

Massanutten Ministry Link

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Sept - May)
9:00 a.m.
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 a.m.

April 6, 2008

Third Sunday of Easter

Sermon Text

Acts 2:14a; 36-41

Sermon Title

The Power of Passion: Cut to the Heart

Worship Leader

Fred Burfoot

Hymns

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Christ Is Alive!

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

April 13, 2008

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sermon Text

Acts 2:42-47

Sermon Title

The Power of Passion: What's a Church to Do?

Worship Leader

Nancy Ruh

Hymns

The Day of Resurrection

Christ Is Made the Sure

Foundation

God of Grace and God of Glory

When In Our Music

God Is Glorified

When the opening note of the prelude sounds in the sanctuary this Sunday, April 6, it will not only signal the opening of our worship; it will also signify the completion of our church staff for the first time in at least seven years. I am delighted to announce that Carol Lown, a member of MPC since 1988, and the organist here from 1988 to 1994, will return to the bench to serve as the interim, part-time Church Organist and Worship Accompanist.

As those of you who have been part of this congregation for a while can attest, the music program has grown dramatically over the past couple of decades. The breadth of our ministry of music is a living testimony to our directors who give untold hours of dedication and skill, as well as to our members of all our groups who commit the time necessary to make their offerings the best they can be. As our Directory for Worship directs, "Music as prayer is to be a worthy offering to God on behalf of the people."

I am consistently amazed by the gifts God has given to this congregation. From ringing bells, to blowing horns, to directing voices, to plunking notes on the keyboard, the gifts present here have enabled us to offer God our prayerful song. Bob Jerome and Carol Lown will be a fantastic team as they lead us in congregational song.

There's a wonderful hymn that celebrates the role of music in the church. In particular, these stanzas from *When In Our Music God Is Glorified* speak to our hope for the music sounding from our lives at Massanutten:

*When in our music God is glorified,
And adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!*

*Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia! Amen.*

May we never forget that our vision statement describes us (and challenges us to be) as a people who gather at the crossroads of real life and abundant grace to "sing joyfully."

May our lives be a song of praise,

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."*

MPC youth present...

Dinner and Talent Show April 12th

Dinner begins at 5:00 p.m. with
Talent Show to follow



Cost is \$5.00 per person.
Tickets now on sale in the
Narthex!!

Yoga

Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the Gathering Area. There is no charge for classes. Mats can be provided if you let Nancy know you are coming.

Contact Nancy, 434-6194.

The next issue of the *Ministry Link* will be mailed April 16. Please submit any material for publication to the church office by 3 pm Wed., April 9.

"Living Abundantly through Serving Boldly"

Frederick Buechner wrote, "The place God calls you is the place where your deep gladness and the world's hunger meet" (*Wishful Thinking, A Theological ABC*). This is a helpful description of what it means to discern the gifts God has graciously given to us, and also the purpose for which they are given. Over the next several weeks you are invited to continue to be in prayer and reflection, as you consider how God is calling you to that place of 'deep gladness' and 'abundant living' at this point in your life.

You are also invited to spend a few moments in the Narthex and choose a strip of cloth to add to the weaving that was started last Sunday morning. The variety of colors and patterns represent the many different gifts we bring to our work as the body of Christ, and the way God uses them, weaving them together, in just the right way. Stop by and see the beautiful work that has been started and weave in a piece of cloth for you or your family soon.

It is our hope that what we have done and will do in the weeks ahead will help you deepen your sense of God's call to you in all areas of your life, but also that you will find your place in the mission and ministry of MPC in a new and vibrant way. Late this month you will receive a Gifts and Talents Inventory, which will provide a comprehensive list of the congregation's ministries and the areas of service which are part of them. During worship on May 4th, the congregation will be asked to place the completed inventories on the Communion Table, as we did in November with our annual financial commitments. More information will come to you as that date approaches. Grace and Peace to each of you as you continue to explore God's amazing call to you this Easter Season!

Pastor Ann



Time ⌚ out for School!

SATURDAY, MAY 10th ~ THAT'S THE DATE!

Please come to the church parking lot and join in the activities from 8am-noon.

Massanutten School and the Youth of MPC will be having a yard sale/bake sale/craft sale/book sale.

There will be lots of food! Barbequed chicken prepared by MPC's own experts,
Hot dogs, chips, drinks.

A SILENT AUCTION WILL BE HELD, TOO.

