

Concerns of the Church and Prayers of the People Dick Miller
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 Bob Bales

Offertory *The Lily of the Valley* Old English Melody
 Men's Quartet

*Doxology No. 593

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving Middleton Raynal

*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 *Great Is Their Faithfulness* No. 276

*Charge and Blessing Harry Hall

*Postlude *Our Father* Bach

(*All stand, who are able.)

Massanutten Presbyterian Church

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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 23

- 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 this evening from 3-7 p.m. in the parlor.
- 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.*
- There will be a **Communion Steward Training and Dinner** on Sunday, September 30 at 4:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Pastor Ann will talk about the Lord's Supper and then gather in the fellowship hall for a light supper. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ann.
- Could you serve as an usher on Sunday morning? If so, write *usher* beside your name on the Friendship Folder today.
- 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.
- The **Prime Timers** will go to the Hunt Camp of Bud and Betty Long for their monthly luncheon on Monday, October 1. There will be a Pot Luck picnic style lunch with the beverages and eating utensils supplied. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m., but come anytime to enjoy the beauty of the hunt camp and the area surrounding it. Directions to the cabin are located on the table in the narthex. If you would like to carpool, be at the church at 10:30 a.m. For more details see the September 19 *Ministry Link*
- Please be sure to send your **college student's updated mailing address**, phone number and email address to the church office (kleecy@comcast.net).
- In recent months the **Food Pantry** has seen a 40% increase in the number of families who need our assistance. The Food Pantry is in need of canned foods (excluding corn, peas and green beans), paper products, personal hygiene products, dish and laundry soap, and shampoos. For more information call Sharon Heinemann 289-9000 or the church office.
- 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 or write *Auction* beside your name on the Friendship Folder this morning and Linda will be in touch with you.



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

September 23, 2007

10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements Dick Miller, Worship Leader

Minute for Mission Live Into Hope Session

Prelude *Come Thou Fount* Men's Quartet

For Silent Meditation during the Opening Music
Pull us out of our insistent self-centeredness, great and gracious God. Dissolve our fear of you with the love that was, and is, in Jesus Christ, who is Lord among us forever and ever. Amen.

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) (Psalm 119:169-172) E. J. Morris
 Let my cry come before you, O Lord;
give me understanding according to your word.
 Let my supplication come before you;
deliver me according to your promise.
 My lips will pour forth praise,
because you teach me your statutes.
 My tongue will sing of your promise,
for all your commandments are right.

*Hymn *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* No. 478

*Prayer of the Day (*unison*) Don Runzo
God, you have given us bodies that can tingle with delight at the change of seasons. We are grateful for these first fruits of autumn. You have also given us souls that can tingle with anticipation as we come into your house to worship you. We are grateful that we can return once again to the central truths of our lives and the deepest places of our being, knowing that we are profoundly loved by the One who calls us here, the incomparable Christ. Amen.

Call to Confession Les West

Prayer of Confession (*unison*) Les West
For the dullness of our wit that knows not the truth which is in Christ; for the darkness of soul that perceives not the light of his glory; for the lust of self which denies the liberating love of his comradeship; for the

fear of judgment that sees not the mercy of his humility; for the pretenses wherein we hide from the fire and the light of his power, forgive us by the sign of our repentance and true conversion to his way. We belong to him; no other holds our spirit in such understanding, yet we have followed many masters, and our restlessness is not yet satisfied. Turn us again to him, O God, and let your grace heal us through his compassion to be children of the living God, born to your kingdom of joy and peace, forevermore. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*) Don Myers

This is the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In him, we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Response of Praise *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*
No. 457, stanza 4

*Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,
No harshness has thou, and no bitterness:
O grant to us the grace we find in Thee,
That we may dwell in perfect unity.*

Liturgy of the Word

Time with the Children Dale Dobroth

The children are invited to gather at the chancel steps. Following the Children’s Sermon, children will return to their seats in the sanctuary or follow their leaders downstairs to Children’s Church.

Infants through age 2 may be picked up in Room 202.

3’s may be picked up in Room 203.

4’s through Grade 2 may be picked up in Room 108.

