

# **ANNUAL REPORT to the CONGREGATION**



**MASSANUTTEN  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

**50 INDIAN TRAIL ROAD  
PENN LAIRD, VIRGINIA 22846  
Presented to the Congregation  
February 10, 2008**

**Massanutten Presbyterian Church  
Annual Congregation Meeting  
February 10, 2008**

**Call to Order**

**Opening Prayer**

**Notation of Quorum**

**Remembrance of members who died during 2007**

JoAn Gronemeyer	January 21, 2007
Elizabeth Duckwall (Affiliate Member)	March 25, 2007
Nancy Blose	May 12, 2007
W. Russell Studenmund	May 17, 2007
Agnes Davis	August 19, 2007
Eleanor McCaskill	November 20, 2007
Jane Burfoot	December 12, 2007
Mary Jo Slane	December 28, 2007

**Statistical Report to Presbytery**

**Approval of Docket**

**Nominating Committee Report and Election of Officers**

**Report of Pastor John P. Leggett**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Reading of Minutes and Approval**

**Closing Prayer**

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## THE SESSION

The Session of a particular church consists of the Pastor(s) and the ruling Elders in active service.  
(Book of Order G-10.0101)

### THE CURRENT SESSION

**Moderator:** Pastor John P. Leggett

**Clerk:** Jim Oppy

#### Class of 2008

Anne Bradley  
Mark Davis  
Nancy B. Davis  
Heidi Wagner  
Chris Preston  
Rhonda Stees

#### Class of 2009

Randy Atkins  
Sherry Gordon  
Larry French  
Linda Knupp  
Melissa Leecy  
Marc Toothman

#### Class of 2010

Ron Matthews  
Gail Oppy  
Mary Rouse  
Helen Scully  
Vonnie West  
Polly Wysor

Elders are normally elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting and ordained and installed in June.

The Session is responsible for the mission and government of the particular church (Book of Order G-10.0102). To carry out this task, the Session locally has divided its work into the four basic marks of the church, Worship, Education, Witness, and Fellowship, with various other committees supporting those marks. They are as follows:

#### Ministries and Chairs:

**Administrative:** Linda Knupp Chair; Polly Wysor

**Adult Education:** Mark Davis, Chair; Vonnie West

**Communications:** Heidi Wagner, Chair; Ron Matthews

**Family Ministries:** Rhonda Stees, Chair; Melissa Leecy

**Fellowship:** Nancy Davis, Chair; Helen Scully

**Finance and Stewardship:** Randy Atkins, Chair; Marc Toothman

**Open Door:** Sherry Gordon, Chair; Gail Oppy

**Property:** Chris Preston, Chair; Larry French

**Worship:** Anne Bradley, Chair, Mary Rouse

**Moderator of Presbyterian Women:** Helen Groves (Jan.-July); Sharon Bloomquist (Aug.-Dec.)

**Librarian:** Cindy Veenis

**Head Ushers:** David Allen, Bo Hobbie, Bruce Rohlf, Boo Taylor

**Trustees:** Ellen Blöse, Nona Bowman, Dwight Newman

**2007-08 Nominating Committee:** Linda Knupp, chair; Corey Churchill, Carol Lown, Alana Miller, Denny Slane, David Allen, Deacon; Larry French (Elder)

## THE CURRENT DIACONATE

**Chair:** Tim Miller

**Co-Chair:** Mark Palmer

#### Class of 2008

Jennifer Bryant  
Kevin Caldwell  
Mark Palmer  
Sandra Taylor

#### Class of 2009

Leslie Dutt  
Jim Huffman  
Tim Miller  
Susan Reid

#### Class of 2010

David Allen  
Pam French  
Reid Laughlin  
Kelly Richardson

# The Clerk's Statistical Report to the Presbytery

Active Membership of Massanutten Presbyterian Church  
as of December 31, 2006:

Membership Gains in 2007 by:

Profession, Reaffirmation of Faith,

Restoration of the Rolls

    Certificate Gains

    Total Gains

Membership Losses in 2007 by:

    Certificate of Transfer

    Death

    Other Losses

    Total Losses

Active membership of Massanutten Presbyterian Church  
As of December 31, 2007:

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Oppy  
Clerk of the Session

## **In Memoriam**

JoAn Gronemeyerr	January 21, 2007
Elizabeth Duckwall (Affiliate Member)	March 25, 2007
Nancy Blose	May 12, 2007
W. Russell Studenmund	May 17, 2007
Agnes Davis	August 19, 2007
Eleanor McCaskill	November 20, 2007
Jane Burfoot	December 12, 2007
Mary Jo Slane	December 28, 2007

