

Massanutten Ministry Link

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August 6, 2008

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

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

August 10, 2008
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon Text
Matthew 14:22-23

Sermon Title
Somewhere Between Faith and Fear

Worship Leader
Ka Guinn

Hymns
For the Beauty of the Earth
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

August 17, 2008
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon Text
Matthew 15:10-28

Sermon Title
A Lifetime of Learning

Worship Leader
Fred Burfoot

Hymns
Come, Thou Almighty King
With Grateful Hearts Our Faith Professing
O Jesus, I Have Promised

Youth Mission Trip 2008-Asheville, NC

On June 16, 9 youth and 3 adults left MPC to work with Youth On Mission in Asheville, NC. We were housed in a dormitory on the campus of Mars Hill College. We ate in the dining hall for most of our meals. We worked during the day. In the late afternoon and evening we played as well as worshipped with other youth groups at the Campus Chapel.

Here are comments from some of the participants...*During our trip we had to play the "push-up" game. If we said "mine" we had to do 10 push-ups. We ended up doing 2000+ push ups on this trip. I think they wanted us to understand that some people can't say, "Oh that's mine." because they don't have enough money...*

I thought that the trip was really fun. I loved the feeling of helping other people...

The trip was really fun! The "push-up" game added to the fun! It felt really good to help people and to hear how thankful they were for everything we'd done...

My favorite part was the food pantry because we got to deliver the food directly to the people. There was this one lady who was on crutches and couldn't carry her three bags and a box of food and had no way of getting home except on the bus. So Mr. Nickel and I volunteered to drive her to her house in the church van. She was so grateful and couldn't stop saying "Thank you" and it felt really good to know that you made someone's day, because that's what we were there for...

It was fun to be with all the other people at the dorm and it felt good to help other people...

We had a variety of tasks to work on during this trip, and no matter what was asked of

them, the kids were willing to dive in. They worked so quickly at times that they ran out of work. What our youth really enjoyed most was the work in the soup kitchen, where they could interact most directly with the people who came in to eat and with the residents of the shelter who were preparing and serving the meal. One resident, David, spoke to a couple of the kids and was so incredulous that they were spending their free time in service. He lamented that had he had the same opportunity in his teens, he may not have made some of the poor choices that landed him in the shelter. Having that short conversation with David was probably one of the most valuable parts of the trip for our youth.

Our assignment was working at the Western Carolina Rescue Ministries, a faith-based mission in the western part of North Carolina. We were amazed at how much this organization is able to accomplish as they rely solely on the generosity of others.

The Vision of WCRM is "to achieve excellence in all that we do for those we serve"; their mission is "to provide rescue,

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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."*

Announcements . . .

Coming Soon . .



A new pictorial directory is in the works. You will have an opportunity to schedule an appointment and receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory. You will view your portraits following your photography session and may purchase additional pictures to share with family and friends (in time for Christmas).

We look forward to "seeing you in pictures".



Our Nursery

The nursery committee is delighted to share the news that our caregiver, Wanda Plum, has decided to stay! When you have a moment, please pay her a visit in the nursery and welcome her back.

The nursery committee still needs to hire a nursery caregiver who could be present for W.O.W. as well as for two Sunday evenings a month. Anyone interested can send a resume to the church office (Attn: Sharon Churchill) or send the resume through email to Sharon Churchill at winzoli@earthlink.net.

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Adopt-a-College Student

On August 17th, there will be a table in the narthex to Adopt-a-College Student. The Congregational Care Ministry wants you to get involved with a college student-- those that are away from home or those that choose to stay close to home. There will be names, addresses, and ideas of how to stay connected with our college students.

Come by and get a name! For questions, contact Kelly Richardson.



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

Presbyterian Women

The Massanutten Presbyterian Women will be holding its annual picnic on Monday, August 25th at 6pm in the fellowship hall.



Bring a covered dish or two and a friend that may be interested in PW.

Following the meal, Ann Pettit will be giving an overview of our Bible Study on Luke's Gospel for the Poor. Please plan to attend.

Coming this Fall to MPC... Women's Sunday School Class

This is the latest addition to our Adult Christian Education Ministry here at Massanutten Presbyterian Church. Sally Young will lead this Sunday School Class beginning September 7 using *The Present Word* as our resource for study.

