

Massanutten Ministry Link

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October 3, 2007

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

October 7, 2007

World Communion Sunday

Sermon Text

Luke 17:5-10

Sermon Title

Faith-Filled Duty

Worship Leader

Ellen Painter

Hymns

I Come with Joy

You Are Holy

Let Us Talents and Tongues

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October 14, 2007

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon Text

Luke 17:11-19

Sermon Title

Knowing Whom to Thank

Worship Leader

Dick Miller

Hymns

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Let All Things Now Living

The Church's One Foundation

World Communion Sunday and the Peacemaking Offering

October 7, 2007

Since 1936 Christians around the world have celebrated the unity we have with each other through Christ by means of World Communion Sunday. This special day was started by a group of ministers who saw that receiving the bread and cup of the Lord's Supper was a unifying act for Christians of all denominations and all nations. World Communion Sunday continues to speak to the need of Christians to find and live out that deep bond we have with each other.

One way we can celebrate our unity through Christ with other Christians is by being peacemakers—following the leadership of the Prince of Peace. For that reason Presbyterians have been receiving the Peacemaking Offering on World Communion Sunday for more than twenty-five years.

This year the Peacemaking Offering's theme, "And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations," calls us to the vision of a world at peace that John wrote of in Revelation 21 and 22—the new Jerusalem. John tells us that God's home is among the people, and God will wipe away all tears. All the nations will live by the light of God's glory, and because they live in peace there is no need to shut the gates to the city. The leaves of the tree of life in the new Jerusalem are to heal any divisions and wounds of the peoples of the earth.

The Peacemaking Offering invites PC(USA) churches to find ways to offer leaves of healing to people within our congregations, our communities, and around the world that will help create a peaceful world.



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."*

Communion Stewards and Servers

We will be celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday, Oct. 7, as we join with Christians around the world on Worldwide Communion Sunday. The following people will be serving in worship:

Communion Stewards: Jacob Bales, Jennifer Strawderman, Emily Coffelt, Sterling Dean

Communion Team 1: Anne Bradley, Mark Davis, Randy Atkins, Linda Knupp, Ron Matthews, Gail Oppy, Jennifer Bryant, Tim Miller, David Allen, Sandy Taylor

Please remember to meet with Pastor John and Pastor Ann at the Lord's Table in the sanctuary at 10:10 am on Sunday, Oct. 7.

Upcoming Band Concerts

JMU Band
Friday, Oct. 12 at 8:00 pm

Massanutten Brass Band
Sunday, Oct. 21 at 7:00 pm

Massanutten Presbyterian Church

Put the YOU back in YOUTH this Fall!

Join us for an evening of Faith, Fun and Friendship – October 6th, 2007. Dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 5:45pm with Youth activities beginning at 6:30pm. Can't wait to see YOU at YOUTH! Email Melissa Leecy at mleecy@comcast.net with questions or details.

MPC—Another View

Since 1973 Massanutten Presbyterian Church has grown... literally. The Communications Ministry is pleased to offer for purchase an aerial photo of MPC. Please check out the photo which is on display in the narthex. You may fill out an order form at the table.

The next issue of *The Massanutten Ministry Link* will be mailed on Oct. 17. Please submit to the church office any material for publication in the next newsletter by 3 pm on Oct. 10.

Serving Among Us	October 7, 2007	October 14, 2007
Greeters	Eric and Jacki Nickel Jim and Gail Oppy	Mark and Barbara Palmer Brian and Gina Phelps
Ushers	Kevin Caldwell, Fleming Jones, Chris Scott, Juli and Marcus Sensabaugh, Jeannie Sutherland, Greg and Ann Trobaugh	Anne Bradley, Chris Bryant, George Cross, Steve and Sherry Gordon, Randy Hylton, Dwight Newman, Curt Schwalbach
Sunnyside Bus Driver	Phil Miller	Skip Wissinger
Acolyte	No Acolyte—Communion	Jacob Laughlin
Sunday School Nursery	Becky Rohlf	Pam French
Infant Nursery	David and Dannie Allen	Linda Knupp and Carol Poulson
2 & 3 Year Old Nursery	Ginny Biggs and Ellen Painter	Chris and Jennifer Bryant
Floater	Melissa Caldwell	Sandy and John Levenoood
Children's Church Leaders	Tim and Jill Kincaid	Kevin and Rhonda Stees

Massanetta Springs Bath House Mission Project



Through the Deacon Mission Ministry at Massanutten Presbyterian Church (MPC), planning has begun for a local mission project at Massanetta Springs Conference Center (MSCC). Some time ago, MSCC approached MPC requesting assistance rejuvenating the bath house located adjacent to their RV Park and new athletic field. The bath house recently received a new roof through an Eagle Scout project, but is in need of further significant repair and maintenance work, both interior and exterior.