## **Baptisms**

Tim Kincaid (Adult)	April 22, 2007
Timothy Kincaid	April 22, 2007
Mitchell Kincaid	April 22, 2007
Brent Arehart (Adult)	May 27, 2007
Joshua McFall (Adult)	May 27, 2007
Nathan Lees	June 24, 2007
Nicolette Myers (Adult)	September 16, 2007
John Jacob Myers IV	September 16, 2007

## **Marriages**

Scott Alexander and Heather Parrish	April 21, 2007
Michael Colberg and Brittany Michael	June 16, 2007
Geoff Lam and Kathy Bart	August 4, 2007
Lewis Burkholder and Emily Burner	October 20, 2007

## **New Members**

(Dates reflect the date of official admittance by the Session)

Jill Enslin	March 18, 2007
Chris and Mari Kyle	March 18, 2007
Gary and Janice Moyers	March 18, 2007
Jaime and Erin White	March 18, 2007
Betty Hancock	March 25, 2007
Richard Ours	March 25, 2007
David and Alicia Gutschow	April 15, 2007
Tim Kincaid	April 22, 2007
Kristen Blye	August 19, 2007
Betsy Hay	August 19, 2007
Deitrich and Audrey Maune	August 10, 2007
Glenn and Nancy Wayland	August 19, 2007
Jan Arnold	September 16, 2007
Dana Mather	October 21, 2007
Peggy Reinhold	October 21, 2007
Ed and Heidi Clark	October 28, 2007
Connie Driscoll	October 28, 2007
Kathy Frakes	October 28, 2007
Melva Restuccia	October 28, 2007
Bill Vance	October 28, 2007
Sally Young	October 28, 2007
Brad and Angie Wheeler	November 18, 2007
Tony Weber	December 16, 2007

## **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Brent Arehart	May 27, 2007
Brooke Coffelt	May 27, 2007
Taylor Frazier	May 27, 2007
Clancy Green	May 27, 2007
Joshua McFall	May 27, 2007

Timothy Miller	May 27, 2007
Ryan Nickel	May 27, 2007
Matthew Rohlf	May 27, 2007

### **AFFILIATE MEMBERS**

Richard and Patricia Armstrong	December 16, 2007
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### **Members Moved from Active to Inactive Roll:**

Adam Armstrong	March 18, 2007
Danielle Armstrong	March 18, 2007
Steve and Deana Bobbitt	March 18, 2007
Rosalyn Duval	March 18, 2007
Tom Duval	March 18, 2007
Addam Evans	March 18, 2007
Benjamin Adams	March 18, 2007
Judy Evans	March 18, 2007
Vicki Frazier	March 18, 2007
Kathleen Jarrells	March 18, 2007
Jamie Kullander	March 18, 2007
Kristin Lambert	March 18, 2007
Kira Lucero	March 18, 2007
Nathan McDonald	March 18, 2007
Lorie Merrow	March 18, 2007
Krystal Miller	March 18, 2007
Lindsay Miller	March 18, 2007
Jimmie Monger	March 18, 2007
Katie Roderick	March 18, 2007
Rene Smith	March 18, 2007
Julie Staber	March 18, 2007
Paul Staber	March 18, 2007
Stephanie Williams	March 18, 2007
Mark Stavisky	May 20, 2007

### **Members Moved from Inactive to Active Roll**

Fran Towner	March 18, 2007
Rene L. Smith	May 20, 2007
Hunter Davis	August 19, 2007

### **Transfers**

Fran Towner	March 18, 2007
John and M. J. Christophel	June 24, 2007

## Pastor's Report

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I continue to give thanks to God each time I think of you, and I am constantly amazed by the ways God is using our discipleship—both individually and collectively—to bear witness to what God is up to in Jesus Christ.

As you read our congregation's annual report, which describes a bit of our life together in 2007, I hope that you will join me in offering God thanks for the past year. Obviously, the report contains the numbers that you might expect to find, from the numbers served by our Food Pantry, to the number of new members, to the financial numbers that sustain our ministry together. As you read these pages, however, I hope that you will not miss the engaging story of faithful service those numbers represent. 2007 was truly a remarkable year at Massanutten Presbyterian Church, and I'm glad that you are part of that story.

I am particularly thankful to be part of a staff dedicated to the ministry before us. I give thanks for Pastor Ann's leadership of the Board of Deacons and for the deep compassion that marks her pastoral care among us; for Bob and Sharon's leadership in worship and their amazing talent on organ and piano; for Bob's willingness to fill the void left by Doug's resignation; for Karen's extension of the hospitality of Christ to all who come in the church office and her faithful work in the office that ensures that things get done, which has been difficult in this year of staff transition; for Greg's dedicated service as our church treasurer, and for all the extra hours he put in as we restructured our financial policies and procedures. I am thankful to have colleagues who make my ministry here a great joy.

