

The Newsletter of Mitchells Presbyterian Church

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INSIGHTS

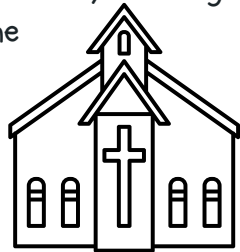
Looking ahead:

COMMUNION DATES:

APRIL 5TH

SUNDAY SCHOOL

All are welcome to attend Sunday mornings at 9:45! Adults meet in the large classroom near the choir room. Children have several rooms in which to meet depending on the age group. Nursery is also available if needed for the younger guests.



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Pastor's Corner: A Spring of Change

As I've thought about what to write for my last MPC newsletter article, I'm constantly drawn to where we've been as a ministry together, and what is to come for both you and me. In the most cliché way, I keep getting pulled back to the images of springtime. Of what was, becoming what is, the newness that is able to bloom from that which has gone. The flowers that dove underground to escape shoveling snow, and then pop back up as naked ladies 😊, for us all to chuckle at their name and remember the stories tied to their blooming. It's a spring of change for all of us. I know that there's stress and worry. There's fear of spring rains being more prevalent than the long days of sunshine, as if this sudden storm that's been brought on the announcement of my departure will hang around. But remember that spring weather can change quickly and April showers bring forth May flowers.

We know the lines from Ecclesiastes 3, or from the Byrds song, about every season and the turn, turn, turning. Or in the newest version I've learned from the band Tophouse's "Song for Walking" - There's a time for everything; A time to cry, a time to sing; A time for this, a time for that; But now's the time for walking.

That is the message that I want to give to you in this article. Now's the time for walking. Walking through the new spring and newness of the season MPC is entering. It's the time for walking FORWARD, and walking FORWARD TOGETHER. During my time

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Pastor's Corner Continued:

at MPC there were things that I did, or led, but it was never alone. I did it with you! We did it. Ministry, care, fellowship, joy and struggle. I've only ever wanted to empower you, to walk beside you and with you. There were times when we stumbled, or when people went in different directions along the path, but it was as the body of Christ that we journeyed. You are still the body of Christ, you are still the church! For MPC, it is the leaning into the words of our PC(USA) constitution - The Church's life and mission are a joyful participation in Christ's ongoing life and work.

The work of Christ is ongoing, and you are walking with Christ. One hand in Christ's hand, and one hand in those beside you in the congregation. It is the time for walking, for both you and me. Though the paths diverge, neither of us walk alone. We walk with the memories and impact we've had upon each other's lives, and we carry it forward - placing our trust in God above all else in the springtime change. No matter what, the seasons will continue to turn, turn, turn and the Holy Spirit blows, even through locked doors, to move us onward and upward!

With prayers and love,

Pastor Patrick



Maundy Thursday Sunset Service
7pm - Mitchells Presbyterian Church
Gathering in the Dot Faulconer Pavilion

We commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, where he washed the feet of his disciples.

The poster features a sunset background with a bright sun. Below the text is a line drawing of Jesus kneeling and washing the feet of a disciple who is also kneeling. The scene is set against a blue and orange sky.



GOOD
Friday

APRIL 3^RD AT 7PM
CULPEPER PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

The poster features a sunset background with a large sun on the right. In the foreground, three black crosses of varying heights stand on a dark silhouette of a hill. The text is centered over the hill and background.



**EASTER SUNRISE
SERVICE**

7AM IN THE PAVILION

Bring your flowers for the



*Flowering of the Cross
— Easter Sunday, 3/5*

*God
is always
working for
our good.*

CarryTheLight.io

And we know that all things
work together for good to those
who love God, to those who are
called according to His purpose."

Romans 8:28

Romans 8:28 Submitted by Hazel

Pastors Patrick & Brittney

*Farewell and Blessing
Dinner*

*Saturday, April 11, 2026
5:30 PM*

Bring your favorite Potluck Dish

GriefShare

Meetings are postponed due to the low participation during this session. We hope to return the program in the fall.

Blessings,
Graeme Tidman
GriefShare Coordinator

To All Our Friends at MPC:

For all the prayers, cards, well-wishes and concern during this stressful event in our lives, we say a giant THANK YOU! We have felt every prayer that has been uttered and am aware of all the concern of our friends. We are happy to say that surgery on March 20 was successful in the removal of the complete gallbladder, and there appears to be no residual infection or damage to the liver where all of the abscess was lodged. This was wonderful news for us. We are now at home, resting and healing, and hopefully gaining strength each day. We hope to be out and about soon and back to a normal semblance of lifestyle. We give praise to God for the outcome of this event and for all of our friends at Mitchells.

