

Massanutten Ministry Link

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

February 24, 2008
Third Sunday in Lent

Sermon Text
John 4:5-42

Sermon Title
Living Water

Worship Leader
Mark Davis

Hymns
Great is Thy Faithfulness
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

March 2, 2008
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sermon Text
John 9:1-41

Sermon Title
Seeing Clearly

Worship Leader
Dick Miller

Hymns
How Great Thou Art
I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

A familiar face . . .

In a different place!



The Administrative and Worship Ministries are pleased to announce Bob Jerome will be serving as interim, part-time Director of Music and Chancel Choir Director. Taking on these new responsibilities, will mean he will soon move from the organ bench.

Bob joined the church staff in January 1999 as the church organist. Before that, he played at several churches including Brethren, Presbyterian, Methodist, and Lutheran churches in the area. His formal education includes a B.A. in Economics and Music from Texas Christian University and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Virginia.

In addition to church music, he participates in the Eastern Mennonite University Orchestra, Massanutten Brass Band, and various other small instrumental ensembles.

We are delighted to have Bob serve in this new capacity.

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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."*

Organ Concert

Laura B. Douglass, Minister of Music at Asbury United Methodist Church in Harrisonburg, will present an **Organ Recital** Sunday, February 24 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. She has served as Minister of Music at Asbury UMC since 1991 where she administers a program of multiple choral, handbell and instrumental groups along with the Asbury Sacred Arts Series and the Music Ministry Intern program involving students from James Madison University, Eastern Mennonite University and Bridgewater College. Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of music.

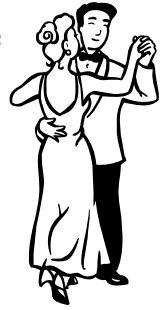
Lenten Luncheons

The Board of Deacons will host Lenten Luncheons on Sunday, February 24 and Sunday, March 9 following the worship service.

On February 24 baked potatoes and toppings will be provided; please bring a salad or dessert to share. If you have not already signed up for the luncheon on February 24, please contact the church office by noon on Friday, February 22.

On March 9 grilled cheese sandwiches and pickles will be provided; please bring a soup/chili or dessert. To make reservations for March 9th, write "March 9th Lenten Lunch" beside your name on the Sunday Worship Friendship Folder or contact the church office by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5.

Dancing with the Sunnyside Stars



You have probably heard of or even watched ABC's *Dancing with the Stars*. On the show celebrities are paired with professional dancers and compete for the title of the best pair.

On Friday, February 29 the concept with hit Harrisonburg with Dancing with the Sunnyside Stars! Show time is 2:00 p.m. in the Bethesda Theatre. Residents and staff have been paired together and are training under Karen Thomas, a local dance instructor.

Waltz, Foxtrot, Jive and more. . . The best part? Some of our very own will be shining in the competition. Polly Wysor, Jean Forbes and Anita Cross (wife of George Cross). You do not want to miss it!

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.

Got Game?

Some of our church men do! Several church members are on a team in a Men's Basketball League and their first basketball game of the season will take place at 8:00 p.m. at EMHS on Monday, February 25.

2008 Holy Week Services

The following services are scheduled for Holy Week, March 16—23, 2008.

✠	Passion/Palm Sunday, March 16 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	✠	Easter Sunday, March 23 8:00 a.m. Early Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
✠	Maundy Thursday, March 20 7:00 p.m. Service		
✠	Good Friday, March 21 7:00 p.m. Service		

The next issue of *The Massanutten Ministry Link* will be mailed March 5. Please submit to the church office any material for publication in the next newsletter by 3 pm on Wednesday, February 27.

