and more. Pandemic and social distancing has not impeded hospitality. It is true; we are still in the process of recognizing faces as we all wear masks during worship services. It is true; we know some of you from a distance, or social media, or just by phone. But, it is also true that we hope to continue waiting for a day when we all will be able to see face to face.

For Christians, hospitality is not an option. If we read the story of creation, we see that God prepared everything to receive Adam and Eve. God put everything in place, and God saw that it was good. Then after that, God welcomed them. This was a real act of hospitality. We can also say that welcoming is a command (Isaiah 58: 6-9, Luke 14: 12-14). God has commanded us to practice hospitality. From the example of the patriarch Abraham, who received three holy visitors crossing the desert (Genesis 18) to the Apostle Paul and his words to the church in Rome about the importance of loving and caring for the stranger. (Romans 12: 13). We, as the people of God, as a church, continue practicing hospitality more than ever. And you, Charlton family, have not been the exception. Your love and care for Miguel, Pam, Fran, and Martin has been a blessing. As your pastor, I can only say, "Praise the Lord for being among you!"

Pastor Miguel

As we move into the fall months, we will continue to offer Sunday morning worship services in the sanctuary at 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 11:00 am. A children's message will be offered at the 9:30 am service. We will also stream the 8:00 am service live on Facebook, and it will then be posted and available on the church website by 9:30 am.



Wearing a mask to protect against coronavirus has become part of daily life for us as responsible citizens. Wearing a mask is one of the most important things you can do to prevent coronavirus infection. And even though there are still many misunderstandings about wearing it, a mask has become our new norm. The church is not the exception; we, as members of Charlton, know the protocol that we need to follow every Sunday for worship service, as a way to be safe, and to keep others safe, too. Our Christian understanding of loving God through others as we love ourselves, and the Wesleyan tradition of "Do No Harm," have been essentials in our behavior. And we feel blessed by being one of the few congregations that are gathering in person.

However, wearing masks goes beyond our situational and contextual reality today. We humans have been wearing masks since the creation of the world. Most of us learn to protect ourselves as a way of defense against various circumstances in our lives. We sometimes try to show something that we are not. What is the reason for that? Why are we afraid of showing others who we really are? And many times, even when we wear a mask to cover something that we hide, and they irritate our skin, we still resist change, to be authentic and truthful.

"What's Behind the Mask?" is an eight-week sermon series that invites us to reflect on those masks that we wear, not just as ordinary people, but also as Christians. We don't wear them all the time. But they are there, for the occasion needed. Through the experience of some characters in the Bible, we will meditate and reflect on eight different types of masks we wear. And how they can affect our relationship with God and with our community.

Sunday, September 6 :: The Performer :: Matthew 19:16-22 :: Parking Lot Service @ 9am w/communion
Performers try to create a particular persona that will fit the circumstances they are in ... they are what they've done, and their faith is illustrated by their works. Therefore, the performer is someone who tries to manage the situation, and this person possesses the composure of a Tibetan monk. However, under the skin, there is doubt and insecurity. But the show must continue. Our Bible lesson presents the conversation between Jesus and a rich young man. This man seems to be secure in his knowledge of the law, the Ten Commandments, and of his performance following that law. However, there is an emptiness in his heart. Something is missing in all his good deeds and work. He is searching for what is needed to obtain eternal life, and Jesus confronts him with his own reality. Do we wear the mask of the performer so that we can show others what good Christians we are?



Sunday, September 13 :: The Sarcastic :: Genesis 4:1-10

Humor is a brilliant defense mechanism. Many times, it is a way to prevent intimacy and to avoid serious arguments that need a more profound commitment or sincere discussion. As part of the elements used by someone who wears this mask, it is to use sarcasm as a tool. It tends to be rooted in pain and is not without consequences. His comedy serves as a protective shield. As such, he doesn't allow anyone in and is lonely. The well-known story of Cain and Abel invites us to reflect on the consequences of someone who wears a mask of anger after the Lord was not pleased with his offering. As a consequence of that, Cain, with lies and arrogance, takes the life of his brother Abel. Then he wears the mask of sarcasm, and enters into a dialogue with God, about the life of his brother. How are the masks of sarcasm and comedy part of our lives to avoid reality?

Sunday, September 20 :: The Overachiever :: Luke 18:9-14

Some people wear the mask of perfectionism. They wear this mask as a defense against annihilation. If everything is done right and the way they understand as "correct," their world can not fall apart.

This mask will bring them comfort, temporal stability, and some relief. However, they are always competing with those who are in their way. Those who wear the mask of the overachiever and perfectionist keep them in a constant state of anxiety, stubbornness, and lack of trust of others. The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector invites us to reflect on the mask of the overachiever. The Pharisee frequently put on the mask of perfection. As a perfectionist, he thought highly of himself as the one who prays like no others, the one who is the only one who brings the best to the Lord. He believes that his perfection of life allows him to speak badly about the tax-collector. Is this the mask that we wear in front of God? What does the Lord require from us?

Sunday, September 27 :: The Martyr :: Matthew 25:14-30

This is the kind of person who is always the victim of the situation. In his mind, everyone tries to harm him. He can't get a good job because he's unlucky. He does not have friends because people are jealous of him, and so they spend their lives, wearing the mask of discontent. He is not responsible for his actions because, in his head, he is not responsible. This mask is a defense mechanism preferring to look like a vulnerable person, desperately seeking someone to take responsibility for his actions, almost like a small child. The Parable of the Talents invites us to reflect on three main characters. They are requested by their Master to work their talents. One of them receives five talents and works them earning double. The second receives two talents. He also works them and earns double. However, the one who wears the mask of "martyr" gets a talent. He decides not to work it, and simply blames the Master for being a demanding and tough Lord. Do we wear the mask of "martyr" to serve God?

World Communion Sunday, October 4 :: The Pleaser :: Luke 10:38-41

The people-pleaser will try to win the approval of those around him desperately. Because his sense of identity is based mainly on the assessment of others, the pleaser's values vacillate depending on the input of the day because he looks to outside sources to validate who he is. They try to make everyone happy even to the detriment of their own happiness. The story of Jesus with these two sisters, Martha and Mary, shows us two different perspectives of understanding service to God. Martha spent all of her time cleaning the place, and preparing meals, offering hospitality to Jesus. Martha was wearing the mask of the pleaser. She wanted only to serve her friend and Lord to the best of her ability. However, she did not realize that by doing so, she was missing a great opportunity. To also be blessed by sitting at the feet of Jesus. How many of us wear the mask of the pleaser, and lose the blessing of something much better?