The work is being planned to take place on multiple weekends during October and November 2007. Generally, the project will involve

- removing exterior siding and interior walls;
- installing additional framing, drywall, paneling, and finish trim;
- removing old and installing new doors and windows;
- completely re-wiring of electrical system and new fixtures;
- removing old and installing new plumbing, including sinks and showers.

Anyone interested in working on this project in any way, please contact Skip Wissinger (289-6973) or the church office (434-6194) for details. See anticipated work schedule below:

October

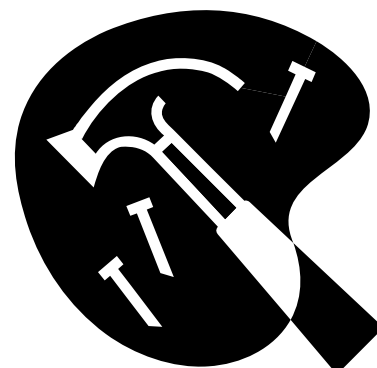
Friday, Oct. 12	Start—deconstruction, debris removal
Saturday, Oct. 13	Framing—install new doors and windows
Sunday, Oct. 14 (afternoon)	Framing—install new doors and windows
Friday, Oct. 19	Finish framing and installing new doors and windows
Saturday, Oct. 20	Rough-in Electrical Replace exterior siding Build new wings (Camp out night ???)
Sunday, Oct. 21	Morning worship on campus Final prep work for drywall installation Install Ceiling Insulation
Friday, Oct. 26	Finish Installing Insulation and begin drywall work
Saturday, Oct. 27	Finish Installing Insulation and begin drywall work
Sunday, Oct. 28 (afternoon)	Finish Installing Insulation and begin drywall work

November

Saturday, Nov. 3	Interior counters and shelves Rough-in Plumbing
Sunday, Nov. 11 (afternoon)	Interior Trim Prep exterior for painting
Saturday, Nov. 17	Painting/Staining—Interior and Exterior
Sunday, Nov. 18 (afternoon)	Open (electrical/plumbing?)

December

Saturday, Dec. 1	Interior finish work—final electrical
Sunday, Dec. 2	Punch list, finish up



STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION THROUGH SEPT. 23

Weekly Budget Need	\$11,652.00
Budget Need Year to Date	\$442,776.00
Received Year to Date	\$ 415,654.02
Difference	\$ -27,121.98

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

Bring a Friend to Church Sunday Is Almost Here

The Open Door Ministry has been busy making plans to provide wonderful hospitality to the guests you will bring to worship at MPC on Sunday, Oct. 14. If you have not already done so, identify someone to invite and continue your prayers that they will be open to your invitation. Then, invite them to join you.

The Open Door Ministry would also like to remind all of our “regular” MPC family to put on your best smiles and offer your warmest welcome as we share the richness of our life together with our family and friends. Our ministry together is too important to keep to ourselves. Let’s share it, MPC!

Live into Hope Staffing Campaign



If you were in worship one of the past two weeks, you have seen the excitement your Session feels about our *Live into Hope Staffing Campaign*. As we have reported before, every member of the MPC Session has made a commitment to the *Live into Hope Staffing Campaign*

Fall Fellowship Dinner – October 28

Plan to join us for dinner on Sunday, October 28 prior to the Fall Party. We will bless the meal at 5 pm. and then enjoy a time of fellowship. Chicken, some vegetables and drinks will be provided. Please let us know that you will be attending the dinner by writing *Fall Dinner* beside your name on the Friendship Folder and indicate if you will be bringing a dessert, salad, vegetable or bread to share. After dinner the children will be excused to attend the Fall Party and the adults will share in a hymn sing in the sanctuary. Help make this a delicious and memorable evening and sign up by October 21.

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.

and they hope that the rest of the MPC family will follow their lead.

To this point, we have received commitments from 43 giving units who together have pledged a total of \$69,990. Our goal for the two-year campaign is ambitious. We hope the commitments of our MPC family, when joined together, will enable us to fully fund the goal of \$250,000.

Obviously, your gift is needed for this to happen. If you have somehow not received the information about the campaign, please contact the church office or pick it up in the narthex this Sunday. Commitment cards are available in the sanctuary chair racks or by contacting the church office.

We are thankful for your participation in the MPC community of faith, and we ask that you join us as we *live into the hope* God has given us.