Ronnie and Debbie Settle

To the Presbyterian Women, Choir, Sunday School Class and the Congregation. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the lovely luncheon you prepared for my move to NC. It was delicious! I was not expecting such a send off as I was hoping to leave quietly, but nothing gets past you. I have visited several churches, but my love for you all remains at Mitchells. My prayers are with you and remember my door is always open.

*Blessings to all,
Becky*

*My new address is: Becky Payette
195 Carolina Club Drive
Grandy, North Carolina
27939*

Good Timers have tentatively planned for the following places -

April - Dark Horse Pub (Flint Hill)
May - Clearwater Grill (Locust Grove)

USHERS:

Scott Mitchell
and
Perrin Kinsey

MUSIC NOTES FROM MARY SCOTT



Culpeper Live 2026 (formerly Culpeper Concert Series) is a series of performances that now require a ticket for admittance at Culpeper Baptist Church. To see the schedule and purchase tickets go to:

<https://culpeperbaptist.org/concert-series/>

Concerts scheduled:

Sat. May 2nd 6:30 p.m. The Raleigh Ringers (handbell choir)

Sun. May 3rd 4:00 p.m. Virginia State University Concert Choir

*** Additional Concerts to be announced. We will have concerts featuring community groups, contemporary Christian artists and comedians. If you have an idea for a concert or would like to sponsor a concert - contact Dan -

dcarlton@culpeperbaptist.org ***

3RD ANNUAL CAR SHOW SCHEDULED FOR

SEPTEMBER 12TH – – 10-3

Please share the attached flyer in as many platforms as possible: social media, friends of friends, posting in establishments that have other events posted, and any other ways you share your events. Soon we will be reaching out for themed basket items, decor, donations from home businesses, restaurants, gift cards, and other items for a raffle table. We had a lot of fun with the raffle last year and hope to have success again for the Community Missions and Outreach.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

We want to make sure we're celebrating all our loved ones milestones on the monthly calendar.

To ensure we have these important dates, please let us know if there are any additions or changes.

PUZZLE & BOOK EXCHANGE

THE COLLECTION SHELF IS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR ANY PUZZLES OR BOOKS THAT YOU'RE WILLING TO BRING TO SHARE WITH OTHERS. FEEL FREE TO BROWSE THE ITEMS AND TAKE A DIFFERENT ONE TO READ/COMPLETE.

- MORNING WORSHIP 11:00AM
- SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45-10:30AM
- CHOIR {WEDNESDAY} 7:30PM
- GOOD TIMERS {4th Thursday-Variou Locations } NOON
- CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
 { 2nd Tuesday-Variou Locations }6:00PM
- PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN { 2nd Sunday } Following Worship
- SESSION { 1st Sunday/Each Odd Month } Following Worship



Puzzle in progress:

If you want to help build the 'Mitchells Church' puzzle, it's on display in the fellowship hall. This puzzle was made several years ago for the teen youth group, started but never finished. Now is the time to help complete the beautiful church photo puzzle.

Listening Assistant Devices

Available for those who would like to control the volume of worship. Folks are encouraged to bring their own headphones that plug into an AUX outlet. If you need assistance with devices, ask an usher to help.



Did you know..... the monthly newsletter isn't just for committee news?

We want to share your favorite verse, quote, joys, shout-outs, announcements, community news, etc

email by the 25th to: mस्कaffy2@gmail.com

APRIL 2026

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

			1 Linda Brooks	2 Jill Preihs	3 	4
5 	6 	7 Brett & Kathy Massey	8	9	10 Kathy Massey	11 Posey Howell Roger & Hazel Eakin
12	13	14	15 	16 Patricia Somerville	17	18
19	20 Charlie Cuccherini	21 Libba Chase	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

HOLIDAYS & OBSERVANCES: 3: GOOD FRIDAY 5: EASTER SUNDAY, 6: EASTER MONDAY, 15: TAX DAY

NOTES

TOP PRIORITIES

TO DO LIST

Mitchells Presbyterian Church

3rd Annual

CAR SHOW



SATURDAY *SEPTEMBER 12th, 2026*

(RAIN DATE SATURDAY SEPT. 19TH, 2026)

10AM-3PM

REGISTRATION

\$20



TROPHIES

MUSIC

CONSESSIONS

RAFFLE TABLE (TICKETS \$1 EACH)

50/50

CORN HOLE GAMES

PROCEEDS BENEFIT MITCHELLS PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS IN THE COMMUNITY

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