

# Massanutten Ministry Link

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## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

**September 9, 2007**

*23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Sermon Text**

Psalm 1

**Sermon Title**

*Delighting in the Word*

**Worship Leader**

Carol Miller

**Hymns**

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

*Break Thou the Bread of Life*  
*The Summons*

**September 16, 2007**

*24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Sermon Text**

Luke 15:1-10

**Sermon Title**

*A Party with Overflowing Joy*

**Worship Leader**

John Irvine

**Hymns**

*Baptized in Water*  
*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

## New Church School Year Begins

Sunday, Sept. 9 at 9 am

### Welcome back to Faith Village

Faith Village is the place where our children in Grades K—5 learn the foundational stories of our faith in a variety of ways. We begin this year's studies in Egypt as God calls his people out of slavery and onward to the Promised Land. We discover that Pharaoh is a very, very stubborn man. It takes not just one or two, but ten plagues to convince him to let his slaves leave. We watch Moses, lacking confidence at first, learn how to be an effective leader. And we observe God's people learn what it is to first of all, be God's chosen people, and secondly, become a nation.

We'll experience a Jewish seder (pronounced sayder), the Passover meal. We will do music, art, and drama. We'll play games and watch a movie. Oh, yes...and there will be frogs...lots of frogs! Join us for fun and learning! Our first lesson rotation goes through Oct. 14.

### Children and Youth Church School Classes

Infants—Age 2

Church Nursery

2-3 Year Olds

Room 205

4 Year Old

Room 203

Faith Village

Begins in Room 108 (The Marketplace)

(Grades K—5)

Middle School Youth

Room 103

High School Youth

Room 100

*(Special Note: Read about the ROCK Event for youth and their parents to be held on Sept. 9 on p. 3.)*

**(See Page 2 to discover learning opportunities for Adults.)**



**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.”*

## Adult Education Opportunities

When the new Church School year begins this Sunday, 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.

If you think you may like to be a part of the new Connections Class for adults in their 20s, 30s, or 40s, please e-mail or phone Pastor John to let him know so that adequate materials and space can be arranged.

Serving Among Us	September 9, 2007	September 16, 2007
<b>Greeters</b>	Bob and Patsy Bales Marty and Susie Diehl	Ed and Cathy Comer Mike and Ka Guinn
<b>Ushers</b>	Anne Bradley, Chris Bryant, Netta Coulter, Bud and Betty Long, Bob Milner, Dwight Newman, Curt Schwalbach	Jim and Juli Colville, William Comer, George Cross, Steve and Sherry Gordon, Randy Hyl- ton, Bruce Rohlf
<b>Sunnyside Bus Driver</b>	Anne Bradley	Linda Green
<b>Acolyte</b>	Camryn Huffman	Kendra Strawderman
<b>Infant Nursery</b>	Mark and Barbara Palmer	Shawn and Linda Green
<b>2 &amp; 3 Year Old Nursery</b>	Amy Bjorkgren and Becky Hylton	Fleming and Sharon Jones
<b>Floater</b>	Linda Myers	Gina Phelps
<b>Children's Church Leaders</b>	Kim Phillips and Alayne Leggett	Dannie Allen and Jennifer Strawderman

## ROCK Event for Youth & Parents

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")*

## 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 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.

## 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 Gathering.

**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. 26

<b>Weekly Budget Need</b>	\$11,652.00
<b>Budget Need Year to Date</b>	\$396,168.00
<b>Received Year to Date</b>	\$374,012.29
<b>Difference</b>	\$-22,155.71

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

## 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.

## 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 Rood 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](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.

Have you identified people who would make a good nominee for an elder or deacon? If so, please e-mail any suggestions to Linda Knupp at [ljknupp@aol.com](mailto:ljknupp@aol.com).

## 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.

## Bake Sale Items Needed for Benefit

The **Deacon Congregational Care Committee** is asking for donations of baked goods for Amaya Kinley's Benefit Bake Sale on Saturday Sept. 22. Please have these donations at the church by 6pm on Friday, September 21st or before 7am on Saturday, September 22nd. Thanks for your kind donations. Please contact Leslie Dutt with any questions at 289-3214.