In 2008, we will enjoy the addition of two new staff members. Carla Moore began work in the office as our Financial/Membership Secretary in January, and she has already become a welcome part of our staff team. On the first Sunday of February, we welcomed Nancy Ruh to our staff team as our Director of Christian Education. I look forward to the ways these new staff positions will blend with existing staff to help us sustain the vital ministry which all of us are undertaking together. We talk often about the church being the priesthood of all believers, and your staff is eager to work with and among you to equip the saints for ministry in Christ's name.

As I look to the future, what excites me the most is that I am convinced that we are catching sight of who God is calling us to be as a congregation and that we are beginning to sense what an amazing opportunity lies before us. This annual report will provide you a snapshot of where we're discerning God's Spirit leading us in the different ministry areas. It's an exciting journey. I am convinced that God will carry out God's mission of extending the love of God and neighbor in the world through this congregation, and I invite you to consider the myriad ways that you can join boldly with the Spirit's work in the world.

This year, I especially encourage you to make the following commitments:

- To attend worship regularly and to participate joyfully with the people of God in worship.
- To be committed to grow and move ahead in your faith and life by engaging in study and service.
- To welcome those whom God sends to us, and to invite those we know to join us on the journey here.
- To make a real effort to become a part of the caring community that is the church.
- To give prayerful and careful consideration to accepting a place of leadership in the church if elected or invited to lead.
- To give generously to God in response to the blessings in your life through the ministry of this congregation.
- To become involved in the mission and ministry of the church, and to seek ways to give of yourself through hands-on mission involvement.

I will continue to hold you in my prayers, asking that God would deepen our love for another and enable us to join in God's work of making all things new.

With joy and expectation,

Pastor John

## Parish Associate for Member Care's Report

*"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God,  
which is in you through the laying on of my hands.  
For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."*

Paul wrote these words to his friend and student in ministry, Timothy, encouraging him in his work for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ. I find Paul's choice of words to be very instructive as I consider the life of the community of faith, and what it means to live out our calling to be the Body of Christ. Each of us, like Timothy, have been gifted by God to offer ourselves in service to Christ and each of us, like Paul, have the opportunity to encourage one another to nurture and grow those gifts into a powerful witness of God's love and grace in our midst. As I think back over the past twelve months I find myself excited about the ways in which the parts of Paul and Timothy have been played throughout the church and also intrigued by what the year ahead of us holds as we continue to help each other *fan into flame* the gifts of God among us.

It continues to be a joy to serve among the people of Massanutten Presbyterian Church, and when my position expanded from part-time to full-time in July, it simply offered me more time to appreciate the ministry of this congregation. I'll share just a few highlights of the past year:

- I'm pleased to continue to support the work of the Deacons and their moderators, Kevin Caldwell and Tim Miller, as they have led the board through structure changes and expanding ministry. It's been powerful to watch them explore new ways of supporting the church, and reaching into the community and world around us through mission and outreach. The board's enthusiasm for and openness to new opportunities such as the HARTS partnership with Trinity Presbyterian Church and the denomination's Mission Challenge 07 reflects well their desire to be faithful with the gifts - both tangible and intangible - God has provided us as a church.
- The Faith Village Writing Team and opportunities to teach periodically on Sunday mornings continue to demonstrate to me the strong commitment to our young people held by the church. The time, energy and gifts, which are eagerly shared by so many in this area of the life of the church, regularly delight and humble me.
- It's been a joy to be a more regular part of leading worship this past year. The congregation of Massanutten is a joyful community of worshippers, and the opportunity to be a regular part of that has been a blessing to my work throughout the week. I've also appreciated the opportunities to preach on occasion - but did want to clarify one piece of geographical information that I received several comments about recently. My passing reference to being from the 'north shore of Ohio' left several of you puzzled. While Lake Erie is no Atlantic Ocean, its contact with Cleveland does provide a north shore to Ohio and even a beach and boating season – albeit a brief one.
- One of the ongoing highlights of serving in this church is the gift of being part of a staff team that is committed to serving our Lord in the midst of this congregation with energy and joy. This was true two years ago when I first began, and though some of the faces on this team have changed, it continues to be a source of support and encouragement to me in my ministry to the church.
- A new highlight for me this year has been the opportunity to share the privilege of visitation ministry with a team of men and women. This group has made the commitment to regularly visit, sharing the love of Christ and reaffirming for those no longer able to join us in worship and fellowship their connection to this community of faith. I have been delighted to hear from

team members and also from those who have been visited that new and meaningful relationships are forming.

