

Massanutten Ministry Link

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October 17, 2007

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

October 21, 2007

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon Text

Psalm 96

Sermon Title

Giving as an Act of Worship

Worship Leader

Fred Burfoot

Hymns

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only
Wise*

*As Those of Old Their First Fruits
Brought*

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the
Sound*

October 28, 2007

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon Text

1 Chronicles 29:10-19

Sermon Title

Giving as an Expression of Faith

Worship Leader

Steve Gordon

Hymns

*O Worship the King, All Glorious
Above*

*We Give Thee But Thine Own
Arise, Your Light Is Come*

Walk with *Jesus*

Every day is a walk with Jesus. We Christians believe life is spent in the presence of our Lord. Therefore, we can talk about every day as a day during which we walk with Jesus. Some days we feel Jesus' presence. Some days we feel quite a distance from Jesus. We boldly proclaim that, regardless of how we feel, Jesus is there. Jesus walks with us every day.

As we who are Massanutten Presbyterian Church consider our financial stewardship over the next few weeks, you will be asked to think about your use of money and possessions as a part of your walk with Jesus. This is most appropriate, because when Jesus walked this earth with his disciples, he often talked about money and possessions. If money was a part of Jesus' first walk on this earth, it should be a part of our walk with Jesus today.

We believe that everything we have is a trust from God, given to us to care for and manage. What we do with our money is very much a part of our relationship with our Lord. This will be our focus in the coming weeks.

For three consecutive Sundays we will read a bulletin insert and hear a talk in worship. For three weeks, we will each receive a letter from the congregation. All of these will focus on our walk with Jesus, and how money plays an important part in this walk.

Then, on Sunday, November 11, each member of Massanutten Presbyterian Church will have the opportunity to complete an estimate of giving card. On this card, each of us will indicate our plan for giving for the coming year. This will not only be a plan for giving to Massanutten Presbyterian Church, it will also be a plan for how we will walk with Jesus in the coming year.

-The Stewardship Ministry



Massanutten
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*"At the crossroads of real life and abundant grace,
where God's children are...
meeting Christ in each other,
praying earnestly,
listening carefully,
singing joyfully,
and joining boldly
with the Spirit's work in the world."*

MPC—Another View

Since 1973 Massanutten Presbyterian Church has grown... literally. The Communications Ministry is pleased to offer for purchase an aerial photo of MPC. Please check out the photo which is on display in the narthex. You may fill out an order form at the table.



The next issue of *The Massanutten Ministry Link* will be mailed on Oct. 31. Please submit to the church office any material for publication in the next newsletter by 3 pm on Oct. 24.

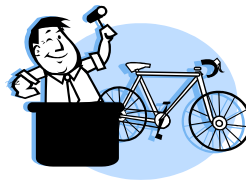
Check Out the Lost and Found

Please check the coat rack in the Fellowship Hall for "Lost and Found" items. All unclaimed items will be given to the Trinity Clothes Closet if not claimed by November 1.

Tutors Needed

Skyline Literacy Coalition needs volunteer tutors to help members of our community improve their reading, writing and speaking skills. We will conduct a free tutor-training workshop on October 27, and November 3 at the Massanutten Regional Library from 9am to 4pm. Attendance at both sessions is required. Please consider becoming a literacy or ESL tutor for adults in our area. To register call 879-2933 or sign up online at skylineliteracy.org.

Auction 2008: We Need You



Saturday, April 12, 2008, has been set aside for the MPC Auction. But to pull this off, we need your help. Call Linda Green at 289-5735 to see what you can do.

Serving Among Us	October 21, 2007	October 28, 2007
Greeters	Chris and Mari Kyle Dietrich and Audrey Maune	Bill and Ellen Painter Don and Carol Poulson
Ushers	Chris Bryant, George Cross, Netta Coulter, Steve and Sherry Gordon, Randy Hylton, Dwight Newman, Curt Schwalbach	Linda and Colin Green, Bill Heinemann, Keith and Linda Knupp, Don and Carol Poulson, Bruce Rohlf
Sunnyside Bus Driver	Richard Ours	Anne Bradley
Acolyte	Logan Diehl	Sarah Haines
Sunday School Nursery	Rhonda Stees	Dannie Allen
Infant Nursery	Chris and Mari Kyle	Jan Arnold and Hunter Davis
2 & 3 Year Old Nursery	Jeff and Leigh-Anne Lees	Kelly Richardson and Wendy Stapleton
Floater	Rebecca Arthur	Sharon Churchill
Children's Church Leaders	Gina Phelps and Alayne Leggett	Reid and Sheila Laughlin

