

JULY 2023

INSIGHTS

The Newsletter of Mitchells Presbyterian Church

Looking ahead:

July 30--5th Sunday
Cookout/Movie Night

August 5--Fred/Nats Game
August 12--Womens Retreat
Aug 20 to Sept 24-- New
Members Class

Sept 9--Steak Dinner
Fundraiser

Sept 9--Fall Fun Festivities

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THE PASTORS CORNER

by Pastor Patrick

As we move into our summer month, and prepare to celebrate with food and fireworks, I thought it would be fun to jump back into the kitchen and share some great summer recipes and tips that my family and I have enjoyed throughout the years of lounging together in the Mississippi heat!

Tip #1 – add a little salt onto your watermelon. Not only does it give you a fun salty/sweet combination, but it also makes your watermelon even sweeter! Great for any point and time during the day!

Recipe #1 - There's not many things that can bring folks rushing to the table like a really good chips and dip combination. One of my moms favorites to make, and a constant winner for everyone who tries it, is the Monterey Jack Dip from Greenville's Junior Woman's Club 100th Anniversary Cookbook Carousel Classics.

Monterey Jack Dip

- 16oz Monterey Jack Cheese, Shredded

- 5-6 scallions, diced

- 2 tablespoons parsley

- 8oz bottle Lawry's Italian cheese dressing

(I'm not sure they make this anymore, but you can find different types at the store or use 8oz traditional Italian dressing)

- 2 fresh or 6 canned tomatoes, chopped

- 6oz can diced green chilies, drained

- 1 small can black olives, chopped

All you do now is toss all the ingredients together and chill overnight. The recipe suggests serving with Doritos, but regular corn chips work great too!

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Tip #2 – When eating fresh strawberries, have a small bowl of sugar near by to dip the strawberries in. This was a regular event for my grandfather and me, as we could sit on the couch and eat a whole carton of strawberries in no time flat. Enjoy a sweet “healthy?” treat!

Recipe #2 - There's few places in the world where more diversity can be found, than that of a place that serves chicken wings. Everyone has their favorite flavors, from sweet to mouth melting hot. The wings of a chicken have so many different flavors that if you are planning to cook some, it may be hard to figure out what sauce or rub to use that many folks will enjoy without to much debate. Famous Kansas Flightless Chicken Wings from the Passion of BBQ cookbook made by the Kansas City Barbeque Society is one such recipe that makes everyone happy!

Famous Kansas Flightless Chicken Wings

- 3lbs Chicken wings
- ½ c. Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons Olive oil
- 4 cloves of garlic, minced
- ¼ c. soy sauce
- ½ teaspoon ground ginger

1. Cut chicken wings into 3 pieces and discard the tips (you can skip this if you want). 2. Combine the ingredients in a large bowl (I like to double the marinade ingredients to be sure there's plenty). 3. Add the wing pieces and toss to coat well. Cover and let stand for 45 minutes. 4. Places wings on the grill and brush with the remaining mixture. 5. Grill over medium-hot coals for 15-20 minutes, turning once. 6. Enjoy!

Christ never shied away from eating a good meal with friends and strangers alike, and I pray that you'll find joy in some of the recipes and tips listed above, so that you may enjoy a meal with any of those who you have in your life!

Blessings to you all!
Pastor Patrick

MPC HARVEST HOST

Harvest Hosts is a program that connects RVers with a network of unique and welcoming locations across North America. It offers a refreshing alternative to traditional camping by partnering with wineries, farms, breweries, churches, and other attractions that allow RVers to park overnight, free of charge, with the expectation that products be bought, or a donation be made. From waking up to picturesque vineyards to exploring lush farms or immersing oneself in local culture, Harvest Hosts provides unique travel experiences. The program promotes sustainable and responsible travel, encouraging members to support local businesses and communities. Feel free to ask any questions that you may have about this program and MPC's participation in it. There are several RVers in our congregation and I know that they have used this program so feel encouraged to seek them out and ask them all the questions that you may have 💎💎

*******Spread the word to your fellow RVers--encourage them to seek us out for the
Fall Foliage Season*******

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

August 20th-September 24th, 2023. Classes are open to all who wish to become rostered members of MPC and those who wish to learn more about being Presbyterian. The classes will be held after worship and fellowship time on Sundays with lunch provided.

COMPLETION OF PAVILION

It is an honor and a pleasure to report the construction of the **Dorothy A. Falconer Pavilion** is finalized. The pavilion will be utilized for outdoor worship services, youth events, meetings, celebrations, dinners, musical events, community events, weddings, funerals, and much more. The pavilion is a 42'x72'x9' shelter with a beautiful matching medal roof, 100 amp service, LED high-bay Lithonia lighting, Alto patio ceiling fans, 24/7 security surveillance, audio feed and recording capability, concrete waste containers, and water access

On the 10th of December 2020, the proposal to build a pavilion at Mitchells Presbyterian Church was presented to Session for consideration. The ground breaking ceremony was held on the 7th of November 2021. Today, thirty month's after the initial proposal, the Dorothy A. Falconer Pavilion stands tall on the Mitchells Presbyterian Church property and is ready to be enjoyed. Without the prayers, contributors, volunteers, and the love of the family and friends of Mitchells, this facility would not exist. I personally thank you all!

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COMMUNICATION TABLE

Our "Communication Table" has been present in the Fellowship Hall for some time, but some may not be aware of where it is located or the information it holds, and it has been "revamped" in the recent months.