Mission Challenge '07

*Strengthening the bonds between
PC(USA) missionaries and the church*

Mission Challenge 07 is upon us! The MPC Deacons are looking forward to hosting our guests, Don and Wei Hong (pronounced 'way hone') Snow on Sunday, October 28th during the Sunday School hour – and we hope you will make plans to join us. Don and Wei Hong serve in Najing, the capital of Jiangsu province in eastern China. During Don's time as a PCUSA missionary, he has written many letters that share about his work. In an April 2006 letter, Don commended an exhibition that would be moving throughout the

United States in the spring of 2006 and would tell the story of Bible ministries in China. While the exhibition has come and gone, some of the history he provided gives us a little glimpse into the mission and ministry work in China:

...While the Bible (or at least parts of it) first came to China as early as the 781AD, the beginning of Protestant Bible ministries in China can be dated to the Chinese Bible translation produced by Robert Morrison and Li-ang A Fa in 1823. This was the first of a long line of Bible translations into classical Chinese, Mandarin Chinese, and even many Chinese dialects, a line that culminated in the 1919 publication of the Mandarin Union Version, the Chinese Bible still most widely known and used today. The success of the MUV, however, did not bring the work of translation to an end, and various other translations continued to be produced by both Chinese and foreign Christians over the succeeding decades.

During China's Cultural Revolution (1966-76), Bible publication in China ceased for over a decade, but when the churches began to reopen in 1979, one of the first tasks they set to work on was renewed publishing of the

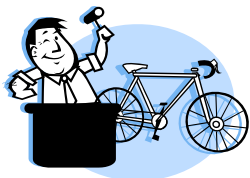
Bible. Efforts in the early 1980s included a project to print several hundred thousand Bibles at a factory belonging to the People's Liberation Army, and another to produce a Bible printed with horizontal lines and simplified Chinese characters so that younger readers would find the Bible easier to read. (Older Bibles were printed in vertical lines, using traditional Chinese characters.) However, the most dramatic development was the opening in 1987 of the Amity Printing Company in Nanjing, which is a joint venture between the Amity Foundation and the United Bible Society. To date, the Amity Press has printed over 40 million Bibles, as well as a large quantity of hymnbooks. In 1995, the Ai Ji (Love Christ) Press was established in Shanghai to print other kinds of Christian literature.

While most Bibles published in China today are still the MUV translation that is used widely by Chinese Christians around the world, there is also a growing range of Bibles available in China, including annotated study Bibles, Chinese-English bilingual Bibles, and even Bibles in braille for the blind. In addition to Bibles in Chinese, Bibles are also published in a number of ethnic minority languages such as Miao, Lisu, Korean, Yi, Wa, Jingpo, Lahu, and Dai, and more ethnic minority translations are currently underway.

Displays at the exhibition also included a range of Christian artworks, and even special treasures ranging from a specially printed edition of the New Testament given to the Empress Dowager in 1894 to a handwritten copy of the entire Bible produced in secret by a Chinese Christian during the Cultural Revolution.

Please plan on joining us on Sunday, October 28th during the Sunday School hour to hear more about China's Christian community and the mission effort of the PCUSA.

Auction 2008: We Need You



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.

Changes in the Church Office

Office Assistant Tina Landes has submitted her resignation to the Administrative Ministry. We are thankful for her service among us.

You will be seeing some new faces in the office until we hire a permanent assistant.

Something's Happening in Louisville and in Harrisonburg This Week!

Hundreds of Presbyterians (congregants from across the country and mission personnel) are meeting in Louisville from Tuesday, October 2 through Saturday, October 6—the purpose—MISSION CELEBRATION!

The Presbyterian Church is spotlighting mission this month. MPC has several special ways to take part in this recognition and learn more about mission this week and this month.

Sunday, October 7 at 4 pm in the gathering area, Presbyterians interested in learning more about mission will have the opportunity to hear Dr. Rob Weingartner, Executive Director of The Outreach Foundation (TOF), one of three validated Presbyterian mission organizations. (www.theoutreachfoundation.org)

TOF puts muscle into mission by funding mission personnel and projects around the world. TOF's global scope includes projects in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Mexico and Central America, Europe, the Middle East, and North and South America. Their work includes, but is not limited to, constructing churches, drilling water wells, sponsoring theological students, teaching AIDS and cholera awareness, funding doctors, and supporting orphanages and schools.

Dr. Weingartner travels the world learning more about people and projects that are putting hands and feet to Presbyterian mission. In his short presentation we will see Christian sisters and brother from around the world and how the Great Commission (Matt: 28:19-20) is being carried out through the Presbyterian Church. Rob is most willing to discuss topics of interest to specific congregations and answer questions about the church's mission presence around the world.

(Carol Miller's recent trip to Zambia, Malawi, and Mozambique was sponsored by TOF.)

Have you invited a friend to worship at MPC on Oct. 14 for Bring a Friend Sunday?

CROP Walk Report

MPC had 15 walkers participate in the Hunger CROP Walk on Sunday September 30, and together we raised \$1,706! This included \$1,361 in money we actually turned in plus \$345 raised online. MANY THANKS to all who walked and the many others who sponsored them!