Massanetta Springs Bath House Mission Project Work Continues

Anyone interested in working on this project in any way, please contact Skip Wissinger (289-6973) or the church office (434-6194) for details. See anticipated work schedule below:

October

Friday, Oct 19	Finish framing and installing new doors and windows
Saturday, Oct. 20	Rough-in Electrical Replace exterior siding Build new wings (Camp out night ???)
Sunday, Oct. 21	Morning worship on campus Final prep work for drywall installation Install Ceiling Insulation
Friday, Oct. 26	Finish Installing Insulation and begin drywall work
Saturday, Oct. 27	Finish Installing Insulation and begin drywall work
Sunday, Oct. 28 (afternoon)	Finish Installing Insulation and begin drywall work

November

Saturday, Nov. 3	Interior counters and shelves Rough-in Plumbing
Sunday, Nov. 11 (afternoon)	Interior Trim Prep exterior for painting
Saturday, Nov. 17	Painting/Staining—Interior and Exterior
Sunday, Nov. 18 (afternoon)	Open (electrical/plumbing?)

December

Saturday, Dec. 1	Interior finish work—final electrical
Sunday, Dec. 2	Punch list, finish up

Massanutten School Harvest Festival

On Wednesday, October 24, the school children would like to include the church family in our celebration of harvest. There will be crafts and activities available for the young and young at heart. Lunch will be served from 11:00-12:00. The children will make chicken and beef soup and cornbread to share with everyone. We ask that each family also bring a dish to share for our feast.

Our operating hours that day will be 10:00-1:30. Please come join the children who attend this church from Monday through Friday! They are awesome and would like to meet you. If you plan to attend, please call Cindy at 432-7177 and let her know how many people will be here from your family. Thanks. We can't wait to see you!

Hunger Symposium

Blue Ridge Community College will be hosting the Virginia **Hunger Symposium** October 22 through October 25, 2007. The symposium will examine the root causes of hunger in society, and will raise awareness of all that can be done, both locally and nationally, to alleviate the problem of hunger in our community. All proceeds and donations received at the events throughout the week will benefit the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank Network. If you would like a schedule of events, please contact Jennifer Whitmore at 540 453-2380 or WhitmoreJ@brcc.edu.

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION THROUGH OCT. 7

Weekly Budget Need	\$11,652.00
Budget Need Year to Date	\$466,080.00
Received Year to Date	\$447,325.23
Difference	\$ -18,754.77

In response to the blessings of God in our lives, we give of ourselves—our time, our talents, our treasures, our hearts.

MPC Youth to Host Fall Party

Join the MPC Youth for a **Fall Party** on October 28. We will have pumpkin decorating, apple bobbing, cookie walk, and a trunk-or-treat! Decorate your car in a fall theme, load up the trunk with candy and goodies, and wait for the eager "trunk-or-treaters" to head your way. You may even win a prize for the best car decorations! Hope to see you there.

Fall Fellowship Dinner – October 28

Plan to join us for dinner on Sunday, October 28 prior to the Fall Party. We will bless the meal at 5 pm. and then enjoy a time of fellowship. Chicken, some vegetables and drinks will be provided. Please let us know that you will be attending the dinner by writing *Fall Dinner* beside your name on the Friendship Folder and indicate if you will be bringing a dessert, salad, vegetable or bread to share. After dinner the children will be excused to attend the Fall Party and the adults will share in a hymn sing in the sanctuary. Help make this a delicious and memorable evening and sign up by October 21

Weekday Religious Education Benefit

The **Weekday Religious Education Benefit Auction** will be held on Saturday, October 27 at 9 am at Shady Oaks at Weaver's Mennonite Church on Route 33 west of Harrisonburg. Breakfast and lunch will be served. There will be a Craft and Bake Sale on Friday night from 6-8pm. Make plans to attend and support WRE.