More details on the study will be available in the August 13 issue of the Ministry Link.

All women are invited to join this group! Come out on September 7 and experience the kinship of women as we look into scripture, sharing our thoughts and our stories together!

Time Out for School!



The school children (and all the children who are associated with Massanutten Church) want to thank everyone who has worked on the playground this summer.

Your hard work is greatly appreciated, and we will think of you every day as we play. 😊 Our doors will officially open on August 25th. We invite all of you to come visit us as we sing, read stories, laugh, make beautiful works of art, learn about sharing and friendship, talk about God's love for us, and start on the road to being His little scholars!



Thank You ~ The VBS Team is bubbling over with Thankfulness to all of the Teachers, Crew Leaders and Volunteers for helping to nurture our children's faith, during "Power Lab", Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power.

A special thanks to Chick-fil-A, Sarah's Ice Cream and Qdoba for their generous donations and for everyone who donated cookies and lemonade. Thanks for joining us for a fun-filled Bible week oozing with slime!

Love and Blessings, Betsey, Jennifer, and Deb

Back to School Breakfast

Sunday, August 24 at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall

Family Ministry would like to invite everyone to come celebrate the start of a new school year with the children and youth of our congregation. Also, be sure children and youth bring their backpacks as we will have the Blessing of the Backpacks.



Please write "breakfast" beside your name in the Friendship Folder on Sunday or call the church office by August 18 to make reservations.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH LOCK-IN

**Fri, August 22 - Sat, August 23
7:00 pm - 9:00 am**

We'll start the evening with a family cook-out. Hamburgers, hot dogs and the fixin's will be provided. Please bring to share: 6th grade families-Dessert, 7th grade families-Side dish and 8th grade families-drinks.

There will be a parent meeting after dinner. Bring your calendars as we will be sharing our plans for the year.

Look for a reminder postcard in the mail with more details!



Attention ALL High School Youth

Fall "Kick-Off" is a Pool Party



August 24, 2008
2:00—4:00 p.m.
Mark your calendars!

Details will follow in the next newsletter and the Sunday bulletins!



Reminders: A Checklist

- Faith Village** is in need of your empty paper towel and wrapping paper rolls. Place the rolls in the box in the Fellowship Hall.
- The Congregational Care Ministry** needs you to start saving shoeboxes for college student and military care packages. Please drop them off on the stage in the Fellowship Hall.
- Nametags** - If you need a name tag or have lost yours, contact Gail Oppy 249-4695. Replacements are \$3.00, but no charge if it's the first time!
- Disciple Bible Study** - Stop by the table in the Narthex and browse the options for study in our 2008-2009 program year. We will feature short-term (8-11 weeks) and long-term (30 weeks) studies.

Fill out an interest card including the day(s) of the week and time(s) that best suit your schedule. For more information, contact Nancy Ruh nruh@massanuttenchurch.org or 434-6194.

- WOW Have You Registered?** Registration for the 2008-2009 season of *Worship on Wednesday (WOW)* has begun! The season schedule is as follows:

September 10 - December 3 and
January 14 - March 18.

WOW meets from 5:00pm to 7:00pm and is for children ages 1st grade - 12th grade. Fees are due by the beginning of each semester.

\$45.00/semester one child
\$70.00/semester two children
\$30.00/semester three or more

For additional information or if you would like to volunteer to help, contact Patti Hobbie at 269-2985 or Alicia Gutschow at 908-4139.

Our Service



July 25, 2008

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards and meals during my hospitalization and recovery period.

Annabelle Shortell



STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION THROUGH AUGUST 3

Weekly Budget Need	\$14,227.00
Budget Need Year To Date	\$441,037.00
Received Year To Date	\$379,133.56
Difference	-\$61,903.44

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

Nominations for Elders and Deacons

Each year a new class of Deacons and Elders are elected for a three year term to serve our church. These church officers should be persons who are active at Massanutten Church and have a desire to strengthen and nurture the faith of our church as well as to help the needs of our church members and church community.

Massanutten Presbyterian Church is growing. We had over 100 children at Vacation Bible School. We need men and women of faith who will be "servant-leaders" as Elders and Deacons.