Sunday, October 11 :: The Bully :: Genesis 37:1-36

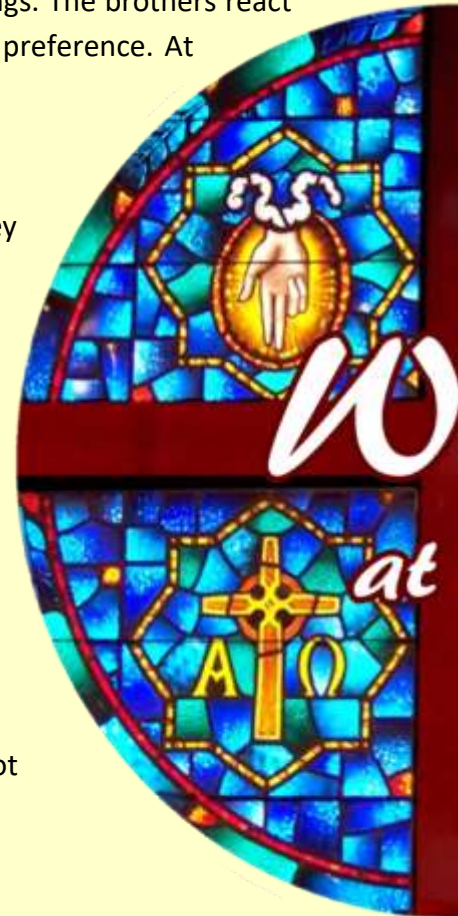
To talk about "bullying," we have to understand that this does not only occur in the school environment. There are many types of bullying. And unfortunately, it is aimed at children, adolescents, adults, at school, at work, at home, as a couple, in the family, among friends, on the internet. There is physical or psychological (mental) bullying. But many wear the bully mask. Their assertion of control can be subtle, gentle manipulation to make you see it their way, or can be aggressive, even physical. While bullies appear to be confident in their forceful delivery of opinions and order, they are innately insecure. They want so badly to be respected that they will break the rules of appropriate conduct to get that esteem. Genesis 37: 3 tells us: "Now, Israel (Jacob) loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves." It seems that this is one of the biggest reasons why Joseph's brothers go against him. This action, plus Joseph's dreams, created a fertile environment for bullying behavior by his siblings. The brothers react with anger and mockery with him. They feel disadvantaged with their father's preference. At what point in our life do we wear the bully mask to harm another?

Sunday, October 18 :: The Controller :: Genesis 16:1-16

Controlling people are those who want to control all the situations in which they find themselves and who dictate to those close to them how they have to behave. When they wear this mask, everything is planned, calculated, and organized according to what they have decided with extreme rigor. The slightest change affects them a lot, so they don't leave anything to chance: they think about all the details and anticipate all the unforeseen events that may occur. Sara's story is a story of blessings. But they came into her life, despite her desire to control situations. She decided to offer her slave Hagar as her husband's concubine because Sarah could not get pregnant. But she wants to control, not only the work of family life but also the life of Hagar, of her son Ismael. Sara also wants to control the future of her husband. So much so, that her control and manipulation lead her to mistrust what God can do for her. How does wearing the mask of the controller affect our Christian life, and not letting God act in our life?

Reformation Sunday, October 25 :: The Introvert :: Exodus 4:1-17

Introversion is one of the main personality traits identified in many theories of personality. However, many cover up some decisions in their life with a mask of introversion. In these cases, there is a great fear of rejection and failure. Challenges are not something they like to encounter, because this involves being in direct contact with mistakes and constant risk. They would rather be behind the scene and not on stage. The call of Moses is an example of an introverted man. Although he held a privileged position in Pharaoh's palace, he never let that experience of power take away his desire to be alone. When God calls him, he resorts to various excuses. He does not know how to speak well; he does not know how to face Pharaoh, nor does he claim to have leadership power. However, God shows him that the mask he wears can be removed, face his personal fears, and allow himself to be guided by God. How often does our mask of introversion and shyness take away God's blessing?



Some months ago, somebody shared with me how affected she was by the death of a friend because of the coronavirus. It was a time when we did not know much about the virus, but we were bombarded by news about the results of the pandemic in Europe, especially in Italy. People who were buried in common tombs because of the spread of covid-19. After this episode, we have been aware of the many deaths in our nation and worldwide. And it seems, at this moment, that to give a number is irrelevant knowing that in each of the cases there were families, parents, sons and daughters, neighbors, and friends, who were, are and will be facing death.

On the other hand, and not connected with the virus, our Charlton family has been affected by the loss of beloved members. People who touched our lives and the lives of many. We are still mourning them, and we will keep their legacy in our hearts and minds. But what is our response facing death during this uncertain time of the pandemic?



The theme of death is something that we try to avoid in our western society. We only speak or hear about death during somebody's funeral. We feel that it is a very sensitive topic. Why speak about death in a Sunday worship service? Life seems to be more important than death. However, we forget that Christianity is based on the belief of life after death. We understand that death is not the end of our existence. On his deathbed, John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, spoke and repeated these final words, "The best of all is, God, is with us." In our life and in our death, the best of all is God is with us.

The Heavenly Banquet is a four-week sermon series beginning "All Saint's Sunday" and ending "Christ the King Sunday." During these Sundays, we will discover the hope in the resurrection that Jesus has promised us. What a better way that exemplifies this experience with the invitation and reminder of our Great Thanksgiving in our United Methodist liturgy of the sacrament of Holy Communion, when we say: *"By your Spirit makes us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet."* Maybe death can be a reminder of the great celebration that awaits us in heaven.

All Saints Sunday, November 1 :: The Gathering :: Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is not meant to be a timeless description of what it is like in heaven. However, the apocalyptic writings, beyond what people usually think, are about encouragement in times of great distress. Some people even have called it "a book of hope." John sees how persecution in the Asia Minor churches is causing the death of many. Because of their love for God – Martyrs of the faith. Therefore, John envisions a day of gathering around the Lord. This multitude represents all nations, people, and languages, a day when all the saints will be in the presence of the throne of God. How much of John's vision is part of our own idea of heaven? Today, we commemorate "All Saint's Sunday." A day of remembrance of those who preceded us and who are now in the presence of the Lord. This is a time to be encouraged at the moment that we will be there. As we gather with all of those who have already departed to rejoice and feast at the "Heavenly Banquet."

Sunday, November 8 :: Grieving with hope :: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Mourning and grieving are results of our feelings for someone who has passed away. However, it seems to be a paradox to say that we "grieve with hope." According to the Bible text, the Thessalonians have some serious concerns about death. What about those who have died before Jesus comes back? Why does death seem still to have such a sting, if Christ has won the victory? Therefore, the apostle Paul writes this letter encouraging and letting the church know the death is not the end; that hope is in the coming with the Resurrected Lord. How do we face the paradox of grieving with hope? There is nothing wrong with grieving and mourning for a loved one. The Christian approach to death must somehow paradoxically embrace the reality of human loss and the hope of eternal life. But in the Christian hope that it will be a day in which we will meet again, and we will feast at the "Heavenly Banquet."



