

# Massanutten Ministry Link

*A Publication of Massanutten Presbyterian Church*

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

**June 3, 2007**

*Celebrating the Gifts of Women*

**Sermon Text**

Philippians 3:17-4:1

**Sermon Title**

*Just Like Paul*

**Worship Leader**

Carol Miller

**Hymns**

*Women of Faith*

*God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

**June 10, 2007**

*Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Sermon Text**

1 Kings 17:8-16

**Sermon Title**

*Irrational Abundance*

**Worship Leader**

Steve Gordon

**Hymns**

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*God of the Sparrow*

## Youth Sunday Was Fantastic!

Sunday, May 20th was a very special day in the life of the MPC church family as the Youth of our church shared their faith, talents and abilities with us in a Youth Sunday service full of music, drama and service. It seemed only fitting that we also use this Sunday to take the opportunity to recognize MPC's 8 graduating high school seniors for their accomplishments at MPC and

in the wider community. Over 125 people attending a luncheon, following the service, where seniors were celebrated. It is wonderful to be a part of a congregation that values the service and lives of its Youth - and we look forward to more great Youth programs and activities in the 2007-2008 year, beginning in September. Watch the newsletter for details coming this summer!



Each Sunday following worship during the summer months the MPC family will gather for Lemonade on the Lawn. Plan to enjoy a relaxing time of fellowship and get to know some of the guests who worship with us each Sunday.



## Celebrating the Gifts of Women Sunday

This Sunday, June 3, we will observe Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday. Pastor Ann Pettit will be preaching, and the musical and other leadership within the service will be offered by women from our congregation.

## Camp Reminder from Family Ministry

**Family Ministries** encourages all children and youth to participate in camp at Camp Massanetta this summer. Scholarships are available through the church office. Scholarships for overnight campers are \$50 and for day campers \$35. What better way to spend some time this summer than in fun, fellowship, and faith at Camp Massanetta. See Karen Leecy in the church office for scholarship information.

## Thank You from Family Ministry

To All Children and Youth Volunteers: Family Ministry wishes to thank all those who helped to make all our programs for children and youth a success this school year. Your time and talents are so appreciated. Thank you for your service to your church, its children, and youth. Your giving glorified God. Blessings to all.

Don't forget that our Sunday School Program Year ended last Sunday and will begin again on **September 9.**

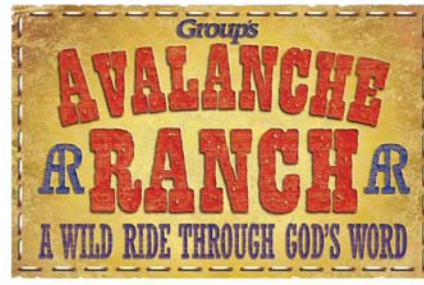
## Camp Reminder from Family Ministry

As Family Ministry begins its planning for the next school year, we hope you will prayerfully consider ways to live out the baptismal vows made to our children and youth by growing your own faith through new ways to serve. We have many fine programs that take a lot of people to put into action. Opportunities for service include:

- Children's Church Teachers and assistants
- Confirmation Mentors
- Faith Village Teachers and Shepherds
- ROCK Events
- Sunday School Children and Youth
- VBS Volunteers
- Our new WOW Program (Worship on Wednesdays)
- Youth Helpers for special programs/events

Contact a Family Ministry Member if you are interested and they can assist you in making the right contact. Family Ministry members include: Laura Atkins, Ka Guinn, Kathleen Haines, Reid Laughlin, Melissa Leecy, Tim Long, Carol Lown, Jennifer Strawderman,

Serving Among Us	June 3, 2007	June 10, 2007
<b>Greeters</b>	Juanita Armentrout, Geri Black, Ann Callendar, Evelyn Earl, Martha Floyd, Millie Roache, Helen Scully, Jean Wall	Dale and Dorothy Dobroth Bo and Patti Hobbie
<b>Ushers</b>	Patsy Bales, Ginny Biggs, Juli Colville, Katherine Hart, Sharon Lam, Kitty Leggett, Carol Poulson, Heidi Wagner	Chuck and Anne Bradley, Chris Scott, Fleming Jones, Ramona Ritchie, Glenn Strawderman
<b>Deacon of the Day</b>	Mark Palmer	Jennifer Bryant
<b>Sunnyside Bus Driver</b>	Brian Phelps	Randy Atkins
<b>Acolyte</b>	Logan Stewart	Sarah Haines
<b>Infant Nursery</b>	Fleming and Jacquelyn Jones, Sheila Laughlin	Julia and Marcus Sensabaugh
<b>2 &amp; 3 Year Old Nursery</b>	Ellen and Chris Painter	Eric and Jacki Nickel
<b>Floater</b>	Rebecca Arthur	Becky Rohlf
<b>Children's Church Leaders</b>	Leslie Dutt and Wendy Stapleton	Reid and Sheila Laughlin



Register Now for Vacation Bible School

June 10–14 6:00–8:15 p.m.

