

# Massanutten Ministry Link

*A Publication of Massanutten Presbyterian Church*

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

**February 11, 2007**

*Ordinary Time 6*

**Sermon Text**

Jeremiah 17:5-10

**Sermon Title**

*Delighting in the Lord*

**Worship Leader**

Melissa Leecy

**Hymns**

*For the Beauty of the Earth  
Amazing Grace  
Spirit*

**February 18, 2007**

*Transfiguration Sunday*

**Sermon Text**

Luke 9:28-43

**Sermon Title**

*An Unlikely Glory*

**Worship Leader**

Doris Field

**Hymns**

*O Worship the King  
O Sing a Song of Bethlehem  
When We Are Living*

## MPC Annual Meeting Information

Our congregation will celebrate our ministry together in 2006 at our **Annual Meeting** this Sunday, Feb. 11, immediately following worship. As a part of this celebration, we will:

- Hear a report from the Nominating Committee (see biographical information for officer nominees on Pages 4-5 of this newsletter)
- Act on changes to the terms of call for Pastor John
- Hear about the ministry plans for 2007
- And enjoy a great time of fellowship as we sit at table together.

The Fellowship Ministry will provide soup, crackers, bread, and drinks for the meal. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

Please plan to stay for this brief, but important meeting of our congregation.

**PARENTS: Mark your calendars now!**

**Next R O C K Event**

**Raising Our Christian Kids**

**Sunday, February 25**

**9:00 am**

**Come for faith, fellowship, food,  
and ways to grow your family's faith!**

**Don't miss it!**



## Inclement Weather Information

In case of inclement weather, you may find information about the church's programming by checking out the website ([massanuttenchurch.com](http://massanuttenchurch.com)), by listening to radio station WSAV (550 AM) or WMRA (90.7), or by watching WHSV-TV (Cable Channel 11). You may also call the church office and follow the voice prompts.

## What's Happening in Adult Education

Are you ready for a game of Bible Jeopardy “Presbyterian Style”? Then try these questions:

1. He is the Father of Presbyterianism.
2. It is the word for the system of choosing leaders from among the wisest members of the church.
3. There are 39 in Protestant Bibles and 46 in Catholic and Anglican Bibles.
4. These are the two sacraments observed in our church.
5. It is the 40 day period of repentance and renewal preceding Easter.

If your answers were: John Calvin, Presbyterian, Books of the Old Testament, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the Lenten period then congratulations you need to be teaching one of our church classes.

The Christian Education Ministry knows that from time to time questions arise that you would like answered without having to read a whole book so we have made available a rack of short, easy-to-use pamphlets on a table in the Gathering Area. They range from the history of our denomination, how to study the Bible, the sacraments and Christian parenting to special seasons such as Advent and Lent.

Please feel free to take any that you need and we will keep it well stocked for your use.

## Adult Study for Lent

**Easter in Focus**, a seven-week adult Lenten Bible Study, will be held in Room 105 beginning Sunday, Feb. 18 at 9 a.m. We will be sharing reflections on the person and work of Jesus, and the implications of his life, death, and resurrection for our lives today. Please bring your Bible. Jack Heintzleman will serve as class leader.

Please pray for our 3 current Disciple Bible Study Classes, and be watching for the next sign-up opportunity. Your life will be transformed.

Serving Among Us	February 11, 2007	February 18, 2007
<b>Greeters</b>	Sam and Virginia Hayter John and Sally Brown	Chuck and Anne Bradley Nancy Lu Irvine
<b>Ushers</b>	Jim and Gail Oppy, Julia and Marcus Sensabaugh, Greg and Ann Trobaugh	Kevin Caldwell, Tim Miller, John Myers, Bryan Phelps, Ramona Ritchie, Jack Wysor
<b>Deacon of the Day</b>	Sandy Taylor	Mark Palmer
<b>Sunnyside Bus Driver</b>	Tim Miller	Randy Atkins
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ross French	Kendra Strawderman
<b>Sunday School Nursery</b>	Bonnie Moyers	Kay Davis
<b>Infant Nursery</b>	Fleming and Sharon Jones	Shirley Jackson and Linda Knupp
<b>2 &amp; 3 Year Old Nursery</b>	Susie Diehl, Diane Schwalbach	Melissa Caldwell and Carol Way
<b>Floater</b>	Gina Phelps	Pam French
<b>Children's Church Leaders</b>	Tim and Jill Kincaid	Kevin and Rhonda Stees