Live into Hope Staffing Campaign

We are thankful to report that about \$20,000 has been committed to the *Live into Hope Staffing Campaign* in the past two weeks, and we invite you to make a gift or pledge for this two-year campaign.

To this point, we have received commitments from 55 giving units who together have pledged a total of \$88,242. Our goal for the two-year campaign is ambitious. We hope the commitments of our MPC family, when joined together, will enable us to fully fund the goal of \$250,000.

Obviously, your gift is needed for this to happen. If you have somehow not received the information about the campaign, please contact the church office or pick it up in the narthex this Sunday. Commitment cards are available in the sanctuary chair racks or by contacting the church office.

We are thankful for your participation in the MPC community of faith, and we ask that you join us as we *live into the hope* God has given us.

Live into Hope Pledges



Missionaries to China Visit Massanutten Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 28

9:00 am in the Gathering Area

The MPC Deacons would like to invite you to join them on Sunday, October 28 at 9:00 a.m. in the Gathering Area at which time Don and Wei Hong (pronounced ‘way hone’) Snow, will talk and answer questions about the Presbyterian Church’s mission presence in China. Don and Wei Hong have been serving in China since 1993, in several areas. Their most recent assignment is in eastern China in Nanjing. The following comes from a letter dated April 2004, in which Don shares a bit about the Nanjing Counseling Center, one of the projects we have supported over the years through our PC(USA) mission giving.

The story begins some years ago with a couple, Wang Xuefu and Sun Wen, who were living and teaching at Xiamen University in southeastern China....Both Wang and Sun also became involved as volunteers at a counseling center started in Xiamen by Singaporeans, and gradually came to feel that counseling was an area where there was great need in China. China’s rapid changes had generated a host of new problems, such as higher divorce rates and unemployment, which faced urban Chinese with new kinds of pressures for which traditional answers and sources of support (family, hometown friends) were not always adequate. As a result, Wang and Sun began to feel this was the area in which they were called to work. Thus began a fairly long process of education and struggle. Wang went to Andover-Newton in Boston to earn a degree in counseling, while Sun returned to Nanjing to work at a student counseling center at Nanjing University. When Wang completed his program, he and Sun scraped together enough support (from friends and also from North American Mennonites) to set up a small counseling center in Nanjing. Eventually, the Amity Foundation (a Chinese nongovernmental organization, established by leaders of the China Christian Council to help meet the needs of the disadvantaged) became aware of their project

and undertook to support it over a three-year period, with financial assistance from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)...the Nanjing Counseling Center has been able to expand its work dramatically, and is now involved in quite a range of efforts:

- Over the last year, the Center has provided basic counseling training to approximately 40 interested individuals, many of who now serve as volunteers staffing a counseling hotline operated by the Center. The Center also sponsors an ongoing “salon” for the volunteers one night a week where invited speakers talk about a variety of topics related to counseling and social issues.
- Wang now teaches pastoral counseling courses at Jinling Seminary. This makes Jinling the first Chinese seminary to regularly offer courses in counseling, an area where pastors face ever-increasing challenges. Additionally, Wang and Sun give talks on counseling at churches in the area.
- Wang is also involved in writing and translating materials related to counseling, both general and pastoral.

The significance of all this lies not only in the services provided by the Center, but perhaps even more importantly the pioneering of an area of service which has so far been relatively neglected. Through their work, Wang and Sun help China—and more specifically Chinese Christians—explore an area of service that is ever more important in a rapidly changing society.

Mission Challenge ‘07

*Strengthening the bonds between PC(USA)
missionaries and the church*

All adult Sunday School classes (Connections, Covenant, and Disciples) will meet together as part of the Mission Challenge ‘07. Please meet in the Gathering Area to hear the Snows’s presentation

