

Massanutten Ministry Link

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

April 22, 2007

Third Sunday of Easter

Sermon Text

John 21:1-19

Sermon Title

Strange Commands, Stranger Obedience

Worship Leader

Doris Field

Hymns

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Baptized in Water
Here I Am, Lord*

April 29, 2007

Fourth Sunday of Easter

This Sunday will be the Pulpit Exchange for the Central Valley Mission Community. We are pleased to announce that the pastor of Trinity, Ann Held, will be our guest. Please extend the famous MPC hospitality to Ann when she is here. Pastor John will be preaching at Bridgewater PC that morning.

The Sermon Text, Sermon Title, and Hymns for this day will be selected in coordination with our guest minister.

MPC Missions—*Ready to Respond*

Our church has a long history of supporting missions, both locally and globally, through hands-on programs such as our food pantry, Christmas Angel Tree, Habitat for Humanity, Mercy House, and mission trips.

In 2006 our church sent 42 members, traveling over 6,000 miles to do mission work. These members performed over 2,400 hours of mission work in Baja, Mexico, the Gulf coast of Mississippi, and Pittsburgh, PA. The work of the missions addressed hunger and homelessness, and provided disaster recovery assistance, rebuilding lives while building faith.

Isaiah 6:8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me."

On May 13 we will collect a special offering to help support Missions at Massanutten. The purpose of this mission offering is to provide funds for local, national and global mission programs/projects, including feeding the hungry, providing housing for the poor and homeless, promoting peace, helping the hurting in the world.

On April 22 our worship focus will be mission, and the following Sunday, April 29, we will show a mission slide show narrated by some of our folks who have participated in past mission trips. Please check out the *Ready to Respond* poster at the Deacons table to see MPC members who have responded to our call to serve others.

By supporting Missions at Massanutten, you can support Massanutten's tradition of responding to the needs of others and our own need to serve. Are you *Ready to Respond*?

New Adult Short-term Study

Another Adult Sunday School Class for adults will be meeting April 22-May 27 in classroom 105. Collier Harvey will lead a short course on "*Making Ethical Decisions*". The class will deal with several current issues an illustration of how we go about making decisions and regular ethical issues that we face.

Does the church office have your latest contact information, including a current e-mail address?



Parents - Come to the

Next **R O C K** Event

Raising Our Christian Kids

Sunday, April 22

9 am - Gathering Area

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Join Family Ministry as we explore
ways to deepen our faith at home with our families.

Don't miss out on the fellowship, food, and nurturing of faith.

Serving Among Us	April 22, 2007	April 29, 2007
Greeters	Chris and Jessica Preston Robin and Diann Reed	Curt and Diane Schwalbach Annabelle Shortell and George Cross
Ushers	Anne Bradley, Bill Heinemann, Fleming Jones, Bob Milner, Robin Reed	Steve and Sherry Gordon, Bud and Betty Long, Bruce Rohlf, Chris Scott
Deacon of the Day	Mark Palmer	Susie Diehl
Sunnyside Bus Driver	Tim Miller	Phil Miller
Acolyte	Camryn Huffman	Megan Phelps
Sunday School Nursery	Kristen Suter-Blye	Linda Knupp
Infant Nursery	Sharon and Jacquelyn Jones	Julia and Marcus Sensabaugh
2 & 3 Year Old Nursery	Eric and Angie Baylor	Fleming and Sharon Jones
Floater	Ricki Irvine	Leslie Dutt
Children's Church Leaders	Jennifer Bryant and Susie Diehl	Angie Baylor and Vaniene Delucas

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.

Ethiopian Church President to Preach at Massanutten



Qes Iteffa Gobena, President, Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY), will preach in worship at Massanutten on Sunday, May 6. Qes Iteffa will be visiting Shenandoah Presbytery May 2-7 after attending the annual Ethiopia Mission Network Conference held this year in Minneapolis, MN.

He was born and attended school in Mettu, Ethiopia, which is in the Illubabor region of the country. As a member church of Shenandoah Presbytery, Massanutten shares in the mission partnership with the Illubabor Bethel Synod, one of the 5 Presbyterian synods in the EECMY. The Illubabor Synod has over 265 churches with over 300,000 members.

Qes Iteffa was ordained to the ministry in 1978.

Invite a Friend to attend Massanutten Presbyterian Church with you this Sunday.

