

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Blessing

Welcome

John and Nicolette have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made them a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

Concerns of the Church and Prayers of the People

The Deacons may be found circulating through the congregation before and after worship. They can be identified by their red name tags. You are invited to share any prayer concerns with them to be included in our congregation's prayers.

Gathering of the Offering

Offertory *How Beautiful* Paris

*Doxology No. 593

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending

*Hymn *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* No. 145

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude *To Thee, O Lord, The God of All, I Call* Peeters

(*All stand, who are able.)

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT MASSANUTTEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We're glad that that you are here to worship God with us this morning. If you're looking for a church home, we invite you to consider joining Massanutten. Feel free to speak with our Pastor or a Deacon after worship, or call Pastor John Leggett at 540/434-6194 during the week.

Please see one of our Ushers if you would like a large Print Hymnal, Bible, or Bulletin.

Children are welcome in the sanctuary at all times, but a Nursery is available for *Infants to 3 years old* in Room 202 during the Worship Service. **Pagers** are available for parents of children staying in our nursery.

When the *Friendship Pad* is passed to you, please include your phone number and address.

Prayer Request Cards may be found in the seat racks. *Please place them in the offering plate.*

Do you have trouble hearing in the service? Please see an usher for information about Sonic Ear.

Please see the information on the tables in the Narthex to learn more about what's going on at Massanutten. Extra copies of our bi-monthly newsletter, *The Link*, may be found there. Please call the church office (540/434-6194) if you are not receiving *The Link* by mail.

Printed copies of *recent sermons* are available on the table in the narthex.

Worship service CDs are available; if you would like one, please call the church office.

You can find additional information about the many ministries and activities of Massanutten on our **website**: www.massanuttenchurch.com

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 16

- **Spectrum**, Massanutten's teen handbell ensemble, is starting up a new year. Any youth interested in joining this group should call Kath Wissinger at 289-6973. Musical knowledge is helpful.
- The next **Inquirers' Class** will be a four-hour seminar designed to explore what it means to be a member of Massanutten Presbyterian Church. You are invited to meet with Pastor Leggett on Sunday, Sept. 23 from 3-7 pm. Childcare and Dinner will be provided, so please call the church office to sign up. Thank for you participation at Massanutten!
- The **Middle High Youth** (grades 6-8) will have their Kick-Off meeting on Saturday, September 22 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the home of Alana Miller. This will be a time to get to know each other, play volleyball, horseshoes, or just sit around a campfire making s'mores. Please bring a snack to share and a chair or blanket to sit on. The address is 3280 Lakewood Drive. If you have questions call Alana at 433-1823.
- The **Senior High Youth** (grades 9-12) will hold their Kick-Off "Sundae-Extravaganza" on Sunday, September 23 at the church. Arrive at 5:45 p.m. for dinner and the Kick-Off will be from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Come out for an evening of faith, friendship, and fun! For more information email Melissa Leecy at mleecy@comcast.net
- Do you have friends and neighbors that are looking for a church home? October 14 is designated as **Massanutten Bring a Friend to Church Sunday**. *Don't hesitate. Invite neighbors, friends, co-workers, and even relatives! Our goal is 110% capacity.*
- The **Harrisonburg Crop Walk** will be held on Sunday, September 30 at 2:30 p.m. The Crop Walk is a project of Church World Service. The start/finish line is at the Farmers Market on South Liberty Street. A 5-kilometer route has been planned. Walkers may sign up and receive a collection envelope in the narthex. For more information check the September 5 .Massanutten Ministry Link.
- You are invited to a **Community Worship Service** to celebrate The Day of Prayer and Action of Habitat will be held this evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Sunrise Church of the Brethren , 1496 S. Main Street, Harrisonburg.
- Please be sure to send your **college student's updated mailing address**, phone number and email address to the church office (kleecy@comcast.net).
- There will be a Children's Consignment Sale and Benefit for Amaya Kinley at MPC on Saturday, Sept. 22. The hope is to help defray the medical expenses for Amaya's on-going 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. If you are interested, flyers can be found in the Narthex with details and tips on consigning, or please call Wendy Kinley at 540-289-6749.



A Service for the Lord's Day
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 16, 2007

10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements John Irvine, Worship Leader

Minute for Mission Amaya Kinley Benefit Tim Miller

Prelude *Allegretto* Naumann

For Silent Meditation during the Opening Music

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

We have gathered to praise our gracious God.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,

we will sing praises to you among the nations.

For your steadfast love is great above the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

*Hymn *Baptized in Water* No. 492

*Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

Lord God, we love you. We trust you. We believe in you. We know that Jesus loves us and died for us. We know that you never leave us. Today, we celebrate together because of everything you have done for us. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Searching God, you come for us like a shepherd searching for lost sheep. We hide and we run, sometimes knowing that we have strayed, other times completely unaware that we are on the wrong path. And yet, you still come after us. With love and compassion and mercy you come after us. So we make our confession with hope that you will find us again, and wipe away our sin, and return us to your fold. We pray in the name of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Amen.