## PW Officers to Be Installed

Incoming officers and other leaders for the 2007—2008 Presbyterian Women program year will be installed during worship on Sunday, Sept. 16. Plan to be there to surround these leaders with your prayers for their important ministry.

## News from People Helping People

**People Helping People** will hold it **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.

## Your Invitation Means Everything

As you have seen in the newsletter, the Open Door Ministry is sponsoring a Bring a Friend Sunday on Oct. 14, and I hope that you are already thinking of someone to invite. We have so much ministry happening here at the crossroads that we need to share the good news with people we meet.

Earlier this year I took part in an Evangelism Retreat at Massanetta Springs. It was a great event that challenged me in several ways. I am thankful that our Open Door Ministry had two members to attend—Sherry Gordon and Sharon Jones. Our parish associate, Ann Pettit, was also part of the leadership for the event.

Are you tempted to think that your invitation isn't important? Just look at the following numbers to discover just how important you are. When asked why they attend a church for the first time, 14,000 respondents gave the following answers:

- Walk In 1-3%
- The Pastor 2-5%
- Special Needs 2-3%
- Home Visits 1-2%
- Sunday School 3-5%
- Revivals, TV .001%
- **Invited by Friends, Relatives, Acquaintances 70-90%**

The numbers above reveal how important it is for all of us to be intentional about identifying people we know who have not yet found a home in the church, and then

inviting them to come with us to worship or one of our other activities here.

This is one of the prime times when people are considering where to make their church home, which makes it an ideal time to invite someone to worship with you. Can you think of people you know who are not currently active in a congregation? If so, then consider making the following commitment:

- 1) Pray for them daily, asking that their hearts would be open to God's love and that your relationship with them would be strengthened.
- 2) Determine to invite them to worship on Oct. 14 for our Bring a Friend Sunday.
- 3) Be open to the prompting of God's Spirit so that your invitation is marked by the hospitality of Christ.

May this season of nurture and growth be a time for you to see how God is drawing you deeper into the ways of Christ. Immerse yourself in the fellowship and witness of this community of faith. And, in response to the ways that this congregation has enabled you to connect with God, invite others into the richness of life we experience here on our journey together.

With grace and peace,  
Pastor John

## Help Support Area Crop Walk

The first Harrisonburg CROP WALK in many years will be held this year on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 3 pm.

The CROP WALK is a project of Church World Service, an international aid agency which for 60 years has helped the world through Hunger Relief, Refugee Assistance, Disaster Response, and Social and Economic Development. We support it each January with our Tools and Blanket offering. It is now in more than 80 countries. CROP WALKS are held in some 2,000 cities across the nation.

The location of the start/finish will be at the Farmers Market on South Liberty Street. A 5-kilometer route has been planned, with rest/water stops at various churches along the way. Walkers may sign up and receive a collection envelope in the narthex. Walkers then solicit pledges from fellow church members, co-workers, family members or anyone else willing to contribute to fight hunger. After the walk you collect the pledges and we will turn the money in to the local CROP treasurer. One fourth of the proceeds will be given to a Harrisonburg food pantry. Three fourths is forwarded to Church World Service to use in their worldwide ministries.

## Goodness is Powerful

A public lecture by The Most Rev. Desmond Tutu

Friday, September 21 at 7 pm at JMU Convocation Center

Free Admission, Doors open at 5 pm

Rev. Desmond Tutu, Anglican Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town, South Africa and 1984 Nobel Peace Prize winner known for his work in ending apartheid.

## 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.

## Teen Handbell Ensemble in Rehearsal

"Spectrum" Teen Handbell Ensemble is starting a new season. Any youth interested in joining this fun group should call Kath Wissinger at 289-6973. Musical knowledge is helpful. "Spectrum" plays monthly for worship, tours every Fall and Spring (or attends a Festival) and usually offers other programs for local retirement homes. Rehearsals are every Sunday from 4:30-5:45 pm.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

### Calling All Teachers and Musicians

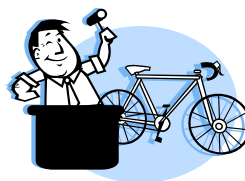
Don't forget that we will commission and install our leaders for Church School, WOW, and all MusicMakers during morning worship on Sunday, Sept. 9. If you are involved in leadership in any of these groups, please be there so that we can set you apart for your service.