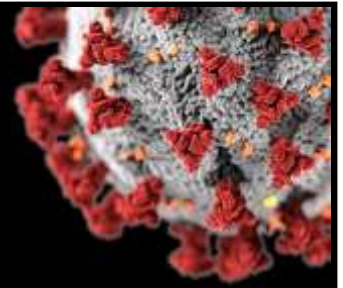
Sunday, November 15 :: The Checklist :: Psalm 90:1-12

The "Bucket List" is a movie that is about two terminally ill men who escape from a cancer ward and head off on a road trip with a wish list of to-dos before they die. Do we have our own list of things that we would like to do before we are in the presence of the Lord? Some people prepare themselves for their funeral service. They plan the songs and hymns, the Bible reading, the soloist, and even those who will speak in the time of the eulogy. It is like counting the days left for the encounter with their Lord. Psalm 90 invites us to reflect on Moses, the great leader of Israel. Moses, as a psalmist, laments human limitations and implores God's compassion. He understands the fragility of his life, and the days left for him to die. The more profound truth here, however, is that we who are like dust in the wind are precious to God. How are we preparing ourselves for the encounter with the Lord? Is this a theme that is in our minds and hearts today, or will it be a theme for the future?

Harvest Home Sunday, November 22 :: The Last Word :: Ephesians 1:15-23 :: Holy Communion

To say "goodbye" is not easy. It is always a challenge to express our last words to those who we are leaving behind. Imagine what words would come to our mind, heart, and mouth before our last breath on earth. Jesus, according to Luke's Gospel, said from the cross, "Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit." We have a lifetime of words, but the last ones would always be important, a final reflection before being invited to share the Heavenly Banquet. Christ the King Sunday is the last word of the Christian year. The apostle Paul in the letter to the Ephesians brings spiritual words. He encourages the church amid the chaos, fear, illness, and even death. And the writer also helps us today, amid the pandemic that we are living in. He is inviting us, the church, to hold fast the image of Christ enthroned above all. Christ is above every name, above every earthly power, above every authority because Christ has the last word. *On this Harvest Home Sunday, we encourage everyone to bring in non-perishable food items to share with those in need.*

COVID-19 UPDATE



The Administrative and Ministry Councils held a joint meeting in July to discuss how Charlton Church will move into the fall in light of the coronavirus. The focus of the meeting was how and when church programs could continue and the use of the Charlton facility.

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

It was decided to continue with our current format of Sunday morning worship services at 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 11:00 am, limiting the attendance to 55, which is about 30% capacity. We will continue to require masks to be worn during worship. The church will be disinfected between services.

GROWTH MINISTRIES

KIDs Club and Youth Group will remain on hiatus during this time. We will develop an online presence for these groups to keep them connected.

Adult Sunday School classes and other small growth groups will be allowed to meet as long as they are able to maintain proper social distancing (at least 6 feet apart) and participants wear masks during gatherings. Group leaders are encouraged to contact the church office to identify and schedule a meeting space, as most classrooms (and conference room) are too small to accommodate any group larger than five or six persons.

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES

Fellowship groups within the facility would be limited to the same guidelines as above. Gatherings such as the women's or men's luncheons can continue outside the facility with the understanding that anyone participating in such events are doing so of their own choice. We discourage the use of the church building for any church-related fellowship activity.

SHARING MINISTRIES

Giving Grace and Helping Hands will continue to operate as a drive-thru in the coming months. All other service programs must adhere to the guidelines set for small group gatherings.

GENERAL USE OF FACILITY

All non-worship church events, such as the Fall Christmas Craft Fair, have been cancelled.

After meeting with Scout leaders, it has been decided that the facility will not be used for scouting programs until further notice.

The church facility will not be rented out for social gatherings during this time.

The Admin and Ministry Councils have authorized the church office to consider all other requests on a case-by-case basis to ensure that these events/groups are able to operate under the guidelines set for small group gatherings.

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PARKING LOT WORSHIP

Sunday, September 6 @ 9 am

Our outdoor worship service in June was such a success, we're going to do it again! Join us Labor Day weekend as we worship in the parking lot where you can set up your chairs or worship in your car. Please note that in case of inclement weather, worship will be indoors at 9:00 and 10:30 am on that day. You can check the website, email news, or church answering machine for confirmation.

SIGHT & SOUND THEATRES



STREAMING LIVE AT CHARLTON CHURCH

Friday, September 4th @ 7:00 pm

\$4 per person — Reserve your seat by signing up on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary or call the church office.

fall small groups

LIFE IS BETTER TOGETHER

Charlton's vision statement is "CONNECTING with God and One Another as we WORSHIP, GROW, FELLOWSHIP and SHARE". During this pandemic, we have found ways to worship together both online and now once again in person. We have also found new ways to fellowship together. And we have also developed new ways to share together. It seems the area that has been more difficult for us has been ways we can grow together during this time. Many of our small groups, such as Bible studies and Sunday School classes have taken a summer hiatus. But now that fall is upon us, it's time to discover new ways that we can connect with each other and grow in our discipleship.

As we have been discussing what to do and how to do it, we have decided to reach out to you to find out what you are interested in. We thought it would be best to do this rather invest time into planning something that no one would participate in. So here's a few questions that we would like to get your feedback on. You can send us an email (office@charltonchurch.org) or drop off a note at the Welcome Desk on Sunday morning or in the church office during the week.

- Would you be interested in participating in a Bible study or small group discussion online using Zoom?
- Would you be interested in attending a study/discussion that would held outdoors on a weekday morning?
- Would you be interested in a gathering that is about our current experience of living in a pandemic world?
- What other topics, books or scripture would you be interested in using for a study/discussion?

In addition to these small groups, our Sunday School classes will continue to meet this fall.

- ⇒ The Faith & Fellowship Class is meeting Sunday mornings in the gym at 9:30 am.
- ⇒ The Foundation Class is participating in an online email lesson; contact the church office if interested.
- ⇒ The Gathering will meet online during the week after children are in bed.
- ⇒ The JOY Class is meeting Sunday mornings in their class room (depending upon how many attend) at 9 am.
- ⇒ The Journey Class will resume meeting after Labor; time and location to be determined.

CHARLTON WINDOW PORTRAITS

A large framed picture of Charlton's stained glass window was given to Pastor Les upon completing his pastorate at our church. We have received several inquiries if the picture was available to church members.

We are pleased to announce that we will be selling these pictures in a 12 inch x 12 inch frame to benefit our debt reduction. They will be \$40 each. You may order a picture by contacting the church office either by email or phone.



If you are interested in purchasing one of these pictures but are currently experiencing financial difficulties and cannot afford the \$40, please contact the church office and we can sell it to you at cost.

From a pastor's perspective, what is the worst and best parts of what we have been experiencing in this pandemic?



