

# Mitchells Presbyterian Church Monthly Newsletter July 2022 Pastor's Corner

Enjoy this full body prayer in which you may full incorporate your whole self into praying for our world. The words in regular font are guiding words while the italics are your movements. Enjoy!

Stand with your feet rooted into the earth. Bring your hands together in a prayer position at your heart. Bow bending at your waist.

A bow of reverence, of gratitude, of praise, of seeing.

From the bow take your arms wide open, hands open like to receive another in a hug.

Seeing and blessing.

Bring what you have gathered into a hug. Wrapping your arms across your chest.

Holding what you see and feel close in love, in prayer.

Lift your arms above your head.

Release all you hold into the wide arms of God's love.

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We bring our hands together and bow...

To the Holy One, God of all creation. The God of each created one. The God who is with us in our awe and anguish. We bow in reverence, praise, gratitude, and longing. We bow, resting into your vast mercy.

We open our arms wide. Our sight extends, we see and reach to bless...

The people of Ukraine.

53 migrants from Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala who died in a semi-truck on the US/Mexico border. For their families who grieve, for the many who currently cross, who think of crossing, for the complex political situation across borders.

Those in the United States who feel rage, fear, and concern personal freedoms being taken away after Roe v. Wade was overturned.

The release of the 300 detained activists in Istanbul, Turkey, and see the continued struggle for equal rights.

The people of Bangladesh where floods have left dozens dead and 4 million people.

Those suffering due to an unprecedented heatwave in Japan.

The creativity of Brazilian scientists who are turning tree bark into a promising treatment for leukemia.

We bring our arms in to hold close all these cherished of God...  
Then we lift our arms and release them into the wide Presence of God...

Feeling the energy flow from our limbs.  
All the longings of our hearts and the ache of our bodies.  
All the news we read, all the pain we hear of and see.  
May all bodies and hearts know the release into Love, into the Freedom  
Where we can proclaim the words of Julian of Norwich  
"All will be well and all will be well, all manner of things will be well."  
Where we can say, "all is well"

our feet rooted into the earth, Amen"

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## **Session News**

Nothing new to report.

### **Presbyterian Women**

The Mitchells Presbyterian Women will not meet in July. Meetings will resume at **5:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall on August 9, 2022.

During the month of July, we will be collecting picnic items (paper plates, cups, unfrozen icy pops, juice boxes, canned beans, etc.) for the Culpeper Food Closet. If you wish to donate any of these items, please leave your donation on the table in the Fellowship Hall outside the Security Room. Thank you to everyone that donated single serve items during the month of June.

Please keep in mind as you clean out your unwanted items and as you begin knitting, crocheting, sewing, jewelry making or whatever your talents may be, we will have our rummage/craft sale on October 8, 2022 (rain date October 15). All proceeds will go to the Pavilion Fund.

Happy Summer and blessings to all, Debbie Long-Smith

### **Men of the Church**

There will be no MOC meetings until September.

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

Nothing new to report.

### **Church Events/Information**

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

The pavilion project continues to be a work in progress. The installation of the electrical conduit in the shelter and the underground conduit which supplies the shelter is under way. The concrete work has been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances but we have faith it will be begin soon.

Thanks to an anonymous donor four large aggregate finish concrete trash receptacles have been delivered. The trash receptacles will be put in place after the concrete floor is poured. Thank you!!!

#### **Daniel Grotz's Organ Concert at MPC July 17, 2022**

Mark your calendar and invite your friends to Mitchells Presbyterian at 3:00 Sunday July 17, 2022, for an amazing experience. Our own Daniel Grotz will present an organ concert entitled *Four Pillars* "featuring repertoire by four of the

most influential organ composers –J.S. Bach, Cesar Franck, Charles-Marie Widor, and Paul Manz.”

Daniel was an accomplished pianist when he graduated from Eastern View High School, and he continued piano studies and began organ lessons while at UVA. He is currently organist for an Episcopal Church in Charlottesville. In August he will begin a two-year program at the University of Cincinnati Conservatory to earn a Master of Organ Performance degree. He will also be an apprentice at the Episcopal Cathedral in Cincinnati. We are grateful to Daniel for offering to share his musical expertise with us.

### **Congregational Life and Ministry Committee**

The Committee wants to thank everyone who contributed to the luncheon for Seth Massey on June 5. It was a nice event with great food, and the Massey Family was very appreciative to everyone who came to honor Seth.

The “after church social” continues through the summer months. If you would like to host one of these, there is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen. There are still open dates for August. Drinks are already available in the refrigerator so the host just needs to bring a plate of cookies or snacks.