Figures for the whole walk are not available yet; we will report them when available. The treasurer had 110 walkers on his list, but the total is much higher, since there were many who walked as families.

There were "walkers" in strollers and wagons in addition to the young folks who actually walked. Young folks who actually walked included our own Megan Miller, Ryan and Brandon Stees and Zachary and Skylar Allen. Older walkers included quite a few who admitted to being "over 75" and a few "over 80"! Adults from our church were David & Dannie Allen, Patsy Bales, Lin Harmon, Nancy Lu Irvine, Carol Lown, Alana Miller, Gina Phelps, Kevin & Rhonda Stees. Church World Service (3/4 of the proceeds) and a local food pantry (1/4 of the proceeds) will be able to alleviate hunger for many due to our efforts. Also, we got to know each other better, within our own church and beyond. A fun time!

See you next year on a beautiful fall day!

-Nancy Lu Irvine

Reception
for
Doug Sensabaugh

Sunday, Oct. 7
(following worship)

Please join the MPC family in expressing our thanks for Doug's service among us as Director of Music.

As a Community of Priests, We Are Called to Prayer

MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Annabelle Shortell, 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; **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; **Reiter Webb**, grandfather of Anastasia Webb; **Andy Depoy**, friend of Jim and Dawn Huffman; **Bland Hudgins**, father of Vaniene Delucas; **Paul Lee and Sue Ellen Church**, friends of Kevin Caldwell; **Chad Click**, friend of Larry French; **Judy Thompson**, cousin of Patti Hobbie; **Erick Kasten**, friend of Sharon Bloomquist; **Claude Ramey Jr.**, father of Angie Baylor; **Pauline Cash**, friend of our church family; **Donnie Mongold**, friend of Robert and Susan Reid; **Joy Megaw**, friend of Bill and Sharon Posey; **M. J. Nutty**, cousin of Tim Miller.

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 Washington)

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)

Rich Shull, nephew of Don and Dixie Dofflemyer (stationed in Iraq)

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO...

...**Emily Reid** and her family on the death of her sister, **Anna S. Day**

...**Jim and Gail Oppy** on the death of their friend, **Sid Schultz**

...**Dick, Karen and Melissa Leecy** on the death of Dick's uncle, **Henry Campbell**

"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

Ron and I would like to thank our wonderful church family for all the comforting words, cards, and especially prayers during the illness and death of my father, Raymond Shepley. Death of a parent is a very lonely thing, but I rejoice in his release from pain and the knowledge that we will be reunited.

-Sherry Matthews

To our MPC family,

We want to say thank you for all your expressions of love and concern as Bill recovers from his stroke. Your calls, notes, cards, visits, food, and above all, your prayers have meant so much.

-Bill and Shirley Jackson



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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
Bob Jerome, Organist
Sharon Bloomquist, Pianist

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Sunday, October 7

9:00 am Church School
10:00 am Fellowship Coffee
(Fellowship Hall)
10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 am Reception for Doug Sensabaugh (Gathering Area)
11:30 am Nominating Committee
1:00 pm Worship Service for Korean Presbyterian Church
4:00 pm Outreach Foundation
Mission Speaker
4:30 pm Spectrum Teen Handbell Rehearsal
5:45 pm Senior High Youth Dinner
6:30 pm Senior High Youth

Monday, October 8

9:00 am Disciple 3 Bible Study (Gathering Area)
10:00 am Food Pantry
2:00 pm Small Group (Sunnyside)
7:00 pm Sessional Ministries
7:00 pm Board of Deacons
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:30 pm Worship Ministry

Tuesday, October 9

10:00 am PW Circle #3 (Sunnyside)

10:00 am PW Circle #2 (Highlands)
10:00 am Shoshana Circle with Carol Kreowski
1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:30 pm Disciple 3 Bible Study (Gathering Area)
7:00 pm PW Circle #5 (Library)

Wednesday, October 10

6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:00 am Staff Meeting
9:15 am Crossroads Pealers Rehearsal
4:30 pm WOW (Worship on Wed)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 11

1:00 pm PW Circle #4 (Sunnyside)
1:00 pm PW Circle #1 (Gathering Area)
6:30 pm Disciple 1 Bible Study (Gathering Area)

Friday, October 12

8:00 pm Brass Band Concert

Sunday, October 14

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
4:30 pm Spectrum Teen Handbell Rehearsal

Monday, October 15

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

Tuesday, October 16

6:30 pm Disciple 3 Bible Study

Wednesday, October 17

6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
8:30 am Volunteers Prepare Newsletter for Mailing
9:00 am Staff Meeting
9:15 am Crossroads Pealers Rehearsal
4:30 pm WOW
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, October 18

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