Office Information Updates

We want to be sure you are aware of some recent changes (in addition to staff!). As a reminder, the new church office hours are Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Also, you may have noticed the office staff have new email addresses. We are pleased to unveil the massanuttenchurch.org addresses:

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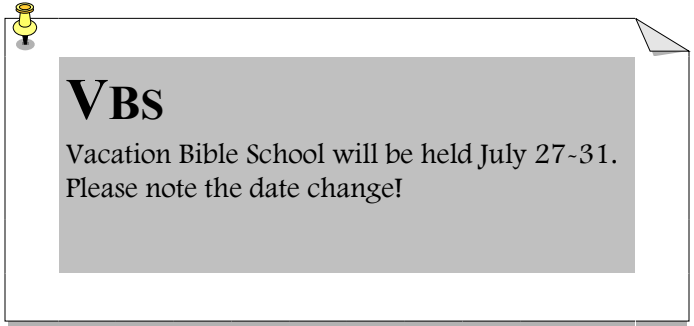
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Lastly, you can access the MPC website at www.massanuttenchurch.org. Both this address and www.massanuttenchurch.com will bring up MPC's website.

As there are changes, we will be sure to keep you posted.



Massanutten School

Registration for Massanutten School is underway!

If you would like to enroll your child in the school, please contact Cindy at (540) 432-7177 or email her at mppreschool@comcast.net **before Friday, February 29.**

We have classes for 2, 3 and 4 year olds and also have a half-day kindergarten. Our teachers are all licensed and have a wonderful track record. Please let your friends and neighbors know about our school.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1 Ava Churchill

2 Chuck Bradley, Al Moberg

3 Dick Forbes

4 Sam Hayter

5 Taylor Frazier

6 Charlotte Blosser, Anne Sekula

7 Charlotte Landes

8 Hannah Bryant

11 Ryan Nickel

Anniversary: Don and Karen Enslin

12 Melissa Caldwell, Morgan Showalter, Kara French

14 Rene Smith, Glenn Wayland, Phillip Updike

15 Betty Barksdale, Ann Jordan

16 Carter Williams

18 Judy Williams, MacKenzie Kanney, Nancy Ruh, Vaniene DeLucas, Clayton Jordan

19 Joyce Sidwell

20 Collier Harvey

Anniversary: Richard and Patricia Ours

22 Katherine Hart, Elzora Dewey, Doris Field

23 Vonnie West

24 Jeanette Kidd, Andrew Bullis, Irene Hartman

25 Sam Dofflemeyer

26 Ann Christian, Aaron Lopacinski

28 Dawn Huffman

29 Bailey Williams

Anniversary: Robert and Ramona Ritchie
Greg and Ann Trobaugh

30 Janice Liskey, Fletcher Gilbert

31 John Gronemeyer

Our Service

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION THROUGH FEB. 17

Weekly Budget Need	\$14,227.00
Budget Need Year to Date	\$99,589.00
Received Year to Date	\$78,195.84
Difference	-\$21,393.16

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/ WOW/YOUTH/NURSERY/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 7:00 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 (those having previously attended a session are not required to attend again).

Thank you for your service,

The Administration and Family Ministries

Officers Elected

The class of 2011 Elders and Deacons were elected by the congregation at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 10. Officers are currently completing training (schedule below) and will be installed in May.

Elders: Bo Hobbie, Dale Dobroth,
Skip Wissinger, Nancy Lu Irvine,
Robin Reed, Ed Comer

Deacons: Tim Long, Jeff Lees, Mary Morris,
Linda Myers

Officer Training Schedule

Orientation	Tuesday, February 19	7:00 p.m.
Session 1	Thursday, February 28	5:30 p.m.
Session 2	Sunday, March 9	5:30 p.m.
Session 3	Sunday, March 30	5:30 p.m.
Session 4	Sunday, April 13	5:30 p.m.
Examination	Sunday, April 20	5:00 p.m.
Ordination/Installation	Sunday, May 4	10:30 a.m.

Do you need a Name Tag?

If you have misplaced yours or never had one, please contact Gail Oppy, (540) 249-4695 or sign up at the table in the Narthex.

