

# Massanutten Ministry Link

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## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

**February 25, 2007**  
*First Sunday in Lent*

**Sermon Text**  
Deuteronomy 26:1-11

**Sermon Title**  
*Remembering What God Has  
Done...We Respond with Grate-  
ful Giving*

**Worship Leader**  
Fred Burfoot

**Hymns**  
*Let All Things Now Living  
As Those of Old Their  
Firstfruits Gave  
For the Bread Which You Have  
Broken*

**March 4, 2007**  
*Second Sunday in Lent*

**Sermon Text**  
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

**Sermon Title**  
*Remembering What God Has  
Done...We Honor the Covenant*

**Worship Leader**  
John Irvine

**Hymns**  
*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Re-  
deemer Art  
You Are Mine  
How Great Thou Art*

## Lenten Sermon Series

**Remembering What God Has Done...**

**February 25**

**...We Respond with Grateful Giving**

**March 4**

**...We Honor the Covenant**

**March 11**

**...We Feast on What God Offers**

**March 18**

**...We Come to Our Senses**

**March 25**

**...We Hold Nothing Back**



### 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 WSVa (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.

PARENTS: This One's for You!

## Next R O C K Event

Raising Our Christian Kids

Sunday, February 25

9 am in the Gathering Area

**"A Family Journey through Lent"**

**It's about time we sat down together...**

**Lent is the perfect time to start (or restart) a regular time of family devotions. Not sure how to make it happen in your home? Join the Family Ministry Team and Pastor John to learn more about practicing your faith at home.**

### Adult Study Options for Lent

**Easter in Focus** meets in Room 105 at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings through April 1. 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.

**The Covenant Class** will be studying the meditations of Frederick Buechner called *From Death to Life—40 Questions for Lent*. This study deals with hearing God's voice and responding to God's faithfulness during Lent. The emphasis is on renewing your faith and living it every day.

Serving Among Us	February 25, 2007	March 4, 2007
<b>Greeters</b>	J.R. and Patricia Copper Collier and Betsy Harvey	Bud and Betty Long John and Evelyn Earl
<b>Ushers</b>	Kevin Caldwell, Patricia Copper, Larry French, Bob Bales, Fleming Jones, Glenn Strawderman	Anne Bradley, Eric Phillips, Robin Reed, Bruce Rohlf, Sandy Taylor
<b>Deacon of the Day</b>	Susie Diehl	Kevin Caldwell
<b>Sunnyside Bus Driver</b>	Anne Bradley	Phil Miller
<b>Acolyte</b>	Communion—No Acolyte	Seth Diehl
<b>Sunday School Nursery</b>	Deb Comer	Rebecca Arthur
<b>Infant Nursery</b>	Chris and Jennifer Bryant	Betsy Branner and John Levensgood
<b>2 &amp; 3 Year Old Nursery</b>	Eric and Angie Baylor	David and Dannie Allen
<b>Floater</b>	Ricki Irvine	Sandy Levensgood
<b>Children's Church Leaders</b>	Gina Phelps and Erin White	Leslie Dutt and Wendy Stapleton

**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**.



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

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 [mbycaya@yahoo.com](mailto:mbycaya@yahoo.com)

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

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

You may also contact the church office for more information.

## Young Life 5K Walk/Run

**Get ready!** The **Young Life 5K Walk/Run** will be held Mar. 25th, 2 p.m. at Bridgewater College, Nininger Hall. Proceeds will benefit local kids who wish to attend Young Life Camp. For more information, call *Mike Guinn* at 433-2343 or the Young Life office at 434-5806. For online registration go to [www.younglife5k.com](http://www.younglife5k.com).

## Check Out the MPC Website

Have you visited the church's website lately? You can download this year's Annual Report, see pictures from our mission trips and other activities, and always find the latest news. Why not make it your homepage?

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

### Stewardship Information through Feb. 18

Weekly Budget Need—\$11,652.00

Budget Need Year to Date—\$81,564.00

Received Year to Date—\$66,569.54

Difference—(-\$14,994.46)

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

## Learn about Estate Planning

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 boutique 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.

## Presbytery Office Seeks Help

The Presbytery office is seeking someone to serve as an Office Assistant to occasionally cover office duties when Cheri Bowman, Office Coordinator, is out of the office or on vacation. This position would also cover 3-4 days a week in late August through early November while Cheri is away on Maternity Leave. This is an hourly paid position.

Normally, the duties for this person would include answering the phone, opening mail, making copies, some basic clerical duties and assisting committee members on meeting days. Someone having experience with office equipment and computers, as well as with the internet and Microsoft Word/Excel & Access, would be very helpful! We are seeking someone within the Harriersonburg and close surrounding areas since there may be occasions when a call for backup help would come on short notice.