Ask the
PASTOR

As a church, the body of Christ, we are called to live as a community. This life manifests itself in multiple ways.

One of them, and perhaps the most notorious, is getting together to worship God as what we are, a family. It is having a time of intimacy with God as a body. It is sharing songs, prayers, listening to the word of God, passing the peace with each other, and much more. But during this time, we have had to learn to be the church in a different way. We have had to learn to be a church beyond the simple building that shelters us. We have had to learn to transform our homes into churches. Lately, we have learned to be a virtual church, as well. I think we have passed the test; I believe that as a pastor, this has been the most challenging part of living this pandemic. However, the church is still working, serving, and worshiping God amid our present reality. This reminds me of Paul's words to the church in Rome: *"Do not be conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect."*

If you have a question for Pastor Les, please email it to newsletter@charltonchurch.org or turn it into the church office.

FAITH & POLITICS

For far too long, the church has perpetuated the idea that stewardship” is about money. In fact, most churches (including our own) refer to their financial report as the “stewardship report”. While many of Jesus’ parables about stewardship seemed to be about money or possessions, a closer look at these texts and others will reveal that stewardship is truly about the management of all that God has given us. And it is important to remember that God is the source of our very being, and not just our finances.

God calls us to do the best with whatever resources we have. He wants us to be faithful managers of all that we have ... our finances, our gifts, our talents, our careers, our families, our time, and yes, even our politics.

As Americans, we are blessed to have the right to vote and to choose our governing officials. This is a right that far too many people take for granted.

As Christians, God calls us to take a stand for those things that are truly important in life when we walk into the polling place.

Abraham Lincoln, one of our country’s greatest presidents, had a humorous yet profound opinion on voting. He said, “Elections belong to the people. It is their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters.”

As we enter into this campaign season, let us do our own part:



Don’t just ‘go with the flow’. Spend some time to truly learn about all of the candidates. But don’t rely on one source for your information. Watch the debates, read the paper, check out their websites, listen to various voices about the pros and cons of each candidate. This is the only way we can truly make a fair and balanced decision on who to vote for.



If you strongly feel about one candidate over another, volunteer to help in your community. The church is not the only organization that is dependent on people willing to volunteer their time and energy. Political campaigns also need people willing to use their skills and talents to make a difference in the political process.



Pray, pray, pray. Pray for our country. Pray for our leaders. Don’t just pray for your preferred candidate. Pray that God will guide the campaigns of ALL candidates. Pray for their families. And, most importantly, pray that God will give you wisdom and clarity of thought as you enter into the voting booth.



The popular acronym WWJD, meaning “What Would Jesus Do?”, first became popular in the 1980’s as a motto for Christians who used the phrase as a reminder to live their life in a Christ-like manner. When confronted with an issue in their life, people began to ask WWJD?

While this phrase is still common in today’s culture, another phrase has been emerging during this election season. “How Would Jesus Vote?” However, there are many who feel that this very valid question has been used to bully people into voting for a particular party or candidate.

The Separation of Church and State

When asked what part faith plays in a person’s politics, you usually get one of two answers: “it’s a very important part” or “I believe in the separation of church and state.” While these answers may seem to be polarized, it may ultimately be a naïve view of the issue.

It is essential to understand the difference between the phrases “church and state” and “faith and politics”. The First Amendment to our Constitution asserts that government and religious institutions are to be kept separate and independent from each other. There are those who would like to think that this means “freedom from religion”, which is not a correct understanding of the original intent to provide for the “freedom of religious exercise”. Simply put, the First Amendment maintains that the government shall not interfere in religious affairs, nor should the church interfere in civil affairs.

The concept of “faith and politics” is a totally different issue. What do these terms mean? Faith is defined as “a strongly held set of belief or principles”; and politics is defined as “the theory and practice of government”.

Before one can compare these two phrases, you must first compare the terms within these phrases. Whereas “church” refers to a religious institution (organized religion), “faith” refers to someone’s personal beliefs. And whereas “state” refers to the government itself, “politics” refers to the practice of governing.

This understanding of these terms helps us to see the vast difference between these two phrases and concepts. While the First Amendment assures the separation between the institutions of religion and government, it is impractical to separate faith from politics, because a good leader governs by what they believe in, by what they feel is right and wrong.



How Can We Hear God's Voice in the Chaos?

So how does one answer the question posed on the cover of this issue of The Chimes? Every time you turn on the news, tune into a radio station, or go online, you hear the latest headlines about the upcoming election. No matter where you go or what you do, you can't get away from it. Is it possible to hear God in the midst of the many voices around us? If Jesus were to vote ... and that's a theological debate that we'll save for another time ... how would he cast his ballot? There's no other way to begin than to take a look at the life and ministry of Jesus himself. This is something you need to do for yourself. Over the next few weeks, carefully read the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. As you read and reflect on the Scriptures, can you discern what was important to Jesus and how that might influence his choices if he were voting in a political election?

Here are some questions to ponder as you read through the Gospels:

- ⇒ What would Jesus be thinking about as he walked into a voting booth? Would he be thinking about himself or others? Would he be considering what the elected officials could do for his own benefit or what they could do for others?
- ⇒ What issue would Jesus consider in casting his vote? Would he cast his vote based on a single issue, or on a candidate's entire platform?
- ⇒ Would Jesus give more weight to any particular issue than another?
- ⇒ What questions would Jesus ask the candidates for election? And, more importantly, what answers do you think he would be looking for from them?
- ⇒ If Jesus were running for office, what kind of candidate would he be? What attributes would he show and do we see these qualities in any of the candidates running for office on our local, state and national levels?
- ⇒ Since Jesus was known for speaking clearly about what is right and wrong, how does God call us to responsibly use our own voices during this political season?

The most important thing a Christian can do is to pray. Pray that God would speak to you through the holy Scriptures; pray that your mind and your heart would be opened to what is truly important during this election season.



We've been expecting it sooner or later ... and finally it came. One of "those" emails was in the inbox of a church account. If you have email, you know the kind ... forwards. For those of you unfamiliar with email, "forwards" are a reinvention of the old chain letter. Only in today's technological society, "forwards" have become much more prevalent and even more annoying. They are usually about a current hot topic issue which urges people to take action; and all someone has to do is click the "forward" button and then send it on to a multitude of friends, family and co-workers.

The internet and emails are a wonderful tool available for our use. However, like anything else, it can easily be abused and misused. The technology has become so slick and impressive that we can easily get caught up in the allure of what we think it can do for us.

The email was written by a man who made outrageous accusations against one of the presidential candidates and his family. Politics aside, the content of the email was nothing more than idle talk. The author himself stated "I have no proof of what I believe." It is very unfortunate that we live in a time that anyone can simply compose an email to play on the emotions, fears, and sometimes the ignorance of others, to rile them up on a specific issue.