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

1	Martha Morgan, John Levengood / Carol and Frank Way	17	
2	Nathan Enslen, Samuel Coffman, Whitaker Packwood	18	Noah Wissinger / John and Linda Myers
3	Jack Heintzleman, Jeffrey Guinn, Tyler Dean	19	E.J. Morris
4	Jack Wysor, Hunter Davis, Stephanie Toothman	20	Diann Reed / Willie and Katie Lam
5	Virginia Derrer, Mary Ellen Dofflemyer	21	Tim Miller, Bill Posey
6	Curt Schwalbach, Ryan Stees, Connor Jones / Boo and Sandy Taylor	22	Bill Jackson, Marge Langfitt
7	Kate White, Tina Landes	23	Kyle Long, Ashley Palmer / Jason and Jennifer Coffelt
8	Patricia Ours, Sterling Dean	24	Addie Dofflemyer, Ashley Landes, Jill Enslen / Mark and Kay Davis
9		25	Lucy Life, Bill Lam, Savannah Levengood / Chris and Jessica Preston
10	Kristen Blye, Charlene Grogg, William Bullis / Chuck and Anne Bradley	26	Julia Lankford, Gwyna Lambert
11	Sharon Jones	27	Jennifer Coffelt, Jean Forbes / Brian and Gina Phelps
12	Gail Oppy	28	Millie Roache
13		29	Patsy Bales, Robert Landes, Hunter Heavner
14	Becky Rohlf, Annabelle Shortell, Katie Lown	30	Zelda Gibson
15	Sue Newman		
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Schedule of Upcoming Events

Massanutten Brass Band Concert—Oct. 21 at 7 pm at MPC

Fall Fellowship Dinner and Fall Party – Oct. 28 at 5 pm

Stewardship Luncheon—Nov. 11 (following worship)

Family Ministry Advent Event—Dec. 2

Brass Band Concert (Salvation Army)—Dec. 9

Christmas Fellowship Dinner and Music Program—Dec. 16

Sunnyside Apple Butter Festival

The Sunnyside Retirement Community is holding their 3rd **Apple Butter Festival** on Saturday, November 3rd at their campus in the Eiland Center (our main building) on the north side of campus. There will be several items of interest: Apple butter, a bake sale, a furniture sale (at the Sunnyside Room) and the “Sunny Treasurers” gift shop sale, and a Christmas Shop. Donations are always welcome. Bake goods must be received by Friday, November 2nd, Christmas items and crafts of all kinds by Thursday, November 1st and items for the Sunny Treasurers, including handmade items, glass, china, crystal, jewelry, kitchenware, pictures, lamps, etc. anytime. All items should be left at the front desk at the Eiland Center lobby. Make plans to join us for our Apple Butter Festival.

As a Community of Priests, We Are Called to Prayer

MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Bill Jackson, Jane Burfoot, Mary Jo Slane, Edith Binkley, Eleanor McCaskill, Mary Lipscomb, Kelly Miller (Mission Trip to Africa)

FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Dave Taylor, brother of Diann Reed; **Don Grimes**, friend of our church family; **Nick Linstid**, great nephew of Chuck and Anne Bradley; **Amaya Kinley**, friend of our church family; **Logan Hill**, friend of Fleming and Sharon Jones; **Scott Dovel**, nephew of Warren and Sharon Dovel; **Jack Burdge**, Butch Dutt's nephew; **Jennifer Albertini**, niece of Keith and Linda Knupp; **David Rose**, nephew of Ann Wilkinson; **Andy Depoy**, friend of Jim and Dawn Huffman; **Chad Click**, friend of Larry French; **Judy Thompson**, cousin of Patti Hobbie; **Erick Kasten**, friend of Sharon Bloomquist; **Sue Ellen Church and Paul Lee**, friends of Kevin Caldwell; **Claude Ramey Jr.**, father of Angie Baylor; **Pauline Cash and Andrea**, friends of our church family; **Donnie Mongold**, friend of Robert and Susan Reid; **Jay Megaw**, friend of Bill and Sharon Posey; **M. J. Nutty**, cousin of Tim Miller; **Mac Sterrett**, friend of our church family.

Thank you for continuing to keep us informed of on going prayer needs.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Mark B. Heltzel, son of Helen Groves (Department of Navy Medical and Surgery, Washington, D.C.)
Jon Guinn, son of Mike and Ka Guinn (stationed in Iraq)
Elizabeth "Lee" Davis, daughter of Marc and Nancy Davis (stationed in El Paso, TX)
Ryan Tarman, grandson of Dee and Martha Floyd (stationed in Washington)
Chad Ritchie, son of Robert and Ramona Ritchie (stationed in FL)
Chris Jerome, son of Bob Jerome (stationed in Naples, Italy)
Brent Rohrbaugh, brother of Rhonda Miller (stationed in Norfolk, VA)
Jeff Pascale, friend of the Wissinger family (stationed in Iraq)
Joey Arbogast, cousin of Dee Floyd (stationed in Iraq)
Stephanie Beard, granddaughter of Jean Beard (stationed in Germany)
Erin Burtner, cousin of Susan Newsome (stationed in Iraq)
Timothy Norville, friend of the Dobroths, Nickels, Wissingers and others of our church family (stationed in Iraq)
Rich Shull, nephew of Don and Dixie Dofflemeyer (stationed in Iraq)

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO...