For more information about the position, please contact Cheri Bowman at 433-2556, ext 20, as soon as possible.

## Deacons Care Ministry

The ministry of the Deacons reaches into many different areas in the life of the church including the care of the members and friends that make up the Massanutten Congregation. To that end, we have been exploring ways to deepen and broaden how we support and care for one another. One way we do this is through the Shepherd's Program, which was started last year and continues to be refined. This year the Deacons are exploring what it might look like to have a member-to-member care ministry as part of the life of this congregation.

Our church is blessed with the gifts and resources of people from many different places and congregations, and would like to invite you to help us as we explore this. If you have ever been trained or part of a lay ministry that offers comfort and support in a very intentional way to individuals in a congregation, and are able to share your wisdom, please contact Sandy Taylor, Ann Pettit, or the church office to let us know. Thank you!

## Sheets and Blankets for Church World Service

The Presbyterian Women are collecting new and used sheets (any size or color) and thermal blankets (twin and double) for Church World Service. Please place your donations under the PW table in the narthex.

## 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.

## Inquirers' Class to Be Held on March 4

If you have been thinking about joining Massanutten Presbyterian Church then you should sign up to be a part of the great group already registered for our next Inquirers' Class. It will be held on Sunday, Mar. 4 from 3-7 p.m. Contact the church office or register online at [www.massanuttenchurch.com](http://www.massanuttenchurch.com).

## HerStory

HerStory 2007 will be held Mar. 23-25 at Massanetta Springs Conference Center. Keynote Speaker: Mel Bringle; Guest Preacher: Nancy Sehested. Registration forms and more information are available on the Presbyterian Women's table in the narthex.

## Homecoming Set for August 5

Mark your calendars now for a Homecoming Celebration on Sunday, Aug. 5. The Fellowship Ministry needs your assistance in planning the MPC Homecoming later this year. We hope that this will become an annual event. To begin this tradition, we will start small and possibly grow from there. We need your ideas and your help. This summer we will invite former members, family, and friends who have moved from the area back for this one day of Fellowship and fun. Our worship will be planned around a special theme and we'll have a meal to share.

If you have experience from a celebration of this kind, we could surely use your input. Please contact Nancy Davis, M.J. Christophel or any member of the Fellowship Team.

## 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.**

## From the Pastor

By the time you read these words, we will have begun our Lenten journey to the Cross with the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday. The palms from our celebration of Palm Sunday last year have been burned, and with those ashes we will be reminded that "we are dust and to dust we shall return." During Lent, we are invited to consider the ways that we can respond more fully to what God has done and is doing for us.

I am hopeful that we at Massanutten will take these 40 days of preparation seriously and that we will seek to grow in real ways. As a part of that, I will be preaching a 5-week series around the theme of *Remembering What God Has Done*, for that memory of God's actions on behalf of this world that God loves will call forth from us a joyful response.

*In remembering what God has done,*

- We, like the Israelites who entered the Promised Land, *respond with grateful giving*;
- We, like our ancestor Abraham, *honor the Covenant*;
- We, like those who heard Isaiah's offer of free water and food, *feast upon what God offers*;
- We, like the prodigal son, *come to our senses*;
- We, like Mary who anointed Jesus with her costly perfume, *hold nothing back*.

The only way to experience the fullness of joy that comes at the Empty Tomb is to journey with Jesus on the way to the Cross. It is to such a journey that I invite you during these 40 days of Lent.

Grace and peace,

Pastor John

## Presbytery to Sponsor Evangelism Retreat

An Evangelism Retreat, sponsored by the Professional Development Committee of Shenandoah Presbytery, will be held March 5-7 at Massanetta Springs Conference Center. It has been designed for Elders, Pastors, Musicians, and all church leaders. The presbytery website ([shenpres.org](http://shenpres.org)) has more information, including a downloadable brochure and registration information. You may also contact Ann Pettit at [annpettit@comcast.net](mailto:annpettit@comcast.net) if you for more information.

The church has many different opportunities to share the good news of God's gift of grace in Jesus Christ. Throughout our time together on March 5-7 we will take time to explore, experience, and discuss some evangelism tools available to us as we seek to be faithful with the Good News:

The Alpha Course is a ten-week opportunity to explore the validity and relevance of the Christian Faith to life today. It is a practical introduction to the basics of Christianity centered around a meal, a talk and a small group discussion. The Alpha Course has been used for 25

years in churches around the world. Shenandoah Presbytery has several churches that have explored and used this outreach opportunity.

