

# Massanutten Ministry Link

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May 14, 2008

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 a.m.

**May 18, 2008**

*Youth Sunday*

**Sermon Text**

Matthew 28:16-20

**Message**

*Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

**Worship Leader**

Middle & High School Youth

**Hymns**

*Spirit*

*Lord I Lift Your Name on High  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God  
Almighty!*

**May 25, 2008**

*Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Sermon Text**

Matthew 6:24-34

**Sermon Title**

*Undivided Hearts*

**Worship Leader**

Nancy Davis

**Hymns**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only  
Wise  
Seek Ye First  
Take My Life*

**Come have a BLAST  
OOZING with excitement and  
EXPLODING with FUN!**



**POWER LAB**

**Vacation Bible School**

DISCOVERING JESUS'

MIRACULOUS POWER



**Come see Pastor Leggett get  
slimed!!**

Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, July 27 - Thursday, July 31 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. Mind-blowing Bible adventures, amazing crafts, incredible music, hyperspeed games and Chaddar's science adventure are just some of the opportunities that await.

Registration forms are now available in the Narthex. For details or if you have questions, see Betsey Branner, Jennifer Coffelt or Deborah Comer.

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Here are some additional youth dates to be sure you have on your calendar:

**May 17 Rehearsal for Youth Sunday**  
**6:00pm - All youth need to attend**

**May 18 Youth Sunday**  
**8:30am - Be at the church for doughnuts and set-up**

**June 1 Youth Mission Trip meeting**  
**6:30pm - meeting is for all youth participating and their parents**

**June 16-20 Youth Mission Trip**



**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."*

# Friends At Play

Eight Hands At Two Pianos  
Patty Bird, Sharon Bloomquist, Joyce Grove,  
Becky Kingsley, Mary Rouse

## In Concert

Sunday, May 18, 2008  
3:00 PM

Massanutten Presbyterian Church

*Free and open to the public  
Partially funded by a generous grant from  
Arts Council of the Valley*

## Adult Christian Education

**Just for the women...**This summer we will hold a women's Bible on Sunday evenings using the series "Sisters" published by Cokesbury. We will begin the summer with "Finding Balance," a six week study that will help participants consider the question of balance in their lives, between service and worship, duty and devotion, doing and being.

Scheduled meeting dates are June 8 and 22; July 13 and 20; and, August 10 and 17.

**Disciple Bible Studies...**We are looking toward fall and determining which Disciple Bible studies we need to offer at MPC. These studies include year long studies (September - May) as well as short courses (8-11 weeks).

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If you are interested in either of these options for study, please contact Nancy Ruh, 434-6194 or nruh@massanuttenchurch.org.



## High School Graduates

Congratulations to our 2008 high school graduates!

**Marcus Sensabaugh**, son of Doug and Julia Sensabaugh, will graduate from Fort Defiance High School and will attend Blue Ridge Community College in the fall.

**Jacquelyn Jones**, daughter of Fleming and Sharon Jones, will graduate from Spotswood High School and will attend James Madison University in the fall.

## ROCK Event for Children's Church Graduates

Family Ministry will hold a ROCK Event for all Children's Church Graduates and their parents on Sunday, June 8th from 10:00-10:30 in the Gathering Area.

Please stop by the ROCK Event tables sometime during this time period to pick up a tote bag filled with worship aids for the graduates as well as to learn about ways your graduate can become involved in Worship.

## Weyers Cave Church Softball League



All games are played at the Weyers Cave Ruritan Park. For game cancellation information, call 245-5727 ext. 4223.



MPC schedule:

- ♦Tues, May 20 8:30pm
- ♦Wed, May 28 7:30pm
- ♦Tues, June 3 7:30pm
- ♦Mon, June 9 6:30pm
- ♦Tues, June 10 6:30pm
- ♦Wed, June 18 7:30pm
- ♦Mon, June 23 7:30pm
- ♦Wed, June 25 6:30pm
- ♦Tues, July 1 6:30pm



**Thank you to those completing and returning Member Profile forms. Completed forms can still be submitted to the church office.**

The next issue of the *Ministry Link* will be mailed May 28. Submit material for publication **by 3 pm Wed., May 21.**

## Time Out for School!



Even though the day was yucky, we all enjoyed the fun and fellowship of our May Festival on Saturday, May 10. The smell of barbequed chicken brought people in from all around.

