

Massanutten Ministry Link

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February 6, 2008

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

February 10, 2008

First Sunday In Lent

Sermon Text

Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon Title

Lead Us Not into Temptation

Worship Leader

Steve Gordon

Hymns

*Come, Thou Almighty King
Lord, Who Throughout These
Forty Days
O Love, How Deep*

February 17, 2008

Second Sunday In Lent

Sermon Text

John 3:1-17

Sermon Title

The Wondrous Love of God

Worship Leader

Nancy Davis

Hymns

*If Thou but Trust in God to Guide
Thee
In the Cross of Christ I Glory
What Wondrous Love is This*

Serving in Kenya

Kelly Miller, a member of our congregation, is currently serving with African Inland Missions. She has been traveling between Kenya and Uganda as part of her mission/language training. As you are aware, there has been a great deal of turmoil and unrest in Kenya in response to the re-election of incumbent president Mwai Kibaki December 27.



We are delighted to share with you comments, from Kelly, on her experience. The excerpts below are from her personal emails and blog.

Kelly and a coworker flew into Nairobi on December 29, two days after the Kenyan elections. Her entry on December 30, describes their arrival.

“My real reason for this email is immediate prayer for Kenya. Kenya just held their presidential elections. There was much tension all over Kenya and in the center of Nairobi.

When we arrived yesterday afternoon, we went to get some food. It was very difficult to find any place, shop or restaurant, that was opened. The public transport (buses and matatus) were not running anymore due to people throwing stones at passing vehicles. Luckily, many taxis were operating but were only traveling through certain areas. Riots were very bad up-country, with people burning cars and even houses. Where we are staying is safe. There is not much rioting, or anything really, going on.

I wanted to let everyone know that I am staying safe in Kenya amidst all the turmoil. Meghan and I are staying with a missionary family outside of Nairobi. Our plans to leave for Uganda have been pushed back and we

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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.”*

Middle School Youth

Meeting Sunday, February 10th from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to discuss plans for the upcoming months. Bring your lunch and invite your friends to attend!


Brass Band Concert

The 30 member Massanutten Brass Band will be presenting a concert on Sunday, February 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at MPC.

Now in its seventh season, the ensemble is comprised of outstanding musicians from the Shenandoah Valley, Charlottesville and Northern Virginia. The ensemble performs throughout the central Shenandoah Valley region and performed as the featured ensemble at the 2006 Virginia Music Educators Conference. The band is also the 2007 North American Brass Band Association Challenge Section Champions.

A wide variety of selections, ranging from marches to the music from the silver screen, will be performed.

Admission is free, but a \$5 donation is recommended. For more information, e-mail the band at: massanuttenbrassband@verizon.net.

 **The Stated Meeting of the Shenandoah Presbytery**
will be held Saturday, February 9 at 9:30 a.m. at Effinger Elementary School in Lexington.

Do you need a Name Tag?

Misplaced it or never had one?

Please contact Gail Oppy, (540) 249-4695 or sign up at the table in the Narthex!

Lenten Small Group Studies

Book Study

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
The Book Study will be meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. The first gathering will be on Wednesday, February 13th in the Parlor. Please bring a copy of the *Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe* with you and read the first three chapters in preparation.

We continue to receive registrations for the other two small groups and will contact participants with more information as the times are set.

Annual Meeting

MPC's Annual Meeting will be **held immediately following worship on Sunday, February 10**. Worship will conclude with a celebration of our ministry together in 2007. After worship, we will receive the annual report and hear a report from the Nominating Committee.

Following the brief, but important meeting, we will go to the Fellowship Hall to eat together. The Fellowship Ministry will provide fried chicken, green beans and drinks. Please bring other vegetables, salads and desserts to complete the meal. Drop your dish off in the Fellowship Hall prior to worship and all will be ready when the meeting is over. We look forward to sharing a time of fellowship as we "break bread" with members of our congregation.

Easter Sunday Breakfast

On Easter Sunday the Annual Breakfast will be hosted by the Fellowship Ministry. The meal will follow the early service and all are invited. A sign up in weeks prior to Easter will help us know how many to expect for breakfast that day. We plan a menu along the lines of ham biscuits, sweet rolls, fruit, juice and coffee. We hope that we will have a good "turn out" for that special event.

