

Massanutten Ministry Link

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August 21, 2007

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

August 26, 2007

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon Text

Luke 13:10-17

Sermon Title

Learning to Tell the Time

Worship Leader

Doris Field

Hymns

*God of Grace and God of Glory
Now Thank We All Our God
God of the Sparrow*

September 2, 2007

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon Text

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Sermon Title

God's No-Trade Clause

Worship Leader

Brian Phelps

Hymns

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Dear Lord and Father of Man-
kind*

Do You Know Someone Who Would Make a Good Church Officer?

“As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in governing and ministry. . . . It is the duty of elders, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation committed to their charge. . . . It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith.” (Book of Order G-6.0300 - G-6.0400)

For the next few weeks there will be nomination forms inserted in the bulletins and they will be available on the table in the narthex for several weeks more. Prayerfully consider whether now is the right time for you or someone you know to experience the joy and fellowship of serving God through our church. Don't let this opportunity for service pass by!!

The Nominating Committee

Linda Knupp, Chair

Bring a Friend to Church Sunday to be Held Oct. 14

Do you have friends and neighbors that are looking for a church home? Why not invite them to join us on our journey at MPC. Don't hesitate to invite your neighbors, friends, co-workers, and even relatives. Our goal is 110% capacity.



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. ”*

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.

1000 Volunteers Needed To Harvest Vegetables

One thousand volunteers are being recruited by the Volunteer Farm near Woodstock to harvest tons of vegetables from 28 acres to help feed 100,000 hungry Virginians served monthly by the Blue Ridge Food Bank in 25 counties and nine cities. "Before they rot in the fields, we must gather cantaloupe, onions, potatoes, sweet potatoes, and watermelons and get them on the plates of our hungry neighbors," said Bob Blair, CEO of the non-profit farm. Volunteers are needed to work in the morning for about 4 hours. Especially during weekday mornings, since the veggies are maturing each day. Volunteers can sign up online at the Farm's website at 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.

News from People Helping People

People Helping People will hold its **Annual Meeting** on Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 6 pm at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church's John Hall. This will be a carry-in meal with meat, drink and table service furnished. Those attending are asked to bring other food to complete the meal. We are one of the supporting members of this community organization.

Prime Timers Luncheon
Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 12:30 pm
Golden Corral

Serving Among Us	August 26, 2007	September 2, 2007
Greeters	JR and Patricia Copper Collier and Betsy Harvey	Buck and June Ritchie Bud and Betty Long
Ushers	Bob Bales, Kevin Caldwell, Joe Heavner, Don and Carol Poulson, Ramona Ritchie, Greg and Ann Trobaugh	Fleming Jones, Robin Reed, Chris Scott, Julia and Marcus Sensabaugh, Glenn Strawderman, Jeannie Sutherland, Sandy Taylor
Sunnyside Bus Driver	Skip Wissinger	Richard Ours
Acolyte	Brady Hylton	Logan Comer
Infant Nursery	Nancy Lu Irvine and Becky Rohlf	Rebecca Arthur and Carol Way
2 & 3 Year Old Nursery	Deb Comer and Rhonda Stees	Pam French and Sherry Gordon
Floater	Dale and Dorothy Dobroth	Rhonda Miller
Children's Church Leaders	Betsey Branner and Jennifer Coffelt	Rhonda and Kevin Stees

Next ROCK Event Scheduled

Come learn about the opportunities that are being offered for middle and high school youth. This informational meeting will take place on Sept. 9 during the Sunday School hour (9 am). The event is sponsored by Family Ministry. Plan to join us for another outstanding ROCK Event!

(ROCK stands for "Raising Our Christian Kids")

Presbyterian Women Picnic

Monday, Aug. 27 at 6 pm

MPC Fellowship Hall

Please bring a salad, vegetable,
or dessert to share.

Central Valley Mission Community News

Our congregation is a member of the Central Valley Mission Community of Shenandoah Presbytery. The next meeting will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church on Thursday, Sept. 6 at 2 pm. Pastor John and Anne Bradley or Reid Laughlin will be our representatives at this meeting. Remember to keep the work of the mission community in your prayers.

College Student Contact Information

If you have not already done so, please be sure to send updated mailing addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses for any college student from your household to the church office (kleecy@comcast.net). We will be sure they receive the newsletter and other contacts from the church.

All Women Invited to Join PW

Purpose of Presbyterian Women

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves

- To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study;
- To support the mission of the Church worldwide;
- To work for justice and peace; and
- To build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witness to the promise of God's kingdom.

We offer six circle meetings at various locations and times:

Circle #1—2nd Thursday at 1:30 pm in the Church Library or in homes.

Circle #2—2nd Monday at 10 am at the Highlands at Sunnyside.

Circle #3—2nd Tuesday at 10 am at Sunnyside.

Circle #4—2nd Thursday at 1 pm at Sunnyside.