The writer's comments about speeches made by the candidate were nothing more than his own personal translation and assumption of what they meant ... and you know what they say when you assume something. Sending (and forwarding) this type of email is nothing more than pure GOSSIP.

In the NRSV of the Bible, Exodus 20: 16 says: "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." The NIV puts it this way: "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor." That seems pretty clear!

As Americans, we are blessed to live in a country where we have the right of free speech. However, as God's children, we are also called to be responsible for this freedom.

During this election season, it will be very easy to get caught up in the sensationalism of politics. Each of us have issues that are very near and dear to our hearts. And it is a good thing to discuss these issues with those around us, even those who have opposing viewpoints. However, it is important to do whatever we can to be informed on those issues and not base our beliefs on assumptions and sentimental feelings.

Matt Donnelly, a writer for Christianity Today says it quite well: "As Christians, we're called to put the brakes on the spread of gossip. And not only gossip about people we know, but also gossip about those we don't know. Like others, I've been guilty of spinning pretty little stories about certain political figures, even though I had no proof that what I was saying even resembled the truth."

How about you? Are you modeling God's standard of truthfulness and honesty? Are you known as someone who confronts gossip? Or do you pass it on with a few added details of your own? These are questions each of us needs to ponder, especially during this political season.

Let us remember the words of Paul, as written in Romans 14:19 (NIV) "Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification."

Getting to Know Pastor Miguel

A few months ago, we shared the official 'resume' of our new pastor, the Rev. Miguel H. Arenas, which listed his educational studies and career history. In this edition of the newsletter, we're going to try and help you get to know Pastor Miguel a little bit more personally; who the man is behind the mask he's currently wearing.

Originally from South America, Pastor Miguel was born and raised in Chile. He had an unusual childhood as a 'preacher's kid' because both of his parents were Methodist ministers. His mother, who worshipped with us at Charlton in July, served as a District Superintendent. Being raised in this Christian household helped him to see the action of God in his family. With both parents serving as pastors in a culture very different than our own here in America, the family lived a very frugal life, and young Miguel learned early on what it meant to 'live by faith'. Actions and words taught that faith. And it was that faith that led Miguel on a journey to become a minister; serving God through others, and teaching and challenging others the same faith that he was taught.

After serving as a missionary in Uruguay for seven years with the General Board of Global Ministries of the UMC, he then served as a pastor and a teacher in Uruguay. Through all of his experiences, he has found the most fulfilling work is being among people ... to be able to encourage them in Christian love in the good and bad moments of their lives. As somebody once shared with him, there are times that ministry make you "smell like a sheep" in the sense that you are so connected with the flock, that you smell like them, they can recognize you so that you can build bridges of trust. His journey as a pastor is guided by the words of Joshua 1:9, which his father shared with him: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

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And for however much he loves working with people, he recognizes that it is also challenging at times to deal with everyone that God places in our paths. As Pastor Miguel shares, "We are all different, but in Christian love, we can work together. And this is all about, we love God, as we love our neighbor as ourselves."

Pastor Miguel's first pastorate in the US was in downtown Harrisburg back in 2013. And even though he lived in Harrisburg before, the move to Charlton has been a very different experience for him now that he has a family. This transition has involved getting Frannie signed up for school and finding a daycare for Martin. Pastor Miguel's wife, Pam has been working through the process of transferring her studies from King's College in Wilkes University to Penn State Harrisburg. So far, things have gone well for the family.

Pastor Miguel is not only excited for his ministry here at Charlton, but also for the future of The United Methodist Church. It is his hope that we will be able to make reality what we preach ... to be a church that works in "unity" and for "unity" among the differences that we have. It is his prayer that the body of Christ called United Methodist will be able to build bridges of understanding and to find a common ground where we can sit, communicate, and respect each other. He finds it paradoxical that we proclaim Christian love, but don't seem to be able to practice the love and understanding that we preach. While it may seem like a utopia, he wants to encourage each of us to dream, hope, pray and work for the day that we can be that kind of church for the world.

We'll get to know Pam, Frannie, and Martin Arenas a bit more fully in our next newsletter

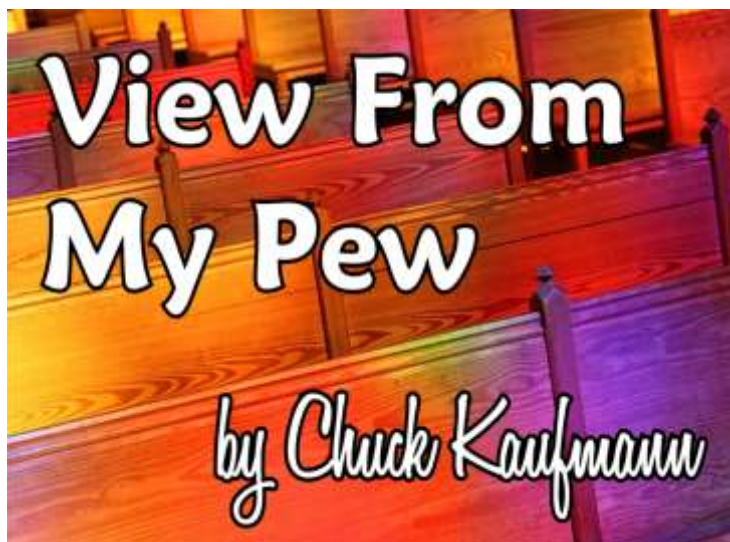
How is it with your soul?

Before I go any further, I know what I am going to say may make some people uncomfortable, or might even offend someone. That is certainly not my intent, and I pray that you will understand that this is something I have been reflecting on that I believe God has placed on my heart.

Have you ever had a 'spiritual itch'? This is an issue, idea, or thought that seems to often arise in your life over and over again. It comes to you while reading a book, and then comes up again while watching a movie, and then perhaps again during a conversation. This is often the work of the Holy Spirit that is nudging you to do some work and reflection on whatever it is that keeps 'itching' you.

Well, over the last two years, I have often felt that my group of friends is ... um ... boring, for lack of a better word. Now, I'm not using the Facebook definition of 'friends' which refers to how many people you know. I'm talking about that small, close-knit group of individuals one connects with on a deeper level. And let me be very clear (before I get in trouble) that I'm not saying that my close friends are boring. What I am finding 'boring' is that my close friends look an awful lot like me. We're white. We're Christian. There is some diversity in that there are both male and female friends, as well as some straight and some gay persons. But that's it. My group of friends is not very diverse.

The beauty of God's creation is found in its diversity. Can you imagine what life would be like if cacti were the only form of vegetation, if crows were the only birds in the air, if brussel sprouts were the only vegetable, if skunks were the only source of meat to eat? Thankfully, God has



blessed us abundantly with a wonderfully diverse and beautiful creation all around us.