The table is located just inside the fellowship hall near the main entrance. You will see the DryErase Calendars with important dates filled in, the signup sheets for events, coffee hour, altar flowers, etc. There is also information/pamphlets for camps, retreats, and events in our area. There's MPC history books, postcards, offering envelopes, and other valuable church info.

A lot of information to be found in such a small space. Please take a moment to stop by, sign up for an event or read/pickup information for yourself or to share with others.

PAPERLESS: As stamp prices are increasing again, to .66 cents in a couple weeks, we would like to eliminate "snail mail" as much as possible. If you have email, you may print at your discretion. If you are not on our email list, please submit your address ASAP to receive electronically. Our contact information is on the first page. Below are a couple examples, if needed, for setting up email accounts.

How to set up GMAIL account:

1. Go to the Google Account creation page at <https://mail.google.com> or open the Gmail app on your phone.
2. Click Create an account and follow the steps on the screen.
3. Enter your name, username, password, and other personal details.
4. Use the account you created to sign in to Gmail.

How to set up YAHOO account:

1. Go to Yahoo Sign up page.
2. Fill out the form and choose a username.
3. Set up two-factor authentication, then proceed to your new account.
4. iPhone users can connect to Yahoo Mail from the iOS Mail app.

Session News--Steve Hicks (Clerk)

No Report

Presbyterian Women

Women's Summer Retreat: Saturday August 12th 9 am - 4 pm --The Chipped Cup --Pastor Joquan White
Morning refreshments-Bag Lunch from Steak N Cheese ----Chipped Cup Craft and lots of Christian Love
RSVP by August 4th

Men of the Church

The Men will not hold meetings in July or August. Next meeting will be September 7.

Worship Committee

No Report

Safety & Security Committee (SSC)

Nothing to report for July -- Chuck

Missions & Outreach

Committee will meet in August to plan for holidays --Carol

Buildings & Grounds

Nothing to report for July -- Conley

Congregational Life & Ministry

We want to hear from YOU!

Vote for your favorite place to eat steak! Your choices are: The Dorothy A Faulconer Pavilion or The MPC Fellowship Hall.
Ballot box is located in the fellowship hall on the Communication Table. Check the box of your choice and drop into the box.

July 30th – 5th Sunday Gathering--6pm Cookout and movie under the pavilion. All are welcome, so bring some friends!

August 5th – FredNats Game-- 6:05pm--Tickets \$17 -- Invite friends & sign-up in the fellowship hall.

September 9th--Fall Fun Festivities--Bounce House/Slide Combo & other fun activities 3pm-7pm--
All are welcome, come out for fun & fellowship--and stay for the Steak Dinner!

September 9th – Annual MPC Steak Dinner 5pm-7pm-- All are welcome, so invite friends!

Coffee Hour Under the Pavilion, Sundays after Service:

Drinks and snacks under the shade of the pavilion. In case of inclement weather, we will move it to the Fellowship Hall.

Treasurer's report:

Nothing to report for July --Ron

Good Timers

We have been out and about and enjoying good food and having good conversation with each other!

Our restaurant that we visited in May was the Craft and Crust in Remington. And in June we gathered at Clearwater Grill in Locust Grove. There were 20 in attendance and the accommodations and service were great! We missed several of you who were planning on joining us, but were unable due to various obligations or health issues.

Mark your calendars with the following dates and places:

July 27 - Dark Horse Irish Pub in Flint Hill

August 24 - Tim's on Lake Anna

September 28 - Graves Mountain Lodge

Alice and I are still checking out other places for the next 3 months of the 2023 year. If you have any suggestions, please contact Alice or Vickie with some information.

We invite you to join us any time you can and feel free to bring friends. We welcome everyone. By the way there is no age restrictions!!!

Thank you so much Church Family, for your prayers for a successful glaucoma surgery on my other eye. Also, many thanks for all the cards, text messages and emails I received.

Gratefully,
Hazel

Tuesday, July 4th:

MPC will have a booth/table/tent at the Food, Arts & Craft Fair @ Yowell Meadow Park 10am-8pm
Stop by & bring your friends!

CELEBRATE THE 4th ON THE 2nd!

What: A Patriotic Celebration – No charge

When: 4:00, Sunday July 2, 2023

Where: Culpeper Baptist Church

Who: Organist Randy Sheets and Trumpeter Chuck Seipp

We are all invited to join in a celebration of the 4th presented by two musicians who again will bring amazing music to Culpeper. Randy is a former organist at Culpeper Baptist Church and continues to be the ceremonial organist for Arlington National Cemetery. Chuck is retired from The United States Army Band. They have performed over 75 concerts in twenty-one states during the last six seasons.

Please join me for this inspiring celebration of our nation's birthday.

--Mary Scott

Ushers for the month of July:
Kas Settle & Doug Settle

Acolyte: Tommy Cuccherini

Sign up list for the 5th Sunday Dinner -July 30th- is located on the Communication Table-- please fill in your food choice to bring, and if you have a movie suggestion, write it down too!

July 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3 Jimmy Jenkins Phil Stuart	4 Dottie Clatterbuck FOURTH OF JULY	5 Sara Gallagher	6	7	8 Zachary Ray
9 Janet Miller	10	11 WOMENS MEETING	12 Phillip Inskeep	13	14 Danielle Kapp	15
16 SESSION MEETING	17	18 Chuck Gyory	19 Terry Weaver	20	21 Steven Tidman	22
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