

Massanutten Ministry Link

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

November 4, 2007

All Saints' Sunday

Sermon Text

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Sermon Title

All for the Glory of Jesus

Worship Leader

Mark Davis

Hymns

For All the Saints

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

For the Bread Which You Have

Broken

November 11, 2007

Consecration Sunday

Sermon Text

2 Samuel 24:18-25

Sermon Title

Giving That Matters

Worship Leader

Ann Pettit

Hymns

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Here I Am, Lord

Walk with *Jesus*

Over the past two weeks, our community of faith has been invited to think about how our relationship to God can grow through the use of the time, talents and finances God has entrusted to us. I know from conversations with many of you that you are taking this invitation seriously, and I am profoundly encouraged by what I'm hearing from you.

I sense that we as a community of faith are growing in our understanding of Christian stewardship. No longer are we thinking of stewardship as "just another bill to pay." No, we are beginning to live into the awareness that stewardship has to do with every part of life.

That theme has been fully evident in worship the past two Sundays. Two weeks ago, Reid Laughlin's passionate testimony to Christianity being a lifestyle stirred our collective hearts. And this past Sunday, when three of our younger disciples stood before God and us to offer their encouragement of us to be good stewards, I was blown away by what I heard.

We talk often about how what God is doing through our ministry together here is transforming lives. If you were present to hear Megan Miller, Ryan Stees, or Logan Phelps's powerful and authentic words this past Sunday in worship, I know that you saw and heard with your own eyes the difference that your compassion, care, and love—indeed all the ministry your giving has made possible—have made in the lives of three disciples here. My sense is that countless others are sounding the same theme.

On Sunday, Nov. 11, we who make up the Massanutten Presbyterian Church will have an opportunity to respond to God's presence in our lives by making a commitment to the 2008 Annual Mission Plan. I can assure you that the dollars we offer together will be used in amazing ways to minister in the midst of this world that God loves so deeply. Following worship, we will gather as a church family to break bread in Christ's name. I hope that you will be here, and that the God of abundant life will continue to bless you richly.

With joy and expectation, **Pastor John**



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. "*

Assisting with the Lord's Supper

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on Nov. 4. The following officers will be serving: Randy Atkins, Kevin Caldwell, Nancy Davis, Larry French, Sherry Gordon, Jim Huffman, Reid Laughlin, Susan Reid, Helen Scully

The following children will be serving as Communion Stewards: Addie Dofflemyer, Robby Frakes, Sarah Haines, Brady Hylton

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Register online for the **Celebration Luncheon** to be held following worship on Nov. 11. (See the link from the homepage at www.massanuttenchurch.com.)

The next issue of *The Massanutten Ministry Link* will be mailed on Nov. 14. Please submit to the church office any material for publication in the next newsletter by 3 pm on Nov. 7.

Brave Hearts of Massanutten

Mark you calendar for the December Blood Drive at MPC on Thursday, December 13. We are looking for a few good men and women to share the gift of life with someone in need at this critical time of year. Look for posters announcing the event, then sign-up for a time slot. It will take about an hour of your time to help a neighbor in need.

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.

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	November 4, 2007	November 11, 2007
Greeters	Chris and Jessica Preston Robin and Diann Reed	Curt and Diane Schwalbach Annabelle Shortell and Alberta Dobbs
Ushers	William Comer, Tim Miller, John Myers, Brian Phelps, Jim and Gail Oppy, Chris Preston, Jack Wysor	Bob Bales, Kevin Caldwell, Larry French, Joe Heavner, Don and Carol Poulson, Greg and Ann Trobaugh
Sunnyside Bus Driver	Linda Green	Randy Atkins
Acolyte	No Acolyte (Lord's Supper)	Ross French
Sunday School Nursery	Kay Davis	Kay Davis
Infant Nursery	Eric and Jacki Nickel	Deb Comer and Dana Mather
2 & 3 Year Old Nursery	Jan Liskey and Gina Phelps	Mark and Barbara Palmer
Floater	Sharon Churchill	Ricki Irvine
Children's Church Leaders	Kevin and Rhonda Stees	Dannie Allen and Susie Diehl

Massanetta Springs Bath House Mission Project Work Continues

To learn more about the upcoming work dates for the renovation of the Massanetta Springs Bath House, please contact Skip Wissinger (289-6973) or the church office (434-6194). We have had a great time of fellowship so far, and some wonderful work has been done. There's still more fun to be had by all! Check out the anticipated work dates below, and contact Skip for the details.