The nominating committee is asking you help us identify persons that would be available and qualified to serve as Deacons and Elders. All church officers receive training and will enjoy being a "servant - leader".

Forms to nominate persons for Elders and Deacons will be available in the Narthex and in the bulletin for the next few weeks. It is not necessary to ask the nominee if they will serve before completing the form. These forms can be placed in the offering plate, turned into the church office or given to a member of the nominating committee. All forms will be reviewed by the nominating committee. Also, feel free to E mail your nominee for Deacon or Elder to Larry French, chair of the nominating committee at lbf1414@aol.com. Thanks !

Nominating Committee

Gail Oppy, Leslie Dutt, Dorothy Dobroth, Betsy Harvey, Sharon Lam, Phil Miller, Larry French, chair

Serving Among Us	August 10, 2008	August 17, 2008
Greeters	Winston and Lin Harmon Sam and Virginia Hayter	Curt and Diane Schwalbach Kim Phillips and Deb Comer
Ushers	Tim and Lisa Cooper, Fleming Jones, Jeff Lown, Don and Carol Poulson, Greg and Ann Trobaugh	Kevin Caldwell, Netta Coulter, Bill Heinemann, Bruce Rohlf, Curt Schwalbach, Marcus and Juli Sensabaugh, Jack Wysor
Sunnyside Bus Driver	Richard Ours	Brian Phelps
Acolyte	Logan Diehl	Kendra Strawderman
Sunday School Nursery	Linda Knupp	Carol Poulson
Infant Nursery	Shawn and Linda Green	Nancy Lu Irvine and Becky Rohlf
2 & 3 Year Old Nursery	Pam French and Becky Hylton	Sandy Levengood and Janice Liskey
Children's Church Leaders	Reid and Sheila Laughlin	Leslie Dutt and Robin Lam

FROM "MAKE A DIFFERENCE" TO "WINDCATCHERS"

For several years, a small group has been gathering from time to time with the aim of finding ways to involve MPC members in wider channels of Christian ministry. We have called ourselves the "Make a Difference" task force. We have been involved in a range of varied activities, such as: an Offering of Letters to our congressional leaders concerning hunger issues, through a Bread for the World program; a two-day event celebrating Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the 20th-century martyr; hands-on help at the Volunteer Farm near New Market; a joint meal with the congregation of Korean Presbyterians who meet at MPC. Recently the group met to review its work and consider its future.

On reflection, the name "Make a Difference" could seem somehow presumptuous, as if it implied that no others were making a difference in their work through MPC. We know many people hard at work here who are making a difference, often flying "under the radar" (another of our projects). We decided to rename ourselves "Windcatchers: Awareness, Advocacy, Action." You will recognize the Biblical allusions to the Spirit of God at the beginning of the first creation story, "moving across the waters" like a wind, and resounding at Pentecost, the church's birthday, "like the rush of a mighty wind." Our hope is to be sensitive to the various movements of God's Spirit in the world around us. We seek to identify issues that tend to have a negative impact, especially in the powerless / disadvantaged / overlooked segments of our society. We plan

to raise awareness of these issues in our MPC publications, suggesting possible Christian responses.

No church can be all things to all people, or do everything that comes into its members' minds, But we believe that in every age, the Holy Spirit is calling to us in new ways as our planet faces new conditions, calling us to do more than we have yet done, calling us to be more skillful in ministry than we have yet been. "Windcatchers" caught on with us, in part because we have been formed by James K. Manley's hymn "Spirit":

*...Stir us from placidness, wind, wind
on the sea.*

*You moved on the waters, you called
to the deep...*

*You call from tomorrow, you break
ancient schemes...*

The winds of the Spirit often strike us as unexpected and strange, and contrary to the "received wisdom." The poet Donald Davies described the Holy Spirit as "A wind from the outside corners of the human map." We recognize that it is still more presumptuous to imply that we can actually catch the Holy Spirit. So even as we "test the spirits" we pray with the Psalmist, "Keep back your servant from presumptuous sins."