## Campus Ministry Banquet and Auction

**Lutheran Presbyterian Campus Ministry (LPCM)** invites you to an evening of sharing in the mission of the Church to Higher Education in the Harrisonburg area. Our *3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Campus Ministry Banquet and Silent Auction* will be held *Saturday, February 17, 2007 from 6-8 pm at the Muhlenberg Lutheran Church Activities Center, 281 E. Market St., Harrisonburg.*

You'll find fun for all ages, including a silent auction with handcrafts from around the world and contributions from local artists and businesses. Great food will include Hank's Smokehouse catering and a chocolate fountain for dessert! Children will love the festive atmosphere and there are silent auction opportunities for children only. Door prizes, stories from students, and a chance to contribute personally to the ministry of LPCM complete the evening.

*At the Water's Edge* is the theme for the evening. *At the water's edge*, Miriam danced, Jacob wrestled, some disciples met Jesus, and the Israelites stepped into a miraculous new journey. Young adults face similar situations during their college years. Find out how the Church is a part of this formative time in the lives of students and be amazed at what God is already doing.

To purchase tickets, call the LPCM office (540.432.9613), email Campus Pastor Kathleen Haines (haineskb@jmu.edu), or contact Tim Miller (433-1823) who serves on the campus ministry board for Massanutten. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students, and free for children under 12! Bring the whole family!

### Stewardship Information through Jan. 28

Weekly Budget Need—\$11,652.00

Budget Need Year to Date—\$46,608.00

Received Year to Date—\$38,043.36

Difference—(-\$8,564.64)

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

## Brass Band Concert

February 25, 2007

7 p.m.

Massanutten

Presbyterian Church

Please be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to another great evening with our Massanutten Brass Band.



**Hope is in our Midst~** Youth Triennium 2007, July 17-22 at Purdue University in Lafayette, IN

Materials have been mailed to every church from the Triennium Registrar Jenna Smith for the 2007 Presbyterian Youth Triennium.

Included in the packet is a letter with details, a preliminary registration form and some promotional materials from the Presbyterian Youth Triennium team. Shenandoah Presbytery has been given **20** slots and we are so hopeful to have a great crowd that we have requested more! **Places will be given to youth on a first come first served basis.** If you have interested youth, please copy the registration form and have them complete it and mail it promptly to Jenna Smith with a \$50 commitment fee. Triennium will be our Presbytery sponsored summer youth trip for 2007.

Questions? Email Jenna Smith at [mbcyaya@yahoo.com](mailto:mbcyaya@yahoo.com)

**Download a letter from Jenna and the application form at:**

<http://www.shenpres.org/2007YouthTriennium.html>

## Officer-Nominee Biographical Sketches

### Elders, Class of 2010

**Ron Matthews**—Ron has been a member of MPC since 1998. He is married to Sherry and has a daughter, Amberle, who is in college. He works in the regional testing laboratory of the Pilgrim's Pride Corporation. He has been active in the following ministries of MPC: Massanutten Ringers handbell choir; Men's Quartet; Recorder Ensemble; Chancel Choir; and the Worship Ministry.

**Gail Oppy**—Gail was born into the MPC congregation through her Dad's family. She delighted in serving the church in many ways over the years as her faith grew. Gail's journey began with the Presbyterian Women. She is currently the Emergency Meals Coordinator, a LOGOS table parent along with her husband Jim, and thoroughly enjoys serving as a Shepherd in the Faith Village Program. Over the years, she has served as children's Sunday school teacher and a Deacon. Gail has two grown daughters, a step-daughter in CA. and a step-son in NY. Between Jim and Gail, they have a total of five grandchildren. She works for Atlantic Fabritech in McGaheysville as Inside Sales Rep for the NE territory and is a part-time Mary Kay consultant.

**Mary Rouse**—Mary is a Shenandoah Valley native and grew up in Shenandoah and has lived in Harrisonburg since 1965. Her son Timothy, a regional manager with Outback Steakhouse, lives in Richmond. Her daughter, Charity is a Minister of Music and Worship at Northwest Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, NC. Widowed in 1997, she is self-employed as a piano teacher and artist. She has degrees from Radford and JMU. Always active in her church, she has served as teacher, Deacon, and chairman of committees including music, worship and publicity. Other interests include Perennial Gardening and photography. She plays in the MPC Recorder Group.

