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The Newsletter of Mitchells Presbyterian Church

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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.

Hello from your Mission Study Team (MST)

Our team has been working to complete the steps necessary to provide a Mission Study to Presbytery.

One step involves you! We will have a congregational survey available to you in the coming weeks. Please prayerfully consider your responses and help us collect 100% of the surveys and be a part of the process!

In addition, please add this committee to your daily prayer list as we navigate the first step to securing a pastor for the future of Mitchells Presbyterian.

In Christ's love,
Charlie Crist, Brett Massey, Scott Mitchell,
Vicky Tidman, and Ann Walker

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Grief Share

Surviving the Holidays Event

Please join us for the session on November 16, 2026 at Mitchells, 6:00 P.M. This is a two-hour time of reflection and sharing open to anyone that would like to join us. If your loss was recent or decades ago, it can still make the holidays difficult. We are here to help.

Share this information with anyone that may benefit.

Prayerfully,
Graeme and Vicky Tidman
Griefshare Facilitators

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

Celebrate & Rejoice

Please take a moment to look at the 2027 Calendar on the Communication Table in the Fellowship Hall. Add your loved ones birthdays and anniversaries so we can celebrate their special days.

Manna Ministry: Join Us in Serving Our Neighbors!

On the 4th Monday of each month, a dedicated volunteer group from Mitchells Presbyterian meets at the Culpeper Presbyterian Church Fellowship building to cook, prepare, and package meal for distribution. This ministry is a wonderful, hands-on way for our congregation to provide vital outreach and share God's love directly with our community.

We need your help! Our group is currently looking for more volunteers to join us in preparing and assembling these containers. Whether you can help cook, stir, open cans, or just want to assist with packing, your time will make a real difference.

Note: Manna will not meet in November,
but will resume **December 28th , 8:30 A.M.** for preparing and distribution.
If you would like to join, please email team lead:
Carol (Inskeep) Proulx @ **cinskeepaifd@hotmail.com** or speak to her personally.

Dorcas Daughters ~~ Change of Date & Double the Knitting Time!

Those at our last gathering decided to shake things up for November since our usual date falls on a holiday week. Instead, we are meeting on Monday, November 9th—and we have two different times to choose from!
Join us at 1:00 PM, 5:00 PM, or both. Coming to both is a perfect setup, as you can easily attend Theolo-tea right in the middle.

Discover Theolo-tea: Good Drinks, Great Fellowship!

Our regulars would love to welcome some new faces for a fantastic time of conversation and community! Theolo-tea is a casual, open space to gather and chat about whatever is on your mind. We dive into everything from revisiting Sunday's sermon and tackling big theological questions, to exploring the many random "quandaries" that naturally pop up.

Expect plenty of "who, what, where, and what-if" moments, occasional fact-checking on Google, serious reflections, and a whole lot of laughter—there is truly never a dull moment! True to our name, we always have hot tea, dynamic seasonal drinks, and delicious sweets ready for you.

Time Change Notice: As the days get shorter and daylight hours shift, we are moving our meeting time. Join us on **Mondays at 2:30 PM**.

(Bonus: If you are joining the knitting group on November 9th, this sits perfectly right between the 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM knitting sessions!)



Join Our Usher Team! 👋

Love making people feel welcome? We'd love to have you on our usher team to greet everyone at the sanctuary doors each week to help our church family and guests feel right at home.
It's a simple, rewarding way to serve. If you're interested, chat with Susan Wohlleben.



November Ushers:
Perry Kinsey
and
Scott Mitchell

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Why Do We Celebrate on December 25?

Although the actual date of Christ's birth is unknown, Christmas has been symbolically celebrated on the 25th of December since the 4th century.

Scholars can't agree on exactly when Christ was born, and the exact circumstances of the beginning of Christmas as we know it remain obscure. Some chronographers of the third century reckoned December 25, around the winter solstice, was the most likely day of Christ's birth, although other dates had been suggested, including several in spring and fall.

The oldest existing record of a feast to celebrate the birth of Christ in the Western Church is in the Roman almanac called the Chronographer (or Chronography) of 354, also known as the Philocalian Calendar. This almanac noted that the church in Rome observed a festival commemorating Christ's birth in the year 336. About 350 A.D., Pope Julius I set December 25 as the date the Church would commemorate when Jesus was born. Many historians believe that the Church stirred up interest in a festival at this time of year to counter the pagan festivals surrounding the solstice, but no historical document unequivocally explains Rome's reasons for setting the date as December 25.

Source: https://www.almanac.com/christmas-day

If interested in digging deeper, see this article on How December 25 Became Christmas from the Biblical Archaeology Society.





Tree of Lights

Mitchells Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 13 th at 5:00 pm

We will have our Tree of Lights ceremony on the church grounds Sunday evening, December 13th. 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. The proceeds will go to Mitchells Presbyterian Church's Missions and Outreach. 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 6, 2026. The list of donors will be in the January MPC Newsletter and will be read before lighting the tree. Copies of this form will be available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. Prior to the lighting of the tree, please join us for an Old-Fashioned Christmas Carol Sing with the tree lighting immediately following. Hot chocolate and cookies will be available in Fellowship Hall after the lighting.

Mail to:
Tree of Lights
Mitchells Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 98
Mitchells, VA 22729

Given by:_____

Memory/Honor of: _____

Memory/Honor of: _____

Memory/Honor of: _____

NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Scott Mitchell 	2	3 Kim Hicks 	4	5	6 Teresa Griffith	7 Jonathan Weaver
8 Leeah Tidman Caitlyn (Weaver) Johnson	9	10	11 Debbie Settle Ann Elyse Hicks 	12 Tabbithia Weaver	13 	14
15	16	17 Ian Turner	18	19	20 Susan Wohlleben Robert Norris	21
22	23	24 Seth Massey	25	26 	27	28
29  *'Hope'*	30					

HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES: 1: ALL SAINTS' DAY, 3: ELECTION DAY, 11: VETERANS DAY, 26: THANKSGIVING DAY, 27: BLACK FRIDAY

NOTES

TOP PRIORITIES

TO DO LIST

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