The next issue of *The Massanutten Ministry Link* will be mailed February 20. Please submit to the church office any material for publication in the next newsletter by **3 pm on Wednesday, February 13**.

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will stay here until further notice, since traveling around Nairobi is unadvisable at this current time.”

In an update on January 27, she writes:
Nairobi, Kenya

“Our time in Nairobi was very different than we had expected. We found out on January 1 that our plans to travel into Uganda by road the next day were cancelled since it was extremely unsafe. (Just so that everyone knows, there was never a time when we felt threatened by what was going on in Nairobi. We were in constant communication with the short-term coordinator at the Central Region office in Kampala and the short-term coordinator for Kenya. We were even informed of the contingency plan if we needed to enact it. I want to thank you for all of your prayers during our time in Nairobi. We greatly appreciated them!)”

Kampala, Uganda

“On January 8, we flew to Entebbe then traveled on to Kampala for the Central Region Conference. [The] conference ended with a time of worship and prayer; an

extra boost of encouragement before we all parted ways.”

Machakos, Kenya

“We flew back to Kenya on January 14 to help out with Africa Based Orientation (ABO). ABO is a three-week orientation for long-term missionaries coming out onto the field for the first time.

We are working with 14 kids between the ages of 3 and 12. I’m looking at this experience as practice for when I go back to Sudan and continue teaching my African students.

Please keep Meghan (my traveling companion) in your prayers. She’s been battling this bacterial infection for over a week now, which has prohibited her from being able to work with the kids fully. Thank you again for continuing to keep me in your prayers. I appreciate it! Well, until next time...”

Please continue to keep Kelly, Meghan, Kenya and all those serving in Kenya in your prayers. We will continue to share updates from Kelly and look forward to her return.

New Office Hours: The Church Office will now be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

On Another New Face

The Administrative Ministry is delighted to share these words of introduction for our new Financial/Membership Secretary. Carla Moore, who started in the MPC office as a temporary through Manpower, recently assumed her role full-time in the office. Carla, named after her father Carl, grew up in Appomattox, where much of her family still resides. She has one sister who lives with her family in North Carolina. Carla is especially fond of her nephew, who will turn 3 in April.

Carla came to Harrisonburg in 1995 to attend James Madison University, and she never left. She earned

two degrees through JMU—a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master of Education. She has served in higher education admission and advising for seven years, most recently serving in the Counseling Office at Blue Ridge Community College.

Carla has always had a passion for business and enjoyed playing “business” as a child. Apparently, she had quite a supply of carbon receipt books and ledgers which she used to conduct business with her friends. Considering returning to a position more related to the business field, she applied with Manpower to see if it was indeed a move she wanted to make.

We have seen the providence of God at work in Carla’s addition to the church staff. As she tells it, “The day I signed up with Manpower, Karen [Leecy] called about needing someone. After my orientation I was asked if I would be interested in the placement at MPC and was told I would start the next day. This was my first and only assignment; I know it is not by accident that I am at MPC.”

Please be sure to welcome Carla to MPC the next time you stop by the church during the week.

Our Service

Many Thanks . . .

Thank you to the congregation for the outpouring of support after the death of my grandmother. Also, thank you for your prayers for my sister-in-law, Mary. Her tumor came back benign!



Kevin and Melissa Caldwell

I want to thank everyone for all the cards and prayer support during my recent surgery. I am really blessed to have so many caring friends. Thanks again!

Sharon Jones

Communion Servers for February 10

Kevin Caldwell, Nancy Davis, Sherry Gordon, Jim Huffman, Reid Laughlin, Chris Preston, Leslie Dutt, Mary Rouse, Helen Scully, Vonnie West

Communion Stewards for February 10

Jacob Bales, Brooke Branner, Emily Coffelt, Sterling Dean

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION THROUGH FEB. 3

Weekly Budget Need	\$14,227.00
Budget Need Year to Date	\$71,135.00
Received Year to Date	\$57,792.36
Difference	\$ -13,342.64

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

ATTENTION ALL CHILD CARE/ NURSERY / WOW / SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS AT MPC:

Our Child Protection Policy states EVERYONE who works with children in our church NEEDS TO ATTEND a training session on protecting our children. This year's sessions will be on Sunday, February 24th and Monday, February 25th at 7 p.m. in Room 119 (Covenant classroom).

PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND ONE OF THESE NECESSARY CLASSES AS YOU CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR CHURCH CHILDREN.

Thank you for your service,
The Administration and Family Ministries

Serving Among Us	February 10, 2008	February 17, 2008
Greeters	Dodie Groseclose Robert and Pauline Woods	Winston and Lynn Harmon Sam and Virginia Hayter
Ushers	Kevin Caldwell, Pam French, Bud and Betty Long, Bob Milner, Eric Phillips, Ramona Ritchie, Chris Scott	Chris Bryant, Jim and Juli Colville, Bill Heineman, Keith and Linda Knupp Bryan Phelps, Curt Schwalbach
Sunnyside Bus Driver	Linda Green	Randy Atkins
Acolyte	Communion—No Acolyte	Jacob Laughlin
Sunday School Nursery	Rhonda Stees	Betsy Harvey
Infant Nursery	Eric and Jacki Nickel	Reid and Sheila Laughlin
2 & 3 Year Old Nursery	Sharon Jones and Ellen Painter	Leslie Dutt and Diane Schwalbach
Floater	Dana Mather	Rebecca Arthur
Children's Church Leaders	Beth Webb and Nancy Wayland	Leslie Dutt and Wendy Stapleton



Under the Radar

Larry French grew up in Roanoke, the only child of a carpenter and his wife. Being a carpenter's son helped Larry identify with Jesus as he was growing up. The family faithfully attended a Presbyterian church in Roanoke. Larry came to this area to attend Bridgewater College, where he was a pitcher on the baseball team. Through baseball friends he met Pam, a Methodist from Dayton. As newlyweds they lived just off of Port Republic Road. Looking for a larger church, they began attending MPC and joined in 1981. Arnold Poole was pastor then. Being young and without children of their own yet, they served for a year as senior high advisors with Dick and Carol Miller and then by themselves for the next six years. When John Lown came as minister Larry was elected to the Session and has served four terms over the years. He has at various times been on the Fellowship and Stewardship & Finance committees. Currently a Session member again, Larry has been on the Property Committee and will be its chairman this coming year. He will also be chairman of the church's Nominating Committee in 2008. He and Pam have been long-term members of the Covenant Sunday School Class, and Larry is one of the most faithful members of the Wednesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast group.

Larry was first employed as an accountant and earned his CPA certificate, but in the last 5 years he and his family have formed a real estate rental business, both commercial and residential. Handy with tools, he took part in both MPC's trips to Biloxi, MS, to help mitigate the effects of Hurricane Katrina. He has also been active in the project to upgrade the bathhouse at Massanetta Springs that MPC members have been working on; it should be completed this spring. He and Pam have been helpers in Logos and WOW for the past 4 years, helping in the kitchen and occasionally taking part as table parents. Larry says, quite believably and like he really means it, that he enjoys washing dishes for the WOW dinners! You may have seen him as an usher at worship, or giving a children's sermon on the September Sundays the Prayer Breakfast men conduct the worship. Always a lover of athletics, Larry coaches a Little League team.

Larry takes both delight and pride in his church. He rejoices that he has entree to so many age levels in the connections he has made and keeps making, and has such a broad mix of friends. He appreciates the people in the church and the way they help him grow in their Christian faith. But it is obvious to anyone who knows and watches him that he is one of the friendliest persons in the congregation, one who has lots of fun being a part of this fellowship. Thank you, Larry, for being our genial friend!

An Evening of Ivory and Ebony

To Benefit Baja Mission Trip

The benefit will be held Saturday, February 23, 2008 at Bridgewater Presbyterian Church. The evening will feature a silent auction, dinner and live entertainment.

The financial goal is \$3,500 to \$5,000 and all proceeds will be used to finance Baja Mission Project and Sommers' participation in the mission trip.