Anthem *Take Time to Be Holy* William Longstaff
Men’s Prayer Breakfast Choir

Prayer for Illumination John Garrison

Scripture Reading II Timothy 1:1-7 Denny Slane

Sermon *Prayers Thickly Woven* John Montgomery Irvine IV

*Hymn *O Savior, in This Quiet Place* No. 390

*The Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

“Prayer is 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)

This Week at MPC

Sunday, September 23

9:00 am Church School
10:00 am Fellowship Coffee (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 am Nominating Committee (105)
1:00 pm Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church
3:00-7:00 pm Inquirers’ Class (Parlor)
4:30-5:45 pm Spectrum Teen Handbell Rehearsal
5:45 pm Senior High Youth Dinner (Youth Room)
6:30 pm Senior High Youth (Youth Room)

Monday, September 24

9:00 am Disciple 3 Bible Study Class (Gathering Area)
2:00 pm Small Group (Sunnyside)
7:00 pm Massanutten Ringers Rehearsal
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Picnic Shelter)

Tuesday, September 25

6:30 pm Disciple 3 Bible Study Class (Gathering Area)
7:00 pm Fellowship Ministry (Library)

Wednesday, September 26

6:30 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast
8:30 am Staff Breakfast followed by meeting
9:15 am Crossroads Pealers
10:30 am Presbyterian Women’s Coordinating Team Meeting (Gathering Area)
4:30 pm WOW
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, September 27

6:30 pm Disciple 1 Bible Study Class (Gathering Area)
7:00 pm Food Pantry
7:00 pm Requiem Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Saturday, September 29

9:30 am Recorder Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Sunday, September 30

9:00 am Church School
10:00 am Fellowship Coffee (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 am Worship Service
1:00 pm Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church (Sanctuary)
4:30 pm Spectrum Teen Handbell Rehearsal
4:30 pm Communion Steward Training (Sanctuary)

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Offering Given Last Week	\$10,436.61
Offering Given Year to Date	\$407,625.51
Weekly Need	\$11,652.00
Difference	(\$23,498.49)
Attending Worship Last Week	353

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Bill Jackson, Betty Hancock, Jane Burfoot, 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; **Scott Dovel**, nephew of Warren and Sharon Dovel; **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; **Frances Lawhorne**, mother of Mary Rouse; **Jennifer Albertini**, niece of Keith and Linda Knupp; **David Rose**, nephew of Ann Wilkinson; **Scott Mandeville**, friend of John Irvine; **Reiter Webb**, grandfather of Anastasia Webb; **Andy Depoy**, friend of Jim and Dawn Huffman; **Bland Hudgins**, father of Vaniene Delucas; **Paul Lee**, friend of Kevin Caldwell; **Chad Click**, friend of Larry French; **Judy Thompson**, cousin of Patti Hobbie, **Erick Kasten**, friend of Sharon Bloomquist.

Please place prayer request cards (found in the seat ahead of you) in the offering plate to be included in our congregation’s prayers. 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)

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)

Erin Burtner, cousin of Susan Newsome (stationed in Iraq)

Timothy Norville, friend of the Dobroths, Nickels, Wissingers and others of our church family (stationed in Iraq)

Thanks to Those Serving During Worship	
Today	Next Week
Greeters Denny and Rebecca Arthur Bob and Charlene Groff	Greeters Gary and Bonnie Moyers Jaime and Erin White
Ushers Linda and Colin Green, Keith and Linda Knupp, Gail and Jim Oppy, Chris Preston, Jack Wysor	Ushers Bob Bales, Jim and Juli Colville, Larry French, Joe Heavner, Tim Miller, John Myers, Brian Phelps
Sunnyside Bus Driver Randy Atkins	Sunnyside Bus Driver Tim Miller
Sunday School Nursery Marcy and Carter Williams	Sunday School Nursery Sandy Taylor
Acolyte Matthew Atkins	Acolyte Lauren Travis
Infant Nursery Shirley Jackson and Stephanie Toothman	Infant Nursery Juli and Marcus Sensabaugh
2 & 3 Year Olds John and Sally Brown	2 & 3 Year Olds Eric and Kim Phillips
Floater Betsey Branner	Floater Laura Atkins
Children’s Church Leader Jennifer Bryant and Rhonda Copper	Children’s Church Leader Angie Baylor and Leslie Dutt