- Through the year I also continued to: support the Disciple Bible Study *behind the scenes*; enjoy working with the Communion Stewards helping them to understand the meaning of this sacrament; provide a monthly Bible Story to the Massanutten Preschool classes; enjoy exploring the Presbyterian Women's Bible Study on Jonah and Ruth.

All of these things bring me great joy in my ministry here. Yet, it remains my greatest privilege to be an extension of the love and faith of this church as I visit, sit and pray with those in the midst of many life circumstances. I am pleased to continue to serve you in this way.

Thankfully submitted,

Ann Pettit

## **Administrative Ministry**

Mission: Provide healthy, effective and wholesome nurturing of the church staff. Give oversight and direction for church administration.

### Ministry in 2007:

- Recommended Ann Petit for a full-time position.
- Worked with Pastor Leggett to implement new annual staff evaluation forms.
- Worked with Pastor Leggett and other session members to evaluate staff members during the summer, instead of the busier fall season.
- Reformed committee's format to more closely resemble other church committees.
- Chose four members of the congregation to be at-large members of this committee with a two year commitment.
- Began training the committee members on committee responsibilities, notably the new Child Protection Program material.
- Worked with Family Ministries to implement our existing Child Protection policies starting with more consistent paperwork.
- Secured a plaque and planned a reception in honor of Doug Sensabaugh, who resigned from his position as Music Director this year.
- Upgraded the ministry budget to more accurately reflect expenses and recommended the purchase of new computers and a new copier.
- Worked with Finance and Stewardship on creating the Finance Secretary position, the job description and hiring a person for the full-time position.
- Began working with the Worship Ministry on the full-time Musical Director position.

### Ministry Goals for 2008:

- Host a staff appreciation luncheon in January and explore options for other means of showing staff appreciation in the future.
- Complete work with Worship Ministry on the job description for the Musical Director position and aid in the hiring process as finances become available.
- Conduct training sessions on our Child Protection policies for all child care workers in our church.
- Explore Child Protection training for session members and other church leaders.
- Explore options on consistent volunteers to help in the office until the office assistant position can be refilled permanently.
- Continue to fine-tune the staff evaluation system.
- Be available to aid in the assimilation of the new Finance Secretary and the new DCE.

Ministry members: (August thru December): Linda Knupp (chair), Polly Wysor, Ellen Blose, Ed Comer, Marc Davis, Doris Field

## **Adult Education Ministry**

Mission: The Adult Education Ministry oversees, encourages, and supports the adult education programs of Massanutten Presbyterian Church.

### Ministry in 2007:

- The Ministry focused attention on three Adult Sunday School Classes, the Disciples Bible Study Program and on other Adult Study Groups. In 2007 the Fifth Sunday Program was introduced.
- On the fifth Sunday of the months, from September through May, the adult Sunday School classes convene to hear and participate in a variety of programs, including special speakers, discussion of an issue, or, in the case of the December fifth Sunday, the three classes observed and assisted the Faith Village Epiphany for the first Sunday in January 2008.

### Ministry Goals for 2008:

- The Adult Education Ministry eagerly awaits the arrival of the newly appointed Director of Christian Education.
- Enhance our small group ministry.

Ministry Members: Mark Davis (Chair), Vonnie West (Elder), Bonnie Moyers, Sally Meeth, Collier Harvey

## **Communications Ministry**

Mission: To be the conduit used to inform the public and our congregation about the life of MPC and the life in MPC. To promote a positive and flourishing image of our church to the community and congregation through the use of various media.

### Ministry in 2007:

This was a great year for the communications ministry to expand our wings and 'try new ideas'.

- The birth of the new quarterly publication "Our Journey" came to fruition, replacing the traditional monthly "Link". "Our Journey" contains stories, and articles contributed by many sources that strive to educate and inform as we all continue on our own journeys of faith and Christian growth.
- Our new member bulletin board has undergone a facelift. The communications ministry also had the privilege of seeking and selecting a logo for Massanutten Presbyterian Church to be used throughout the church and the church's literature.
- Many more ideas are still in process and will be part of the 2008 ministry.

### Ministry Goals for 2008:

- Work with other ministries to help communicate information to the congregation and to the community.
- Create and post new bulletin boards in the church.
- Additional signage, both permanent and portable.
- Utilize community publications to advertise special programs to the community.
- Facilitate the communication of sessional information to the congregation.

Ministry Members: Heidi Wagner (chair), Ron Matthews (Elder), Carol Miller, Kristen Suter-Blye, Betsy Hay

## Family Ministry

**Mission:** The mission of the Family Ministry is to strengthen and nurture the bonds of families and faith. Recognizing parents have the primary responsibility for developing faith in their children, we aim to join as a church in supporting them in this important task. We seek to help families discover ways to deepen their faith both within the walls of our church and in their homes, and to support them in weaving faith into their everyday lives.