5:00 p.m. Doors Open & Auction Begins

5:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres

6:00 p.m. Dinner, Auction I closed, Live Music

6:45 p.m. Dessert, Auction II closed, Live Entertainment

7:00 p.m. Baja Video

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. - those attending will offer a donation. To RSVP, contact The Bridgewater Presbyterian Church Office at bridgewaterpc@verizon.net or telephone at (540) 828-2442 by *Wednesday, February 20th*.



Thanks to everyone who supported the High School Youth in the Souper Bowl of Caring collection recently.

The youth have participated in this cause for 10 of the past 12 years, and this year we had set a goal of \$200.00 and 100 food items, to be donated to the Massanutten Food Pantry. We are excited to report that through the generosity of the MPC congregation, we collected a total of \$237.50 and 170 food items! Thank you for supporting the youth and the MPC Food Pantry!

Football fans on both sides have proven to be exceedingly generous, but if you want the breakdown, here it is...

AFC: \$71.00 and 105 food items

NFC: \$166.50 and 65 food items

Thanks again, and look for the Souper Bowl of Caring again next year!

Our Community

Sunnyside's 4th Annual Lenten Series *"The Essence of God's Character: Love"*

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

9:30a.m. - Bible Study - Glen Holman, Pastor
First Presbyterian Church, Waynesboro

7:00p.m. - Worship - Ann Pettit, Parish Associate
Massanutten Presbyterian Church, Penn Laird

Thursday, February 7, 2008

9:30a.m. - Bible Study - Glen Holman, Pastor
First Presbyterian Church, Waynesboro

7:00p.m. - Worship - Clark DeSarro-Raynal, Pastor
Tuscarora Presbyterian Church, Martinsburg, WV

Friday - February 8, 2008

9:30a.m. - Bible Study - Glen Holman, Pastor
First Presbyterian Church, Waynesboro

7:00p.m. - Worship - William Klein, Pastor
Lexington Presbyterian Church, Lexington

LPCM Banquet and Silent Auction

The 4th Annual Lutheran Presbyterian Campus Ministry banquet and silent auction will be held Saturday, February 16 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Events will take place at the Muhlenberg Lutheran Church Activities Building at 281 East Market Street in Harrisonburg. Pastors and DCEs welcome!

adults \$20
students \$10
children under 12
FREE!

To purchase tickets to the banquet, call the LPCM office at (540) 432-9613, email Campus Pastor Kathleen Haines at haineskb@jmu.edu or

speaking with Dietrich Maune, member of MPC (540) 433-5364. The full flyer is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex and as Sunday Worship bulletin inserts.

www.lpcm.org
James Madison University
Bridgewater College
Eastern Mennonite University



Are you Prepared?

Come and learn more about how to be prepared for a disaster in your community, your church and beyond.

Disaster Preparedness Training

Sunday, March 9, 2008

Trinity Presbyterian Church

725 South High Street

2:00 p.m.

Central Valley Mission Community and the Shenandoah Presbytery are sponsoring this event. At this meeting we will review the Presbytery Disaster Plan, learn about the Mission Community's role in the Plan, and how churches and families can prepare for disaster. Please plan to attend this meeting to learn more about this important ministry of the church in caring for others and ourselves in times of disaster. For more information, please contact Ramona Sanders, Convener, Central Valley Mission Community at 540-433-1165 or sanderwm@jmu.edu.

HerStory 2008 Conference

Women Who Testify: Proclaiming the Gospel in Our Own Voice

March 28—30, 2008

Massanetta Springs Conference Center

Keynote Speaker: Anna Carter Florence, Associate Professor of Preaching and Worship at Columbia Theological Seminary.

Copies of registration flyer available on the PW table in the narthex or contact Beverly at briddell@verizon.net or call (540) 255-8039.

To Those Serving . . .

Below are updated addresses for two of our members serving our country. Both would love to receive notes and letters from you!