Massanutten Presbyterian Church

*Invite your friends and neighbors to join you.*



## Children's Church Graduation



During worship on May 20, the Children's Church Team presented Bibles to all children completing the second grade this year in recognition of their graduation from Children's Church. As these children make the transition to worshipping in the sanctuary for the whole service, please share your hospitality with them. We learn to worship best by worshipping, and by looking over the shoulders of those who know the liturgy by heart.

If you are a second grader (or the parent of one) who was not able to be present to receive your Bible in worship, you may come by the church office to pick it up. Blessings, and happy reading!

Invite a Friend to attend Massanutten Presbyterian Church with you this Sunday, and be sure to introduce yourself to others in the sanctuary or at Lemonade on the Lawn.

## 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.net) or to Karen Leecy (kleecy@comcast.net). 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.

## IRA Giving Opportunity

Late last year, Congress passed the Pension Protection Act, which created a new avenue for giving to charitable organizations like MPC while simultaneously reducing a donor's tax burden. Under the new legislation, eligible individuals can direct all or part of a mandatory minimum IRA distribution to charity entirely tax-free in the 2007 tax year. A gift to MPC through a mandatory IRA distribution allows the donor to avoid income tax on the distributions over the next two years. To be eligible, a donor must be at least 70½ years old. Each eligible individual can give up to \$100,000 per year, while together an eligible couple can give up to \$200,000 per year.

Over 90% of IRA accumulations are not used in the lifetime of the owner, so this is a powerful tool for making a large gift and for reducing both income and estate taxes in the process. Please consider making such a gift to MPC during 2007.

## Sharing the Hospitality of Christ at MPC

As you have seen for yourselves in worship at Massanutten, 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.*

### Stewardship Information through May 27

Weekly Budget Need—\$11,652.00

Budget Need Year to Date—\$244,692.00

Received Year to Date—\$236,694.24

Difference—(-\$7,997.76)

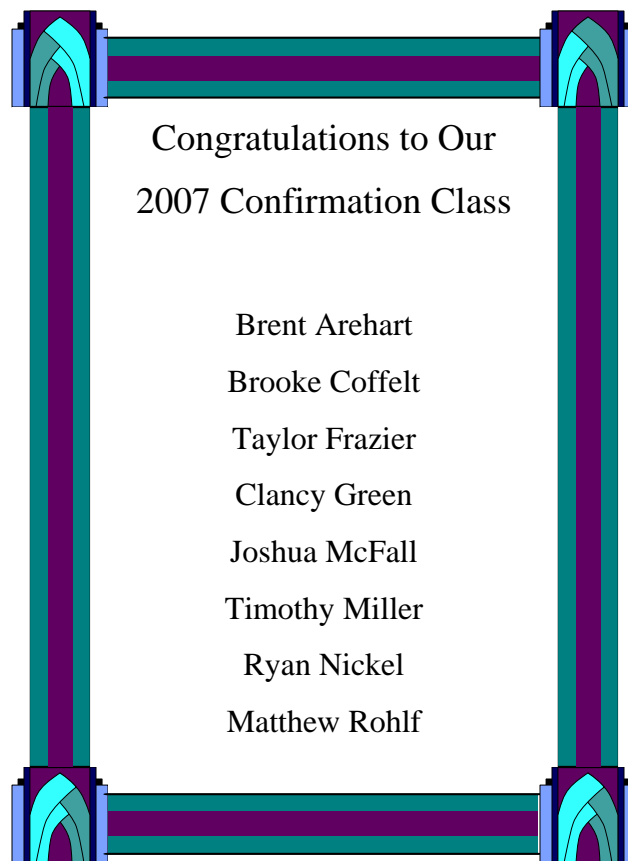
*In response to the blessings of God in our lives, we give of ourselves—our time, our talents, our treasures.*

## Thanks for Your Response

We who make up the Massanutten community of faith gave over \$7,500 to support our hands-on and other missions during our *Ready to Respond* offering campaign. A DVD highlighting the mission work of our congregation is available to be picked up from the table in the narthex. It's a great way to see what we have done and to imagine where God may send us next.

