

Merry  
Christmas

# DECEMBER 2023 INSIGHTS



## The Newsletter of Mitchells Presbyterian Church

### Looking ahead:

**Dec 3rd** --Second Advent

**Dec 10th** --Third Advent

**Dec 10th --7:00pm** Lessons & Carols and  
Tree of Lights Ceremony

**Dec 17th** --Fourth Advent

**Dec 24th--11:00am** Christmas Eve Morning  
Service

**8:00pm** Christmas Eve Evening  
Service

**Dec 31st** --5th Sunday/New Years Eve

*After Worship Social--*

*Take a break from the*

*Hustle & Bustle and enjoy*

*snacks and drinks while you fellowship  
with one another.*

*Sundays after service in the Fellowship Hall*



### 2024 BIRTHDAY & 2024 ANNIVERSARIES

As we approach the new year,  
it's a good time to update the  
monthly calendar.

Based on last year's calendar  
if you see anything that  
needs to be added, deleted  
or corrected, please email or  
text your information.

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### REMINDER:

Session  
**WILL NOT**  
meet in  
December!



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## Session Happenings

- Session voted to hold meetings in odd-numbered months: January, March, May, July, September, and November. Called meetings may be held to cover urgent business that comes up between meetings.
- Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> is the scheduled date to ordain and install the Ruling Elders of the Class of 2026. The class consists of Roger Eakin who will be ordained and installed, and Ruling Elders Ann Walker and Tom Cuccherini who will be installed.
- The congregation voted as members of Mitchells Presbyterian Church, Inc. to amend the Articles of Incorporation and Corporate Bylaws effective January 1, 2024 that the active members of Session shall be the Trustees of the corporation.
- Permission was granted to Culpeper Presbyterian Church to use the facilities for a picnic to be held on May 5, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. MPC folks are welcome to attend.
- Session was saddened to learn that Pay Payne and Jimmy Jenkins will be hanging up their gardening tools and parking their lawn mower at the end of this season. Session congratulates and thanks them for their hard work over the past years to bring life and beauty to our church grounds. Please offer your thanks to them as well.

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## Treasurer's Report

### Mitchells Presbyterian Church Family:

The budget approved by Session for 2023 was \$143,990.62. This represents the anticipated expenditures for the year and hopefully the collections in the form of tithes and offerings.

I want to update you as to our status through today (November 15<sup>th</sup>) as the year end is fast approaching. Based on the budget we would hope to have collected \$131,991.40 and to have expended that amount (11/12 of \$143,990.62).

As of November 15, 2023:

Collections of tithes and offerings and various other revenue (poll rent, investment revenue, miscellaneous collections)- \$116,565.47 - which is \$15,425.93 less than the anticipated.

Operating expenditures - \$124,203.55 - which is \$7,787.85 less than the anticipated.

Therefore, we are looking at a net shortage of \$7,638.08 (\$15,425.93-\$7,787.85) as far as meeting the budget/anticipated expenditures for operations.

As I have noted previously, we do have sufficient reserves to absorb the anticipated shortage, but obviously we would prefer to maintain those reserves rather than deplete them.

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

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## Presbytery Women

The Mitchells Presbyterian Women extend an invitations to all the women of church. Even if you are not able to attend our regular meetings, we would love for you to join us. If you need a ride please contact me.

Christmas Dinner -- Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup> at  
6:30PM.

POT LUCK DINNER &  
OUR INFAMOUS CHRISTMAS GIFT SWAP  
THIS YEAR'S THEME EXCHANGE IS A  
"CHRISTMAS PIN"

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## Congregational Life

We would like to wish everyone a very joyous  
and blessed Christmas season.

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## Safety & Security Committee

No news to report for December.

## Worship Committee

Thank Conley Wallace for his exceptional woodworking skills in creating a duplicate Hymn board to hang in the sanctuary. It is truly a work of art.

Advent - we have readers who have volunteered for the weekly Advent lightings. However, there are two Christmas Eve services that we need to finalize. If you have mentioned that you or your family may like to read at either service, please reach out to Scott or Roxy and confirm if you could do the morning or the evening.

Lessons & Carols and Tree Lighting - Sunday, December 10, Lessons & Carols along with the Tree Lighting.

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## Good Timers

Looking forward to a delicious buffet lunch at Pepper's on Thursday, December 7 at 12 noon. I know we will miss singing the Christmas carols, but we will still have great food and a great time with each other. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Alice and I are working on the 2024 luncheon schedule, revisiting some of our favorites and searching for some new places to try. Luigi's will be our January get together on the 25th at noon. We never know what winter weather may come our way, so we try to stay in Culpeper.

Not sure yet about February, but in March we will celebrate one year of our return to these monthly luncheons that started so many years ago. Bill Lyne and then Myrtle Martin planned these special times of good food and fellowship for many years and they would be very happy to know Mitchells continues to eat and laugh together!

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## Men of the Church

The Men of the Church decided at their November meeting to forego holding a meeting in December since it falls on the same day as the Good Timers lunch.

Beginning in January, the Men will meet at the church for dinner in the odd-months and at a restaurant in the even-months. All are welcome to attend.

**Meetings starting in January will begin at 6:30 pm, instead of 7:00.**

*I would like to express my gratitude to everyone at Mitchells for the prayer shawl and care package.*

*-- Karen K*

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**\*\*\*Newsletter submission deadline: 25th of the month\*\*\***

# December 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Doug Settle	2 Vickie Wallace Abbie Weaver
3 Judy Norris <b>2ND ADVENT</b>	4	5	6 Josh Tidman	7 Amber Gallahan <b>MEN OF CHURCH</b>	8 Delores Aylor	9
10 <b>3RD ADVENT</b>	11	12 <b>PRESBYTERY WOMEN</b>	13 Paul Craycraft	14	15	16
17 Bill & Janet Miller <b>4TH ADVENT</b>	18 Heather Massey	19	20	21	22	23
24 <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	25 <b>CHRISTMAS</b>	26	27	28	29	30
31 Kaitlyn & Jeremy Tidman Lynn & Paul Craycraft <b>FIFTH SUNDAY</b>						