1st Lt Elizabeth Lee Davis

B BTRY 2-43 AMD

APO AE 09366

Jon Guinn

HHOC, STB, 31D, G-3 AIR

UNIT #41267

CAMP VICTORY APO AE 09342

As a Community of Priests, We Are Called to Prayer

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Bill Jackson, Kelly Miller (Mission Trip to Africa), **Wilson Sidwell, Frank Way, Mike Michael, Bill Painter, Edith Binkley, Helen “Dabney” Dean**

FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Don Grimes, friend 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
Harvey McPhail, Ron Matthews’ uncle
Barbara Eye, friend of Geri Black
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
Tony Griffin, friend of Jack and Nancy Heintzleman
Edith Mills, sister of Geri Black
Stefanie Rodgers, niece of Charlotte Landes and Mike Michael
Jeff Carriker, member of the Massanutten Brass Band
Lillian Yoder and Sandra Shifflett, friends of Wilsene Scott
Lance Huff, brother-in-law of Sharong Jones
Elzie Morris, father of E.J. Morris
Lee Emswiler, uncle of Charlotte Landes
Linda R. Garber, sister of Ellen Blose and Ruth Smith
Barbara Erwin, friend of Beth Webb
Stated Meeting of the Shenandoah Presbytery
William and Patricia Posey, parents of Bill Posey
Bonnie Dellinger, friend of Herman and Charlotte Landes

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 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 Dofflemyer (stationed in Iraq)

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO . . .

. . . **Kay and Carroll Swenson and family**, friends of Kevin and Beth Webb, on the death of their son Thomas Abrams



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

Church Staff

- John P. Leggett, Pastor**
- Ann Pettit, Parish Associate in Member Care**
- Nancy Ruh, Director of Christian Education**
- Karen Leecy, Office Manager**
- Carla Moore, Membership and Finance Secretary**
- Bob Jerome, Organist**
- Sharon Bloomquist, Pianist**

Be sure to visit us on the Web!
www.massanuttenchurch.com

February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>10</i> 9:00am Church School 10:00am Fellowship Coffee 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Annual Meeting & Fellowship Luncheon 11:45am Middle School Youth 11:30am Spectrum Rehearsal 1:00pm Worship Service, Korean Presbyterian Church 7:00pm Massanutten Brass Band Concert</p>	<p><i>11</i> 9:00am Disciple 3 Bible Study 10:00am Food Pantry 2:00pm Small Group (Sunnyside) 7:00pm Sessional Ministries, Deacons meetings 7:00pm Massanutten School Board meeting (Marketplace) 7:30pm Worship Ministry</p>	<p><i>12</i> 10:00am Circle #2 (Highlands) 10:00am Circle #3 (Sunnyside) 10:00am Shoshana Circle w/ Sharon Bloomquist 1:00pm Staff Meeting (GA) 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Lib) 6:30pm Disciple 3 Bible Study 7:00pm Circle #5</p>	<p><i>13</i> 6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:15am Crossroads Pealers Rehearsal 4:30pm WOW 7:00pm Lenten Small Group Book Study (Parlor) 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>14</i> 1:00pm Circle # 4 (Sunnyside) 1:30pm Circle # 1 (GA) 6:30pm Disciple 3 Bible Study 7:00pm Administrative Ministry (Lib)</p>	<p><i>15</i></p>	<p><i>16</i> 5:30pm LPCM Dinner and Silent Auction (Muhlenberg Lutheran Church) 6:00pm Recorder Rehearsal</p>
<p><i>17</i> 9:00am Church School 10:00am Fellowship Coffee 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Spectrum Rehearsal 1:00pm Worship Service, Korean Presbyterian Church 6:30pm New Member Reception followed by Session Meeting 6:30pm Middle School Youth</p>	<p><i>18</i> 9:00am Disciple 3 Bible Study 7:00pm Massanutten Ringers Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>19</i> 11:30am Staff Celebration Lunch 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Disciple 3 Bible Study</p>	<p><i>20</i> 6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:15am Volunteers-newsletter mailing 9:15am Crossroads Pealers Rehearsal 4:30pm WOW 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>21</i> 6:30pm Disciple 1 Bible Study (GA)</p>	<p><i>22</i></p>	<p><i>23</i> 9:30am Recorder Rehearsal 12-4pm Pilgrimage (108 & 105) 12-5pm Parlor in use 3-5pm Fellowship Hall in use</p>