

# Mitchells Presbyterian Church Monthly Newsletter

## November 2021

### Pastor's Corner

One of the great things about being in the Presbytery of the James is that they offer cohorts for ministers to gather, learn, and be in fellowship together. These cohorts allow for me and my peers to talk about what is happening in our churches and how to handle certain aspects of ministry life (most recently it was how to set up an ordination service for me 😊). One of the members of our cohort is a part of an amazing ministry here in Virginia, and one that I want to highlight in our newsletter. The ministry is named Voices of Jubilee and it is a prison based ministry. The worshipping congregation is likely different than any of us have experienced. However, with the joyful noise MPC's choir brings to us each Sunday and with Coffeewood Correctional facility just down the street, I feel that this a ministry that can hit close to home for us to think about, keep in our prayers, and possibly support if we feel called to do so.

Voices of Jubilee describes themselves as: "We are a community of incarcerated youth, returning citizens, former prison guards and all those longing for an embodied faith and the liberative word of the Gospel. Through worship, singing, community building and pastoral care we seek to accompany incarcerated youth in their detention. Through advocacy with their legal team and partnering with others to transform our justice system we work towards healing, liberation and the transformation of our community and justice system."

Prison ministry is something that we often rarely think about in traditional services and church life, yet it is something that is throughout the bible. Think of all the folks in the bible who were incarcerated for a variety of things, some innocent, others not so much. However, they all are God's children and cared for as such. It is not something that has changed since the times of the Hebrew Bible or our New Testament. The bonds of the prisoner shall be broken, and Christ ministered to prisoners sentenced to death. I encourage you all to check out Voices of Jubilee. They are online and on facebook, but I also invite you all to pray for those leading Voices of Jubilee and for all those who are part of their worshipping community. Blessings upon you!

Pastor Patrick

## **Session News**

- Set the date for a Called Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 7, 2021 following Worship. The purpose of the call is to elect 3 Active Ruling Elders for the class of 2024 and make a correction to the Terms of Call for Pastor Patrick. Mitchells Presbyterian Church, Inc. will be meeting as well and will elect 1 Trustee for the Class of 2024.
- Approved Pastor Patrick's request to be away October 19 through October 26, 2021 as he travels to his home church in Greenville, MS for his ordination on October 24, 2021.
- Approved Susan Wohlleben as Sunday School Superintendent. She will be taking over for Denita Cuccherini who served from many years. Thank you Susan for taking on this responsibility and thank you Denita for your faithfulness and hard work.
- Approved donations to the Tree of Lights will be used for the building of the Dorothy A. Faulconer Pavilion. Mary Scott Gyory will manage this event.
- Received a report on the pavilion. Grading on the site should begin during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November with construction to follow later in the month or early December.
- Approved holding a pavilion groundbreaking ceremony on Sunday, November 7, 2021 following the Called Congregational Meeting.

Authorized the Worship Committee to purchase new pew bibles.

### **Called Congregational Meeting**

Session has called a Congregational Meeting after Worship on Sunday, November 7, 2021. The purpose of the call is to:

- Elect 3 Active Ruling Elders for the Class of 2024
- Make a correction to the Terms of Call for Pastor Patrick

Mitchells Presbyterian Church, Inc. will also hold the election of 1 Trustee for the Class of 2024.

Your presence is requested so that a quorum is met.

## **Presbyterian Women**

The Mitchells Presbyterian Women will meet November 9, 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 5, "Hannah and Miriam: Speaking God's Truth" in *The Women of the Bible Speak* by Shannon Bream. We will have a brief business meeting.

During the month of November, we will be collecting laundry detergent for the Culpeper Food Closet. If you wish to donate laundry detergent, please leave your Donation on the table in the Fellowship Hall outside the Security Room.

The 2021 Christmas card designed by Janet Miller is now available. Checks should be made payable to Mitchells Presbyterian WOC. You may place an order no later than December 12, 2021, by contacting Janet Miller at: (540) 825-2783 or [decorbyjanetmiller@gmail.com](mailto:decorbyjanetmiller@gmail.com)

All profit from this mission project will go to a local charity.

It was announced earlier that the craft/rummage/bake sale that was originally planned for October was postponed due to Covid. Many women had already begun to make crafts. Some of these crafts will be placed in the Fellowship Hall during the month of November. You may take what you would like to have and leave a donation in the box on the table. If you wish to write a check, please make it payable to Mitchells Presbyterian WOC. These donations will be given to the Pavilion Fund.

## **Men of the Church**

The Men of the Church will meet on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Janet Miller has graciously offered to prepare turkey, dressing, gravy, green beans, and rolls. Steve will fix other side dishes. You won't want to miss this meeting.

Please contact Steve by Sunday, October 31, 2021 if you plan to attend. Phone 540-718-2098 or email at [menofmitchellspc@gmail.com](mailto:menofmitchellspc@gmail.com).

## **Safety and Security Committee (SSC)**

Nothing new to report.