Serving Among Us	February 24, 2008	March 2, 2008
Greeters	John and Sally Brown Keith and Linda Knupp	Chuck and Anne Bradley Nancy Lu Irvine
Ushers	George Cross, Larry French, Colin and Linda Green, Bill Heinemann, Randy Hylton, Bruce Rohlf, Jack Wysor	Jim and Gail Oppy, Chris Preston, Greg and Ann Trobaugh, William Comer, Steve and Sherry Gordon
Sunnyside Bus Driver	Tim Miller	Phil Miller
Acolyte	Skylar Allen	Sarah Haines
Sunday School Nursery	Bonnie Moyers	Kim Phillips
Infant Nursery	Jeannie Sutherland and Alayne Leggett	Dale and Dorothy Dobroth
2 & 3 Year Old Nursery	Leslie Dutt and Becky Hylton	Melissa Caldwell and Ricki Irvine
Floater	Nancy Lu Irvine	Stephanie Toothman
Children's Church Leaders	Angie Baylor and Vaniene DeLucas	Jill and Tim Kincaid



Under the Radar

Carol Lown is another one of MPC's "willing workers" who gives generously to her church in every way.

From time to time at Sunday morning worship we see her conducting the adult Massanutten Ringers or the Carol Choir of 3rd to 6th graders in the WOW program. What we don't see is the preparatory work that goes into producing their quality music to the praise of God: choosing music, planning and conducting the rehearsals. Carol came to MPC in 1988, and the musical and leadership skills she brought with her have continued to be exercised and sharpened across nearly a score of years, to the blessing of us all.

But conducting is not all she does musically. She's a fine backup to Bob Jerome when he needs a substitute organist, she plays alto recorder in the recorder ensemble, and she sings alto in the Chancel Choir. In one of her two past terms as an Elder she served on the Worship Committee. Her heart is in education too, especially education of the church's children. One of her greatest delights is using some of her Carol Choir rehearsal time to help the WOW kids learn by heart the basic affirmations of the Shorter Catechism. Now here's the big-time "under the radar" part: Carol is one of the six members of the Curriculum Writing team for Faith Village. There is much advance work to be done at home before that curriculum is worked out. For its first rotation to start up in September, for example, Carol needs to be working on her assigned part after team brainstorming by mid

June, searching the Internet for resources other churches have developed, and figuring out ways to adapt a particular theme for separate classes ranging from kindergarten to 5th graders. By late July the draft is presented to curriculum coordinator Kay Davis for final polishing. About every other rotation, Carol takes a turn doing actual teaching. One regret is that this keeps her from being a part of a continuing Sunday School class. But she has, in the past, taken two Disciples courses in the evening.

Other opportunities for service have beckoned, such as the two trips MPC adults took to Mississippi to help Katrina victims. She has answered them joyfully and been amply rewarded, discovering that men on the trip had unexpected skills in tackling a ravaged house, and that their welcome of her ability to sweep the floor was just as important to the job as anything their building know-how could produce. Currently she is part of the group that is working to help improve a Camp Massanetta building. The camaraderie she finds in those work teams is deeply nourishing to her spirit. When the blood drive comes to the church, Carol is a regular donor. She also serves as historian for the Presbyterian Women.

In her own family, Carol will enter grandmother-hood about mid-June, when son David and his wife in Texas expect a daughter. Her work at MPC has prepared her to be a first-class grandmother. In a reflective mood, Carol said "Where would I be without my church?" MPC could well answer, "Carol, where would we be without you?"

Shenandoah Presbytery: Classes Set for Website Design

The Communications Committee announces two classes being offered on the Microsoft FrontPage website design program.

These classes are primarily designed for the beginner in website design and will be offered on **Saturday, April 5 and Saturday, May 3**, at the presbytery office. Class times on both dates will be **9:30am - 3:30pm** and will include lunch.

Registration is limited to 10 people at each session.

Patrick Lanaghan will lead the classes and plans that all attending will be able to post their website before the close of class that day. To sign up, please contact Patrick at Patrick@lanaghan.com.

He will then tell you what you will need to bring with you for the classes. For more information, you can contact Doug Sensabaugh at doug@shenpres.org. But please be sure to send your class reservations to Patrick.

Our Community

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*.

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.

Concert March 9th

Karen Knight, Christian concert artists from Heartsongs Ministries, Lancaster, PA, will be in concert at Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 9, 2008.

Karen's concerts include many styles of music varying from inspirational, contemporary songs with a touch of Southern gospel to well loved hymns for the church. She sings with an enthusiasm and excitement that will delight and uplift audiences of all ages.