Please mark your calendar for a 5th Sunday event scheduled for July 31 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It will be an Italian Dinner and bingo afterwards. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

### **MPC Spotlight**

#### **Spotlighting John and Dottie Clatterbuck**

By Tabithia Weaver, Member of Congregational Life and Ministry Committee

Let me introduce you to a couple whose love and affection has spanned over decades, John and Dottie Clatterbuck. June of 1967 was a busy time for the couple who had met previously at a local dance. On June 9, 1967, Dottie graduated from high school; and the very next day she married John. Their wedding was held in Brightwood, Virginia, at the Bethsaida United Methodist Church and was officiated by Rev. Johnson. Many years later they were blessed to welcome their daughter, Amber, into the world. Amber would go on to marry Warren Gallahan.



After being around this couple for any given period of time you will notice they enjoy laughing and joking with each other. Dottie casually stated, “You have no choice but to laugh and enjoy yourself.” She shared a story of John’s 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party held in the fellowship hall at Mitchells Presbyterian Church. While preparing the food for the event she convinced John the party was for someone else. He was surprised when everyone started singing “Happy Birthday” to him. John laughs and says he wasn’t fooled, but we all know better than that. Dottie has attended Mitchells Presbyterian Church since she was a young girl and has served as President of the Women’s Group. Her childhood home was located just south of MPC in the fields that are now Coffeewood Correctional Center. She fondly remembers Dot Faulconer

stopping at her family home each Sunday morning. Dot came to gather Dottie and her sister, and bring them to Mitchells Presbyterian to join the church family in praise and worship. John began attending Mitchells Presbyterian with Dottie when they started dating. John has worn many hats at MPC over the years. Some of his roles with the church have been serving as Ruling Elder, Cemetery Committee member, and Buildings and Grounds Committee member. Currently, John serves as an usher and a team member on the Safety and Security Committee. John cracks a grin when he thinks of the youth in our church over the years. There have been many, many occasions when the younger boys flocked to John for fellowship at church events as well as visiting he and Dottie in their home. Dottie worked the majority of her life as caregiver both in private residences and at the Baptist Home (currently known as The Culpeper). That work was Dottie's heart-filled compassion. She reminisces about a married couple that she provided care for. Her service for the family began by caring for the wife; however, she formed a strong bond with the lady's husband and their children. Later the children asked her to provide support/care for their father. John's career spanned 48 years with the Virginia Department of Transportation as a mechanic, first at the Culpeper Shop then at the Orange Shop. After retiring from VDOT he began working with Johnny Cooper performing trim work and general remodeling. Today John and Dottie arrive early for Sunday church service. As you enter the sanctuary you will see Dottie sitting on the right back pew wearing that welcoming smile on her face. Her sense of humor makes everyone smile. Before John takes his seat next to her, he is greeting people in the Narthex or the parking lot. These two are always sharing their joy and their love of Christ with others.

### **Worship Committee**

Nothing new to report.

### **Scholarship Thank You**

As a recipient of the Mary Scott Gyory Scholarship, I would like to express my sincere appreciation. Your financial support will help fulfill my educational goals, and for that I am very grateful. In a couple weeks, I will be off to West Virginia University starting my Mechanical Engineering courses. It will be a time of adjustments in many ways, but I know that my "Mitchells family" will be here to help me through those times. I am excited to begin this new adventure and am very thankful I have so many people providing a strong foundation in my life.

Seth Massey

### **Mission and Outreach Committee**

The Manna project is in full swing and we had our first service on Monday June 27! Thank you, to team one and members of team two that were there to help. We served 67 meals, that included baked chicken, green beans, bread, rice and bean and cookies. Our next service is July 25, we serve every fourth Monday of the month. If anyone wants to be help with this mission, please reach out to Pastor Patrick or Carol Inskeep.

### **MPC Bible School**

BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING BACK...YAY!!!

August 5th: Older youth overnight lock-in with pizza and fun activities (time to be announced).

August 6th: All day bible school with biblical craft stations, bounce house, water slide, cookout and a dusk movie (time to be announced).

More information to come at a later date!

## **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**

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.

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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Phil Stuart Jimmy Jenkins	4 Dottie Clatterbuck	5 Sara Gallagher	6	7	8 Zachary Ray	9 Janet Miller
10 Tricia Condit	11	12 Phillip Inskeep	13	14 Danielle Hussey	15	16
17	18 Chuck Gyory	19 Terry Weaver Phil & Marty Stuart	20	21 Steven Tidman John & Cindy Grotz	22	23
24 Philip Grotz	25	26	27 Carlyn Walker	28	29	30 Bo & Libba Chase
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Scheduled Usher: Roger Eakin Scheduled Acolyte: Tommy Cuccherini