And I have been noticing how un-diverse my group of friends are. I have shared with a few of you that I feel like I should put an ad in the paper: "Diverse Friends Wanted". I can only imagine how enriched my life would be if I had friends who were Jewish, or Muslim, or Buddhist, or black, or Asian, or transgender or gender non-conforming. What more could I learn about life, and even God, through having meaningful connections with people who are a reflection of God's image in a way that I am not familiar with?

I have had similar thoughts when I have looked out at our congregation on a Sunday morning. Let's face it, we're not very diverse. Our church family is not representative of the community in which we live. But it is something we have become comfortable with, perhaps even complacent about.

This is something that I have been reflecting on and praying about for many months. In some ways I feel guilty, because I've thought and prayed about it, but I haven't taken any action. I didn't place that ad in the paper ... which, granted, was only a joke. But I haven't done anything to reach

out to build connections with people who were unlike myself.

And I believe that's when God stepped in. I was surprised when it was announced that our new pastor was going to be the Rev. Miguel Arenas. I'll admit that I wondered why they would appoint a pastor to Charlton Church for whom English was a second language. And then I had the divine 'Aha!' moment. Was this an answer to prayer?

Pastor Les' presence in the office is greatly missed ... except for the puns, of course. But Pastor Miguel has fit in very well. Our staff spends devotional time together each day, sharing the stories of our lives with one another, dreaming of where God may be calling Charlton Church to be in this day and time.

I have come to firmly believe that God had a plan for Les Towsey at Church Church, and he served well and accomplished the purpose God had intended for him at Charlton.

And now it is time for Pastor Miguel to lead this next stage of our spiritual journey together.

I am honored to be able to call him a friend in this short time that we have known each other. I have greatly enjoyed hearing how God has been working throughout his life, both in South America and now in the US. But my heart also aches when I hear the stories of some of the things he has faced in ministry.

I look forward to seeing what God has planned for Charlton Church as Pastor Miguel makes his home among us and shares the gospel with us. And remember, the gospel will always comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable!

In the kitchen



with Sharon Snyder

Mandi Forester's White Chicken Chili

from the Rachael Ray Show

- 1 (32 ounce) box chicken stock
- 3 (8 ounce) cans white beans, left undrained
- 5 cups cooked chicken (rotisserie or boiled)
- 1 (16 ounce) jar salsa
- 1 (8 ounce) package monterey jack pepper cheese, grated ... or plain monterey jack, if preferred
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- black pepper or white pepper
- 9.25 oz bag, Frito Lay Corn Chips

Place all ingredients except the corn chips in a crockpot. Cook on high until the cheese is melted.

Chili may also be cooked on the stovetop over medium-high heat until cheese is melted.

Optional: When the chili is ready, crush some corn chips and add to the chili, and simmer for 10 minutes to thicken.

Garnish with more chips, cheese and/or sour cream and serve.

GOODIES FOR SALE

Sign up on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary, or call the church office, for the following items:

Pickles (\$7) - available October 18 or November 15

Pumpkin Rolls (\$10) - available November 15 or 22

Fruit Cakes (\$8) - available December 6 or 13

CHARLTON CHURCH HAS

GIVING GRACE and HELPING HANDS are GOING STRONG!

While the pandemic continues, our Giving Grace and Helping Hands programs are operating as a drive-thru. The Giving Grace volunteers gather to organize and prepare the bags of household items for families and senior citizens that are in need. The Helping Hands volunteers gather to fill bags with food items to prepare a meal at home. A third group of volunteers gather on the first Wednesday of the month to distribute those bags to our clients when they pull up in the church parking lot. If you would like to help with this effort, please contact the church office.

FALL MISSION OFFERINGS

SEPTEMBER

Someone To Tell It To

Someone To Tell It To cultivates meaningful relationships through compassionate listening and trains others to do the same, both locally and around the world.

OCTOBER

Charlton Benevolent Fund

We often become aware of individuals going through a difficult time and who are in need of financial assistance.

Our Benevolent Fund helps our pastor as he walks alongside these persons in their time of need.

NOVEMBER

Christmas Blessing

The Christmas season is often challenging for individuals and families who are experiencing financial difficulties.

Our Christmas Blessing allows Charlton Church to bless them by sharing our church's generosity.

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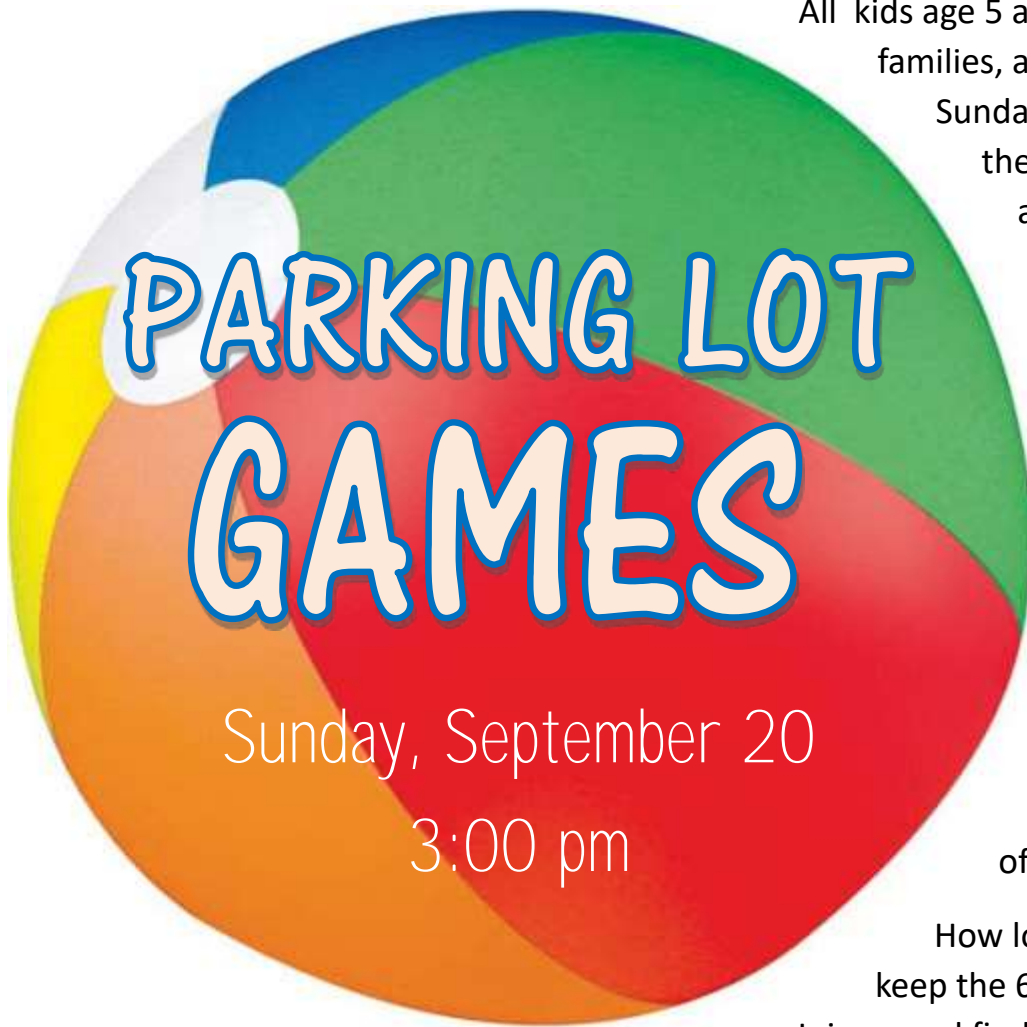