## **Church Events/Information**

### **Worship Committee**

As usual, we will be celebrating First Fruits the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

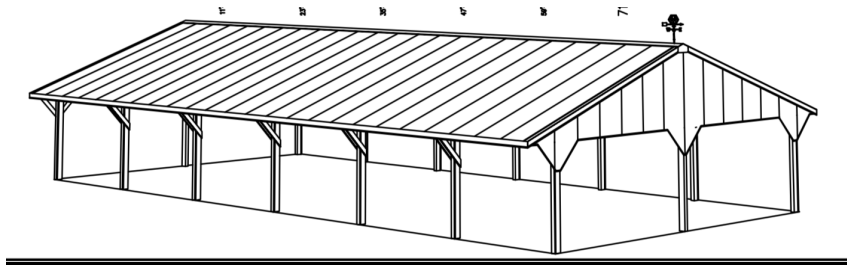
Also, we will be taking orders for poinsettias this year to be placed in the Sanctuary and then taken home after Advent. More details will follow closer to the Advent season. We had to pre-order the poinsettias because of the supply chain problems. Right now we anticipate the price to be approximately \$6.50 apiece. Both red and white poinsettias will be available.

## **New Address for Ruth Button**

Room 347  
The Culpeper  
12425 Village Loop  
Culpeper, VA 22701  
Telephone: 540-321-1257

## **Pavilion Update – Buildings and Grounds**

Great news on the construction of the pavilion! The construction of the pavilion is projected to begin around the last week of November. The excavation of the construction site and the foundation preparation are currently be coordinated with the excavation contractor and work should begin within the next few weeks. The details for the installation of the electrical, water, and other utilities are being finalized and coordinated by the Buildings and Grounds pavilion working group.



## **Ground Breaking Ceremony**

There will be a groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the Dorothy A. Faulconer Pavilion on Sunday, November 7, 2021, immediately following the Worship Service and Congregational Meeting. The ceremony will take place at the construction site behind Mitchells Presbyterian Church, 12229 Mitchell Road, Mitchells, VA 22729. Pastor Patrick Lane will serve as Master of Ceremony.

We are excited about this historic event and hope to see all the church family and friends there!


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## **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.



**Tree Lighting Ceremony**  
**Mitchells Presbyterian Church**  
**Sunday, December 12, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.**

Once again we will conduct our tree lighting ceremony on the Church grounds Sunday evening, December 12<sup>th</sup>. This tradition began in 1997 and has continued each year.

A white light will be in memory of a loved one; a red light will be to honor a loved one. Each light will be a minimum of \$10.00; however, you may contribute as you wish. All proceeds will go to the Dorothy A. Faulconer Pavilion fund.

If you would like to place a light on our Tree of Lights, please fill out the bottom of this form to include with your **check made payable to Mitchells Presbyterian Church**. You may place these in the collection plate or mail to the address below. Checks and forms **must be received by December 3, 2021**. The list of donors will be in the January MPC Newsletter.

**Mail to:**  
**Tree of Lights**  
**Mitchells Presbyterian Church**  
**PO Box 98**  
**Mitchells, VA 22729**

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## **From Committee on Congregational Life and Ministry**

Nothing new to report.

### **New Cell Phone Number for Brett Massey**

Please add Brett's new personal cell # to your contact list: 540-718-3276.

### **New Phone Number for Myrtle**

Please add Myrtle's new phone to your contact list: 540-661-3117.

## **Mitchells Presbyterian Email Prayer Chain**

Patti Weaver has agreed to monitor and maintain the prayer chain email account. Thank you Patti for your service to MPC.

If you would like to receive notifications of prayer requests via email, please send an email to:

[prayersofmitchells@gmail.com](mailto:prayersofmitchells@gmail.com)

Your email address will be added. This is open to members, regular attendees, friends, etc. Just have all requesters send an email and they will be added.

This prayer chain could be for major concerns, but also for things like "pray for my friend Sally; she's going through a rough time," or "my college daughter, Brenda, is taking her final exam in her major, please pray for her," etc. You get the idea. Just anything that your heart seeks comfort over.

Prayer requests mentioned at church will try to be added, but it is best if you could just send them to the [prayersofmitchells@gmail.com](mailto:prayersofmitchells@gmail.com) email address.

# November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Scott Mitchell	2	3 Kim Hicks Kathryn Krosschell	4	5	6 Teresa Griffith
7 Jonathan Weaver	8 Caitlyn Weaver Leeah Tidman	9	10	11 Ann Elyse Hicks Debbie Settle	12 Tabbithia Weaver	13 Kevin Squire
14	15	16	17	18	19 Sarah Pannill Anderson	20 Susan Wohlleben
21 Larry Brooks	22	23 Ruth Sousa	24 Seth Massey Steven Todd & Denise Golemb	25	26 Jon Sousa	27 Brittany Chase Deal
28	29 Rebecca Grace Denton	30				

Usher: Perri Kinsey

Acolytes: Tommi Cuccherini & Meredith Gyory