## Music and Art Classes at Redeemer

After School Music and Art Enrichment Classes will be offered by Redeemer Classical School. MPC's own Julie Staber will be teaching the music classes. Redeemer School is now meeting at Mountain View Fellowship on Route 996 west of Montevideo Middle School. For more information call 828-3394.

## Auction 2008: We Need You

Would you like to enjoy fellowship and some great laughs?



Would you like to bid on some great buys and some one-of-a-kind items?

Would you like to support the MPC youth?

Saturday, April 12, 2008, has been set aside for the MPC Auction. But to pull this off, we need your help. Call Linda Green at 289-5735 to see what you can do.

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

## MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Annabelle Shortell, Bill Jackson, Betty Hancock, Jane Burfoot, Jean Fifer, Sherry Gordon, Syd Moberg**

## 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; **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; **Sue Helems**, friend of Marge Langfitt; **Sid Schultz**, friend of Jim and Gail Oppy; **Michael Sul-lenger**, friend of our church family; **M. J. Nutty**, cousin of Tim Miller; **Jim Warner**, friend of our church family; **Galen "Eddie" Long**, father of Kim L. Showalter; **Martha Lohr**, sister of Irene Hartman; **Sue Ellen Church; Jack Burdge**, Butch Dutt's nephew; **Stephen Davis**, Stephanie Toothman's father; **Rex Springston**, a friend of our church family.

*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...

...the family and friends of **Daniel Lam**, a friend of **Geri Black**.  
...**Dwight, Betsy, and Dwight William Newman** on the death of Betsy's father, **Clyde Walker**.

*"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*)

## Words of Thanks

To the MPC Congregation:

We would like to thank all of you for your prayers of care and healing for my father, Don Kingsley, and my brother, Craig Kingsley, during their time of kidney transplant surgery. My whole family have felt God's presence during the days and weeks that have followed. We thank you so much.

Blessings, **Erin and Jaime White and Family**

Eddie and Janice Michael, would like to thank Dale Dobroth, Phil Miller, and Marc Toothman, members of our church family, who helped make their house handicapped friendly for their nephew, Scott Dovel.



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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, September 9**

- 9:00 am Church School
- 9:00 am ROCK Event (Gathering Area)
- 10:00 am Fellowship Coffee (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 11:30 am Nominating Committee (Library)
- 1:00 pm Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church
- 4:30 pm Spectrum Teen Handbell Rehearsal

- 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)
- 6:30 pm Disciple 3 Bible Study (Gathering Area)
- 7:00 pm PW Circle #5 (Library)

- 6:30 pm New Member Reception followed by Session Meeting (Gathering Area)

**Wednesday, September 12**

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 4:30 pm WOW (Worship on Wed)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Monday, September 17**

- 9:00 am Disciple 3 Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Massanutten Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop #28 (Picnic Shelter)

**Tuesday, September 18**

- 12:00 pm MPC Clergy Luncheon (Gathering Area)
- 6:30 pm Disciple 3 Bible Study

**Monday, September 10**

- 9:00 am Disciple 3 Bible Study (Gathering Area)
- 10:00 am Food Pantry
- 10:00 am PW Circle #2 (Highlands)
- 2:00 pm Small Group (Sunnyside)
- 7:00 pm Sessional Ministries
- 7:00 pm Board of Deacons
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

**Thursday, September 13**

- 1:00 pm PW Circle #4 (Sunnyside)
- 1:30 pm PW Circle #1 (Gathering Area)
- 7:00 pm Administrative Committee Meeting (Library)
- 6:30 pm Disciple 1 Bible Study (Gathering Area)

**Wednesday, September 19**

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:00 am Volunteers Prepare Newsletter for Mailing
- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 4:30 pm WOW
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**Tuesday, September 11**

- 10:00 am PW Circle #3 (Sunnyside)
- 10:00 am Shoshana Circle with Juli Colville

**Sunday, September 16**

- 9:00 am Church School
- 10:am Fellowship Coffee (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 1:00 pm Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church

**Thursday, September 20**

- 6:30 pm Disciple 1 Bible Study (Gathering Area)

The next issue of *The Massanutten Ministry Link* will be mailed on Sept. 19. Please submit to the church office any material for publication in the next newsletter by 3 pm on Sept. 12.