

Massanutten Ministry Link

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

January 13, 2008

Baptism of the Lord

Sermon Text

Acts 10:34-43

Sermon Title

A Story to Tell

Worship Leader

Carol Miller

Hymns

All Creatures of Our God and King

Lift High the Cross

When Jesus Came to Jordan

January 20, 2008

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon Text

To Be Announced

Sermon Title

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Worship Leader

Bill Heinemann

Hymns

To Be Announced

H.A.R.T.S.

In an effort to address a shortage of emergency shelter for the homeless **Harrisonburg and Rockingham Thermal Shelter**

in the Harrisonburg area, an initiative is underway which will combine the resources of local churches to provide temporary shelter.

Harrisonburg City Council, Harrisonburg/Rockingham Housing Authority, Rockingham Foundation and other agencies have pledged considerable resources to jumpstart these efforts. Until a permanent facility can be established, approximately 12 local churches have each volunteered to provide shelter for periods of 7 days at a time for a maximum of 15-20 people. Massanutten Presbyterian Church will team with Trinity Presbyterian to provide shelter *at Trinity (725 S. High Street)* from January 28-February 3. The shelter will be open daily from 7 p.m. – 7 a.m. The Board of Deacons will be recruiting for specific responsibilities to help staff and provide meals for the week beginning Sunday, January 13. The following meals, time slots and tasks need to be provided and filled:

Monday, January 28: bedding supplies will be taken from the previous week's shelter and dropped off at Trinity PC; volunteers will be needed before 6:30 p.m. to help set up (exact time: TBA).

Monday, January 28 – February 3: volunteers will be needed to do the following each day:

Provide dinner; crock pot meals, soups and stews are suggested

Provide a bagged breakfast that can be taken with people as they leave in the morning

Spend the night (7 p.m. – 7 a.m.) along with the H.A.R.T.S. staff

Provide fellowship between 7 – 10 p.m. (play games, talk, etc.)

Clean bathrooms and straighten up the church after 7 a.m.

Monday, February 4: volunteers will be needed to pack bedding supplies for delivery to the next church after 7 a.m. (exact time: TBA).

Please speak to one of the deacons or see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to volunteer. The Board of Deacons thanks you in advance for your help in assisting our brothers and sisters to receive housing, nourishment and fellowship this winter.



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.”*

New Small Group Opportunities...

...coming your way!

The Adult Education Ministry will be providing three 6-week study and fellowship opportunities during the season of Lent (beginning the week of February 10). One group will explore mission and the ways in which we, as the church, can reach into our world, sharing with hearts and hands, what we know to be true about God's love. A second group will gather and read one of C.S. Lewis' books from the Chronicles of Narnia. And the third group will explore family life and the blessings and occasional challenges which come our way as we seek to live faithfully together. Details and sign-up opportunities will be in the bulletin in mid-January!



Under the Radar

Juli Colville is another one of our members who has up-front roles, but behind the scenes also works in other areas which help MPC carry out its mission and add strength to its organization--the strength of joyful service.

After living in Maryland for some 30 years and being quite active in a Bible church there, Juli and her husband Jim came to this area and joined MPC in 2001. You may have experienced their warm welcome in the Narthex before worship as greeters about once a quarter, or seen them serving as ushers in the sanctuary almost monthly. And if you had reason to be at our Food Pantry, from time to time you might have seen Juli filling the role of interviewer, or filling grocery bags. At the recent Turkey Feather gift program before Christmas, Juli distributed the gifts to the children who had asked for them. Another up-front role she fills now is as chair of the Shoshana Circle; she is halfway through the first year of her two-year term. Like other members, she takes her turn at leading a Bible study there. Back

 * Dear Church Family, *
 * Thank you for your prayers, cards and visits *
 * during Jane's illness and recent death. Your love *
 * and kindness has brought much comfort to me. *
 * Fred Burfoot *

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION THROUGH JAN. 6

Weekly Budget Need	\$14,227.00
Budget Need Year to Date	\$14,227.00
Received Year to Date	\$11,792.50
Difference	\$ -2,434.50

In response to the blessings of God in our lives, we give of

during John McDonald's tenure as our minister of education, she taught an occasional single summer Sunday School class.