The Family Ministry will also create opportunities for members of the congregation as a whole to join in finding ways to live out the vows made to children and their parents at the time of baptism. Family Ministry recognizes that we all are members of the Family of God and should join joyfully in sharing and growing our faith.

To plan and carry out a diverse program of ministry to family members of the Massanutten Presbyterian Church. Primary focus and responsibility will be in areas involving children, youth and the family as a whole, but effort will be made to include church family members at all stages of life's journey.

### Ministry in 2007:

- Formation of and calling of leaders for the new Youth Council to support the ongoing needs of the program.
- Planning/brainstorming session to facilitate and enhance programming.
- Restructuring of Wednesday night program to WOW (Worship on Wednesdays) and implementation of Akaloo curriculum.
- Four *ROCK* (Raising Our Christian Kids) events focused on Lent, a FV (Faith Village) Rotation, Youth programming and Thanksgiving.
- Back to School Breakfast with program "The Cross in the Crazyness" written and presented by committee members.
- Creation and distribution of a Family Ministry brochure.
- Successful start of programs in the fall thanks to the dedication of many volunteers and team leaders. This includes Children's Church, FV, Preschool, WOW, Youth, and Children's and Youth Sunday School, as well as VBS (Vacation Bible School) during the summer.
- Formation of an Audio Visual team to oversee equipment.
- The first Intergenerational Advent Event.
- Successful completion of nine goals for the year.

### Ministry Goals for 2008:

- To continue to follow the call schedule, thus facilitating the timeliness of calling leadership for our teams, allowing them time and responsibility for calling their volunteers.
- To continue to meet at least annually with leadership of each team for planning and review of the previous year.
- To collect a Team Summary from each team to facilitate assimilation of our new DCE and transitions in team leadership as they occur.
- To develop an increased awareness of Sabbath and its place in the Christian family.
- To facilitate any needed changes in Children's Church to better serve needs of age differences and group size.
- To implement the Bread for the Journey program.
- To make the new DCE feel welcome and assimilate her into our many programs while supporting her vision and expertise.

**Ministry Members:** Rhonda Stees(chair), Laura Atkins, Ka Guinn, Kathleen Haines, Melissa Leecy(Elder), Leigh-Anne Lees, Carol Lown, Rhonda Stees, Jennifer Strawderman

## Fellowship Ministry

Mission: To provide opportunities for fellowship that will encourage our congregation to come to know each other better. Whether the group gatherings are large or small, we can feel a closer sense of community with those we have “broken bread with.”

### Ministry in 2007:

- Refreshment fellowship following Sunday School (during the summer months lemonade was served following worship).
- Hosted a pot luck dinner prior to Annual Meeting.
- Hosted a lunch for visiting missionaries and the congregation.
- Hosted the Annual Independence Day Celebration Picnic.
- Hosted the Homecoming Celebration to mark 140 years of MPC at the Crossroads.
- Hosted the Fall Fellowship Dinner prior to the Youth Fall Party.
- Hosted a catered lunch on Consecration Sunday; invited the congregation for Christmas Dinner prior to the Annual Music Program.
- Hosted Several Massanutten Brass Band Receptions.
- Sponsorship of Boy Scout Troop and Prime Timers.
- Oversight of the Church Softball Team.

### Ministry Goals for 2008:

- To continue to provide frequent events that encourage individuals to reach out to new and old members of the congregation in an effort for everyone to know their church family better.

Ministry Members: Nancy Davis(chair), Helen Scully(Elder), Juli Colville, Patricia Copper, Sharon Dovel, Julie Sensabaugh, Shirley Jackson and “willing” husbands and other helpers who assist in many ways.

## Finance and Stewardship Ministry

Mission: Develop and oversee the annual operating budget and other funds needed for the mission of MPC. Teach the congregation about the responsibilities of Christian stewardship in all facets of life.

To challenge the people of God with the privilege of responsible Christian stewardship of money and time and talents.

### Ministry in 2007:

The Stewardship and Finance Ministry would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous giving in 2007.

- Operating receipts were \$549,027.56, \$72,527.50 more than the budgeted amount of \$476,500.00.
- For 2007, we rolled the mortgage debt service (Building Fund) into the general operating budget and due to your faithful giving, we made every mortgage payment without dipping into our reserves.
- All of the ministries of MPC did an excellent job of managing their areas of the operating budget.

In addition to the denominational special offerings and the four cents a meal offering, the Stewardship and Finance Ministry developed more opportunities to give, and you have responded generously.

- In May, during the first **Ready to Respond** offering campaign for missions, almost \$8,000 was received to support the mission work of our church. In September, the **Live into Hope** staffing campaign was announced, and through December, 74 families have pledged over \$118,000 to support the staffing needs at Massanutten.

