

Massanutten Ministry Link

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

March 11, 2007

Third Sunday in Lent

Sermon Text

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Sermon Title

Remembering What God Has Done...We Honor the Covenant

Worship Leader

Bill Heinemann

Hymns

To God Be the Glory

Come to the Water

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May

Speak

March 18, 2007

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sermon Text

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sermon Title

Remembering What God Has Done...We Come to Our Senses

Worship Leader

Ellen Painter

Hymns

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

God of the Sparrow

God of Grace and God of Glory

Lenten Sermon Series

Remembering What God Has Done...

March 11

...We Honor the Covenant

March 18

...We Come to Our Senses

March 25

...We Hold Nothing Back

Handbell News

Members of the Adult Handbell choirs attended the third Annual Ringing at the Springs event held at Massanutten Springs Conference Center during the weekend of March 2-4, 2007. Under the direction of skilled and acclaimed clinicians, the Massanutten MusicMakers and ringers from all over the area receive one-on-one time with the director, an opportunity to rehearse in a comfortable setting, and time to grow in skill and technique. The weekend concluded with a worship service on Sunday morning in which the bells played the selections they prepared during the weekend. Thanks to directors Carol Lown and Nancy Davis for encouraging their ringers to participate in this annual event.

Youth Bell Choir Tour Report

Massanutten's **Spectrum Bell Ensemble** took their **School Bells and Baltimore Spring 2007 Tour March 3-5**. On Friday morning, March 2 they played for the EMHS morning chapel service from 8:50-9:15 and presented a short concert at 10:00 for Redeemer Classical School. At 2:30 p.m. they presented a concert for Trinity Christian School (TCS) in Fairfax, where Jessica Jones (a former ringer and member of Massanutten church) is now the music teacher. On Saturday they went to the Baltimore Aquarium, and, after home host stays, Spectrum played for the worship service at Light Street PCUSA near Inner Harbor. Look for the tour collage in the lobby in coming weeks, and talk to one of our ringers about their experience.



PARENTS: This One's for You!

Next B O C K Event

Raising Our Christian Kids

Sunday, March 11

9 am in the Gathering Area

(Don't forget to "spring" forward 1 Hour)

"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.

Middle High Sunday School

The Middle High age group has started a new segment of *Faith in Motion*, which is a life-to Bible topical series for junior high youth that explores different dimensions of a topic of interest to younger youth. The title for this series is called *Walk the Talk, In the Steps of the Soul Man* and topics include: *Walk Humbly, Walk in Love, Walk in the Light, Walk in Darkness, Walk to Emmaus, Walk as He Walked, and Walk in Newness of Life*. Please join us any Sunday morning and feel free to invite and bring a friend.

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.

Serving Among Us	March 11, 2007	March 18, 2007
Greeters	Bob and Patsy Bales Marty and Susan Diehl	Mike and Ka Guinn Ed and Cathy Comer
Ushers	William Comer, Steve and Sherry Gordon, Bob Milner, Curt Schwalbach, Chris Scott	Chris Bryant, Netta Coulter, Bud and Betty Long, Linda and Colin Green
Deacon of the Day	Bob Bales	Jennifer Bryant
Sunnyside Bus Driver	Skip Wissinger	Rich Ours
Acolyte	Skylar Allen	Kyle Nickel
Sunday School Nursery	Ellen Painter	Marcy and Carter Williams
Infant Nursery	Alayne Leggett and Gail Oppy	Nancy Lu Irvine and Stephanie Toothman
2 & 3 Year Old Nursery	Amy Bjorkgren and Linda Knupp	Kelly Richardson
Floater	Ellen Painter	Gina Phelps
Children's Church Leaders	Reid and Sheila Laughlin	Betsey Branner and Jennifer Coffelt

Brass Band Concert

March 11, 2007

7 p.m.

Massanutten

Presbyterian Church

The Concert will feature
Hymns and Marches

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

MPC Education Grants Available

The MPC Education Foundation is now accepting applications for grants to be awarded this fall. Any member of Massanutten who is a graduating high school senior and has been accepted by a two year or four year institute of higher education, or a person enrolling in a Presbyterian Seminary for a degree in the ministry or a degree in Christian education is eligible.