Admission is free, but a goodwill offering will be accepted. A reception will follow the concert.

Weekday Religious Education Students

Present

"How Great Is Our God!"

A Spring Concert

Saturday, March 15th, 7:00 p.m.

EMU Commons

Eastern Mennonite University

Free will offering

WRE Office 438-9997

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.

As a Community of Priests, We Are Called to Prayer

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Bill Jackson, Kelly Miller (Mission Trip to Africa), Frank Way, Bill Painter, Edith Binkley, Helen “Dabney” Dean, John Gronemeyer, Amaya Kinley, Rhonda Miller, Louise Levinson, Sam Gamble, Sherry Gordon, Nancy Davis

FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Don Grimes, friend of our church family
David Rose, nephew of Ann Wilkinson
Judy Thompson, cousin of Patti Hobbie
Art Benz, brother-in-law of Bob and Sharon Bloomquist
Paul Lee, friend of Kevin Caldwell
Chuck and Chase Green, friends of Tim Miller
Courtney Rhodenizer, great-niece of Karen Enslin
Jeff Carriker, member of the Massanutten Brass Band
Lillian Yoder and Sandra Shifflett, friends of Wilsene Scott
Lance Huff, brother-in-law of Sharon Jones

Linda R. Garber, sister of Ellen Blose and Ruth Smith
William and Patricia Posey, parents of Bill Posey
John P. Schneider, son of John and Helene Schneider
Mittie Huff, mother of Dorothy Dobroth
Cathy Hively Hughs, friend of the Longs, Newmans and Showalters
Helen Wright, mother of Nancy Ruh
Bethany Ritchie, daughter of Robert and Ramona Ritchie
Shirley Miller, grandmother of Timothy and Lydia Miller
Susan Geinsen and Lowell Miller, friends of Diane Schwalbach

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 and Wissingers
(stationed in Iraq)
Rich Shull, nephew of Don and Dixie Dofflemyer
(stationed in Kuwait)

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO . . .

. . . **Ron and Sherry Matthews and family**, on the death of Uncle Harvey McPhail

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

If a prayer request you submitted has been removed from our list and you want it to return to the prayer list, please contact the church office.



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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. (Sept.—May)
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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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
Greg Trobaugh, Treasurer
Bob Jerome, Music Director
Sharon Bloomquist, Pianist

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

February & March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24 9:00am Church School 10:00am Fellowship Coffee 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Lenten Lunch 1:00pm Worship Service, Korean Presbyterian Church 3:00pm Organ Concert - Laura Douglass 6:00pm Middle School Youth 7:00pm Child Protection Training (119)	25 9:00am Disciple 3 Bible Study 2:00pm Small Group (Sunnyside) 7:00pm Massanutten Ringers Rehearsal 7:00pm Child Protection Training (119)	26 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Disciple 3 Bible Study	27 6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:15am Crossroads Pealers Rehearsal 10:30am PW Coordinating Team meeting 3:00pm Ministry Link submis- sion deadline 4:30pm WOW 7:00pm Lenten Small Group Book Study (Parlor) 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	28 5:30pm Officer Training 6:30pm Disciple 1 Bible Study 7:00pm Food Pantry	29	<i>March 1</i>
2 9:00am Church School 10:00am Fellowship Coffee 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Spectrum Rehearsal 1:00pm Worship Service, Korean Presbyterian Church 5:00pm Confirmation Class 6:00pm High School Youth	3 9:00am Disciple 3 Bible Study 7:00pm Massanutten Ringers Rehearsal	4 12:30pm Prime Timers Luncheon (Golden Corral) 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Disciple 3 Bible Study 7:00pm Property mtg (105)	5 6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:15am Volunteers-newsletter mailing 9:15am Crossroads Pealers Rehearsal 4:30pm WOW 7:00pm Lenten Small Group Book Study (Parlor) 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6 2:00pm Central Valley Mission Committee mtg (Crooks Creek Presbyterian) 6:30pm Disciple 1 Bible Study 7:00pm Family Ministry mtg	7	8 9:30am Recorder Rehearsal 3-5pm Fellowship Hall in use