Items Needed for Mission Trip

Carol Miller is traveling is traveling to Zambia and Mozambique on an AIDS mission trip from April 25 – May 11. One of the orphanages she will be visiting in Mozambique has asked for clothing for children from ages 6-16.

Boys: t-shirts or long or short-sleeved shirts. Shorts and slacks, but NO DENIM.

Girls: t-shirts and tops. Skirts and dresses

There are 80 children in this particular orphanage (40 boys and 40 girls) all sizes. There is limited space in suitcases to take these clothes, but all donations will be gratefully accepted.

All donations must be received by Sunday, April 22. Thank you.

Shortly after taking office as General Secretary of the Illubabor Bethel Synod, he was imprisoned by the then Marxist government and severely tortured.

“It was only because of God's providence that I was released after 2 years and eight months,” he writes. Since 2001, Qes Iteffa has served as President of the EECMY, which is a national church organization of over 3 million members which was formed by uniting the Presbyterian and Lutheran churches in Ethiopia.

Massanutten is honored to host Qes Iteffa on Sunday, May 6, for worship and a Fellowship luncheon. Everyone is invited to join in welcoming Qes Iteffa, to take the opportunity to meet and talk with him prior to worship and again after worship during the luncheon. The Fellowship committee will be providing dessert and drinks. Please bring a main dish and a salad or vegetable.

Don't forget the Blood Drive that will be held at MPC on April 26 from 2:30–6:30 p.m. Sign up for a time this Sunday.

News from Camp Massanetta

Have you registered for camp at **Camp Massanetta** yet? Summer is just around the corner-and Camp Massanetta is **READY!** The programs this summer have something for everyone - children K-12. Brochures are available on the table in the narthex or on the website www.massanettasprings.org or email the Camp Massanetta office at campmassanetta@yahoo.com or by phone at 434-3829. Register by April 20 and receive a discount toward your camp fee. Contact the church office for scholarship information. Presbytery scholarships must be submitted by April 24.

CVMC Workday at Camp Massanetta

We hope that you will join us from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, April 28 for our big camp preparation Work Day sponsored by the Central Valley Mission Community. Lunch and snacks are provided by Massanetta...so come on out and bring your tools, rakes, and endless energy for a day of work and fun! Projects will include raking leaves, cleaning out cabins and bathrooms, weeding/clearing flower beds, etc. Consider making the day a Youth Project for spring or a day of fun with your family and your church family. Children are welcome but no childcare is provided. Volunteers make a world of difference - **THANK YOU!**

Stewardship Information through Apr. 8

Weekly Budget Need—\$11,652.00

Budget Need Year to Date—\$163,128.00

Received Year to Date—\$160,679.85

Difference—(-\$2,448.15)

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

Book Sale Donations Accepted

Do you have “gently read” books you would like to donate to the **Book Sale** to be held at the church on Saturday, May 12? Do you have shelving units that could be used to display the books at the sale? If so, call Jan Liskey at 269-2663. All proceeds from the book sale will be used to purchase school supplies for our Food Pantry children.

Preschool to Hold Arts and Craft Festival

The Massanutten Preschool is sponsoring an **Art and Craft Festival** at the church on Saturday, May 12 from 9am-5p.m. Barbecue chicken will be pre-sold in the narthex on Sunday, April 22 and 29 and may be picked up at the church at 12 noon on May 12.

Massanutten Brass Band Takes Honors

The Massanutten Brass Band was awarded First Place in the Challenge Division during the recent North American Brass Band Association Championships in New Albany, Indiana. The annual Championship event was held April 12 – 14, 2007. The Massanutten Band lead a field of 7 other bands in the division. They were predicted to take 3rd place prior to the event.

The NABBA Championship event included over 1,000 brass players and percussionists making up around 30 brass bands. The James Madison Brass Band was awarded 2nd place in the highly competitive top Championship Division. Both bands are conducted by Massanutten church’s own Kevin Stees, who is professor of tuba and euphonium at James Madison University.

Congratulations to the Massanutten and to the JMU bands for their outstanding performances, both at the event and during their pre-contest concert in the Massanutten sanctuary on Wednesday, April 11. It is indeed an honor to have these two outstanding bands in our community.

Fifth Sunday Forum for All Adults

The Christian Education Ministry is beginning a new learning opportunity called the Fifth Sunday Forum. Every time there is a fifth Sunday in a month, the CE Ministry will sponsor a forum during the regular Church School hour at which all regular adult classes and others interested in taking part will have opportunity to engage a topic of interest to the larger church.