Charlton Church does indeed have a heart for missions, which sometimes causes the need to make difficult decisions. Each fall, our church family is normally busy filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. As reported earlier in this newsletter our Admin and Ministry Councils have set a precedence of limiting furniture and other items to minimize any cross contamination from people handling various items.

Therefore, we will NOT be providing nor collecting boxes for the OCC program this fall. While we truly don't believe that there is a danger in collecting OCC shoeboxes, we must be consistent in honoring the guidelines that have been set forth for our church.

Instead of filling boxes, we encourage you to consider donating the money you would have spent in filling a box (or more) to the OCC program. Simply mark an envelope or your check with "OCC" and we will pass it on to the local OCC warehouse, where they will use the funds to fill boxes on your behalf. We will then get a total of how many boxes were filled by Charlton Church. We will collect these funds during September and October.

KIDS CONNECTION



All kids age 5 and older, along with their families, are invited to join us on Sunday, September 20 at 3pm in the church parking lot for an afternoon of fun and games .. all while we practice social distancing!

Each family will remain in their assigned block of 6 parking spaces, and will participate in a variety of crazy and wild competitions.

A sign-up will be held on the KIDs Club Facebook page. Contact the church office if you need more info.

How long do you think we can we keep the 6-foot beach ball in the air? Join us and find out!

KIDS CLUB IS GOING ONLINE THIS FALL

We know ... we know ... everyone's sick of being online. But that is our current reality. But KIDs Club won't be anything like your online schooling. It will be a time to discover all kinds of fun things about one another and learn more about how we are all part of God's great big crazy family. Be sure to connect with the KIDs Club Facebook page and get ready for everything we have planned for this fall!

IGNITE THE FIRE

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY



All youth in grades 5 thru 12 need to grab their families, gas up the car and join us for an afternoon of fun.

Sunday, October 11 @ 3:00 pm

Each family with need at least one smart phone so that you can take selfies, use GPS, and search the internet. Then get ready to search our community to find just the right picture!

If your family does not have a smart phone, one can be provided for you during the scavenger hunt.



ATTENTION PARENTS

Save the Date ...

Sunday, September 13 @ 3pm

All parents of youth in grades 6 thru 12 are invited to join us for a meeting in the sanctuary to discuss youth ministry at Charlton Church. This is a meeting just for parents, and not the youth themselves. It will be a time for you to share what you hope youth ministry can look like as we move into the future and to hear what plans we have for youth this fall. The meeting will also be held on Zoom for those who prefer not to meet in person.

And lead us not into temptation ...

With having school online ... even if it's only a couple days a week ... there's the temptation to stay up late at night. And while it is something that many teens enjoy, it really does have its disadvantages.



It is very important to understand the effect sleep has on our lives. It's just as important as eating. We've all experienced the "sugar rush" after eating a lot of candy ... you enjoy the snack, and then you get that drowsy feeling when the body is processing all that sugar. Proper nutrition is important to keep your body going. And so is a good night's sleep.

The Bible puts sleep into its rightful perspective. Genesis 1:5b says, "And there was evening, and there was morning – the first day." This helps us understand that your day actually **begins** when you go to sleep. This prepares your body for the day that is to come.

It's also very important to be careful what you do before you go to bed. Watching TV, playing video games and talking on the phone stimulates the brain and steals away some valuable sleep time. Reading and listening to music is a better choice prior to bedtime, because they calm the body down for a good night's sleep.

It is important to remember that good sleep habits will help you excel at everything else you do. So make a real effort to break the cycle of living a ragged life and start living the restful life.

Charlton Preschool will begin a new school year on September 8th. Mrs. Wagner, Ms. Horvath and a new teacher, Mrs. Carter, are welcoming the Butterfly class this year. The Bee and Ladybug classes will be taught by Mrs. Ponicsan, Ms. Horvath and a new teacher, Miss Kelly-Forand. Although our year is going to look different, we are looking forward to seeing the children in the classroom.



There are several changes we have had to make this year, including outside arrival/dismissal, wellness screenings, limiting outside visitors, wearing face coverings and increased cleaning throughout the morning. Our mission stays the same: to supplement the home by giving encouragement both educationally and spiritually by providing activities and experiences that will promote growth and development, and by emphasizing opportunities for Christian living.

The month of September will be spent learning rules and expectations of school. New friendships will be made. Our Bible lesson this month is "God is With Me."

October will focus on our home and neighborhood. We will learn about fire safety and community helpers. The Bible lesson for October teaches us about God's protection.

Throughout November, we will explore our 5 senses and how to stay healthy. Our Bible lessons this month emphasize "God Made Me." As Thanksgiving draws near, classes will learn about thankfulness. Children will have the opportunity to express thanks through fun activities.

Please keep preschool families and staff in your prayers as we begin our new adventure and learn to navigate this new normal.

Don't forget to get your grocery gift cards at church, which benefit the preschool. They will once again be available on Sunday mornings starting in September, and are also available during the week during office hours. This is an easy way to support the preschool, since everyone is doing a lot of eating while stuck at home!



Need to get out of the house and do something? There are several tasks at the church which you can volunteer to do at your convenience.

With the church not being used all that much over the last several months, we have not yet found a replacement for our custodian. Sommer Garber has been doing a great job keeping our sanctuary and rest rooms clean for our continued use. But many of the other rooms can use a general cleaning.

And even though we haven't had a lot of rain this summer, the weeds have been growing in our playground and other areas surrounding the church. This is a job that can be done even when the office is closed.

If you're interested in helping in one of these areas, please contact the church office.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

WELCOME

The Charlton family welcomes our newest members, Matthew and Jenna Steltzer, and their son Roman, who joined Charlton Church by profession of faith on Sunday, June 14th.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to Jason and Ashley Albright on the birth of their daughter, Addison Rae, on July 31st. The proud and thrilled grandparents are Jan and Rob Stoner.

S^{IN} SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the families of ...