November

Saturday, Nov. 3	Interior counters and shelves
Sunday, Nov. 11 (afternoon)	Rough-in Plumbing Interior Trim
Saturday, Nov. 17	Prep exterior for painting 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

Spectrum Handbell Tour

Spectrum, MPC's teen handbell ensemble, will travel to West Virginia for their Fall '07 tour Nov. 9-11. We will play a concert at the Pendleton County Nursing Home in Franklin and for worship at two different churches in Moorefield, WV. A stop at Seneca Rocks will be their entertainment. We will stay at Circle Rock in Circleville and in home-stays in Moorefield. The 6 ringers are: Austin Reed, Rachel Atkins, John Levengood, Jane Haines, Marcus Sensabaugh and Matthew Martin. Chaperones for this trip will be Doug Sensabaugh and Kathleen Haines. We will travel in the MPC van and use the MPC/Scout trailer for equipment.

-Kath Wissinger

A Singing of Handel's *Messiah*

On Friday, December 7, Massanetta Springs will be sponsoring a singing of Handel's *Messiah*. Please note the evening's schedule, as well as important contact information.

5:30 p.m. Dinner in Historic Hotel

7:00 p.m. Singing in Stewart Hall

All of the community, church choirs, and congregations are invited to join in singing the great choruses of Handel's *Messiah*. Please plan on making this a special family or church event.

Christmas Dinner \$12 adults, \$6 for children 5-12, children under 5 free

The Messiah Singalong will conclude with a free-will offering. Dessert will follow the singing.

Please call the Conference Center at 434-3829 to make your reservation or email Laura Holbrook at laurah@massanettasprings.org.

Food Pantry Schedule

Please note the adjusted dates for the Food Pantry times during November and December. The Food Pantry will be open from 10-11 a.m. on Monday, November 12 and Monday, December 10.

In the Mail

Dear Family of Massanutten,

Your many kind expressions of caring and love have been deeply appreciated in our loss of my sister, Anna Day.

They have brought a blessing and encouragement. How good it is to be a part of God's family here at Massanutten Church.

-Emily D. Reid

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION THROUGH OCT. 21

Weekly Budget Need	\$11,652.00
Budget Need Year to Date	\$489,384.00
Received Year to Date	\$469,423.71
Difference	\$ -19,960.29

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

Meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 9:30 am

Meeting with the Mt. Horeb
Presbyterian Church (Grottoes)

*Please remember to keep the com-
missioners and member churches in
your prayers.*

Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

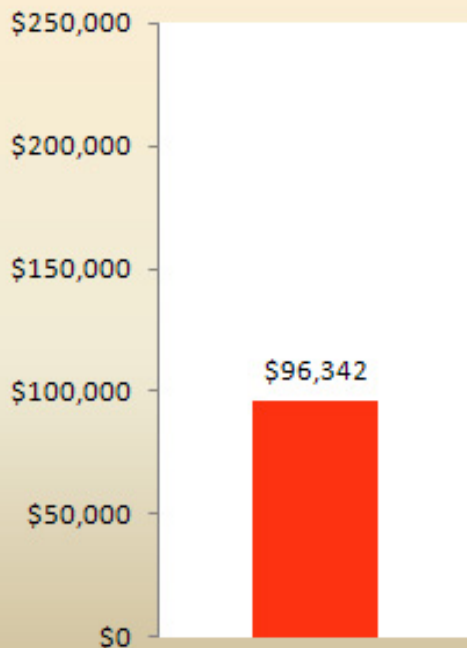
Blue Ridge Ministries is offering the following Fall events:

November 17 “*Let the Women Sing*” Concert directed by Angela Carroll, at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren at 7 pm. Come hear women from a variety of churches present an hour-long Thanksgiving service. The theme is “*God of Wonders*”.

December 1 “*Mary’s Song: An Advent Retreat*” led by Pastor Kevin Clark. From 9am-12:30 pm. Slow down the holiday pace to reflect on Mary’s Song, “*My soul magnified the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior...*”

Contact blueridgeministries@yahoo.com or 540-438-0023 for more information.