**Helen Scully**—Helen grew up in a farming community. The main influences in her life have been family, 4H and church. She attained a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics education at Iowa State College. Classes, dorm life and church were huge influences in her life. She was active in a youth fellowship of 200 students. Some years, she was in charge of church

nursery, coffee hour and Sunday night supper for students. She served as student, Deaconess and as an elder. Helen married and became an Army wife for 20 years. Helen and her husband, Whit have five children and 9 grandchildren. In the Presbyterian churches, she was part of the congregation, helping with nursery, Vacation Bible School and summer camp counselor. She was active with PW and served as circle chairman several times. Helen's family had a very close fellowship and support group through Sunday school, family camps and youth groups, etc. This strengthened their ties to God and each other. Her role has been a supporter, encourager and caretaker much of the time. Helen and her husband, Whit have lived at Sunnyside for 2 ½ years with their cat. She loves being a part of MPC. The Disciple class has enriched Helen's life with commitment, learning and fellowship.

**Vonnie West**—Vonnie is married to Les West who retired in 1995 after forty years as a Presbyterian minister. Vonnie also retired in 1995 from the Treasury Department. She and Les have four sons and seven delightful grandchildren. They moved to the Valley 2 ½ years ago from Richmond and promptly joined MPC. She has always been active in the church serving as Deacon, Superintendent of Sunday Schools, and Director of the church's Child Care Center. Her real love and most active involvement has been through teaching Sunday Schools, Circles and Bible Studies.

**Polly Wysor**—Polly, born Pauline Starke Warinner in Richmond, VA married John C. "Jack" Wysor of Clifton Forge. Polly and Jack have one daughter and three sons and they have six grandchildren ( 2 boys and 4 girls). She was a girl scout leader, president of Commonwealth Girl Scout Council, caterer for Ginter Park Presbyterian Church and an office clerk for Richfood Warehouse. On February 10, 1980, Polly was ordained an Elder when Hanover Presbyterian Church was commissioned (now New Hanover Presbyterian Church). She served on two pastoral search committee's. She and Jack moved to Sunnyside in 1991 and joined Massanutten Presbyterian Church. Polly has served as an Elder and once on a pastoral search committee.

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### Deacons, Class of 2010

**David Allen**—David Allen was raised in a family of six in Bedford County, Virginia, and attended Hampden-Sydney College, where he studied Economics and played football, graduating in 1985. Subsequently, David was commissioned as an officer in the U. S. Marine Corps. Following active service, he accepted an offer with the U. S. District Court as a Federal Probation Officer in Harrisonburg, where he has been for 15 years. David and his wife, Dannie, have two children, Zachary, age 10, and Skylar, age 8. David and Dannie became acquainted with Massanutten Presbyterian Church through the Preschool program and became members by way of transfer from Elkton Presbyterian in 2002.

**Reid Laughlin**—Reid grew up in Covington attended First Presbyterian church been a member of Massanutten Presbyterian for 11 years. He is married to Sheila, and they have two kids, Jacob and Zach. Reid serves as chairman of Massanutten Pre-School and has been active in teaching in Faith Village and as a member of the Family Ministry Committee. He loves teaching and working with children and coaches youth sports in the valley.

**Pam French**—Pam joined MPC in 1981 and was a Senior High youth advisor for seven years along with her husband Larry. She attends the Covenant Sunday School class has been a Sunday School teacher for the younger children. Pam is a kitchen worker in the LOGOS program. Pam is a nurse and has taken blood pressures for MPC members. She is also a blood donor for the MPC blood drive. Pam graduated from Massanutten Technical Center as a LPN-M. She and her husband Larry own and manage a family real estate rental business. Pam is originally from Dayton. Pam and Larry have three children, Grant (age 23), Kara (age 20) and Ross (age 10). They reside in Bridgewater in a house built in 1905.

**Kelly Richardson**—Kelly was baptized and raised in the Massanutten Church family. She has been involved with the Disciples Bible Study group, small group, and shepherd for Faith Village and helper with Sunday School, and is active on the Communications Committee. She is married to Matthew Richardson and they live in Port Republic near her parents, Marc and Nancy Davis. She works as a physician assistant at Harrisonburg Medical Associates.