Our inaugural Fifth Sunday Forum will be held on Sunday, Apr. 29 at 9 a.m., and we are very excited to announce that the **Rev. Lynn Litchfield** is returning to speak at MPC. Many of us remember her challenging message when she filled our pulpit almost a year ago. Lynn, the Chaplain at the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women, serves under the auspices of the Chaplain Service of the Churches of Virginia. The PCUSA in Virginia is a partner with this agency. Lynn is an ordained minister of the Southern Baptist Church and resides in Charlottesville.

Please call the church office if you have questions, and plan now to take part in this exciting learning opportunity. All adults are invited to attend.

Sharing the Hospitality of Christ at MPC

As you have seen for yourselves in worship at Masanutton, we continue to have many new faces join us each week. The ministry of hospitality is extremely important for continued growth, and is a ministry that all of us need to practice, especially as you enter the sanctuary. Let's be sure that everyone who enters the doors at MPC—whether for the first time or as a long-time member—receives the hospitality of Christ from another member of the covenant community. *And, let's put into practice an unwritten rule that ensures that nobody sits alone in worship.*

Through the first 3 weeks in April, we have averaged 505 in worship. Can we make April 2007 the highest average attendance in MPC's history?

MPC Homecoming

The Fellowship Ministry is planning the first ever Homecoming for all of our MPC family and we need your help. Please write the names and addresses of anyone who has ever been a part of the MPC family that you may know on a sheet of paper and place in the basket in the Gathering Area or email the information to Shirley Jackson (catfishjackson@comcast) or to Karen Leecy (kleecy@comcast.net) by May 13. We want to invite all of our church family to a *Day of Homecoming at MPC* on Sunday, Aug. 5. We will all gather here at the church for worship and a time of fellowship, food and fun.

Presbyterian Women Collect Blankets

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.

New Address for the Jordans

Clay, Ann, Skylar, and Hannah Jordan are settled into their new home in Pensacola, Florida. They would love to hear from their MPC friends. Give them a call or drop them a note sometime.

5292 Rowe Trail
Pace, FL 32571

850/994-7315

Prime Timers Luncheon

Tuesday, May 2

12:30 p.m.

Golden Corral

Shenandoah Valley Choral Society Offers Concert

The **Shenandoah Valley Choral Society**, under the direction of Curtis Nolley, will present its annual Spring Concert on Friday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. The concert will open with Johannes Brahms' "*Requiem*" sung in English, while the second half will feature Brahms' "*Liebeslieder*" (love song) waltzes, also sung in English. The 100-member chorus will be accompanied by 4-hand piano and featured soloists. Church members Dick Forbes and Ron Matthews sing in the Choral Society. Tickets are available from Choral Society members, Family Christian Store, and Red Front Supermarket. Advance admission is \$10 for adults/\$9 for seniors and students; \$2 more at the door.

Blood Drive Assistants Needed

MPC is hosting three Blood Drives in 2007: April 26, Aug. 8, and Dec. 13. We are looking for one or two volunteers to assist Shawn Green to organize and host the Brave Hearts of MPC for each Blood Drive. If interested contact Shawn Green at 289-5735.

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1
- 2 Joshua Hylton
- 3 Abby Stapleton
- 4
- 5 Robert Underwood
- 6 Dale Dobroth
- 7 Phyllis Jones / Randy and Becky Hylton
- 8 Andrew Landes, Elizabeth Walker / James and Doreen Roadcap
- 9 Zoe Speakman
- 10 Linda Green, Joshua Jones / Jay and Cindy Veenis
- 11 Shawn Green, Randy Arthur
- 12
- 13 Mike Michael, Andrew Sheuchenko, Timothy Tran
- 14 Rhonda Miller
- 15 Dale and Dorothy Dobroth / Bob and Doris Jerome
- 16
- 17 Kevin Caldwell, Don Krech, Zachary Allen
- 18 Colin Dutt / Rick and Cindy Pachis / Kevin and

2007 MPC Blood Drive Schedule

Mark your calendar for three Blood Drives at MPC in 2007: April 26, Aug. 8, and Dec. 13. We are looking for a few good men and women to share the gift of life with someone in need. Look for posters announcing the event several weeks before the scheduled dates, and then sign-up for a time slot. It will take about an hour of your time to help a neighbor in need.