The School sold jellybean jars, clothing that had been donated, hot dogs with all the trimmings and LOTS of chicken. We want to thank all of the people who supported our efforts to raise money for the children. We also have a limited supply of cookbooks to sell, if anyone is still interested. They are awesome and make a great gift for someone special.

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School is out for the summer May 23rd and spaces are filling up in our fall classes. So if you know anyone who wants to come to the best school in the county, tell them about us. Call (540) 432-7177.



Our sincere thanks to all of you for helping us have another great year at Massanutten School.

## STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION THROUGH MAY 11

<b>Weekly Budget Need</b>	\$14,227.00
<b>Budget Need Year to Date</b>	\$270,313.00
<b>Received Year to Date</b>	\$244,806.81
<b>Difference</b>	-\$25,506.19

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

## Camp Massanetta Needs

### Counselors

Camp Massanetta is welcoming applications for female counselors to complete their summer staff. Counselors must be at least 18 years of age and a 2008 high school graduate or older. They must be a committed Christian and while experience with camping or a camping program is helpful, it is not required. All counselors must be able to work the full camp season: Wednesday, June 4 at 12 noon to Sunday, August 10 at 5:00 pm. Mandatory Staff Training is June 4-13. For more information contact Nicloe Martorana, Associate Director of Camp at nicolem@massanettasprings.org or call her at 434-3829 for more information to apply.

### Worship Leaders

As we plan for each week's program we will need Volunteer Worship Leaders to lead daily Morning and Evening Worship services. We are looking for volunteers for the following weeks: June 22-27; July 20-25; July 27-August 1. Contact Nicole Martorana at Camp Massanetta for more information or to volunteer 434-3829 or nicolem@massanettasprings.org

## Shenandoah Presbytery Announcements

### Montreat Youth Conference News/Update

There are still two spots open for this summer's Montreat Youth Conference the week of July 6-12. But the team requires at least two adult male leaders sign up immediately. The cost for youth participants is \$350 per person which is due in full by May 25. The registration forms now include this information and can be found online at <http://www.shenpres.org/SPYCEindex.html#Montreat>. Checks should be made out to Shenandoah Presbytery and mailed to Lexington Presbyterian Church, Att. Olivia Patton, 120 South Main Street, Lexington, VA 24450 or email Olivia at [oppatton@lexpres.org](mailto:oppatton@lexpres.org) as soon as possible.

### Kickball Tournament

The 3rd Annual Youth Kickball Tournament at Camp Paddy Run will be held May 31-June 1. This is a free event sponsored by the Paddy Run Outdoor Ministry Committee and is designed to familiarize youth and their leaders with camp. Online registration is open. For more information, please visit [www.camppaddyrun.org/Kickball\\_Tournament.htm](http://www.camppaddyrun.org/Kickball_Tournament.htm) or call Amy Tubbs at (703)587-2610.

## Redeemer Classical School

- ☆ *Informational Coffee* - home of Mark and Courtney Veerman, May 19 7:00pm (469 Preston Drive, Harrisonburg).
- ☆ *Annual Spring Program* - May 20 6:00pm (Court Square Theater in downtown Harrisonburg). The event is free and open to the public.

Serving Among Us	May 18, 2008	May 25, 2008
<b>Greeters</b>	Christ and Jessica Preston Robin and Diann Reed	Curt and Diane Schwalbach Annabelle Shortell and Alberta Dobbs
<b>Ushers</b>	William Comer, Steve and Sherry Gordon, Don and Carol Poulson, Chris Preston, Greg and Ann Trobaugh	Randy Hylton, Fleming Jones, Jim and Gail Oppy, Marcus and Juli Sensabaugh, Chris Scott, Jeannie Sutherland
<b>Sunnyside Bus Driver</b>	Linda Green	Randy Atkins
<b>Acolyte</b>	Logan Comer	
<b>Sunday School Nursery</b>	Linda Knupp	Bonnie Moyers
<b>Infant Nursery</b>	Mark and Barbara Palmer	Brad and Angie Wheeler
<b>2 &amp; 3 Year Old Nursery</b>	Betsy Branner and Sharon Churchill	Rhonda Stees and Gail Oppy
<b>Floater</b>	Diane Schwalbach	Carol Poulson
<b>Children's Church Leaders</b>	Beth Webb and Vaniene Delucas	Leslie Dutt and Wendy Stapleton