...**Jim and Vaniene Delucas** and their family on the death of Vaniene's father **Bland Hudgins**.
...**Marc and Stephanie Toothman** and their family on the death of Stephanie's father, **Stephen Davis**.

"Prayer is at the heart of worship.

*In prayer, through the Holy Spirit,
people seek after and are found by
the one true God who has been revealed in Jesus
Christ.*

*They listen and wait upon God,
call God by name,
remember God's gracious acts,
and offer themselves to God.*

*Prayer may be spoken, sung, offered in silence, or
enacted.*

*Prayer grows out of the center of a person's life in
response to the Spirit.*

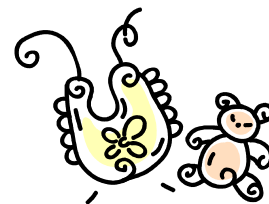
*Prayer is shaped by the Word of God in Scripture
and by the life of the community of faith.*

*Prayer issues in commitment to join God's work in
the world."*

(From the *Directory of Worship*)

Birth Announcement

Keith and Linda Knupp have a new granddaughter, Skylar Macie Roderick. Skylar was born on October 6th and weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 18 1/2" long.





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Sunday School—9 am (Sept.—May)
Sunday Worship—10:30 am

Church Staff

John P. Leggett, Pastor
Ann Pettit, Parish Associate in Member Care
Karen Leecy, Office Manager
Bob Jerome, Organist
Sharon Bloomquist, Pianist

Be sure to visit us on the Web!

www.massanuttenchurch.com

Sunday, October 21

9:00 am Church School
 10:00 am Fellowship Coffee
 (Fellowship Hall)
 10:30 am Worship Service
 1:00 pm Worship Service for Ko-
 rean Presbyterian Church
 4:30 pm Spectrum Teen Handbell
 Rehearsal
 6:30 pm New Member Reception
 followed by Session
 Meeting (Parlor)
 7:00 pm Massanutten Brass Band
 Concert (Sanctuary)

Monday, October 22

9:00 am Disciple 3 Bible Study
 (Gathering Area)
 2:00 pm Small Group (Sunnyside)
 7:00 pm Massanutten Ringers
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, October 23

6:30 pm Disciple 3 Bible Study
 (Gathering Area)

Wednesday, October 24

6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
 9:00 am Staff Meeting
 9:15 am Crossroads Pealers Re-

hearsal
 10-1:30 pm MPC School Harvest Fes-
 tival
 4:30 pm WOW (Worship on Wed)
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 25

6:30 pm Disciple 1 Bible Study
 (Gathering Area)
 7:00 pm Food Pantry

Saturday, October 27

9:30 am Recorder Rehearsal

Sunday, October 28

9:00 am Church School
 9:50 am Spectrum Handbell Re-
 hearsal
 10:00 am Fellowship Coffee
 (Fellowship Hall)
 10:30 am Worship Service
 1:00 pm Worship Service for Ko-
 rean Presbyterian Church
 5:00 pm Fall Fellowship Dinner
 6:00 pm Fall Party

Monday, October 29

9:00 am Disciple 3 Bible Study
 7:00 pm Massanutten Ringers Re-
 hearsal

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop #28
 (Picnic Shelter)

Tuesday, October 30

6:30 pm Disciple 3 Bible Study

Wednesday, October 31

6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
 8:30 am Volunteers Prepare News-
 letter for Mailing
 9:00 am Staff Meeting
 9:15 am Crossroads Pealers Re-
 hearsal
 10:30 am PW Coordinating Team
 Meeting (Gathering Area)
 4:30 pm WOW
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 (Choir Room)

Thursday, November 1

6:30 pm Disciple 1 Bible Study
 (Gathering Area)
 7:00 pm Family Ministry