Clair Witchey, who passed away on June 14th.

Shirley Brightbill, who passed away on July 10th.

Charles Lenge, who passed away on July 17th.

Charlotte Zimmerman, who passed away on July 17th.

Ruth Malone, who passed away on August 2nd.

T HANKS

I am very touched by all of the prayers that you have sent my way! They are inspiring, and powerful, and so helpful to me and my family as I face many weeks of chemo and surgery. My heart is full because of you. I love you all.

Yours in Christ,
Caroline Allen

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Roman Steltzer, son of Matthew and Jenn Steltzer, who was baptized at Charlton on Sunday, June 14th.

Whenever I think of you, I give God thanks.

Philippians 1:3

Staff Appreciation Month

Our staff has been working especially hard during the pandemic these past several months. During the month of October, we encourage you to write a note of thanks to our staff members; a basket will be available on the credenza outside the sanctuary. Let them know you appreciate them and are keeping them in your prayers. If you want to go an extra mile, consider surprising them with a snack in the office at some point during the month.



A graphic for a Charge Conference. It features a purple outline of a church with a red sun and green windows. Overlaid on the church is a blue clipboard with a yellow clip and the text 'Charge Conference' in red. Below the graphic, the text reads: 'Sunday, November 1st @ 9:30 am' and 'Note that there will NOT be a 9:30 am worship service'.

FALL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

03 - Chip Dietrich
04 - Alvin Goss
04 - Jenna Reiff
05 - James Weaver
07 - Ariela Towsey
09 - Charles Murphy
10 - Nola Miller
11 - Jesse Berdanier
15 - Jill Romah
18 - Tamra Foltz
22 - Sommer Garber
23 - Cheryl Rhodes
24 - Janet Koup
26 - Brenda Reiff
27 - Glenda Bostdorf
27 - Amanda Eshenour
27 - Anson Towsey
29 - Stephen Lehnert
29 - Irene Matthews
30 - Wendy Kauffman
30 - Ben Wagner

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

01 - Alex Bickel
02 - Casey Hicks
05 - Nate Eshenour
05 - Carl Matthews
06 - Everett Ulrey
08 - Marlin Kauffman
08 - Jenna Steltzer
09 - Amber Eshenour
09 - Caitriona Murphy
10 - Janet Beasom
10 - Alice Enterline
10 - Suanne Whorl
12 - Kitty Lou Deaven
15 - Beth Caldwell
18 - Janice Bickel
18 - Rodney Grimes
19 - Barbara Goss
20 - Alice Lowe
21 - Kay Lengle
22 - Brooklyn Hannon
22 - Elaine Hicks
24 - Charles Kaufmann
24 - Kenith Wingert
26 - Carol Henry
28 - Cindy Killinger
29 - Carolyn Wise

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 - Bill Linnane
04 - Ed Saur
04 - Nikki Trimble
05 - Kathryn Martin
05 - Brandy Prinz
07 - Mary Mocie
09 - Paula Judd
13 - Patricia Enders
13 - Shannon Shaffner
15 - Carol Schleig
15 - John Skrabak
17 - Shelbi VonNeida
18 - Penny Arnold
20 - Ron Wolf
22 - Alberto Diaz
22 - Sarah Tingley
24 - Elwood Parsons
25 - Jonathan Eshenour
29 - Kyle Hicks
29 - Dolores Miller
29 - Laura Smith

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

04 - Scott & Nola Miller
06 - Charles & Carol Murphy
09 - Matthew & Jenna Steltzer
14 - Don & Janice Bickel
14 - Gary & Bonnie Ditty
17 - Jon & Shelly Grove
17 - Ken & Shirley Wingert
27 - Don & Judy Willow
29 - Greg & Laurie Smith
30 - Eric & Trisha Deitrich

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

04 - Larry & Debbie Livingston
07 - Raymond & Esther Noggle
09 - Steve & Shannon Shaffner
14 - Robin & Jan Straub
14 - Matt & Nikki Trimble
19 - Bob & Ann Lloyd
20 - Steve & Alice Enterline
24 - Jeff & Robin Garber
25 - Rick & Yvonne Pritchard

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

04 - Nate & Amanda Eshenour
11 - Chris & Paula Judd
11 - Eric Miller & Sharon Snyder
13 - George & Dossie Minges



BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Since so many programs are currently on hiatus during the pandemic, we are not inserting calendars into this newsletter, so be sure to mark these dates on your personal calendar. If you routinely use our church calendar, you may pick up a copy at the Welcome Desk.

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAYS

8:00 am — Worship Service
9:30 am — Worship Service
11:00 am — Worship Service

WEDNESDAYS

7:30 am — Men's Breakfast

Tuesday, 1st

9:00 am — Preschool tours
1:00 pm — God's Hands @ Work

Wednesday, 2nd

9:00 am — Preschool tours
4:45 pm — GG/HH Distribution

Friday, 4th

7:00 pm — Streaming of S&S Show

Sunday, 6th

9:00 am — Outdoor Worship

Monday, 7th

Office Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, 8th

9:00 am — Preschool begins

Thursday, 10th

12:00 pm — Ladies' Luncheon
12:00 pm — Men's Luncheon

Sunday, 13th

3:00 pm — Youth Parent meeting

Friday, 18th

4:00 pm — HH Downtown

Sunday, 20th

3:00 pm — Kid's Games

Tuesday, 22nd

1:00 pm — God's Hands @ Work

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Sunday, 11th

3:00 pm — Youth Scavenger Hunt

Friday, 16th

4:00 pm — HH Downtown

Tuesday, 27th

1:00 pm — God's Hands @ Work

NOVEMBER

SUNDAYS

8:00 am — Worship Service
9:30 am — Worship Service
11:00 am — Worship Service

WEDNESDAYS

7:30 am — Men's Breakfast

Sunday, 1st

9:30 am — Church Conference

Tuesday, 3rd

1:00 pm — God's Hands @ Work

Wednesday, 4th

4:45 pm — GG/HH Distribution

Thursday, 12th

12:00 pm — Ladies' Luncheon
12:00 pm — Men's Luncheon

Sunday, 22nd

Harvest Home Sunday

Tuesday, 24th

1:00 pm — God's Hands @ Work

Looking Ahead to Christmas

Though we don't know what December will be like, we can presume that there will still be a concern about being in the midst of a crowd. Therefore, we will continue to utilize every other pew to limit the size of those attending and will have the following Christmas Eve services:

4:00 pm 6:00 pm 8:00 pm 10:00 pm

The 4pm and 6pm services will include a Children's Message.

The 10pm service will include holy communion..

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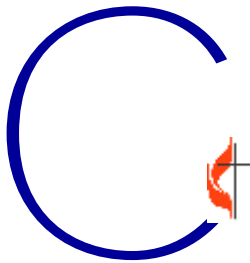
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