Net Results is an organization which is committed to helping people make a life changing commitment to Jesus Christ and grow in that relationship. A number of resources are offered by Net Results including a monthly journal, national events, online resources and one-day workshops. Mike Albert, a consultant with Net Results, will be leading a workshop called "Creating a Magnetic Church."

Congregational worship can be a point of introduction to the community of faith for a visitor. It is also one of the ways we gather together to praise God. Our music presentation will help us answer the question: "How does music serve as a tool for evangelism?" Participants will experience a variety of styles of worship music and join in worship together.

The deadline for registration is Feb. 25.

## March Birthdays and Anniversaries

1	Ava Churchill	18	Judy Williams, Clayton Jordan,
2	Chuck Bradley, Al Moberg		Vaniene Delucas
3	Dick Forbes	19	Joyce Sidwell
4	Sam Hayter / Rich & Stephanie Williams	20	Collier Harvey / Richard and Patricia Ours
5	Taylor Frazier, Brooke Coffelt	21	
6	Charlotte Blosser, Anne Blose Sekula	22	Elzora Dewey, Doris Field
7	Charlotte Landes, R. J. Stanton	23	Blake Baylor, Allison Baylor
8	Hannah Bryant	24	Irene Hartman, Andrew Bullis, Jeanette Kidd
9		25	Sam Dofflemyer
10		26	Ann Christian, Aaron Lopacinski
11	Ryan Nickel / Don & Karen Enslin	27	
12	Melissa Caldwell, Morgan Showalter, Kara French	28	Dawn Huffman
13	John Christophel	29	Bailey Williams / Greg and Ann Trobaugh / Robert and Ramona Ritchie
14	Phillip Updike, Rene Smith	30	Jan Liskey, Fletcher Gilbert, Adam Armstrong
15	Bettie Barksdale, Ann Jordan	31	John Gronemeyer
16	Mikie Michael, Carter Williams		
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## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

### MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Judy Morris, Mary Morris, Chuck Bradley, Mary Lipscomb, Tom Kegley, Sherry Gordon, Allen Chittum, Lin Harmon**

### FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Richard Barth**, father of Laura Atkins; **Natalie Council and Susie Good**, friends of Alana Miller; **Don Grimes**, friend of our church family; **Martha Lohr**, sister of Irene Hartman; **Garrett and Anissa McAnulty**, friends of our church family; **Paul Roller**, grandfather of Susan Newsome; **Andrea Lohr**, friend of John Myers; **Tommy Abrams**, friend of the Webb family; **Raymond Shepley, Sr.**, father of Sherry Matthews; **Rev. Joe Brandon**, Pastor of Olivet Presbyterian Church, Staunton; **Richard Eye**, friend of Herman and Charlotte Landes; Christine Foster, wife of Rev. Kerry Foster, Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church, Steeles Tavern.

*Please place prayer request cards (found in the seat ahead of you) in the offering plate to be included in our congregation's prayers. 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...

...Richard and Patricia Ours on the death of Patricia's mother, **Joann Shifflett**.

## In the Mail

Thanks so much for remembering me with the many, many cards and phone calls during my recent diagnosis and surgery. What a blessing to have the support and love of such a wonderful church family.

Sherry Gordon

Please remember to pray for our Confirmation Class and our Newly Elected Officers as they begin their training..



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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!

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## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, February 25

- 9:00 a.m. Church School
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Mission Trip Meeting
- 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 Concert (Sanctuary)

### Monday, February 26

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

### Tuesday, February 27

- 9:00 a.m. Disciple 1 Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple 1 Bible Study

The next issue of *The Massanutten Ministry Link* will be mailed on Mar. 6, 2007. Please submit to the church office any material for publication in the next newsletter by 3:00 p.m. on Feb. 28.

### Wednesday, February 28

- 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

*Deadline to Register for Inquirers' Class*

### Sunday, March 4

- 9:00 a.m. Church School
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Lenten Luncheon
- 1:00 p.m. Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church
- 3:00 p.m. Inquirers' Class (Room 105)
- 3:30 p.m. Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 5:30 p.m. Prism Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Brass Band Rehearsal

### Monday, March 5

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

### Tuesday, March 6

- 9:00 a.m. Disciple 1 Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Volunteers prepare newsletter for mailing
- 12:30 p.m. Prime Timers (Golden Corral)
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple 1 Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Small Group

### Wednesday, March 7

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

### Thursday, March 8

- 1:00 p.m. PW Circle #4 (Sunnyside)
- 1:30 p.m. PW Circle #1 (Gathering Area)