Circle #5—2nd Tuesday at 7 pm in the Church Library.

Shoshana—2nd Tuesday at 10 am in homes.

It is not necessary to be in a circle to participate in PW, although we encourage you to consider being a member. There will be other opportunities during the year should you wish to contribute. Our PW newsletter (published early in the month) will be placed on the PW table in the Narthex, and you are invited to take a copy. If you wish more information, please contact one of our officers or Circle Leaders.

Moderator—Sharon Bloomquist (540-289-5977)

Vice-Moderator—Betty Long (540-434-0073)

Secretary—Nancy Davis (540-249-4837)

Treasurer—Janet Morris (540-434-8147)

Historian—Carol Lown (540-574-2808)

Circle #1—Ginny Biggs (540-249-4858)

Circle #2—Sarah Lobban (540-568-8582)

Circle #3—Ruth Smith (540-434-2234)

Circle #4—Ruth Sensabaugh (540-432-0608)

Circle #5—Patricia Copper (540-828-4504)

Shoshana—Juli Colville (540-289-3871)

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION THROUGH AUG. 19

Weekly Budget Need	\$11,652.00
Budget Need Year to Date	\$372,864.00
Received Year to Date	\$355,556.03
Difference	(\$17,307.97)

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

We Are Asked to Pray for the Church in Iraq

We received the following call to prayer from the Office on the Middle East Presbyterian Peacemaking Program:

“Our Iraqi sisters and brothers in Christ face significant challenges in the living of these days. There are five Presbyterian congregations in Iraq. The ongoing violence and terror have made life difficult for them individually and as congregations. In the face of daily tragedies, many have had to flee the country; others have left their homes for other, safer places in Iraq, thus becoming internally displaced.

We encourage all members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), individually or in groups, as well as neighbors and friends, to pause for prayer every day at noon (Eastern time) to remember our brothers and sisters in Christ, all the people of Iraq, Iraqis who are refugees or living in diaspora, the people of the United States impacted by war, those in positions of authority, men and women who are serving in the military and all who suffer.

We have also communicated this invitation to the Presbyterian churches and other Christians in Iraq, in order that we might stand together before God’s throne of grace.”

From the Office on the Middle East Presbyterian Peacemaking Program

Iraq Network — Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Reformed Church in America, United Church of Christ

You Can Make a Difference in the Chancel Choir

Let’s be direct and to the point! The Massanutten Chancel Choir needs additional voices. There is a very loyal core of wonderful choir members who are dedicated to be there every week. But they cannot carry the load alone. **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

We are approaching a new season when all the church programs are starting a new year of mission and ministry. For this new season, the choir has openings in all sections – soprano, alto, tenor and bass. In particular, we could use at least 5 sopranos, 2 altos, 3 tenors and 3 basses. And when you come to join us, **YOU CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.**

Excuses? We’ve heard just about all of them. “I’m not a soloist.” “My voice is not right for the choir.” “I like to sing for my own amazement!” “I’m too busy.” “I don’t like what the choir sings.” The choir sounds its best when it has people who just like to sing and who enjoy being together. So come help us grow because **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

Consider a short term commitment by joining for the fall season – September –through December. This is one of the most exciting seasons for the music ministry. The Chancel choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday evening, September 5, at 7:00pm in the choir room. Please come join us so you **CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

For more information contact the church office or any choir member.

Youth Worship Team Leader Needed

The Worship on Wednesdays (WOW) mid-week educational program is beginning on Wednesday, September 12, at 4:30pm, and we need a Youth Worship Team leader. There are 10-20 eager youth in grades 6-12 who enjoy being together and preparing to lead in worship. But they need a leader who will love them, encourage them and who will help teach them songs and dramas for worship. If you could be a part of a leadership team and help with the music, please contact Patti Hobbie or Doug Sensabaugh as soon as possible.

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.

Disciple Bible Study Class Schedule

Mondays, 9—11:30 am

Disciple III in the Gathering Area
(begins Sept. 10)

Tuesdays, 6:30-9 pm

Disciple III in the Gathering Area
(begins Sept. 11)

Thursdays, 6:30-9 pm

Disciple I in the Gathering Area
(begins, Sept. 6)

Worship on Wednesday (WOW)

Our Wednesday night children's/youth program, WOW, will begin on Sept. 12. The program begins at 4:30 pm and ends at 7:00 pm. It includes recreation, dinner, Bible study and choir for grades 1-12. To sign up your children/youth, please drop by the church office and pick up a registration form or pick up one on the table in the narthex and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate by Sunday, August 26, 2007.

The new Church School Year will begin on Sept. 9 at 9 am!
Make plans to participate in a class as a part of your continued growth in the faith, or say “yes” to a call to teach or assist in a class.