Contact Cindy (746-0362) if you'd like to rent a space to sell your crafts, participate in the yard sale, or if you'd like to help in any way. Chicken will be pre-sold and will also be available to buy on the 10th.

Massanutten School's Four Year Old Class is having a busy month!

They are learning about life cycles of plants and butterflies, and about the colors of the rainbow.

Don't be surprised if you hear them singing about Hermie the Worm—everyone should know this song!

They are also learning about each other by sharing information that is ALL ABOUT ME...

This class is also collecting Pringles cans (full sized).



If you'd like to help, just bring yours to room 203 and put it in the box.

MPC Youth ...


Upcoming events you don't want to miss!

- April 6 HIGH SCHOOL GATHERING
6:00pm dinner, working on dinner/
talent show
- April 12 YOUTH SPONSORED DINNER
AND TALENT SHOW 5:00pm
Cook, set-up, serve
- April 13 MIDDLE SCHOOL GATHERING
11:45am (after church) Lunch provided!
- April 20 HIGH SCHOOL GATHERING
- April 27 MIDDLE SCHOOL GATHERING
Evening meeting!

Mark your calendars...

- May 10 BAKE SALE AND CAR WASH
8:00am to 12:00noon
- June 16 - 20 YOUTH MISSION TRIP
This is a middle and high school event.
Total cost is \$250.
\$50 deposit due APRIL 13.
Fundraisers and scholarships will help
with cost.
- JULY 6-12 MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE
Sponsored by Shenandoah Presbytery for
High School Youth
Contact Nancy Ruh

MASSANETTA MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE
Interested? Have you contacted Nancy?



MPC will host a Blood Drive this Thursday, April 3 from 2:00pm to 8:00pm! The next Blood Drive at MPC will be held Tuesday, August 5.

Dear Church Family. . .

Thank you for the cards, food and visits during the loss of E.J.'s father. We have been so blessed to have the love and support of so many at this difficult time. We appreciate so much the prayers during his illness and the outpouring of love at his death.

Sincerely, Judy & E.J.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ALERT

PW is celebrating its 20th Anniversary Year! Was it that long ago that the "northern" UPW and the "southern" WOC merged? (when the two Presbyterian streams celebrated reunion)

One of the ways Massanutten PW is observing this milestone in our journey is to share the GOOD STUFF with more women in our congregation. Briefly, we seek to witness to God's promise through prayer and Bible Study, fellowship, and a wide scope of mission ministries.

HELP us find YOU! We know you are out there among MPC's new members, potential members, and longtime members.

You are invited to check us out. Visit a Circle. Offer your talents. And maybe God is leading you to apply for one of the open spots on the Coordinating Team!!

Call Betty Long (434-0073), Nancy Davis (249-4837), Jean Forbes (437-8734), or contact the Church Office (434-6194) and we'll call you.

BAKE SALE AND CAR WASH


Sponsored by Youth of MPC

SATURDAY, MAY 10

8:00 A.M. – 12:00 NOON

Donations of baked goods for our sale will be appreciated!!

Cars will be washed for free, however, donations will be accepted!!

Congratulations. . .

to *Chris and Mari Kyle* on the birth of their daughter,

Abigail Stevenson Kyle

born March 21, 2008 weighing 9lbs 11oz.



Our Service



from the Presbyterian
Student Fellowship,
Presbyterian Campus House in
Johnson City, Tennessee...

Please receive this belated note as a humble expression of thanks for being a part of our Spring Mission Trip.

As a result of your support eight international students from Africa and China, plus two Americans, spent the better part of two days visiting Washington DC. Seven students and two staff members continued on to the Meeting Ground in Elkton, MD. The Meeting Ground ministers with a population of about 30 residents who are homeless. They are associated with the PCUSA. We spent most of our time working on tree and brush removal.

Spending the night in your church was the first time that this group had been together and thus that was the beginning of our building a community. Though we were from several different cultures, by the time we returned, we had become a culture of our own. Thank you for making this trip possible.

An Event on Health, Nutrition and Weight Loss

In Harrisonburg Saturday, April 19th from 7:00-9:00pm. Kevin Brown, a Nationally Renowned Speaker on Health and Nutrition will be there to speak. You will learn about the shocking statistics of obesity and chronic disease in America. The history of processed food and what real food is. Cost is \$5, spouses complimentary.