## Under the Radar

**Rhonda Stees** grew up in a Chicago suburb with a high investment in the Methodist church her family attended. She sang with the adult choir, directed the children's choir, and served for a year as the youth representative on the church's administrative council. Her church, she says, was really her family. At the University of Illinois she met her husband-to-be, Kevin, who was also studying in the music department. Rhonda graduated with a B. S. in Music Education. Both of them went to Arizona State for their master's degrees, Rhonda specializing in the oboe and Kevin in the tuba. They were married during the summer between their first and second years in residence. Rhonda did some private studio teaching also.

Kevin was from northern Virginia, so beginning to teach at James Madison University in 1985 was like a homecoming for him. Rhonda began public school teaching in Shenandoah County as the director of the high school orchestra and the middle school programs that fed into it. She worked there for 8 years and left to become a full-time mother after their first son Ryan was born in the fall of 1992. The Steeses had been visiting looking for a church and settled on MPC a few months earlier. The Rev. John Lown was pastor then and he baptized Ryan.

The novelist/Presbyterian minister Frederick Buechner has a sentence in his book *Wishful Thinking: A Theological ABC* on the subject of vocation that has become frequently cited in Christian literature: "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." Rhonda is a living example of that. Her "deep gladness" lies in finding a need that is unmet and by meeting this challenge creating something new. She has happy memories of serving on the committee that designed and started the MPC Food Pantry. But of course there were other places where Rhonda could invest her energies and skills. She remembers working in the old church library which was located in the present storage area at the back of Blose Fellowship Hall. She took her turns in the nursery and she taught kindergarteners in Sunday School for a short time. She is appreciative that their younger son Brandon, as a special needs child, found warm friends and ready acceptance at MPC, and that both boys profited from attending the Massanutten Pre-School. Across these years MPC's worship services were graced from time to time by the developing performance skills of a se-

ries of talented teenaged girls who played woodwinds: Jacquelyn Jones, Rachel Dobroth, Chelsie Reed, and Amberle Matthews. All of them took lessons from Rhonda. One can only imagine the "deep gladness" of the teacher at being led in worship by pupils she had trained.

Rhonda has just completed a 3-year term as an MPC elder. When she began this she was assigned to the Christian Education committee. The need she saw more and more clearly was for the church to play a more supportive role in helping parents to help their children grow as Christians. The upshot of her (and others') advocacy of this concern was the division of the C. E. Committee into separate parts: Adult Education Ministry and Family Ministry. The Family Ministry group has already created special programs for parents such as the ROCK events (Raising Our Christian Kids) and the Back to School Breakfasts. It has two members from the Session and six additional members and has been set up, like the session, in a rotational pattern. Though going off it as a session member, she will continue on it as one of the six, and reports with pleasure that Robin Reed and Bo Hobbie, the session members who will co-chair it this year, are already digging into their jobs. She particularly treasures the friendships she has made or deepened with her colleagues in this enterprise.

Rhonda does not confine her witness as a Christian to MPC. She does some adjunct teaching at Bridgewater College; she is a supervisor of student teachers of music for James Madison University; she serves on the Harrisonburg school system's advisory committee on gifted educations; and she is active in a local group named WINGS, which is a support system for families with special needs children. She also continues to do some private studio teaching.

Interviewing various servants of Christ in this marvelous congregation, I am struck by a theme I have heard from several whose lives are truly busy with doing good works. Rhonda put it this way: "I need to remember that I am a child of God, that God is in charge. I need to recapture a sense of Sabbath, to be still, to take time with God." There seems to be a longing among more than a few of us for a better sense of balance to our spirituality. Maybe MPC can address this longing in our ministry to its members. Meanwhile, praise God for people like Rhonda who are blessed with the vision to see a gap in mission work, figure out ways to fill that need, and go for it. And praise God for those "who hunger and thirst for righteousness," for as Jesus promised us, "they will be filled."

# As A Community of Priests, We are Called to Prayer



Thank you for the prayers, cards, meals and other forms of support provided by the MPC family throughout John's recent surgery and recovery.

We are happy to report John will be able to return to work on Monday, May 19 and have also learned the second surgery will take place on June 9. Thank you for your continuing prayers and concerns.