The gifts you give make our ministries possible, and we thank you for your continued support and ongoing faith as we respond to God's call in our lives.

Ministry Members: Randy Atkins (chair), Marc Toothman (Elder), Brian Phelps, Janet Morris, Steve Gordon, Robert Reid; Greg Trobaugh (treasurer)

## **Open Door Ministry (Evangelism)**

Mission: To extend God's love and acceptance to all people who enter our doors and to create an atmosphere of belonging.

### Ministry in 2007:

- Visitor contact by our volunteers continued through phone calls and letters.
- A church brochure has just become finalized through our ministry and the Communication Ministry. The brochure gives basic information about Massanutten Presbyterian and all the programs we offer.
- Bob Milner secures greeters, Becky Arthur provides bread for new members and friendship folder sheets are collected each Sunday by volunteers.
- Invite a Friend Sunday was held in October.
- Our church put an ad in the Massanutten Community Directory.

### Ministry Goals for 2008:

- Begin distributing church brochures to first time visitors and homes in the neighboring communities.
- Securing placement of a Massanutten Church sign on Massanetta Springs Road so the developing neighborhoods (Preston Lakes and the Glen) will be aware of close proximity of our church.
- Put ads in the Daily News Record of special seasonal events.
- Make nametags available to all members
- Continue the Invite a Friend Sunday

Ministry members: Sherry Gordon (chair), Gail Oppy (Elder), Sharon Jones, Bob Milner, Les West, Bob Field

## **Property Ministry**

Mission: To protect, maintain and enhance church buildings and grounds. Our ministry is to provide security, maintenance and beautification for all church property at the lowest cost practical.

### Ministry in 2007:

- Fixed snow guards after last years ice/snow storm
- Replaced church sign that was destroyed during wind storm
- Removed church's bell tower and bell from Mrs. Plecker's property
- Sponsored annual church work day
- Worked on the church playground
- Everyday maintenance and upkeep of the building and grounds

### Ministry goals for 2008:

- Refurbish church bell and display it on the church grounds
- Connect to county water
- Continue to work with Massanutten School to improve and maintain the playground
- Continue to explore options for better usage of the church property to meet our space needs
- Continue to protect, maintain and enhance the church building and grounds

- Encourage everyone to do their part to take care of the church building and grounds

Ministry Members: Chris Preston (chair), Larry French (Elder), Keith Knupp Phil Miller, Dwight William Newman, Bill Liskey, Warren Armentrout, Skip Wissinger, Don Enslin and every member of the church.

## Worship Ministry

Mission: To enhance the public worship of God for the people of God at Massanutten. The major goal of the Ministry is to aid in making worship a significant and meaningful experience.

Many people are needed to make worship a meaningful and spiritual experience. Some of these people are:

- Dave Allen, Kevin Caldwell, Boo Taylor and Bo Hobbie served in 2007 as head ushers. Bruce Rohlf replaced Kevin Caldwell.
- Chris Scott scheduled ushers and acolytes and Dave Stubblefield sent weekly reminders. There is always a need for ushers should you be interested in serving.
- Fred Burfoot scheduled worship leaders.
- Fred Burfoot, John Irvine and Anne Bradley proofread the bulletin each week.
- The sound team, led by Ron Matthews, included Tyler and Connor Jones, Zach Sensabaugh and Amberle Matthews.
- Communion stewards included Carol and Frank Way assisted by Betsy Hay and Sally Young. These four will continue serving in 2008.
- John Earl straightened the sanctuary and redistributed hymnbooks and Bibles.

### Ministry in 2007:

Music is an important and integral part of Worship.

- Doug Sensabaugh resigned as Director of Music in 2007 and Bob Jerome stepped up to serve as Director of the Chancel Choir. Bob also served as organist and Sharon Bloomquist served as pianist. Kath Wissinger, Carol Lown and Nancy Davis continue to direct our three Handbell Choirs. Carol Lown directs the Carol Choir, Mary Ellen Dofflemyer directs the God's Children Choir and Melissa Leecy directs the Youth Choir. The Massanutten Brass Band is directed by Kevin Stees, the Recorder Ensemble is directed by Bob Jerome. All of the choirs and the Men's Quartet greatly enrich our worship services. We are deeply grateful and very appreciative of the time and talents of all these folks.
- In 2007 Bill Heinemann, Bob Grogg, Ron Matthews and Doug Sensabaugh resigned from the committee. Continued thanks to Mary Rouse, Sharon Bloomquist, Boo Taylor and Bob Jerome.

We are continually learning ways to praise God in worship; thanks to everyone who has served on the Worship Ministry.