## 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.



## How Do You Measure Success in the Church?

How do you measure success in the church? That's a tough challenge for congregations, because too often we try to measure success by counting results. Occasionally, however, we get closer to the ways that congregations are successful.

About ten years ago the church where I was pastor decided to have an Open House for the neighborhood. We were excited about the things we were doing in worship, education, and mission, and we wanted to share that news with our neighbors, hoping that they would want to join us in our mission.

The Outreach Ministry created an attractive flier which they hand-addressed and mailed to everyone in the 37204 zip code. They enlisted the aid of every Sunday School class in the church to open their classrooms for desserts and information. They planned and carried out a wonderful presentation on the way the mission of the church was carried out in that community of faith.

The night finally arrived, and the church was brimming with anticipation. The potluck tables overflowed. The Sunday School rooms never looked so good. But reality crashed the party—Only 2 people from outside of the church attended, and both of them had been members of a church for several decades. Not exactly great prospective members.

So was the event a success? It depends on how we measure it. If we look at numbers only, it was a miserable failure. But if we look through another lens, it was a smashing success. What the event did for this congrega-

tion was to open their eyes to people beyond the walls of the church. All of us present that night kept our eyes fixed on the open door. We were waiting—even expecting—others to come in.

I can think of no finer posture for us to embrace: to consciously and intentionally invite people into the richness of life we experience in God through Massanutten Presbyterian Church, and, then, with eager eyes cast toward the open door, watching and waiting and hoping for the arrival of those God intends for us to nurture. And there's the key. We are, none of us, called to be successful. Rather, we are called to be faithful—to be faithful to our calling to witness to and share the love of God in and for the world. I like how Walter Brueggemann says it in one of his books: "...we need *disciplines of readiness*, acts undertaken with intentionality and discipline, to leave us ready if God should make new moves among us" (*Cadences of Home*, p. 118).

I am thankful for all the disciplines of readiness I see our church participating in here, and I am convinced that God is making new moves among us. May we be successful in the one task of the church that matters most—in our discerning who God is calling us to be and what God is calling us to do. These are exciting days in the life of the church, and I'm thankful to be partners with you in what God is doing among us here.

With gratefulness for your disciplines of readiness,  
Pastor John

With thanks to our MPC officers who have completed their terms of service,

### Elders

MJ Christophel, Dick Miller, Laura Holbrook,  
Eric Nickel, Carol Lown, Bill Jackson

### Deacons

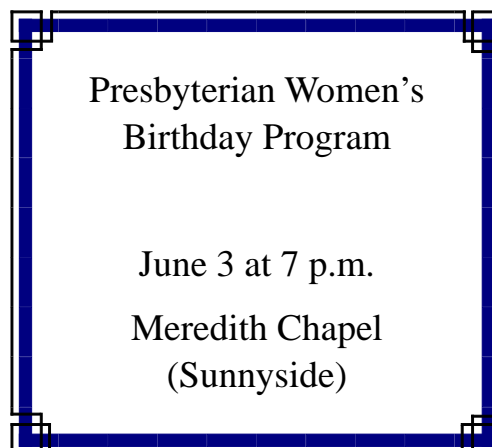
Bob Bales, Susie Diehl, Sharon Bloomquist, Shawn Green

## 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.



New Members will be received  
by the Session at its next meet-  
ing, which is scheduled for  
Sunday, June 24, at 6:30 p.m.  
Contact the church office for  
more information.

## June Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 1 Kristen Stewart  | 16   |
| 2 Charles Reller, Michael Bullis / Kevin and Rhonda Stees / Timothy and Rhonda Miller  | 17 Debbie Bullis   |
| 3 Kari Sheuchenko, Marcus Sensabaugh, Andrew Palmer, Brooke Branner / Nathan and Jill Enslin                                     | 18 Nancy Heintzleman / Warren and Sharon Dovel / Bob and Patsy Bales                                     |
| 4 Mark Davis, Joshua Stapleton   | 19 Abby Branner, George Conn, Cameron Neary  |
| 5 Mary Morris, Brady Hylton  | 20 Fleming Jones, Laura Laycock, Logan Phelps  |
| 6 William Comer III, Mary Rouse  | 21 Duane Hensley, Nicholas Pachis, Nathan McDonald / Chris and Jennifer Bryant / Ray and Wendy Stapleton |
| 7 Frances Chittum, Bob Jerome, Randy Atkins, Judy Whisman  | 22 Kyle Morris   |
| 8 Mary Jo Slane, Denny Slane / David and Kim Showalter / Dwight and Betsy Newman   | 23 Gus Lankford, Pattie Hobbie, Heidi Wagner / John and MJ Christophel / Army and Kitty Leggett          |
| 9 Caitlyn Miller, Melinda Laycock  | 24 Mike and Terri Michael / Shannon and Kim Showalter  |
| 10 Betsey Branner  | 25 John Leggett, Garret Schwalbach / Jim and Juli Colville   |
| 11 Fred and Laura Holbrook / Whit and Helen Scully   | 26 JR Copper / Don and Dixie Dofflemyer  |
| 12 Sarah Leggett, Kevin Stees, Ruth Sensabaugh / Don and Ann Wilkinson   | 27 Jack Hammer   |
| 13 Abby Phillips, David Stubblefield, Ann Callender, Jim Colville, Don Enslin, Emily Burner, Tucker Hobbie / Tim and Cristy Long | 28 Cole Showalter / Linden and Nona Bowman   |
| 14 Helen Miller  | 29 Becky Hylton, Steve Whisman   |
| 15 Ellen Blose, Amy Trobaugh / Bill and Sharon Heine-<br>mann  | 30 Jacquelyn Jones / Kevin and Beth Webb   |

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

### MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Bill Jackson, Chuck Bradley, Jane Burfoot, Jean Fifer, Jean Wall, Herb Hartman, Sherry Gordon, Doug Sensabaugh (Mission Trip to Ethiopia)**

### 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; **Nick Linstid**, great nephew of Chuck and Anne Bradley; **George Matri-gali**, friend of Bill and Sharon Heinemann; **Ginnie Nicholson**, mother of Rhonda Stees; **Heidi Miller and Heidi Eberly**, friends of our church family; **Amaya Kinley**, friend of our church family; **Paul Lee**, friend of Kevin Caldwell, **Lyle Harlow**, father of Sandy Taylor; **Cornelia Robinson**, cousin of Nancy Heintzleman; **Ronnie Raynes**, friend of Tim and Cristy Long; **Barbara Seal**, friend of Becky Hylton; **Jim Dobbs**, son of Harry and Alberta Dobbs; **Ryan Tarman's** Company in Iraq; **Lori Bruggema**, friend of Jacki Nickel; **Rowna Zeiss, Maria Schaeffer, Debra Fitzgerald**, friends of Kevin Caldwell; **Frances Garber**, Stephanie Dean's great-grandmother; the **Virginia Tech Community** .

### 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)

*Thank you for continuing to keep us informed of on going prayer needs.*



### WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO...

...the family and friends of **Barbara Seal**.

...the family and friends of **Dr. William M. Ramsay**, including his many former students.

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

*The world's program of self-improvement: resolutions and calisthenics. Jesus' program is faith and prayers: believing and praising. We fail in the work of grace and love when there is too much of us and not enough of God. What do you find yourself unable to do?*

-Eugene Peterson, in *A Year with Jesus*



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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**

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## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, June 3

- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn
- 1:00 p.m. Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church
- 7:00 p.m. PW Birthday Program (Meredith Chapel, Sunnyside)

### Monday, June 4

- 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

### Tuesday, June 5

- 8:00 p.m. Softball Game (Weyers Cave Ruritan Park)

### Wednesday, June 6

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Saturday, June 9

- 6:00 p.m. Recorder Rehearsal

The next issue of *The Massanutten Ministry Link* will be mailed on June 12, 2007. Please submit to the church office any material for publication in the next newsletter by 3:00 p.m. on June 6.

### Sunday, June 10

- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn
- 1:00 p.m. Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church
- 6-8:15 p.m. Vacation Bible School

### Monday, June 11

- 10:00 a.m. Food Pantry
- 6-8:15 p.m. Vacation Bible School
- 7:00 p.m. Softball Game (Weyers Cave Ruritan Park)
- 7:00 p.m. Sessional Ministries

### Tuesday, June 12

- 9:00 a.m. Volunteers prepare newsletter for mailing
- 1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6-8:15 p.m. Vacation Bible School

### Wednesday, June 13

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6-8:15 p.m. Vacation Bible School

### Thursday, June 14

- 6-8:15 p.m. Vacation Bible School

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