Brought to you by Maggie Fletcher LPN

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION THROUGH MAR. 30

Weekly Budget Need	\$14,227.00
Budget Need Year to Date	\$184,951.00
Received Year to Date	\$164,218.77
Difference	-\$20,732.23

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

CAMP MASSANETTA

Celebrating 50 Years
of Camping Ministry
1956-2006

Central Valley Mission Community "Massanetta Work Day" 2008
May 3rd ~ 9:00am to 2:30pm—morning snacks and lunch provided
Rain Date — May 17th
VOLUNTEERS make a world of difference—THANK YOU!

Flyers available in church the Narthex.

You can sign up on the Friendship Folder on Sunday, call the church office or contact Nicole at Massanetta (434-3829) by April 25.

Serving Among Us	April 6, 2008	April 13, 2008
Greeters	Denny and Becky Arthur Bob and Charlene Grogg	Gary and Bonnie Moyers Brad and Angie Wheeler
Ushers	William Comer, Netta Coulter, Larry French, Steve and Sherry Gordon, Jim and Gail Oppy, Jack Wysor	Don and Carol Poulson, Chris Preston, Tim Miller, Juli and Marcus Sensabaugh, Greg and Ann Trobaugh
Sunnyside Bus Driver	Randy Atkins	Linda Green
Acolyte	Logan Comer	Camryn Huffman
Sunday School Nursery	Carol Poulson	Kristen Suter-Blye
Infant Nursery	Fleming and Sharon Jones	Eric and Kim Phillips
2 & 3 Year Old Nursery	John and Sally Brown	Wendy Stapleton and Stephanie Toothman
Floater	Sandy Levensgood	Carol Way
Children's Church Leaders	Reid and Shelia Laughlin	Betsy Branner and Jennifer Coffelt



Under the Radar

Nancy Davis is another member of our church whose life story reveals a pervasive Presbyterian atmosphere from her earliest days. She grew up in Emporia, VA, where her father, William Blose (Bill Blose's uncle) was an elder and her mother sang in the choir. Nancy studied for two years at Averett College in Danville and then transferred to James Madison where she earned a B.S. in medical technology. Her father had died when she was 11, and her mother eventually sold the farm implement business her husband had left her and moved to Harrisonburg to be near Nancy. In August 1970, just before her senior year at college, Nancy married Marc Davis.

After attending Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church, in 1979 the Davises moved their membership to MPC, where their middle daughter Kelly was baptized by the Rev. Woody. After youngest daughter Lee was old enough, Nancy began working part time as a medical technologist at RMH, where she has now worked more than 20 years.

Singing in the choir and teaching little ones in the Sunday School were among Nancy's early tasks at MPC. She was also active from the beginning in Presbyterian Women, where across the years she has served at various

times as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Moderator, and Moderator.

Nancy is so vibrant a part of the musical life at MPC, and evidences so much native talent, it may surprise you to learn that she is for the most part musically self-taught, with very little formal training. Back in the '80s Nancy directed the children's choir; Melissa Leecy was one of the children singing in it. When Carol Lown brought her set of handbells to MPC and organized the Massanutten Ringers, Nancy signed on and was a quick study. She still plays with them. When the church bought its own set of handbells, that opened the way for the organization of what she terms "a second-hand spillover"—enough people wanting to be a part of the handbell enterprise that the Crossroads Pealers were organized under Nancy's direction. This enterprise has been a constant blessing for MPC. It testifies to Nancy's vision when she says "I see the Crossroad Pealers as a small group ministry. There is a lot of mutual support among its members." This congregation also looks forward eagerly to Nancy's occasional vocal solos, and performances by the Davis family quartets (when all three daughters are present) in worship.

Nancy is about to complete her third rotation as an elder at MPC. In previous rotations she worked in Congregational Care (before it was turned over to the Deacons), on the Worship Committee, and this time around on the

Fellowship Committee. She plans to continue on this committee after she goes off the session in May.

During John Lown's pastorate she took the full Bethel Bible course and then the Teacher Training course, after which she taught the Bethel series. She has taken one year of the Disciple class the church is currently studying. One summer when we were still in the old sanctuary she directed the Vacation Bible School.

When a circle that had been meeting at night moved to daytime, Nancy was concerned that there was still an evening need for others who worked during the day, and current Circle 5 was soon up and running.

As is the case with others we have interviewed, participation in the two mission trips in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina stands out as a high point in MPC life for Nancy. They represented "MPC's fellowship on a different level." The closeness the group achieved working at their common task was memorable.