A woman named Jessie Adams, born in 1863, must have loved the water and the wind, for she wrote a poem that would gladden a Christian sailor's heart. Its three stanzas were used as a hymn, sung to the tune Kingsfold (to which we sing "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"). They probably were

sung by Scots in the various islands of the Hebrides, Orkney, and the Shetlands, and along the coastlands of northern Ireland. The hymn is not well known today and probably dropped out of most hymnals as more and more Scots moved inland:

*I feel the winds of God today; today
my sail I lift,*

*Though heavy oft with drenching
spray, and torn with many a rift,*

*If hope but light the water's crest,
and Christ my bark will use,*

*I'll seek the seas at his behest, and
brave another cruise.*

*It is the wind of God that dries my
vain regretful tears,*

*Until with braver thoughts shall rise
the purer, brighter years;*

*If cast on shores of selfish ease or
pleasure I should be,*

*Lord, let me feel thy fresh'ning
breeze, and I'll put back to sea.*

*If ever I forget thy love and how that
love was shown,*

*Lift high the blood-red flag above; it
bears thy Name alone.*

*Great Pilot of my onward way, Thou
wilt not let me drift;*

*I feel the winds of God today; today
my sail I lift.*

If anything about "Windcatching" has captured your interest, you would be very welcome to join us in this quest. Call Nancy Lu Irvine (437-8946) for further information.

Kay and Mark Davis

Patsy Bales

Barbara Walker

Nancy Ruh (staff)

Nancy Lu and John Irvine

Community Bulletin Board

Office Assistant Needed

The Presbytery office is seeking someone to serve as an Office Assistant to occasionally cover office duties when Cheri Bowman, Office Coordinator, is out. This position varies in days worked. It is an hourly paid position.

We are seeking someone within the Harrisonburg and close surrounding areas, since there may be occasions when a call for backup help would come on short notice. For more information, please contact Cheri Bowman at 433.2556 ext 100, or chbowman@shenpres.org.

FREE CLINIC SAYS 'YUM'!

Thanks to all of you who provided food for Harrisonburg-Rockingham Free Clinic volunteers on the Wednesday nights in June. It was much appreciated!! Many of our volunteers on Wednesday nights come directly from offices and look forward to a chance to have some nourishment and fellowship before they see Free Clinic patients. Blessings to you!!

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Seeks Long-Term Managers

PDA Gulf Coast is actively seeking long-term volunteers for the fall of 2008. With hundreds of one-week volunteers planning to come, there is a real need for long-term (2-6 months) volunteers to help run the villages. Each long-term volunteer receives a living stipend, some travel assistance, a vehicle to use for work, living quarters, and access to health insurance if needed.

Applications are available at www.pcusa.org/pda, or via email at field.pda@pcusa.org. More questions? Contact the Acting Volunteer Village Coordinator, Wilf Witshyn at (502)938-8093. Job Descriptions of two of the positions – Volunteer Village Manager and Worksite Assignment Manager – www.shenpres.org/disaster.html.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP (Continued from page 1)



recovery and restoration in Jesus' name. How do they do it...

- **THE MEN'S 42-BED OVERNIGHT PROGRAM** - With mattresses for up to 80 men, WCRM provides homeless men with showers, restrooms and a clean, warm place to sleep at night. But more than that, our overnight program gives the hope, support and the accountability needed for men to walk away from chronic homelessness and into a restored life. Altogether, the Overnight Program provides **18,640 nights of shelter** every year.
- **HOT MEALS** - WCRM serves over **270 meals to poor and homeless men, women, and children everyday**. And feeding people is often the first step in building a relationship with those who are hurting. Serving meals is not only a vital need, it provides an opportunity to minister to their deeper needs.
- **FAMILY FOOD PANTRY** - The pantry provides **300 food boxes monthly**, each with enough nutritious food to feed a family of four for one week.
- **MEN'S RECOVERY PROGRAM** - This is a **5 stage Christ-centered residential program** which

accommodates 34 Men, offering drug and alcohol addiction counseling in the context of community.