Live into Hope Pledges



Live into Hope Staffing Campaign

You still have time to make a commitment to the *Live into Hope Staffing Campaign*. To date, we have received commitments from 63 giving units who together have pledged a total of \$96,342. 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.

Again, thank you for your generous giving to God through the ministry of Massanutten Presbyterian Church. Together, God can do amazing things with us.

Under the Radar



It takes a lot of work to help a church the size of MPC live out its mission. MPC's Make a Difference Task Force has been thinking about this. We are used to seeing MPC's members fulfilling certain highly visible tasks. But there are many tasks that are almost invisible to us—when our members “fly under the radar” as it were. We want to honor them, so we plan to interview and lift up one of these persons in each issue of the *Massanutten Ministry Link*. We begin this series with Ruth Sensabaugh.

Ruth is visible to us all each Sunday as she sings in the soprano section of our chancel choir. She is visible to those active in MPC's Presbyterian Women as chairwoman of Circle #4, and as a member of a small group that meets every other week at Sunnyside. She flies under the radar screens of most of us, however, as she takes care of watering and caring for the plants inside the church building each week, as she helps in the church office with preparing various mass mailings to be sent out, as she serves as a table parent for 6-year-olds at the WOW suppers on Wednesday evenings, as she visits members of the congregation to lighten the visiting loads of pastors John Leggett and Ann Pettit, and as she serves as a volunteer at Sunnyside, where she currently assists members of that community with their exercise programs.

Ruth joined MPC during the ministry of Dr. Poole and has been hard at work like this ever since. She and her husband Charles made it a practice to find a church and become active in it right away whenever they moved to a new area. Ruth is one of Christ's servants who has responded deeply to His prayer “that they might all be one.” For years she was perhaps MPC's most faithful participant in ecumenical endeavors bringing various churches together, especially in Church Women United, which to her great sorrow went out of existence locally a few years ago. What does Ruth get out of all this effort expended? She loves being involved, and she loves being with people. Thank you, Ruth, for helping us live out Christ's mission in your quiet, consistent way.

John Irvine, for the Make a Difference Task Force

Care Packages—Assembly Required

Please join the Congregational Care Ministry group on Sunday, November 25 to assemble care packages for our congregation's college students and those serving in the military. We will meet in the fellowship hall after church to prepare packages. Please bring in shoeboxes that we can use for the packages. If you want to make some homemade cookies or other treats to include, please package them in groups of 6 and drop them off in the kitchen before worship on November 25. If you want to write a note of encouragement to include in the packages, drop those off in the kitchen too. We hope to see you on November 25!

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed

The Presbyterian Women are looking for volunteers to “ring the bell” at the Salvation Army Kettle on Saturday, December 1 from 10am-8pm in front of J.C. Penney's in the Valley Mall (inside of the building). If you are available to ring an hour or two, please call Karen in the church office (434-6194) or write bell beside your name on the Friendship Folder on Sunday. (There will be a Salvation Army booth at the location this year.)

Organ Recital

On Sunday, Nov. 11, Dick McPherson will present an organ concert in the sanctuary at 7 pm. More details will be provided during worship on Nov. 4 and Nov. 11. Plan now to attend a wonderful evening of music.

4-Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering

We will offer our 4-Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering as an act of worship on Sunday, Nov. 4. The dollars we have given here have been used to fight hunger in this county and around the world.

Don't forget to **set your clocks BACK** one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 3.

Hats Socks Gloves Mittens

It's time again for collecting warm clothing for those most affected by the coming cold weather. It is for the Zacchaeus Kitchen and Homeless Shelter in Washington, D.C., where they are distributed to many homeless and needy who have no warm clothing.

This winter, the Rev. Carl Moore, pastor at the Timber Ridge and Fairfield churches, will lead a group including members of the Bethesda church and others from the Rockbridge area to deliver the collected items.

Please follow these guidelines regarding the collection:

Ø Send only **NEW items** (like new used items will be accepted as well)

Ø Items accepted include hats, socks, gloves & mittens

Ø Pack all items in **plastic or paper bags** for easy packing in the van. (No boxes)

Ø Items being delivered to the presbytery office should **arrive no later than Tuesday, December 18, 4:30pm.** (Note early date this year) The presbytery office may be closed later in the week.