John, Amy, Colby and Micah Bjorkgren

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Bill Jackson, Frank Way, Edith Binkley, John Gronemeyer, John Bjorkgren, Sherry Gordon, Anne Bradley, Bob Schuster, Rose Pollard, Nancy Kegley, Buck Ritchie, the Confirmation 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  
**Lillian Yoder, Sandra Shiflett and Rhoda Lambert**, friends of Wilsene Scott  
**William and Patricia Posey**, parents of Bill Posey  
**Susan Geinsen and Lowell Miller**, friends of Diane Schwalbach  
**Marcia Defreese**, friend of Massanutten School  
**Stephen Craun**, friend of Bill and Sharon Posey  
**Bonnie Dellinger and Mary Sue VanHuss**, friends of Herman and Charlotte Landes  
**Cameron Byer**, friend of Randy & Becky Hylton  
**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  
**John Meanor**, uncle of Dick Miller

**Charles and Cathy Burke**, parents of Jacki Nickel  
**Holly Dillion**, friend of Laura Atkins  
**Opal Newland**, sister of Dodie Groseclose  
**Bruce and Mildred McCall**, brother and sister-in-law of Dodie Groseclose  
**Mac McCall**, brother of Dodie Groseclose  
**Jim Laughlin**, father of Reid Laughlin  
**Norvell Lapsley**, friend of our church family  
**Madeline Smith and family**, friends of Hobbie family  
**Effie and Martha**, friends of the Food Pantry  
**Kristell Aldana-Pacheco**, friend of Chris McAnutly  
**Dr. Clem Mueller**, friend of our church family  
**Mabel French**, mother of Larry French  
**Suzanne Benge**, daughter of Rex and Margaret Springston  
**Lauren Travis**, daughter of Rhonda Travis and granddaughter of J.R. and Patricia Cooper  
**Gloria Hildebrand**, friend of Patricia Copper  
**Chuck Melton**, friend of Chris Scott  
**Shirley Jones**, mother of Fleming Jones

## *WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO...*

**... Floyd and Jean Wall on the death of Floyd's sister, Abby Bowers**

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

*Feel free to resubmit any prayer concerns you may have.*

*You can use the Prayer Request Cards in Sunday worship or contact the church office.*



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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**
- Carol Lown, Organist**

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**Be sure to visit us on the Web!**  
[www.massanuttenchurch.org](http://www.massanuttenchurch.org)

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## May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>18</p> <p><b>9:00am</b> Church School <b>10:00am</b> Fellowship Time <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service <b>1:00pm</b> Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Service <b>3:00pm</b> Friends at Play Concert (Sanctuary) <b>4:30pm</b> Spectrum Rehear. <b>5:00pm</b> Confirmands, mentors, &amp; families dinner &amp; Session mtg</p>	<p>19</p> <p><b>7:00pm</b> Massanutten Ringers Rehearsal <b>7:00pm</b> Boy Scouts</p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>9:00am</b> Yoga (GA)  <b>12:00pm</b> MPC Clergy Luncheon (GA) <b>1:00pm</b> Staff mtg (Library)</p>	<p>21</p> <p><b>6:30am</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast  <b>5:30pm</b> Yoga (GA) <b>7:00pm</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>22</p> <p><b>9:00am</b> Yoga (GA)  <b>7:00pm</b> Food Pantry</p>	<p>23</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fri</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Massanutten School End-of-Year Celebration</b></p> <p><b>6:00pm</b> Korean Church Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)</p>
<p>25</p> <p><b>9:00am</b> Church School <b>10:00am</b> Fellowship Time <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service  <b>1:00pm</b> Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Service  <b>4:30pm</b> Spectrum Rehear.</p>	<p>26 <i>Memorial Day</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Church Office Closed</b></p> <p><b>2:00pm</b> Small Group (Sunnyside)</p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>9:00am</b> Yoga (GA)</p>	<p>28</p> <p><b>6:30am</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast <b>8:15am</b> Volunteers-newsletter mailing  <b>5:30pm</b> Yoga (GA) <b>7:00pm</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal <b>7:30pm</b> MPC Softball Team Game (Weyers Cave Ruritan Park)</p>	<p>29</p> <p><b>9:00am</b> Yoga (GA)</p>	<p>30</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fri</b></p> <p><b>6:00pm</b> Korean Church Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)</p>
					<p>31</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sat</b></p>