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### Elder, Class of 2009 (2-Year Term)

**Larry French**—Larry joined MPC in 1981 and has previously served as an elder. He is a member of the Covenant Sunday School class and is a table parent in LOGOS. Larry attends the Wednesday Morning Men's Prayer breakfast and is a member of the Finance and Stewardship committee. In 2005, he went on the MPC mission trip to Mississippi. Larry graduated from Bridgewater College and is a CPA. He and his wife Pam own and manage a real estate rental business. Larry is originally from Roanoke and did carpenter work with his father as a youth. Larry and Pam have three children, Grant ( age 23 ), Kara ( age 20 ) and Ross ( age 10 ). They reside in Bridgewater in a house built in 1905.

### At Large Members

#### of the Nominating Committee

- Corey Churchill
- Carol Lown
- Alana Miller
- Denny Slane

These members will serve for one year as part of the Nominating Committee, along with 2 Elders and 1 Deacon.

## Stewardship Ministry to Sponsor Estate Planning Event

The Stewardship and Finance Ministry invites you to attend an Estate Planning Seminar from 3-5 p.m. on Sunday, Mar. 11. It is our hope that this seminar will help you, regardless of your current age, to gain an understanding of the benefits available to those who plan well, as well as offer information about recent changes in planned giving.

Ted Sudol, Director of Charitable Gift Planning at JMU, will be our facilitator. The JMU website offers the following bio: "Ted is an attorney and, prior to joining the administration of James Madison University in 2002, he was in private law practice most recently within a bou-

tique law firm in New York focused on the planning and administration of trusts and estates for individuals and families, including professionals, entrepreneurs, and farmers; and previously, as legal counsel for a cutting edge professional firm in Pittsburgh that brought together the disciplines of financial planning, insurance, asset management, accounting, and the law. Earlier in his career, Ted was an executive with United Way."

For more information about this event, please contact the church office.

## Deacons to Host Lenten Lunches

The Board of Deacons has scheduled two Lenten Luncheons. The first will be held on Sunday, March 4, and the second will be served on Sunday, March 25 following the worship service.

### Menus

March 4: Chili, Soups, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Pickles and Desserts

March 25: Pasta, Sauces, Bread, Salad Bar and Desserts

### We provide:

- grilled cheese sandwiches and pickles on Mar. 4
- pasta, bread and lettuce for the salad bar on Mar. 25

### We request that you bring:

- chili or soup and/or dessert on Mar. 4
- sauce and salad topping(s) and/or dessert on Mar. 25

Please call the Church Office at 434-6194 or e-mail Susan J. Reid at reidsj@jmu.edu or note it in the Friendship Folder during the worship service to let us know that you are coming.

We also need volunteers. If you are able to help on either day, please let us know in advance. Contact Sharon Bloomquist by phone (289-5977) or e-mail (sb110quail@aol.com). Thank you.

## News from the Worship Ministry

As we mentioned in a recent Minute for Mission, the Worship Ministry of MPC is looking for ushers. If you feel called to answer to this need, please call the church office or Anne Bradley at 568-8514.

Acolytes are also needed. If you are young person in grades 4-6 and would like to serve as an acolyte, please contact the church office at 434-6194.

We are also doing our best to ensure that everyone in the sanctuary has access to a hymnal on Sunday mornings. We have approximately 270 hymnals and 33 large print hymnals available in the sanctuary, excluding those in the choir. The availability of those hymnals is checked at least once a month. If hymnals are borrowed from a chair rack, please be sure it is returned to the same chair rack so that our worshipers may have a hymnal each Sunday.

## Keyboard Needed at Sunnyside

Sunnyside is looking for a good standard keyboard piano for their assisted living activities program. If anyone has one to donate or sell, please contact Ramona Ritchie (568-8209) at Sunnyside. Thank you!