Ø Do to the meeting schedule, you may begin bringing items **AFTER DECEMBER 3rd.**

Schedule of Upcoming Events

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

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What's Happening in Faith Village?

Boys and girls, get your passport and be a visitor at some of the stops Moses and the Israelites made while wandering in the Wilderness. You will find out about eating manna (our version is yummy!) and do science experiments with water. You will dramatize a strange battle with the Amalekites and play games to understand what Moses was up against. You will make maps (Moses never had one) but we need to know where God's people went. And finally, you will celebrate their escape from Egypt much as they did with tambourines you make yourselves. Come every week so that all the pages in your passport get stamped! Our second rotation, "God is with us," runs through November 25th.. Don't miss it!

Prime Timers Luncheon

The **Prime Timers** monthly luncheon will be held at Golden Corral on Tuesday, November 6 at 12:30. There will be plenty of good food, fellowship and fun.

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. Baked 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.

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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), **Barbara Walker, Wilson Sidwell, Mike Guinn**

FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Dave Taylor, brother of Diann Reed; **Don Grimes**, friend of our church family; **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; **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, **Mac Sterrett**, friend of our church family; **Farah Saffsori**, friend of Steve and Sherry Gordon; **Teresa Schaffer**, friend of Tim and Cristy Long; **Galen Long**, father of Kim Showalter; **Wendee Constable**, friend of our church family; **Bruce Heinemann** and his family, son of Bill and Sharon Heinemann; **Lori Bruggema**, friend of Jacki Nickel; **Dick Golden**, friend of Robert and Susan Reid

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)

Thank you...

Amaya and her family would like to thank all of you for your donations and your support through this trying time. The Children's Consignment/ Bake Sale was a huge success along with all the personal donations made. In addition to these donations we have had wonderful meals provided for us on the long days of Hospital visits. For an update, Amaya received her last Chemo on Tuesday this week. She will still have her blood counts checked several times along with an evaluation and follow-up in three weeks. She is handling things pretty well as a new

6 year old. We hope you will continue to hold us in your prayers as they are also greatly appreciated.

I would like to send out special thanks to Ann Pettit, Leslie Dutt, Jennifer Bryant, Kelly Richardson, Pastor Leggett and Deacons, as well as all that volunteered their time on that Sale Saturday. Many thanks to Gail Oppy, Deb Comer, and Wendy Stapleton for the delicious meals provided for our family. We are certainly grateful to have such a wonderful Church family and hope to become more involved real soon.

Thank you all and God Bless,
The Kinley Family



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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

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Sunday, November 4

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

Monday, November 5

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

Tuesday, November 6

12:30 pm Prime Timer's Luncheon
(Golden Corral)
6:30 pm Disciple 3 Bible Study
(Gathering Area)
7:00 pm Property Ministry
(Classroom 105)

Wednesday, November 7

6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:00 am Staff Meeting
9:15 am Crossroads Pealers Re-
hearsal
4:30 pm WOW (Worship on Wed)

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 8

1:00 pm PW Circle #4 (Sunnyside)
1:30 pm PW Circle #1 (Gathering
Area)
6:30 pm Disciple 1 Bible Study
(Gathering Area)

Friday, November 9

Sanctuary in Use

Saturday, November 10

9:30 am Recorder Rehearsal
Sanctuary in Use

Sunday, November 11

9:00 am Church School
10:00 am Fellowship Coffee
(Fellowship Hall)
10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 am Celebration Luncheon
1:00 pm Worship Service for Ko-
rean Presbyterian Church
4:30 pm Spectrum Handbell Re-
hearsal

Monday, November 12

9:00 am Disciple 3 Bible Study
10:00 am Food Pantry

2:00 pm Small Group (Sunnyside)
7:00 pm Sessional Ministries
7:00 pm Board of Deacons
7:30 pm Worship Ministry

Tuesday, November 13

10:00 am PW Circle #2 (Highlands)
10:00 am PW Circle #3 (Sunnyside)
1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
(Library)
6:30 pm Disciple 3 Bible Study
7:00 pm PW Circle #5 (Library)

Wednesday, November 14

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
4:30 pm WOW
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
(Choir Room)

Thursday, November 15

6:30 pm Disciple 1 Bible Study
(Gathering Area)