

*Wishing
you a
Blessed
New Year!*

JANUARY 2024 INSIGHTS

The Newsletter of Mitchells Presbyterian Church

Looking ahead:

Jan 1, 2024 -- New Years Day

Jan 7, 2024 -- New Elder Installation, 11a.m.

Jan 15, 2024 -- MLK Day



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Pastors Corner:

As we look to a new year, numbered two thousand and twenty-four, we prepare for all that may come our way. As Christian poet and pacifist Edith Lovejoy Pierce (1904–1983) puts it, “We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called opportunity, and its first chapter is New Year's Day.” These blank pages of days yet to come, offer us the opportunity to live into our calling by Christ to work in ministry as we seek to uphold the teachings of Jesus. John 13:34–35 (NRSVue): 34 “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” This commandment is one of our guides as we seek to fulfill the great commission that Christ issues in Matthew 28:18–20, in which we are instructed to go out into the world on his behalf as Jesus is ascending into heaven. Our blank pages of the new year, should be inspired by what Jesus has taught us in the gospels, and this notion of moving outside of ourselves to show people God and the love that Christ has given to us, inspired January’s hymn of the month, ‘Lord, You Give the Great Commission’.

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Pastors Corner Continued:

Written by Jeffery Rowthorn to the tune of Abbot's Leigh by Cyril Vincent Taylor, the hymn fleshes out the words to Matthew 28 by tying them with many other quotations from Christ's ministry, such as: "Heal the sick and preach the word" Matthew 10:7-8; "I am with you to the end" Matthew 28:20; and "Father, what they do forgive" Luke 23:34. These quotes are themed in each line of the hymns as the writer focus on a type of blueprint for ministry or, for this Pastor's Corner, a way of filling each blank page. Line one states plainly the mission of the church as an entity that heals the sick and preaches the word as we provide witness to the world around us. Line number two focuses on our service in Christ's name, as we go out. Line three centers us on holy communion as we join together at the table, open to all whom desire to know Christ, with one another. Line four calls for us to put ourselves to work in creating a just society modeled after Christ's work of love and care; and finally, the fifth line brings us to eternity, following our service of faith, hope and love.

Hymn number 429 is often used during ministers' ordination service, or commissioning services for those going out to serve in mission or chaplaincy work. Its tune was written in the midst of World War Two from a British headquarters location in the village of Abbot Leigh, and with words written for the sending out young men and women from divinity school upon their graduation. A hymn that focuses on turning the page from where we are currently standing, to filling up the blank page of a new day as it was written both in tune and in lyrics. I hope that you enjoy January's hymn of the month, as we strive to set ourselves up to write on each of our blank pages!

Here's to 2024!

Pastor Patrick

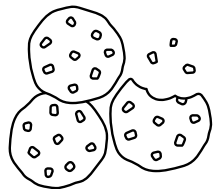
Ushers: Perry Kinsey
Kathy Massey

Mitchells Presbyterian Cancer Care Team



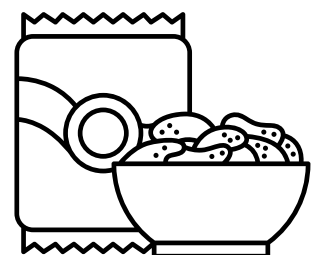
There will be an estimated 13,200 new cases of cervical cancer diagnosed this year.

Cervical cancer was once one of the most common causes of death for American women. The cervical cancer death rate dropped significantly with the increased use of the Pap test. Cervical cancer tends to occur in midlife and is most frequently diagnosed in women between the ages of 35 and 44.



**AFTER WORSHIP
SOCIAL**

Join in the Fellowship Hall for snacks, drinks & conversation after Sunday services.



GOOD TIMERS -

Another jolly good time spent with a total of 28 ladies and guys on December 7. We met and ate at Pepper's in Culpeper and had a choice of the buffet or ordering from the menu. As usual, a great time was enjoyed by all with good food, lots of conversation and of course lots of laughs and giggles!

In previous years we have shopped and wrapped gifts for a family in need. This year being our first Christmas getting back together, we assisted with the families represented on the Angel Tree. Individuals in the church bought and wrapped a gift for one of the "little angels" tagged on our tree in the Fellowship Hall and the Good Timers took up a donation to provide groceries for each of these two families. Thanks to all of you who gave for this "special gift". The donations totaled \$800 and that enabled us to purchase 2 gift cards of \$400 each at Weis Grocery. Weis has been a tremendous help with the Manna Ministry, always giving lots of good food to be used in preparing these meals that are given out every week!

Our next destination is close, in town at Luigi's on Thursday, January 25 at noon. Just in case Old Man Winter surprises us with a beautiful snow, we want to be close to home for our January and February get togethers!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! May 2024 bring you good health and good times!

Session

During 2024, the Session has decided to meet on odd-numbered months: January, March, etc. If you have anything you wish Session to consider, please keep this in mind.

The next Session meeting will be Thursday, January 11, 2024.

Men of Mitchells

The Men of Mitchells will meet for dinner at the Church at 6:30 p.m. (note time change) on January 4, 2024. All men are welcome to attend.

The Men of Mitchells will meet at the church on the first Thursday of odd-numbered months and will go out to dinner on the first Thursday of even-numbered months.



Hot News!! This just in!

At the annual Choir Christmas Party, Mary Scott was issued a Proclamation by the choir "declaring and proclaiming that she has been awarded the position of Most Illustrious Grand Choir Master and has been afforded all rights, honors, and privileges that accompany this exalted position".

Please drop by the choir room to see the proclamation and congratulate Mary Scott on this prestigious award.

2023 Tree of Lights Donations

Total: \$3,720

Donor	In Memory of:	In Honor of:
Larry & Linda Brooks	Our parents	
Paul & Lynn Craycraft	Our parents & loved ones	The infant Jesus; our families
Thomas & Denita Cuccherini & Family	Thomas John Cuccherini; Daniel Thomas Cuccherini; Lawrence "Bert" Scott; grandparents & beloved friends	Children & grandchildren
Hazel & Roger Eakin	Hazel's parents; Roger's parents	Son & daughter-in-law
Ron Evans	Madeline Evans; Janice Evans; The Barron Family	
Gale & Eloina Gibson	Carlos Chica & Olga Chica	
Chuck & Mary Scott Gyory	Loved ones	Children & grandchildren
Patricia Hawkins	Wayne Hawkins	Flora O' Bryant (mother)
Steve & Kim Hicks		Our grandchildren, Carter & Penny Hicks
Bonnie Hitt	Dot Faulconer; Jimmy Hitt	Pat Payne; Chuck & Mary Scott Gyory
Alice Hopkins	Jim Hopkins; loved ones; Harriet Poulos	
Carol Inskeep		River, Colton, Savannah, Isaac & Jane Inskeep
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Jimmy Jenkins	Margie Jenkins; Dot Faulconer	
Brett & Cathy Massey	James Dickens; Ramona Massey; Rodney Dotson	Bill Dickens
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Scott & Roxy Mitchell	Nick & Thelma Allison	Bill & Sue Mitchell
Robert & Judy Norris	Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Norris, Sr.; Mr. & Mrs. Joseph C. Lawson	Our children & grandchildren
Becky Payette	John J. Payette, Jr.	
Pat Payne	Fred B. Payne; Frances H. Payne; Dorothy A. Faulconer	
Mary Lou Phillips	Husband Ian & family members	Children & grandchildren; Mary Scott & Choir
Rob & Lou Preihs	Jess & Frieda Preihs; Bob Button	John & Jill Preihs
Rosemary Schneider		Darryll D. Schneider; Dustin L. Schneider
Bonnie Scott	Husband: Lawrence "Bert" Scott; Sylvia Tobler; Parents: John W. Garrigan & Edna May Garrigan	
Smitty & Debbie Smith	Lonnie Vause; Bobby Smith	
Phil & Marty Stuart	Jacquelynn Alexander; William Alexander	Hayden Kapp; Madelynn Kapp
The Tidman Family	Cassandra & Melinda Tidman; Jackie & Bill Alexander; Clifford Tidman	
Walker Family	Carlin & Anna Ruth Inskeep; James & Margaret Walker; Jane Floyd; Keith Graves; Tom Earles	
Conley & Vickie Wallace	Our parents	Chris & Amy Wallace; Bruce & Kay Wallace; grandchildren & great grandchildren
Alan & Susan Wohlleben	Our parents & grandparents; Dorothy A. Faulconer; Janice Barron Evans	Our children & grandchildren
Jean H. Wolfrey	My parents - Laura & Russell Hopkins; Brothers - James & Steve Hopkins	
Jolene Young	Robert Young	