Grants are determined on the basis of experiences, leadership, church and community activities. The amounts awarded will be determined by the funds available from the MPC Education Endowment. Applications can be secured from the church office. Please submit applications, along with reference letters from two people and high school grade transcripts or for college students, a record of current grades.

We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, sex, or national origin, or physical handicap in the selection process.

Lenten Luncheon to Be Held

Pasta, bread, lettuce and drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite spaghetti sauce or salad topping and dessert. Call the church office at 434-6194 to let us know you will be joining us for lunch.

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.

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.

Stewardship Information through Mar. 4

Weekly Budget Need—\$11,652.00

Budget Need Year to Date—\$93,216.00

Received Year to Date—\$66,569.54

Difference—(-\$26,646.46)

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.

How Can I Keep from Singing

March 16-18 at First Presbyterian Church, Winchester. Join John L. Bell for "The Joys of Congregational Singing," a weekend of study, singing and learning about singing a wide variety of hymns and songs from the world wide Christian Community. All events are *free* and open to the public. For more information contact the church office at (540)662-2834.

News from the Nursery

Do you like to rock babies, sing songs, play games, or listen to laughing children? If so, we could use your help in the infant and toddler nurseries on Sunday mornings during worship. It's a great chance to get to know our youngest church family members. Grandmas and grandpas welcome! Please contact Sharon Churchill at 438-5906 or email her at winzoli@earthlink.net. If you are already a nursery volunteer and are unable to continue

Camp Massanetta Brochures Available

The 2007 summer brochures have just arrived for Camp Massanetta. They contain a lot of great programs for children and youth entering Kindergarten through high school graduates. Camp is an *AMAZING* and *FUN* experience - find a buddy and try Day of Overnight camp at Massanetta this summer! Camp brochures describing the programs are available here at the church, on the Massanetta Springs website www.massanettasprings.org or by contacting Camp Massanetta at campmassanetta@yahoo.com or by phone 434-3829. Contact the church office for information about camp scholarships from the church and the presbytery.

Just Four Cents a Meal!

Sounds Simple. And it is for us. But for many other in our community and around the country, *four cents a meal* means they don't have to choose between food and medicine or rent. Just *four cents a meal* from all of us supports the Massanutten Food Pantry, Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, Volunteer Farm in Woodstock, Famine Relief in Ethiopia, anti-poverty legislation through Bread for the World and lots of other hunger relief programs.

Just *four cents a meal* is simple, but it means that you care!

Weekday Religious Education Concert

Weekday Religious Education Students will present their spring concert, "**Let's Sing About the King**" on Saturday, March 31 at 7 p.m. at EMU Commons at Eastern Mennonite University.

Spiritual Formation Opportunities

Blue Ridge Ministries is offering the following events:

- ⇒ March 19 "Whistling in the Dark A Lenten Retreat" led by Kevin Clark, seminary instructor
- ⇒ April 21 "Food and Spirituality" led by Mary Beth Lind, dietitian and Joe Salatin, farmer

For more information see their website www.blueridgeministries.net or call (540)438-0023.

CWS School Kits Needed

Church World Service is asking faith partners and other groups to help them restock their supply of School Kits.

"Requests for School Kits, just since the first of the year, have exceeded requests during the whole of last year," says Donna Derr, Director of CWS Emergency Response.

For Kit contents and where to send them, see the attached Adobe file or visit www.churchworldservice.org or call your Regional Office at 888-297-2767. **Be sure to follow instructions for assembly and include money to pay for shipping.**

School Kits give children in impoverished schools, refugee camps, or other difficult settings some of the basic tools for learning.

To assemble a School Kit you will need:

- One pair of blunt scissors
- Spiral or tape-bound notebooks of ruled paper, 8-1/2" X 11", containing 140-200 sheets of paper. No filler paper, please.
- One 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- One pencil sharpener
- Six new pencils with erasers
- One large eraser
- Twelve sheets of colored construction paper
- One box of 24 crayons
- One 12" X 14" finished size, cloth bag with cloth handles and a closure (Velcro, snap, or button)

Pack these items in the cloth bag and secure contents with the closure. Or, if you prefer, a donation of \$13 per Kit will allow Church World Service to buy school supplies for use in classroom settings.