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

1	Wilson Sidwell, Don Poulson, Laura Atkins / Dee and Martha Floyd	17	Kay Davis
2	Mary Robinson	18	Hoge Smith, Robert Scott / Tim and Jill Kincaid
3	Stephen Cosby	19	Addison Delucas
4	Dan Chalfant, Ramona Ritchie	20	Ka Guinn / Tim and Alana Miller
5	Anastasia Webb, Tyler Nickel / Larry and Pam French	21	Frances Morton
6	Stuart Robinson / Fleming and Sharon Jones	22	Marcia Stirewalt
7	Susan Bevins, Brittany M. Colberg	23	Megan Phelps
8	Cameron Irvine	24	Floyd Wall, Dixie Dofflemyer
9	Susan Diehl, Brandon Morris, Matthew Dofflemyer / Steve and Sherry Gordon / Doug and Julia Sensabaugh	25	Carol Poulson, Andy Packwood
10	Myrtle Little, Jane Kolb / J. R. and Patricia Copper / John and Evelyn Earl	26	Jennifer Bryant
11	Jean Wall	27	Cathy B. Packwood
12	Anne Landes	28	
13	Earl and Marilyn Spillman	29	Dorothy Armentrout, Julianne Jones
14	Fred Holbrook, Robin Reed / Jay and Katie Roderick	30	
15	Dick Miller, Chris Sutherland / William and Deborah Comer		
16	Debra Coffman		

Thanks for a Great Homecoming

Many thanks to all who contributed in any way to the success of our Aug. 5 **Homecoming Celebration**. More than 200 people shared a meal and good fellowship following an inspiring worship service.

Much preparation was done months ahead to invite people who have been a part of the MPC family but have moved away. About 35 returned to join the celebration of 140 years of worship and ministry at the crossroads. The Fellowship Team and other sessional ministries provided food to accompany Marty Diehl's delicious pork barbecue. Many worked hard to prepare in advance and to serve and clean up for this special gathering. You know who you are - so know that your contribution is appreciated. It takes many hands to share the load. Thanks for all you do!!

Children's Consignment Sale and Benefit for Amaya Kinley

The Kinley/Dameron Family will be hosting a children's consignment sale on Sept. 22 to raise money for Amaya Kinley as she continues her chemotherapy. Set-up will begin at 6 am and the sale will begin around 7 am and run until 4 pm. The cost will be \$10 for a space and \$15 for a table. Volunteers are greatly appreciated to help set up and take down tables. If you are interested, flyers are located in the Narthex with details and tips on consigning or please contact Wendy Kinley at (540) 289-6749.

Those wishing to make a donations to help with Amaya's medical expenses, may write their check to the church and note that it is for Amaya Kinley.

As a Community of Priests, We Are Called to Prayer

MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Eric Nickel, Bill Jackson, Mary Lipscomb, Jane Burfoot, Jean Fifer, Sherry Gordon

FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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 and Flossie Roach, sister-in-law 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; **Sid Schultz**, friend of Jim and Gail Oppy; **Michael Sullenger**, friend of our church family; **Richard Schiemann**, former pastor of St. Stephens Church in Harrisonburg; **Shenandoah Presbytery Meeting**; **M. J. Nutty**, cousin of Tim Miller; **Clyde Walker**, father of Betsy Newman; **Jim Warner**, friend of our church family; **Galen "Eddie" Long**, father of Kim L. Showalter; **Marha Lohr**, sister of Irene Hartman; **Debbie Hensley**.

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 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...

Ron and Sherry Matthews on the death of Sherry's father, **Raymond Shepley, Sr.**
Geri Black and her family on the death of her sister-in-law, **Flossie Roach**.
The family and friends of **Agnes Davis**.

"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*)

New Arrival

Congratulations to Lynn and Sue Newman on the birth of their grandson, **Riley Own Walker**. He was born on May 23 and weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces. The grandparents report that Riley's doing very well.



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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

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Sunday, August 26

9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 am Lemonade on the Lawn
1:00 pm Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church

Monday, August 27

2:00 pm Small Group (Sunnyside)
6:00 pm PW Picnic (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, August 28

9:00 am Staff Computer Training (Gathering Area)
7:00 pm Faith Village Teacher Training (Market Place)

Wednesday, August 29

6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:00 am Staff Computer Training (Gathering Area)
10:30 am PW Coordinating Team (Classroom 105)
3:00 pm Make a Difference Group (Library)

Sunday, September 2

9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 am Lemonade on the Lawn
1:00 pm Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church

Monday, September 3

Labor Day—Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 4

First Day of Preschool
12:30 pm Prime Timers Luncheon (Golden Corral)
7:00 pm Property Ministry (105)

Wednesday, September 5

6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:00 am Volunteers Prepare Newsletter for Mailing
9:00 am Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)



The next issue of *The Massanutten Ministry Link* will be mailed on Sept. 5. Please submit to the church office any material for publication in the next newsletter by 3 pm on Aug. 29.

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