We would like to welcome new members to the Worship Ministry. If you have any interest in Worship, you are welcome to join us. Please contact Anne Bradley (568-8514) regarding your interest.

If you feel called, please join us as we strive to serve God in worship at MPC.

Ministry Members: Anne Bradley (chair), Mary Rouse (Elder), Sharon Bloomquist, Boo Taylor, Bob Jerome

## **Board of Deacons**

Mission: The Board of Deacons' goal is to be ones of sympathy, witness and service after the example of Jesus Christ. The Board is also to lead the congregation in mission in the local, national and world communities.

### Ministry in 2007:

- Even though the number of Board members is still 12, the Board has had a reorganization on how it functions. The functions of the Board have been broken down into three categories: Mission Ministry, Congregational Care Ministry and Community Outreach Ministry, Benevolence Giving is handled by the Board as a whole.
- Mission - Thirty members and friends traveled to the Gulf Coast to continue the recovery efforts of our brothers and sisters still in need.
- Supported Carol Miller and Kelly Miller with our prayers and some funding on their respective mission trips. (Kelly is still serving).
- Our congregation is doing a complete renovation of a bathhouse at Camp Massanetta as a local mission/service project.
- Congregational Care - Lenten lunches were held twice during the season of Lent.
- Assisted with home modifications for Scott Dovel after his automobile accident.
- Provide for the needs of the nursery.
- Continued prayer for the members of our Congregation. Deacons have become more identifiable during and after worship with their red name badges.
- The third Sunday of the month we lead the congregation in prayers for the people, as well as the Four Cents a Meal offering prayer.
- We continue to grow in our role as Shepherds for those we are assigned.
- Community Outreach: Includes Food Pantry, Angel Tree and Turkey Feathers. We participate on the JMU Campus Ministry Board and supported two families having financial crises during the Christmas Season.

### Benevolence Giving:

Listed are some of the organizations the Deacons have supported 2007.

- Lutheran/Presbyterian Campus Ministries
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Mercy House
- People Helping People
- Weekly Religious Education
- Generation Crossing

### Ministry Goals for 2008:

- The Deacons continue to search for ways to be a part of the Greater Church in our world outside our local area, as well as finding ways to partner with the local community to make a difference in people's lives outside of our church family. The Board is also looking to grow in our role in the life of our congregation through prayer and compassion. Our most important Vision is to invite all Members and Friends of Massanutten Presbyterian to join us in a Ministry that "speaks" to them.

## **Food Pantry (Addendum to Board of Deacons Report)**

**Co-Chairman: Jan Leach**

The continued support for our Food Pantry during 2007 from the church members and the community at-large exhibits that they believe this is indeed a special mission program.

Our ability to serve our clients efficiently and courteously is a direct result of the efforts of our volunteers who collect, sort, store, and redistribute the food our clients need. These church volunteers help our clients collectively by spending over 400 hours during pantry hours, non-food pantry hours, making trips to the Blue Ridge Food Bank, scheduling workers, making emergency

trips to the pantry and restocking the shelves. Bill and Sharon Heinemann deserve special recognition for their tireless support of the Food Pantry making it function flawlessly.

#### Ministry in 2007:

- The Food Pantry served 391 families representing 1,410 people.
- We distributed 25,986 pounds of food which represents about 18 pounds of food per person. Of this total 5,470 pounds were from the Blue Ridge Food Bank (USDA) and 22,516 pounds were donated by church members, local community organizations; and schools, or purchased by the Food Pantry with donated funds.
- Because only 21% of our food was obtained through the USDA program we elected to purchase 16,285 pounds of food from the Food Bank's secondary market resource. This purchase far exceeded what we usually spend at the Food Bank, but at 18 cents a pound it is still a bargain.
- We also spent \$2,765 at local food outlets.
- In total we spent \$5,765 for food this year which is the highest amount we have ever spent. This increase was a result of low USDA stocks and an increased client base.
- The Food Pantry received monetary donations from church members, friends and community organizations. In addition, local schools, churches and organizations support our Food Pantry. A partial donor list highlights the cross-section of community support we receive: Spotswood High School, Montevideo Middle School, Great Eastern, Keezletown Extension Club, Massanutten Church Preschool and Building Blocks Preschool. Our church youth continue to support our pantry by donating food and their time.
- We are also pleased we continue to receive the Four-Cents- A- Meal grant from the Presbytery of Shenandoah. We will continue to request this grant money which supplements our Food Pantry budget.
- Our clients are our neighbors. They live in Penn Laird, McGaheysville, Keezletown and eastern Harrisonburg. These clients include the elderly who are on fixed incomes, large families with limited resources and the disabled. Many of our clients only need our help for a few months until they regain financial stability.

