

# Mitchells Presbyterian Church Monthly Newsletter

## September 2021

### Session News

- Approved a Called Congregational Meeting for Sunday, August 22, 2021 at the request of the Pastor Nominating Committee.
- Approved for Building and Grounds to repair or replace the HVAC unit for the Sunday School rooms.
- Heard a report that the pavilion construction should begin November 1, 2021 or thereafter.
- Missions and Outreach reported that \$1,500 was paid to each: Culpeper Food Bank, and Culpeper Housing and Shelter Services.
- Received a report that the youth had met twice during the summer.

### Presbyterian Women

The Mitchells Presbyterian Women will meet September 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. There will be a devotional and then Kim Hicks will lead us in Chapter 3, "Tamar and Ruth: Outsiders" in The Women of the Bible Speak by Shannon Bream. We will have a very brief business meeting.

The rummage/craft/baked goods sale originally scheduled for October 2, 2021 has been postponed until Spring 2022. This decision was made at our August meeting due to rising numbers in Covid. By the spring we should be able to hold it outside at our new pavilion. In the meantime, please continue to save your gently used household items and please continue to work on hand-made items. We apologize for any inconvenience.

### Men of the Church

The Men of the Church will meet on Thursday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m. for dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

The Men of the Church will meet on Thursday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. for dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

### Safety and Security Committee (SSC)

Nothing new to report.

# **Church Events/Information**

## **Summary of the Called Congregational Meeting on August 22, 2021**

The Called Congregational meeting was held on August 22, 2021 after Worship. Rev. Wayne Bernardo served as Moderator with Steve Hicks as Clerk.

After opening the meeting with prayer, Rev. Bernardo invited the Pastor Nominating Committee to offer their presentation. Several of the members spoke about the work the committee has done over the past 18 months, how they all felt God's leading in selecting the nominee, and then moved that the congregation approve calling Patrick F. Lane as the next pastor of Mitchells Church. The vote was unanimous approving Patrick's call. The terms of call were presented and approved. The PNC was granted authority to sign all documents necessary to complete the call, and then by vote the PNC was dissolved (except for working to get Patrick settled).

There being no further business the meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Bernardo.

## **A Message from Rev. Mike Clang**

Greetings from Montana!

Grace to you and peace! By the time this goes to print, Tracie and I will be leaving Montana and heading towards Portland Oregon to spend some quality time with our nephew Cameron and to help him move into a new apartment (sort of a Deja vu from last summer)!



Some of you heard that while we were in Colorado, Cameron and his brother Cody were able to visit and while they were there both had biking accidents on the same day (what are the odds of that!) Six broken bones between them but fortunately, they have healed quite well. Thanks for the prayers. Oh, the beauty of youth!

Unfortunately, this has been another dry summer that has been punctuated by all the wildfires. It's been sad to hike where the forests have burned and to experience the smoke that has even made it back to Virginia. But through it all, we have still seen God's presence in the face of the firefighters and first responders; in these majestic mountains; in the flowing streams and rivers; and in the awesome display of color and variety of wildflowers.



And speaking of presence, as my fingers are typing away, my face is smiling from ear to ear at the news the Pastor Nominating Committee shared regarding the calling of Patrick Lane to be your new pastor. Hallelujah! Great job PNC for your diligence and

faithfulness in listening to God's guidance and direction.

I was blessed to be a part of the Mitchell's family and I pray blessings upon blessings to Patrick as his ministry begins with you all and this "new season" begins at MPC. You all are amazing!

Love and blessings to all!

Pastor Mike

*"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it"*  
---Isaiah 43:19

## **Buildings and Grounds Committee**

### **Pavilion Update**

On 13 August, the Culpeper Zoning Office approved the Administrative Site Plan and issued MPC the required Zoning Permit for the parcel designated as the construction site of the pavilion. A copy of the Zoning Permit has been provided to Morton Buildings, Incorporated (building contractor) so they can request and obtain the required Building Permit's. The delivery of building materials and the construction are still on schedule for after November 1, 2021.

The playground area has been relocated and construction has been completed. The playground is officially open for use.

Contributions and donations are welcomed and are deeply appreciated.

## **Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)**

The Pastoral Nominating Committee is excited to present Patrick Fisher Lane as the next Pastor for Mitchells Presbyterian Church. At the congregational meeting held on August 22, 2021 he was elected as the Pastor and his terms of call were established as well. Patrick is a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary and was raised in Greenville, Mississippi where he attended First Presbyterian Church of Greenville. Patrick will be preparing to move to Virginia in the coming weeks, will begin employment on September 15, and serve his first Sunday in our pulpit on September 19, 2021. An ordination service is expected to be in October and will be followed by an installation ceremony at Mitchells Presbyterian at a later worship service.

A video of the complete congregational meeting is on the You Tube channel for August 22 followed by an introduction message from Patrick Lane. Please feel free to reach out to the members of the PNC if you should have any questions. Although the committee has been disbanded, we will continue to work together as a support for Patrick's transition.

Our committee is honored to have served in this capacity and we are encouraged to look to the future of Mitchells Presbyterian under the capable leadership of our new pastor. Join us in welcoming him to our community.

Blessings,

Brett Massey, Roxy Mitchell, Becky Payette, Mary Lou Phillips, Vicky Tidman, Jimmy Walker, Vickie Wallace

### **Worship Committee**

User: Jimmy Walker; Acolyte: Meredith Gyory

### **Donations to MPC**

Any donations to the church can be mailed to:  
Mitchells Presbyterian Church  
P. O. Box 98  
Mitchells, VA 22729

All mail is being picked up twice a week and deposits are being made by Ron Evans, the church treasurer.

### **Mitchells Presbyterian Email Prayer Chain**

The church has developed an online prayer chain. If you wish to be a part of this prayer chain, please send an email to [prayersofmitchells@gmail.com](mailto:prayersofmitchells@gmail.com) and your name will be added.

This prayer chain is being overseen by Patti Weaver. If you have prayer requests, you may email Patti at the above email address or call her at 540-547-9319.

Please note that this prayer chain is not to be confused with the Presbyterian Women's email chain. While the PW's email chain does include prayers, its main purpose is to keep the PW informed as to what is going on within their group.

The Prayer of Mitchells prayer chain is for prayers and will reach out to anyone wishing to be included.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Alexandra Neal Jane Reed	3	4
5 Jane Chase Neal	6 Tom Cuccherini Luke Gyory	7	8	9 Perry Kinsey	10 Raechel Squire	11
12	13	14 Myrtle Martin	15 Bonnie Hitt Pat Payne Alex Tidman	16	17 Jim & Amy Inskeep Warren & Amber Gallahan	18 Diane Ray
19	20	21 Cindy Grotz Jimmy Walker Jim Inskeep Scott & Roxy Mitchell	22	23	24	25 Graeme Tidman
26 Joan Pannill Bill Miller Michelle Cuccherini	27	28 Bonnie Putnam	29 Chip Condit	30 Freida Preihs		

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