Processing/Shipping Cost: \$2 per Kit

Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

Serve at Camp Massanetta

Take a week out of this summer to get back to basics and make a difference in the life of a child!

Your commitment: Lead worship and Bible Study with camp children/youth from the 'Life is Good' curriculum during morning watch, (15 min. devotion); nightly worship service; daily Bible study with small camper groups; work on camp facility and programmatic special projects with camp staff and campers. Opportunities available Sunday-Friday beginning week of June 17-July 27. For more information contact Melissa Leecy, Director of Camp, Outdoor and Volunteer Ministry at 434-3829 or campmassanetta@yahoo.com.

Nursery Help Needed During Holy Week

The Nursery Ministry is looking for volunteers to help in the nursery during the Maundy Thursday, April 5, and Good Friday, April 6, services from 6:45-8:15 p.m. If you would like to help, contact Sharon Churchill at 438-5906.

Updated Contact Information Needed

Do you have a new address, phone number or email address? If so, please call the church office with this information or email Karen at kleecy@comcast.net so we can update our church records.

Change of Address Updates

Please record the new address and phone number for E. J. and Judy Morris, 400 Silver Oaks Drive, Harrisonburg, VA 22801 432-2375.

E-Mail Newsletter

Please be sure that the church office has your current e-mail address so that we can share important information when needed, and to be placed on our weekly e-mail update.

Season Pass – \$200.00

Helicopter Ride – \$10,740.00

Miscellaneous Medical Expenses – \$321,283.49

Great First Responders, Doctors, Therapists, Nurses, Family,
Friends and 10 Months of Healing and Grace –

PRICELESS!



One year ago this week, Dale Dobroth was critically injured in a skiing accident. The picture above gives visual evidence of how remarkable Dale's recovery has been. Dale took to the slopes again this year, and he has shared this photo with us to express his thanks for our prayers.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Maundy Thursday Service

April 5 at 7 p.m.

Good Friday Service

April 6 at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday Morning

Early Service at 8 a.m.

Easter Breakfast at 9 a.m.

Late Service at 10:30 a.m.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Syd Moberg, Polly Wysor, Tyler Jones, Judy Morris, Chuck Bradley, Mary Lipscomb, Sherry Gordon, Lin Harmon

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, pastor of Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church, Steeles Tavern; **Second floor Health Care at Sunnyside**; **Janice Good**, friend of the church; **Dave Taylor**, brother of Diann Reed; **Dakota Rhodes**.

Please remember that this prayer list is updated regularly. 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...

...**Dave and Sherri Dumler** on the death of Sherri's step-father, **Robert Shifflett**.

In the Mail

Dear Friends,

I thank you for the cards, visits, and all the thoughtful things that you do for me. I enjoy getting the literature of the things going on. You are doing good work in the community and in disaster area. I know it is making a difference.

Sincerely, Winnie Simmers

Please remember to pray for our Confirmation Class and our Current and Incoming Officers.



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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

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 11

- 9:00 a.m. Church School
- 9:00 a.m. ROCK Event (Gathering Area)
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 1:00 p.m. Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church
- 3:00 p.m. Estate Planning Seminar
- 3:30 p.m. Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Prism Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Brass Band Concert (Sanctuary)

Monday, March 12

- 9:00 a.m. Disciple 4 Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Food Pantry
- 10:00 a.m. PW Circle #2 (Highlands)
- 6:00 p.m. Massanutten Ringers
- 7:00 p.m. Session Ministries
- 7:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

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

Tuesday, March 13

- 9:00 a.m. Disciple 1 Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Shoshana Circle with Marian Winger
- 1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple 1 Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. PW Circle #5

Wednesday, March 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

Friday, March 16

- 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Retreat through Saturday Noon (Massanetta Springs)

Sunday, March 18

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

- 5:40 p.m. Prism Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. New Members Reception followed by Session Meeting (Parlor)
- 7:00 p.m. Brass Band Rehearsal

Monday, March 19

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

Tuesday, March 20

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

Wednesday, March 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. Chancel Choir