**Ash Wednesday Service**

**February 21, 2007**

**7 p.m.**

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

### MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Mary Morris, Mary Lipscomb, Tom Kegley, John Brown, Sherry Gordon, Allen Chittum, John Gronemeyer, Lin Harmon**

### FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Madison Shinaberry**, cousin of Chris Bryant; **Cornelia Robinson**, cousin of Nancy Heintzleman; **Lois Derrick and Gerald Blank**, friends of Dee and Martha Floyd; **Richard Barth**, father of Laura Atkins; **Natalie Councill and Susie Good**, friends of Alana Miller; **Don Grimes**, friend of our church family; **Martha Lohr**, sister of Irene Hartman

*Please place prayer request cards in the offering plate on Sunday morning to be included in our congregation's prayers. You may also call the church office with a prayer request. Thank you for continuing to keep us informed of on-going prayer needs.*

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER 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 AL)

**Elizabeth "Lee" Davis**, daughter of Marc and Nancy Davis (stationed in El Paso, TX)

**Haywood A. Marsh**, son of Tim and Lisa Cooper (stationed in Korea)

**Ryan Tarman**, grandson of Dee and Martha Floyd (stationed in Iraq)

**Chad Ritchie**, son of Robert and Ramona Ritchie (stationed in NC)

**Chris Jerome**, son of Bob Jerome (stationed in Naples, Italy)

**Jennifer Lonas**, niece of Tim and Rhonda Miller

**Brent Rohrbaugh**, brother of Rhonda Miller (stationed in Norfolk, VA)

**Jeff Pascale**, friend of the Wissinger family (stationed in Iraq)

**Matt Moore**, cousin of Dee Floyd (stationed in Iraq)

**Joe Arbogast**, cousin of Dee Floyd (stationed in Iraq)

**Stephanie Beard**, granddaughter of Jean Beard (stationed in Germany)

### WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO...

...**John and M. J. Christophel** on the death of M. J.'s sister-in-law, **Carolyn Schlabaugh**

...**Lyn and Sue Newman** on the death of Lyn's brother, **Doyle Newman**

**What?** Mission Trip to the Gulf Coast

**When?** March 24-31

**Interested?** Contact Skip Wissinger (289-6973) or Tim Miller (433-1823).

**An Informational Meeting** will be held immediately following worship on **Feb. 25.**

*Remember to pray for the Presbytery of Shenandoah, which meets Feb. 11 in Front Royal*

*New Members' Class will be held on Mar. 4 from 3-7 p.m. Call the church office or visit the website to register.*



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Sunday School—9 a.m.  
Sunday Worship—10:30 a.m.

### Church Staff

**John P. Leggett, Pastor**  
**Ann Pettit, Parish Associate in Member Care**  
**Doug Sensabaugh, Director of Music**  
**Karen Leecy, Office Manager**  
**Bob Jerome, Organist**  
**Sharon Bloomquist, Pianist**

Be sure to visit us on the Web!

[www.massanuttenchurch.com](http://www.massanuttenchurch.com)

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, February 11

- 9:00 a.m. Church School
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service followed by the Annual Meeting and Fellowship Luncheon
- 1:00 p.m. Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church
- 3:30 p.m. Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Prism Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Brass Band Rehearsal

### Monday, February 12

- 9:00 a.m. Disciple 4 Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. PW Circle #2 (Highlands)
- 10:00 a.m. Food Pantry
- 2:00 p.m. Small Group (Sunnyside)
- 7:00 p.m. Sessional Ministries
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Deacons
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

The next issue of *The Massanutten Ministry Link* will be mailed on Feb. 20, 2007. Please submit to the church office any material for publication in the next newsletter by 3:00 p.m. on Feb. 14.

### Tuesday, February 13

- 9:00 a.m. Disciple 1 Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Shoshana Circle (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 a.m. PW Circle #3 (Sunnyside)
- 1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple 1 Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. PW Circle #5

### Wednesday, February 14

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:15 a.m. Crossroads Pealers Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. LOGOS
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Sunday, February 18

- 9:00 a.m. Church School
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 1:00 p.m. Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church
- 3:30 p.m. Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Prism Handbell Rehearsal

- 6:30 p.m. New Member Reception followed by Session Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Brass Band Rehearsal

### Monday, February 19

- 9:00 a.m. Disciple 4 Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, February 20

- 9:00 a.m. Disciple 1 Bible Study
- 9:15 a.m. Volunteers prepare newsletter for mailing
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple 1 Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Small Group

### Wednesday, February 21

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:15 a.m. Crossroads Pealers Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. LOGOS
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Thursday, February 22

- 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry