

# Massanutten Ministry Link

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August 7, 2007

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

**August 12, 2007**

*19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Sermon Text**

Luke 12:32-40

**Sermon Title**

*Giving Treasure, Then Heart*

**Worship Leader**

Ka Guinn

**Hymns**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*Take My Life*

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

**August 19, 2007**

*20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Sermon Text**

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

**Sermon Title**

*By Faith*

**Worship Leader**

Anne Bradley

**Hymns**

*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*  
*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

## Back to School Breakfast

A big **ROCK** event! On Sunday, Aug. 19 we will have the annual *Back to School Breakfast* in the Fellowship Hall at 9 am. Plan to bring your family to this event which is titled *The Cross in the Crazyness*. Along with breakfast we will discuss faith and Sabbath in the midst of busy lives. We invite all school age children to bring something with them that represents their lives, a favorite hobby or activity. Put this date on your calendar and plan to attend. Reservations may be made on the Friendship Folder or by calling the church office (540-434-6194) by Aug. 13.



## Blessing of the Backpacks

All students of any age and any adults who serve as teachers, administrators, or staff in our area schools are invited to participate in our *Blessing of the Backpacks*, as we surround our children and educators with our prayers and commission them to live their faith at school. This service of blessing will take place during our worship service on Sunday, Aug. 19.

This is a great day to introduce your friends, classmates, and neighbors to the ministry of MPC. As always, remember to pray for our area teachers, administrators, staff and students.



**Massanutten**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*"At the crossroads of real life and abundant grace,  
where God's children are...  
meeting Christ in each other,  
praying earnestly,  
listening carefully,  
singing joyfully,  
and joining boldly  
with the Spirit's work in the world."*

## Tutors Needed at Skyline Literacy

The **Skyline Literacy Coalition** is in need of tutors. Training will be held on Aug. 11 and 18 and Sept. 20, 22, and 24. For more information or to register for training, call 540-879-2933 or visit their web site at [www.SkylineLiteracy.org](http://www.SkylineLiteracy.org).

## Children's Clothes Needed

The **McGaheysville United Methodist Church Clothes Closet** is in need of good used children's clothing. Please bring your clothing and leave it in the MPC library.

## What's Needed in the Food Pantry?

Thank you for your support of the Massanutten Food Pantry. Recent months have seen a 40% increase in the number of families who need our assistance. At this time we have an adequate supply of canned corn, peas and green beans. The Food Pantry is in need of other canned foods, paper products, personal hygiene products, dish and laundry soap, and shampoos. For more information call Sharon Heinemann at 540-289-9000.

## Volunteer Farm Needs You

**It is harvest time, and the Volunteer Farm needs YOU!**

The Volunteer Farm exists to provide food for the hungry in the 25 counties and nine cities of Virginia we serve. Within a couple of weeks, the Farm will start harvesting 28 acres of cantaloupe, onions, potatoes, sweet potatoes, and watermelon. It is hoped that the harvest this year will produce at least 50 tons of fresh vegetables for distribution to 100,000 hungry people by the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. We cannot fulfill this goal without your help!

Families, individuals, youth and adult groups are encouraged to visit the farm through the week or on a Saturday prior to mid-October. If individuals are unable to help with the harvest, we also need volunteers to assist in the office with various mailings and data entry. If you would like to help, please sign up on their web site at [www.VolunteerFarm.org](http://www.VolunteerFarm.org). The *calendar* shows the anticipated work for each day, the number of volunteers needed, and the number already signed up.

We hope that you will join us in the ongoing work of the Volunteer Farm. Please keep the Farm in your prayers, as we are experiencing a severe drought and desperately need rain.

Serving Among Us	August 12, 2007	August 19, 2007
<b>Greeters</b>	John and Sally Brown Keith and Linda Knupp	Chuck and Anne Bradley Mark and Kay Davis
<b>Ushers</b>	Jim and Juli Colville, William Comer, Linda and Colin Green, Keith and Linda Knupp, Bruce Rohlf	Larry French, Tim Miller, John Myers, Jim and Gail Oppy, Brian Phelps, Jack Wysor
<b>Sunnyside Bus Driver</b>	Phil Miller	Tim Miller
<b>Acolyte</b>	Zack Allen	Megan Miller
<b>Infant Nursery</b>	Jan Arnold and Hunter Davis	Jim and Wendy Kinley
<b>2 &amp; 3 Year Old Nursery</b>	Corey and Sharon Churchill	Eric and Jacki Nickel
<b>Floater</b>	Juli Colville	Sandy and John Levensgood, Linda Knupp
<b>Children's Church Leaders</b>	Dannie Allen and Wendy Stapleton	Reid and Sheila Laughlin

## Adult Education Fall Class Schedule

When the new Church School year begins on Sept. 9, you will have the opportunity to participate in some great classes. In addition to the strong program for our children and youth, we will be offering three adult options, with one of them being a new class for adults in their 20s, 30s, or 40s. Here's what's been planned for you:

The Adult Education Ministry is pleased to announce a new class—**Connections**—which will be facilitated by Pastor John. This class will be limited to adults in their 20s, 30s, or 40s and will be primarily discussion based. You will hear a lot more about this new class in the coming days. (*Special Note: The first meeting of Connections will be held Sept. 16 at 9 am.*)

**The Covenant Class** will begin a study called *The Life of David* on Sept. 9. When that topic ends, they will then concentrate on the theme of discerning the will of God. The class is taught by Dick Miller and is primarily lecture-based, although there is ample opportunity for discussion and great fellowship. The class is open to adults of any age.

**The Disciples Class** will begin the fall with a study of *The Gospel According to Starbucks* by Leonard Sweet. *Starbucks*, not exactly a scholarly book, but insightful and provocative, explores the meteoric success of the coffee (and tea) house, which has captured the loyalty of millions of Americans. The average, under forty American citizen visits Starbucks five times a week. Excerpts from the book may give you insight as to what Sweet is up to in this his latest book.

“You don't stand in line at Starbuck just to buy a cup of coffee. You stop for the experience surrounding the cup of coffee (or tea).”

“Too many of us line up for God out of duty or guilt. We completely miss the warmth and richness of the experience of living with God. If we'd learn to see what God is doing on earth, we could participate fully in the irresistible life that he offers.”

This class will be taught by Mark Davis and John Irvine and will be a blend of lecture and discussion. Participants in this class will be encouraged to purchase and read the book, as well as make an outing at some point to a local Starbucks. (Guides have volunteered to go with novices.) The class is open to adults of all ages.

## Workshop Rotation Continues

A couple of years ago the Session approved a new model for the K-Grade 5 Sunday School program called *Faith Village*. It is based on the Workshop Rotation model for teaching and learning which draws on the learning theory developed by Dr. Howard Gardner; the technical name is multiple intelligences. The basic premise is that not all children (or adults, for that matter) learn the same way. Some are visual learners, some are audio learners, and some need a “hands on” experience.

The way it works in Sunday School is this: Over a six-week period the children have the opportunity to explore a Bible story through six different teaching styles. A typical rotation includes an art experience, a drama experience, games, and “hands-on” Bible. Other workshop possibilities included computers, food, music/worship, video, and science.

We are in the process of calling Workshop Leaders. A workshop leader commits to a six-Sunday block. He/She prepares for one workshop that has been developed by our writing team, and then leads that same workshop all six Sundays. The children, by grades, rotate through the workshops. One advantage is that if a child has to miss a Sunday, he/she does not have to miss the whole story. Another plus is that the leader does one preparation, tweaking a bit from week to week, depending on the grade. Next year's stories are planned and the workshops that haven't been completed are in development. Over the course of the year we will need 36 workshop leaders. Are you one of them? If you would like more information, please contact the church office to be put in touch with our Faith Village Team.

Thanks for your continuing prayers for the people who teach and learn in Faith Village.

## STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION THROUGH JULY 29

<b>Weekly Budget Need</b>	\$11,652.00
<b>Budget Need Year to Date</b>	\$349,560.00
<b>Received Year to Date</b>	\$328,445.37
<b>Difference</b>	(\$21,114.63)

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

## Memorial Concert at Mossy Creek

On Aug. 18 at 6 pm the Sunset Mountain Boys will be presenting a concert for the **Kayle Selkirk Memorial Playground**. There will be light refreshments and a time of fellowship and fun at Mossy Creek Presbyterian Church. Please bring your lawn chairs and blankets.

**WOW is coming to MPC on Wednesday nights this fall. Registration will begin soon and leaders are already being called. Call the church office if you would like to hear more!**

## Youth Pool Party

A pool party for rising 6-12 graders is being held at the home of Marc and Nancy Davis on Sunday, Aug. 12 from 2:30-5:30 pm. Please bring your swimsuit and towel and a snack to share.



**Directions:** Take Port Road toward Grottoes, turn right on 671/Shady Grove Road. Once on that road, bear left. Go straight onto a gravel road. House is on the left. Phone 540-249-4837 if you need help.

## Massanutten MusicMakers Look to Fall

When August arrives, fall seems to begin to appear on the horizon. The Ministry of Music at Massanutten also begins to focus on new beginnings for all the music groups in the church.

Did you know that nearly 25% of the Massanutten membership participates in the Music Ministry of the church? That's nearly 130 people of all ages. This diverse ministry of the church brings together 5 year olds who will have their first experience leading in worship as they sing in the God's Children Choir. It brings together 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders to sing in the Carol Choir and to lead in worship with a better understanding of what worship is all about. It brings together our youth who share their varied musical gifts in choir and handbells. It brings together the Chancel Choir, Massanutten Ringers and Crossroads Pealers where life-long and even new Presbyterians unite their love of music as they lead us each week in our worship. And even more variety is added with the men's quartet, the recorder ensemble and Massanutten's own Brass Band!

One can sense the "iceberg" effect when week after week, some of the ten (10) music groups step into a leadership role in our worship. We see a small tip of the iceberg each Sunday. The mission and ministry of music that goes on each week in rehearsals is essential to the overall mission of the church. Relationships are formed that bind us all together as we seek to offer our gifts in service to the church.

Please consider getting more involved in the music ministry at Massanutten. Whether you can serve as a leader or a participant, the rewards are eternal! You may contact any of the music directors or call Doug Sensabaugh, Director of Music, about becoming a part of a musical group. Call the church office at 434-6194 for more information.



## From the Pastor

I don't know about you, but the days are literally flying by for me this summer. Part of that has to do with my excitement about some of the things that are happening now, or that will be happening this Fall. One of the things that I'm excited about is my new blog, through which I hope to share some of the richness of my ordinary pastor's life. I am keenly aware of the ways that God blesses me through you, and I am thankful for a way to share those stories. You may access the blog from our website ([www.massanuttenchurch.com](http://www.massanuttenchurch.com)) or go directly to the site, which is [www.kairoscorner.blogspot.com](http://www.kairoscorner.blogspot.com). In the box below, you can read the first (and at this time only) post.

The second thing that is consuming my thoughts and giving me great excitement is the chance to facilitate a new adult Church School class. I will be leading *Connections*, a new class for those who are in their 20s, 30s, or 40s. If you don't know who Hannah Montana is, then you probably aren't ready for the class.

May these waning days of summer bring you an opportunity to ponder God's faithfulness. Peace, **Pastor John**

### Kairos Corner (the Pastor's Blog)

While it may not always show in what I produce, I have always cared about the way words fit together. As a result, I have resisted any thought I've ever had to enter the world of blogging. Blogging, after all, is not exactly known as an arena for literary precision. And yet, as the church's task of living together as a *community* of faith becomes more difficult with each passing day, I have come to believe that this form of communication might enable us to say and hear some things that aren't always spoken in the crush of congregational life. And so, trusting that you will read with grace-filled eyes, I hereby open *Kairos Corner*.

My blog's title in fact reveals its aim. The Greek language has two words for time: The first is *chronos*, which is a word that describes the ordinary passing of time, from which we get our word *chronology*. The second word for time in the Greek language is *kairos*. This is a time that is teeming with possibility. It is used to describe times that are alive to what God is up to around us, where the curtain pulls back and you catch a glimpse of God's dreams for this world that God loves. The hope, you see, is to train our hearts to comprehend when *chronos* time becomes a *kairos* moment--a time pregnant with opportunity.

Just a few Sundays ago, in the midst of an unusually complicated serving of the Lord's Supper, I noticed such a moment. No, that's not quite right. It wasn't so much that I noticed the shift from *chronos* to *kairos* as much as it was that I happened to be in the right place to receive an amazing blessing from God.

The last two times we have come to the table, Brandon, a second grader who is not yet partaking of the bread and cup, has come to me for a blessing. And so I have done for him what I have done countless times to my own children or others from the congregation. I have traced the sign of the cross on his forehead and have reminded him that he belongs to God and have blessed him in the name of Christ. Though incredibly significant on one level, it was also just *chronos* time playing itself out. That's just one of the things that pastors do in the church.

Suddenly, however, the time shifted. It dawned as me as I reached for Brandon's forehead that he was doing the same to me. This child of God traced the cross on my head and reminded me that I belonged to God too. And in the twinkling of an eye, that ordinary time broke open and became *kairos* time and I was overwhelmed yet again by God's power to bestow life through the blessing of child.

Those are the things that I will be writing about here--those amazing moments when ordinary time becomes *kairos* time. I invite you to share your own discoveries of such times in your life, even as I give thanks for our God of abundant blessings. Of course, I suspect I will also throw in a lot of "ordinary" reflections to strengthen our congregation's life together as well, since there are always more things to say than opportunities to say them.

With prayers for your deepening joy in Christ's service.

Pastor John

## Disciple Groups Forming

The Adult Education Ministry will hold a brief informational meeting about Disciple Bible Study immediately following worship on Sunday, Aug. 12. At this meeting, former Disciple students and teachers will share a bit of their own experience in Disciple and answer your questions.

Disciple is a 34 week small group Bible Study which provides the opportunity to build relationships and deepen faith commitment through weekly meetings. This year, we will offer Disciple Three to those who have completed Disciple 1. Again this year, we will also offer Disciple 1.

Information and sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex. Those who register will be formed into groups shortly and will begin their study in early September. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ann. Plan to take part in this transformational study.

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## Thank You Notes in the Mail

Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank you for your prayers, overwhelming support, and acts of kindness during the recent death of our brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Martha Dovel. We truly are blessed to be part of such a warm and caring church family.

**- Warren and Sharon Dovel**

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your cards and prayers during the recent death of my grandmother and the birth of our daughter, Madeleine.

**-Kevin and Melissa Caldwell**

Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank you for the cards, visits, and other acts of caring during Whit's surgery and recovery.

**-Whit and Helen Scully**

## Shenandoah Presbytery to Meet

On Saturday, Aug. 18, the Shenandoah Presbytery will gather for our stated meeting with the congregation of First Presbyterian Church in Martinsburg, WV. In addition to Pastor John and Pastor Ann, Jim and Gail Oppy will be attending from MPC.

Please remember to keep the moderator, the Rev. Robert Osborne, and other representatives in your prayers. We are fortunate to be a part of such a great presbytery and are thankful to be partners with our sister congregations in this area.

## New Members to Be Received

The Session will be receiving new members in the Gathering Area on Sunday, Aug. 19, at 6:30 pm. If you have found a connection to God and God's people here at MPC, we would love to have you become an active member of the congregation.

There are several people who have made the decision to join who will be meeting with the Session on Aug. 19. Why not join them?

For more information or to ask any questions you may have, please see the web site or contact Pastor John (540-434-6194).

Welcome, and we're glad you are worshiping and serving through Massanutten Presbyterian Church.

Disciple Bible Study Recognition

Sunday, Aug. 12 at 10:30 am

We will be recognizing members of our two Disciple 1 Classes and one Disciple 4 Class who completed their courses of study.

Have you considered enrolling in Disciple this year?

# As a Community of Priests, We Are Called to Prayer

## MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Sharon Posey, Danielle Armstrong, John Schneider, Bill Jackson, Mary Lipscomb, Betty Hancock, Jane Burfoot, Jean Fifer, Herb Hartman, Sherry Gordon**

## 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; **Amaya Kinley**, friend of our church family; **Logan Hill**, friend of Fleming and Sharon Jones; **Claude Ramey**, father of Angie Baylor; **Ronnie Raynes**, friend of Tim and Cristy Long; **Daniel Lam**, friend of Geri Black; **Nancy Lee Campbell**, aunt of Randy Hylton; **Angie Wolford and son, Jake**, cousins of Jaime White; **Craig Kingery and Don Kingery**, Erin White's brother and father; **Chris Hilbert**, friend of Jeffrey Long; **Scott Dovel**, nephew of Warren and Sharon Dovel; **Chuck Melton**, friend of Chris Scott; **Rev. Hoge Smith**, a friend of our church family; **Philip Holbrook**, son of Fred and Laura Holbrook; **Sue Helems**, friend of Marge Langfitt; **Michael Sullenger**, friend of our church family; **Stated Meeting of the Shenandoah Presbytery**; **Patrick Pettit**, husband of Pastor Ann Pettit.

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

*“Prayer is at the heart of worship.  
In prayer, through the Holy Spirit,  
people seek after and are found by  
the one true God who has been revealed in Jesus  
Christ.  
They listen and wait upon God,  
call God by name,  
remember God’s gracious acts,  
and offer themselves to God.  
Prayer may be spoken, sung, offered in silence, or  
enacted.  
Prayer grows out of the center of a person’s life in  
response to the Spirit.  
Prayer is shaped by the Word of God in Scripture  
and by the life of the community of faith.  
Prayer issues in commitment to join God’s work in  
the world.”*

*(From the Directory of Worship)*

## 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 Iraq)  
**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 FL)  
**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)  
**Joey Arbogast**, cousin of Dee Floyd (stationed in Iraq)  
**Stephanie Beard**, granddaughter of Jean Beard (stationed in Germany)

## WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO...

**Heidi Wagner**, on the death of her Aunt June.

## New Arrival

Whit and Helen Scully are now first-time great grandparents, as they rejoice in the birth of Eli Drake Fleming, who was born on July 29 and weighed in at 9 pounds, 1 ounce. Please remember to keep this new addition and his family in your prayers.



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**Sunday School—9 am (Sept.—May)**  
**Sunday Worship—10:30 am**

### 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](http://www.massanuttenchurch.com)**

#### Sunday, August 12

9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
10:30 am Worship Service  
11:30 am Disciple Information Meeting  
11:30 am Lemonade on the Lawn  
1:00 pm Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church  
2:30 pm Youth Pool Party (Home of Marc and Nancy Davis)

#### Monday, August 13

2:00 pm Small Group (Sunnyside)  
6:30 pm Family Ministry (Home of Carol Lown)  
7:00 pm Sessional Ministries  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

#### Wednesday, August 15

The next issue of *The Massanutten Ministry Link* will be mailed on Aug. 21. Please submit to the church office any material for publication in the next newsletter by 10:00 am on Aug. 14.

6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast  
9:00 am Staff Meeting

#### Saturday, August 18

9:30 am Shenandoah Presbytery Meeting (Martinsburg, WV)

#### Sunday, August 19

9:00 am Back to School Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  
10:30 am Worship Service (Blessing of the Backpacks)  
11:30 am Lemonade on the Lawn  
1:00 pm Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church  
6:30 pm New Member Reception followed by Session Meeting (Gathering Area)

#### Wednesday, August 22

6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast  
9:00 am Staff Meeting

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Don't miss the Blessing of the Backpacks during worship on Aug. 19 at 10:30 am.

Does the church office have your most recent contact information? If not, please call or e-mail the church office (contact info above) so that we can update our records.