- **CLOTHING** - The Clothing Closet **distributes 600-700 articles of clothing every month** to men, women and children in order to help them stay warm and protected from the cold weather and harsh winds. Many times they are in need of durable outdoor work attire or dress clothing for job interviews and church functions. And, growing children are always in need of age and size appropriate clothing!
- **SAFE HARBOR** - **The goal for this women and children's emergency shelter** is to come alongside women and help them find the resources they need to move out of their current situation. At this time, there are beds for six individual women, and one suite for a woman with children.
- **SUPER THRIFT STORE** - Our Super Thrift Store is a vital component to our ministry. By recycling our communities' unwanted, usable goods, we are able to sell items at very reasonable prices, raise funds for our programs, and give much needed items away to the poor. The Super Thrift Store also provides work-training and employment opportunities for clients participating in the Restoration program.

Our group worked in the Hot Meals Program, Family Food Pantry and the Super Thrift Store.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers . . .

Thank you for continuing to keep us informed of ongoing prayer needs. Feel free to resubmit any prayer concerns you may have. Prayer concerns may be submitted using the Prayer Request Cards found on the back of the seats during Sunday worship or by contacting the church office.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Bill Jackson, Anne Bradley, Bob Schuster, Barbara Walker, Sherry Gordon, Annabelle Shortell, Martha Morgan, Betty Hancock, Mary Elizabeth Thompson, Frank and Carol Way, Zoe Speakman, Dale Dobroth, Flo Raynal

FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

William and Patricia Posey, parents of Bill Posey
Opal Newland, Mac McCall, Bruce and Mildred McCall, family of Dodie Groseclose
Dr. Clem Mueller, friend of our church family
Kelly Necessary, friend of Jim and Gail Oppy
Bonnie Simmons, friend of Chris and Jessica Preston
Donna Atkins Funk, friend of Dick and Karen Leecy
Patsy Jordan, friend of our church family
Frances Plecker, friend of our church family
Jeff Reid, friend of Bill Frazier
Kristell Aldana-Pacheco and Belinda Campbell, friends of Chris McAnulty
Stephen Craun, friend of Bill and Sharon Posey
Marge Nolan, aunt of Bill Frazier
The family of Jason Breeden, friends of Kira and Kendra Carrier
Don and Mary Bagwell, friends of Kathy Frakes
Ken and Jen McCann, son and daughter-in-law of Richard and Barbara McCann

Chalmers Goshorn, brother of Bob Goshorn
Lindy Kersh, friend of Dodie Groseclose
Don Jones, son-in-law of Winnie Simmers
Teresa Shafer, friend of Mary Morris
Jim Dobbs, son of Harry and Alberta Dobbs
Frank Demas, brother-in-law of Rick and Cindy Pachis
Ira Andrews, friend of Melissa Leecy
JW and Erin Johnson and family, friends of Butch and Leslie Dutt
Jared Dutt, son of Butch and Leslie Dutt
Virginia Gammon, mother of Doris Field
Ed and Darla Daggitt, friends of our church family
The Barnett Family, friends and cousins of Kevin and Beth Webb

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Mark B. Heltzel, son of Helen Groves
Jon Guinn, son of Mike & Ka Guinn
Lee Davis, daughter of Marc & Nancy Davis
Chad Ritchie, son of Robert & Ramona Ritchie
Chris Jerome, son of Bob Jerome

Stephanie Beard, granddaughter of Jean Beard
Erin Burtner, cousin of Susan Newsome
Sean Duncan, cousin of Scott and Lisa Kanney
Scott Andrews, friend of Sam Thompson
Zulnea Andrews, friend of Sandy Thompson

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO...

... Mike and Mary Morris, Bill and Sharon Lam and family on the death of Mary and Sharon's aunt, Ethel Anderson



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p><i>10</i></p> <p>9:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Lemonade Fellowship (Fell. Hall)</p> <p>1:00pm Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Service 7:00pm Women's Bible Study (Parlor)</p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>10:00am Food Pantry</p> <p>7:00pm Session Ministries and Deacons meetings 7:30pm Worship Ministry meeting</p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p>9:00am Yoga (Gathering Area)</p> <p>1:00pm Staff Mtg (Library)</p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast</p> <p><i>Yoga Canceled</i></p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p><i>Yoga Canceled</i></p> <p>10am -1:00pm Library in use (C Veenis)</p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p>6:00pm Korean Pres. Church Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)</p>
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					<p><i>23</i> Sat</p> <p>9:30am Presbytery meeting Hedgesville, WV</p>