

Mitchells Presbyterian Church Monthly Newsletter November 2022

Pastor's Corner

Last month we moved from the Pastor's Corner to the Pastor's Kitchen for some fun soup recipes. If you missed those, don't worry, you can find the newsletter on the website! For this month, we move from the kitchen to the library for a look into the what the pastor has been reading, and the books that I think you might enjoy as well! I have read both of these books in the past month and they have brought me joy and thoughtfulness along with some fun discussion amongst family and friends.

First off is the new book *Me, Myself and Bob: A True Story About Dreams, God and Talking Vegetables*. Written by the creator of VeggieTales and the studio that originally produced the TV, VHS and Movies that many of us fell in love with, Phil Vischer. The story is his own recount of his early childhood, and the foundation in his mind that produced VeggieTales. It is a fascinating story about his own ambitions to become the Christian Disneyworld would get him into trouble as the company exploded, became everything he dreamt of, and the weight of this Christian animation giant crushed itself. From poor management by Phil himself to bringing in the wrong people to direct the company, everything is on the table for why he would fail, and lead him to some of the hardest questions that we as Christians ask ourselves, **WHY**. He felt that God inspired his shows and it was his mission to the world, so why would God let VeggieTales and his studio fail. Vischer goes in-depth on this theological issue, as well as, how it relates to his business, his dreams, and VeggieTales. It is thoughtfully put together and researched thoroughly. I can't say I agree wholeheartedly with all of his claims about why things happen, I can say that it is a great book. If you'd like to find out all that this book has to offer I encourage you to read it, or, if you are like me, listen to it on audio book. Phil is the voice of Bob the Tomato in VeggieTales so it is a fun treat to hear Bob the Tomato tell the story as Phil Vischer reads the book on Audible.

The second book I'd recommend for all the book worms out there is *Deer Creek Drive: A Reckoning of Memory and Murder in the Mississippi Delta* by Beverly Lowry. The story takes place in on Deer Creek Drive in Leland, Mississippi, the birthplace of Jim Henson of Muppets fame and about 15 minutes away from my hometown of Greenville, Mississippi which is the second main location of this book. The final main location I'll leave for you to discover upon reading this "who done it" style book. The debate still goes on between my family and I about who the guilty party is, but if you'd like a look at the Mississippi delta that are my roots, this is a great book to get started. While some of the places and locations have changed names or been torn down there are several places and locations that are still standing to this day. It is a book that involves race relations, the practices of the haves versus the have nots, and the way in which the justice system plays a role in civic life and its societal implication. It was fascinating to read about how the jurors where kept quarantined from real life, literally living in the federal courthouse of Greenville, MS to the way in which rumors spread and influenced murder case, all the way up to the governors office in the state capital of Jackson, MS. It's a book that once you get started, it is hard to put down. I hope that you all will check out these books, and share any books that have been good for you or influenced you as of late. Enjoy learning and reading!

Blessings – Pastor Patrick

Session News

Summary of Session Actions

October 13, 2022

- Session approved for Crystal Settle to establish a cancer support Care Team beginning in the spring of 2023
- Approved a called Congregational meeting after Worship on Sunday, November 13, 2022
- Approved holding the Worship Service on Sunday, November 6, 2022, the 155th Anniversary Home Coming, in the pavilion, weather permitting. A catered lunch will be held in the fellowship hall following morning worship.

Presbyterian Women

The Mitchells Presbyterian Women met October 11, 2022 in the Fellowship Hall. We had much to celebrate with our very successful Yard Sale proceeds of \$2,837.63 along with additional donations we were able to present \$6,000 to the Pavilion Fund for the purchase of picnic tables. Thank you to everyone for making this happen!

We will continue our support to the "Loads of Love" project through Sycamore Park School. We are accepting used items from infant to teen sizes in clothing, coats and shoes. Also new items of socks, under ware, school items and hygiene products.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 1st (**NOTE NEW DATE**) at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Kim Hicks will lead our Bible Study from *Grace for Every Trial*, Lesson 4, "*Job's Fainting Fit*".

Please join us in our Women's worship and fellowship.

Kaye Inskeep, Moderator

Men of the Church

The Men of the Church will meet on Thursday, November 3, 2022 for dinner beginning at 7:00 p.m. Janet Miller will be fixing her annual Thanksgiving dinner for us. A meal not to be missed!

Men wishing to attend should call Steve Hicks at 540-718-2098 or email menofmitchellspc@gmail.com for a reservation **NO LATER than Monday, October 31 by NOON.**

Safety and Security Committee (SSC)

Required Training for Safety & Security Team

Most S&S Team members attended the required training classes on October 18th and 25th. For those who were not able to attend, make-up training classes will be scheduled. Your Team Leader will contact you to arrange a convenient date and time.

Church Events/Information

Pavilion Update – Buildings and Grounds

Much progress is being made on the electrical installation. The overhead lighting is expected to be installed within the next couple weeks. A special “thank you” goes out the Presbyterian Women of Mitchell’s for their contribution and the generous donation from an anonymous donor to the Pavilion table fund. With the combined contributions and donations 10 outdoor commercial park tables with seating have been ordered, eight standard and two ADA (Americans with Disability Acts) compliant.

Congregational Life and Ministry Committee

The 155th Church Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, November 6 in the Pavilion at 11 a.m. Immediately following the service there will be a catered luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Former ministers, local area ministers, former church members and others have been invited to join us on this special day. There will be an announcement included in the local newspapers.

MPC Spotlight

No MPC Spotlight this month.

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

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 email address.

Tree of Lights



**Tree Lighting Ceremony
Mitchells Presbyterian Church
Sunday, December 11, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.**

Once again we will conduct our tree lighting ceremony on the Church grounds Sunday evening, December 11th. 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 4, 2021**. The list of donors will be read before the lighting of the tree and will be in the January MPC Newsletter.

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

Given by: _____

Memory/Honor of: _____

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Worship Committee

Nothing new to report.

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.

Treasurer's update:

Mitchells Presbyterian Church Family:

The budget approved by Session for 2022 was \$130,056.94. This represents the anticipated expenditures for the year and hopefully the collections in the form of tithes and offerings.

As we get ready to close the year (December 31 will be here before we know it) I would like to update you as to where we stand as of today (October 23, 2022).

Based on the budget we would hope to have collected \$108,380.78 and to have expended that amount (10/12 of \$130,056.94). As of today:

Collections of tithes and offerings and various other revenue (poll rent, investment revenue, miscellaneous collections) - \$96,469.97 – which is \$11,910.81 less than the anticipated.

Expenditures - \$106,786.62 – which is \$1,594.16 less than anticipated.

Therefore, we are looking at a potential net shortfall of \$10,316.65 (\$11,910.81 - \$1,594.16) as far as meeting the budget/anticipated expenditures for operations.

Please note that we have sufficient reserves to absorb the anticipated shortfall, but obviously we would much rather keep any reserves intact.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to each and every one of you for your continued support

November 2022

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	β		

Ushers: Allyson and Kathy Thorpe

Acolyte: Tommi Cuccherini