Juli also works on the fellowship committee; her specialty is table decorations, although she might be doing other meal preparation or cleanup tasks as well. Another committee she serves on is the bereavement committee, which provides a meal or reception as preferred by the bereaved family. Her MPC task which gives her the biggest sense of reward is taking her turn helping in the nursery; holding babies gives her great joy. "We need more babies!" she says passionately, hoping that more parents will bring their infants to the nursery. She volunteers for nursery duty at Christmas, Easter, and Mother's Day services so that other mothers can be with their children in church at those special events. Juli says, "Don't make a big thing of this." We won't, but we are constrained to say that a lot of "little" involvements, some well under the radar, make the bonds with the church and its members and its Lord stronger; so we're thankful for Juli and Jim, and that MPC is their church home.

Serving Among Us	January 13, 2008	January 20, 2008
Greeters	Jim and Juli Colville Stephen and Kristin Cosby	Randy and Laura Atkins John and Linda Myers
Ushers	Chris Bryant, Jim and Juli Colville, George Cross, Randy Hylton, Keith and Linda Knupp, Bruce Rohlf	Larry French, Steve and Sherry Gordon, Linda and Colin Green, Jim and Gail Oppy, Jack Wysor
Sunnyside Bus Driver	Phil Miller	Skip Wissinger
Acolyte	Camryn Huffman	Megan Phelps
Sunday School Nursery	Rebecca Arthur	Sally Brown
Infant Nursery	Jeff and Leigh-Anne Lees	Chris and Jennifer Bryant
2 & 3 Year Old Nursery	Deb Comer and Linda Knupp	Kim Philips and Kelly Richardson
Floater	Sandy Levengood	Rhonda Miller
Children's Church Leaders	Betsey Branner and Jennifer Cofflet	Kevin and Rhonda Stees

As a Community of Priests, We Are Called to Prayer

*Thank you for keeping us
informed of on going
prayer needs.*

SPECIAL PRAYER FOCUS . . .

There is a great deal of turmoil and unrest in Kenya. Political parties are committing horrific violent attacks in response to the re-election of incumbent president Mwai Kibaki December 27. Hundreds of people have been killed, thousands forced to flee and property has been looted and destroyed.

The Presbyterian Church has mobilized support for the crisis through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. For more information on those efforts, visit www.pcusa.org/pcnews. Area churches including Trinity Presbyterian, First Presbyterian and MPC all have members and family serving in Kenya in the midst of this violence.

Kelly Miller, a member of our congregation, has been traveling between Kenya and Uganda as part of her mission/language training. Kelly states much of her time is spent confined in homes for safety. A full article on Kelly's work will be published in the January 23 *Ministry Link*. Please keep Kenya and those serving in that region in your prayers.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Bill Jackson, Millie Roache, Frank Way, Judy Stryker, Kelly Miller (Mission Trip to Africa), **Wilson Sidwell**

FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Logan Hill, friend of Fleming and Sharon Jones

David Rose, nephew of Ann Wilkinson

Judy Thompson, cousin of Patti Hobbie

Art Benz, brother-in-law of Bob and Sharon Bloomquist

Sue Ellen Church and Paul Lee, friends of Kevin Caldwell

Claude Ramey Jr., father of Angie Baylor

Teresa Schaffer, friend of Tim and Cristy Long

Galen Long, father of Kim Showalter

Lori Bruggema, friend of Jacki Nickel

Barbara Eye, friend of Geri Black

Morgan Kanney's aunt

Chuck and Chase Green, friends of Tim Miller

Courtney Rhodenizer, great-niece of Karen Enslin

Great-grandmother Richmond, the Maddra family

Lena Campbell, friend of Chris McAnulty

Mary Caldwell, Kevin Caldwell's sister-in-law

Tony Griffin, friend of Jack and Nancy Heintzleman

Ellen Lineweaver, friend of our church family

Lee Emswiler, uncle of Charlotte Landes

Linda Burkholder, mother-in-law of Emily Burner Burkholder

Diane Wagner, mother of Heidi Wagner

Loretta Meyers and Kelsie Adams, family of Netta Coulter (Mission trip to Sierra Leone)

Edith Mills, sister of Geri Black

Stephanie Rodgers, Florence Green and Lena Zirk, family of Charlotte Landes and Mike Michael

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 (posted to Kuwait)

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)

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...

...**Bud and Betty Long and Warren and Sharon Dovel and family** on the death of Betty and Sharon's mother, Louise Huffman

...**Denny Slane and family** on the death of Denny's wife, Mary Jo Slane

...**Randy and Becky Hylton** on the death of their friend, Gabriel Kaden Morris

...**Kevin and Melissa Caldwell and family** on the death of Kevin's grandmother, Francis Caldwell and their friend, Edward Shifflett

...**Richard and Patricia Ours and family** on the death of Patricia's nephew, Edward Shifflett