The Food Pantry committee would like to thank all church members who helped make 2007 a success. We particularly thank the church staff who answers our client's questions, alerts us to particular clients' medical needs and orders our supplies. In addition, we are especially thankful for Jan Liskey and Erin Williams for their contribution. They provide each school age child with school supplies. Every Christmas the Deacons coordinate a program that provides each client's child with at least one present. Over 100 client's children received gifts this year. The level of cooperation between the Food Pantry volunteers and the Deacons make the Christmas present program a success.

#### Goals for 2008:

- This year our mission is to feed the needy with great compassion.
- To continue our effectiveness we need new volunteers.
- A church volunteer inventory would help the Food Pantry identify new workers.

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

**Moderator:** Helen Groves (January-July); Sharon Bloomquist (August-December)

Mission: Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit we commit ourselves:

- To nurture our faith through Bible study;
- To support the mission of the church worldwide;
- To work for justice and peace;
- To build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

#### Ministry in 2006-2007:

- Picnic Gathering in late August to encourage member participation in PW.
- Coordinating Team and six circles meet monthly (September – May) for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. The Bible Study theme varies each year.
- Spring and Fall gatherings of PW at the Presbytery level are held at Massanetta Springs.
- The Massanutten PW hosted two fellowship gatherings at Sunnyside for our members who are unable to attend worship to meet our Pastor and his family and the church staff.
- Bereavement and emergency meals were provided to church members, as needed.
- Provided meals for Free Clinic, Friendship House and JMU Campus Ministry.
- Provided “These Days” daily devotional books to the congregation each quarter.
- Filled “sacks of gifts” for the Salvation Army’s Christmas distribution and also assisted with “Ringing the Bell” at the Salvation Army Kettle.
- Prepared and delivered special gifts for shut-in members at Christmas.
- Assisted with kitchen care and narthex flowers on a monthly basis.
- Provided cards, stamps and monetary donations for the Fluvanna Correctional Center,
- Completed sewing projects, bandage rolling and knitting projects for distribution by relief agencies.
- Remembered college students at Christmas with cards and gift certificates.
- Purchased specific items as requested by Western State (Christmas).
- Contributed to Social Services for needy family Christmas assistance.
- Contributed items for Zacchaeus Kitchen.
- Recognized High School graduates with a gift on Senior Sunday.
- Contributed to special offerings: Least Coin, Sunnyside Links of Love, Thank Offering, Birthday Offering and Blanket Offering.
- Celebrated the Gifts of Women at a Sunday worship service.
- Supported numerous benevolent causes: Key Friends, Volunteer Services Council, Massanetta Springs, Prison Ministries, Medical Benevolence, Presbyterian Homes and Family Services, Inc., MPC Food Pantry, Church World Service.
- Provided cookies for Vacation Bible School and Brass Band Concert.

#### Ministry Goals for 2008:

- To continue to serve this congregation and community as fully as possible and to incorporate new programs and areas of service as they are recognized.
- To serve women and provide opportunities for growth within the church.

## **MASSANUTTEN PRESCHOOL**

**Cindy Grimes, Director**

Massanutten Preschool is owned and governed by Massanutten Presbyterian Church. Ownership began in 1998 with the school having one class of 20 students and 2 teachers. This year (2006-2007), there are five classes, 75 students and nine staff members.

Within the school there are children from the age of two through the age of six. We have one class for the two year olds, two classes of three year olds, and two classes of 4 year olds. The children who leave Massanutten School from the four year old class are chronologically ready for public kindergarten.

Each class is led by a certified, licensed teacher and each class has an assistant teacher. The school is licensed by the Virginia Department of Social Services, and is inspected twice yearly for compliance to their regulations. Our school meets and surpasses these standards each year.

The school is governed by a Board of Directors that includes church members, family members, and community members. The board meets monthly with the director of the school to approve and direct the workings of the school.

In an effort to create a community feeling within the growing school population, several yearly events are planned for the entire school and the church congregation. In November, a Harvest Festival is held. This includes a day of creative activities and lunch. During December, each class holds a Christmas celebration in the sanctuary. On the Sunday following Easter, the school children and their families worship at MPC and the children present several songs during the service. In May, the school sponsors a celebration at the church. This year, it will be an Art/Craft Festival with food and fun on May 12. The end-of-the-year celebrations are held in the sanctuary for family and church members.

During the current school year, there are seven (7) families who are sharing the scholarship monies which Massanutten Presbyterian Church budgeted for that purpose.

Massanutten School will expand again this fall by adding another two year old class, and by adding a half day kindergarten program. Children who attend the kindergarten program will be eligible to attend first grade the following year.

The school is open Tuesday through Friday, and welcomes visitors and volunteers. If you have an interest in helping 'little people', please call us at 432-7177 and leave a message.