Items to Save for Camp Massanetta

Camp Massanetta is in need of the following items for their use during the upcoming camping season:

- ◆ Cereal Boxes
- ◆ Dish Washing Liquid/Detergent Bottles
- ◆ 2 liter or 16 oz. Soft Drink or Water Bottles
- ◆ Orange Juice/Milk Cartons
- ◆ Gallon Milk Jugs
- ◆ Styrofoam Egg Cartons

Please bring any of these items to the church office, and thanks for your help.

- Melissa Caldwell
- 19 David Bluhm, Patricia Copper, Denise Laycock, Sally Sutherland / Jim and Vaniene Delucas
- 20 Ann Oldman, Sharon Lam, Ted Lankford, Scott Veenis / Matthew and Kelly Richardson
- 21 Matthew Atkins / Ron and Sherry Matthews
- 22 Mary Elizabeth Thompson / Ted and Amy Lankford
- 23 Nancy Davis / Chuck and Phyllis Jones / Bob and Doris Field
- 24 Timothy Miller, Darnell Williams
- 25 Kelsi Diehl / Curt and Diane Schwalbach
- 26 Don Wilkinson
- 27 Doug Sensabaugh, Morgan Neary
- 28 Bruce Rohlf, Carol Miller, Lauren Lopacinski, Jared Dutt
- 29 Sally Brown, Jordan Maddra
- 30 Jean Fifer / Jack and Nancy Heintzleman
- 31 John Irvine / Mike and Suzan Harrison

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Polly Wysor, Chuck Bradley, Sherry Gordon, Russell Studenmund, Emily Reid, Nancy Blose, 2007 MPC Confirmation Class and Mentors, Our Current and Incoming Elders and Deacons

FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Raymond Shepley, Sr., father of Sherry Matthews; **Dave Taylor**, brother of Diann Reed; **Don Grimes**, friend of our church family; **Lee and Reba Emswiler**, aunt and uncle of Charlotte Landes; Nick Linstid, great nephew of Chuck and Anne Bradley; **George Matrigali**, friend of Bill and Sharon Heinemann; **Flossie Roach**, sister-in-law of Geri Black; **Martha Lohr**, sister of Irene Hartman; **Gary Royer**, friend of Scott, Lisa, Mackenzie and Morgan Kanney; **Ranny and Marion Traynham**, brother and sister-in-law of Millie Roache; **Adriel Gonzales**, friend of Will Preston; **Josh and Michele Caplette**, friends of Alana Miller; **Dale Michael**, brother of Mike Michael; **Katheryne Lockridge**, friend of our church family; **Lois Derrick**, friend of Dee and Martha Floyd; **Susan Beyers**, cousin of Netta Coulter; **Ginnie Nicholson**, mother of Rhonda Stees; **Elizabeth Brown**, friend of Jane Burfoot.

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)

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

Jeff Pascale, friend of the Wissinger family (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...

...**Bill Frazier** and his family on the death of Bill's cousin, **Billy Wheeler**.

...**Nancy Heintzleman** and her family on the death of her cousin, **Harriet Dunbar**.

Remember to pray for the Virginia Tech community and their families in the wake of the recent shootings.

In our baptisms, we have been named a community of priests. Let us pray for one another.



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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
Tina Landes, Office Assistant
Bob Jerome, Organist
Sharon Bloomquist, Pianist

Be sure to visit us on the Web!

www.massanuttenchurch.com

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 22

- 9:00 a.m. Church School
- 9:00 a.m. Rock Event
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 1:00 p.m. Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church
- 4:30 p.m. Spectrum Handbell Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Prism Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Brass Band Rehearsal

Monday, April 23

- 9:00 a.m. Disciple 4 Bible Study
- 2:00 p.m. Small Group (Sunnyside)
- 7:00 p.m. Massanutten Ringers
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #28

Tuesday, April 24

- 9:00 a.m. Disciple 1 Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Officer Training Dinner and Study
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple 1 Bible Study

The next issue of *The Massanutten Ministry Link* will be mailed on May 1, 2007. Please submit to the church office any material for publication in the next newsletter by 3:00 p.m. on Apr. 25.

Wednesday, April 25

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:15 a.m. Crossroads Pealers
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Make a Difference Group
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 26

- 2:30 p.m. Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry

Saturday, April 28

- 6:00 p.m. Recorder Ensemble Rehearsal

Sunday, April 29

- 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
- 4:30 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, April 30

- 9:00 a.m. Disciple 4 Bible Study

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #28
- 7:00 p.m. Massanutten Ringers

Tuesday, May 1

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

Wednesday, May 2

- 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. PW Coordinating Team Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