Nancy values in her church the fact that she is exposed to so many highly committed Christians. "I don't know where I'd be without what my church has given me," she says.

Her leadership skills are a joy to observe. Things just keep moving forward with her quiet but firm energy behind them. What a privilege to have her, and others like her, at work in this corner of Christ's kingdom!

Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus

Bruce and Lora Whearty have been serving the Presbyterian Church (USA) for many years, both as Mission Workers overseas and also as staff members in Louisville, supporting those serving in other places.

Recently they received another overseas call which will take them to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia where they will teach English as well as mentor and train teachers. The school is an outreach program of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (meaning "home of Jesus"), the long-time partner church of PC(USA). On **Tuesday, April 22nd at 7:00pm**, they will be speaking at MPC in the Gathering Area sharing about their upcoming new ministry. Bruce and Lora have a deep and passionate love for mission and for the connections that are growing between churches and our mission workers on the field. Please plan on joining us that evening to learn more about what God has called them to do!

Our Community

Local Mission Opportunities Available

Massanetta is in need of volunteers to help with several projects that need to be accomplished at Massanetta Springs Conference Center. Opportunities for Volunteer Missions/Projects include:

- Adopt-a-Cabin – Ready “your adopted cabin” for the camp year by freshening it for use, hanging curtains, deliver trash cans/fans, etc. Add in decorations or outdoors flowers, if you like!
- Adopt-a-Trail – Prepare your favorite trail for summer use by cleaning brush/limbs, picking up trash, and re-cutting paths, as need be.
- Adopt-a-Spot – Work in one of our many “special spots” like the Trinity Tree worship area, one of our

six outposts, Bell Auditorium and get it ready for camp season!

Other work day opportunities include:

- Raking leaves for paths (bring rakes), chopping/stacking wood for campfires, flower bed cleaning, sweeping out Lodges/Bath Houses, washing windows, sewing/repairing curtains, organizing crafts, spraying poison ivy, organizing the health center and recreation supplies and more!

Churches, groups or individuals wishing to take on one or more of these should call Massanetta at 540-434-3829 and arrange a date (and accommodations if needed).

With only two maintenance persons at Massanetta your help is greatly beneficial to the ministry of the center and the camp!

Shenandoah Presbytery Announcements

Are You Ready For Summer?

Summer may feel like it is a long way off, but the staff at Camp Massanetta is "gearing up" for a big summer. We offer a variety of programs for campers completing Kindergarten through high school graduates.

Camp brochures are available in the narthex, online at www.massanettasprings.org or by contacting the Camp Massanetta office at 434-3829 or camp@massanettasprings.org.

Camps fill up fast, so plan on registering early. If your registration is postmarked no later than April 20, you will receive an early bird discount.

Contact the church office for scholarship information.

Urgent need for cleanup buckets

Storm systems across much of the central United States have caused major flooding- especially affected are Missouri and Arkansas.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has provided \$10,000 from One Great Hour of Sharing funds to the help with the cleanup efforts. Materials to fill clean-up buckets are being purchased, and the Ferncliff Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center in Little Rock, Arkansas, will coordinate volunteers to assemble the buckets. The buckets are one of the Gift of the Heart kits distributed through the Ferncliff Church World Service warehouse.

Please prayerfully consider helping with this effort by putting together and shipping buckets or making a donation toward the purchase of buckets.

Information on making and shipping the buckets can be found at: www.pcusa.org/pda/help/goh.htm.

2008 Event Calendar for Camp Paddy Run

April 26-27	Spring Workday
May 31-June 1	Youth Kickball Tournament
July 4-6	Family Camping Weekend
September 13-14	Fall Work Weekend
October 4-5	Geocache Adventure Weekend

You can find more information at: www.camppaddyrun.org/EventsPage.htm

New this year: Youth Outdoor Ministry Workshop for all Youth Group leaders. The workshop is designed to teach youth leaders outdoor living skills, recreation activities and provide unique worship and Bible Study ideas relevant to the natural setting. You will learn about the importance of outdoor ministry, how to teach youth to care for God's creation. For more information go to www.camppaddyrun.org/Workshop-FLYER.pdf

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, John Gronemeyer, John Bjorkgren, Sherry Gordon, Anne Bradley, Bob Schuster, Elizabeth Stanley, Sherry Matthews, Anne Wilkinson, the Confirmation Class, New Officers in officer training class.

FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Don Grimes, friend of our church family
David Rose, nephew of Ann Wilkinson
Chuck and Chase Green, friends of Tim Miller
Jeff Carriker, member of the Massanutten Brass Band
Lillian Yoder, Sandra Shifflett and Rhoda Lambert, 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
Cathy Hively Hughs, friend of the Longs, Newmans and Showalters
Susan Geinsen and Lowell Miller, friends of Diane Schwalbach
Marcia Defreese, friend of Massanutten School
Lee and Reba Emswiler, aunt and uncle of Charlotte Landes

Joey Whiting, cousin of Nancy Heintzleman
Mary T. Rogers, aunt of Jack Heintzleman
Stephen Craun, friend of Bill and Sharon Posey
Richard Barth, father of Laura Atkins
Bonnie Dellinger and Mary Sue VanHuss, friends of Herman and Charlotte Landes
Cameron Byer, friend of Randy and Becky Hylton
Ella Mead, cousin of Leigh-Anne Lees
Dawn Frock, friend of Eric Nickel
Jeff Lanigan, friend of Kevin Caldwell
Mathilda Stritzinger, grandmother of Josh McFall
Susan Sheuchuk, daughter of Dee and Martha Floyd
Joe and Ann Arnold, parents of Jan Arnold
Bob and Elizabeth Atkins, parents of Mary Morris and Sharon Lam
Patty Sigmon, mother of Angie Wheeler

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Mark B. Heltzel, son of Helen Groves
Jon Guinn, son of Mike and Ka Guinn
Elizabeth "Lee" Davis, daughter of Marc and Nancy Davis
Ryan Tarmen, grandson of Dee and Martha Floyd
Chad Ritchie, son of Robert and Ramona Ritchie

Chris Jerome, son of Bob Jerome
Stephanie Beard, granddaughter of Jean Beard
Erin Burtner, cousin of Susan Newsome
Timothy Norville, friend of the Dobroths, Nickels and Wissingers
Rich Shull, nephew of Don and Dixie Dofflemyer

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO . . .

. . . Dale and Dorothy Dobroth and their family on the death of Dorothy's mother, Mittie Huff

. . . Randy and Becky Hylton and their family on the death of Becky's cousin, Spud Slayton

. . . The family and friends of Katheryne Lockridge

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

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



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

April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	
<p><i>6</i> 9:00am Church School 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:30am Worship Service 1:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Service 3:00pm Make a Difference (Library) 4:30pm Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal 5:00pm Confirmation Class and Mentors 6:00pm Senior High Youth</p>	<p><i>7</i> 9:00am Disciple 3 Bible Study 7:00pm Massanutten Ringers Rehearsal 7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p><i>8</i> 10:00am Circle #2 (Highlands) 10:00am Circle #3 (Sunnyside) 10:00am Shoshana Cir with Sharon Lam 1:00pm Staff mtg(GA) 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library) 6:30pm Disciple 3 Bible Study (GA) 7:00pm Circle #5 (Library)</p>	<p><i>9</i> 6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:15am Crossroads Pealers Rehearsal 2:00-3:00pm Staff at Sunnyside Gathering 7:00pm Small Group Book Study (Parlor) 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>10</i> 1:00pm Circle #4 (Sunnyside) 1:30pm Circle #1 (Sunnyside Jefferson Room) 6:30pm Disciple 1 Bible Study (GA)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Fri</p> <p><i>11</i> 6:00pm Korean Church Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Sat</p> <p><i>12</i> 5:00pm Dinner and Talent Show sponsored by the youth</p>
<p><i>13</i> 9:00am Church School 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:30am Worship Service 1:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Service 3:00pm Make a Difference (Lib) 4:30pm Spectrum Rehearsal 5:30pm Officer Training</p>	<p><i>14</i> 9:00am Disciple 3 Bible Study 10:00am Food Pantry 2:00pm Small Group (Sunnyside) 7:00pm Sessional Ministry mtgs 7:00pm Deacons mtg 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:30pm Worship Ministry mtg</p>	<p><i>15</i> 1:00pm Staff Meeting (Library) 6:30pm Disciple 3 Bible Study</p>	<p><i>16</i> 6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:15am Volunteers-newsletter mailing 9:15am Crossroads Pealers Rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>17</i> 6:30pm Disciple 1 Bible Study (GA)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Fri</p> <p><i>18</i> 6:00pm Korean Church Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Sat</p> <p><i>19</i> 9:30am Recorder Rehearsal</p>