

Life at Massanutten

- **Sunday Morning Adult Education.** Faithful Conversations: The Apostles' Creed. A six-week study that explores the meaning of the phrases of this familiar and ancient creed. Covenant Class: Study of James. A six-week study on the Book of James exploring how both Paul and James approach the importance of "works" in relation to faith and salvation.
- **Mosaic Handbell Ensemble** will present their Spring concert series "Hope Springs Eternal" featuring a wide range of uplifting music this afternoon at 4:00pm in the sanctuary. Carol Lown and Kath Wissinger are both members of this advanced community handbell ensemble. MPC's Massanutten Ringers are guest musicians for this concert and they will join Mosaic for the final piece. A free will donations gratefully accepted.
- **Attention Middle School Families!** Do you know a middle school youth who plays an instrument? Brass, Woodwind String or Percussion? Beginning in May, each Tuesday we'll gather in a relaxed atmosphere to play—just for the fun of playing. No pressure. No performances on the calendar—just an opportunity to enjoy playing music together. Reach out to the church office or Bob Jerome (bjerome@massanuttenchurch.org) with questions or to let him know you have a middle school youth who would like to participate (they can bring friends)!
- Mark your calendar—**Church Mulch Day** is Saturday, May 14th beginning at 8:30am. Bring your shovels, wheelbarrows and rakes and join us in mulching our shrub and flower beds. You may also purchase mulch for \$18 a scoop.
- Treat those you call mom to a **Mother's Day Brunch** at Massanetta Springs from 11:30 am-2:00 pm on May 14th. A portion of each meal goes to support our partnership with Church World Service's Refugee Resettlement Project. More information at: <https://massanettasprings.org/mothers-day-brunch>
- **Safety Message:** Take note of Fire Extinguishers (exit doors and elsewhere) and AED (Gathering Area).



On January 1, 2021, the balance on our mortgage was \$1,071,111. As of April 21, 2023, our balance was \$193,576 - a decrease of **\$877,535** since January 2021.

Since the Debt Elimination Campaign began in September 2021, \$757,189 has been paid on the mortgage as a result of budgeted mortgage payments, additional giving to reduce debt through the year, & gifts made toward campaign commitments. **To God be the Glory!**



Our mission:
to nurture disciples of Jesus Christ
who join boldly with the Spirit's work
in the world.

A Service for the Lord's Day
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Youth Sunday Worship

April 30, 2023

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

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| Prelude | <i>Light of the World</i> | Godspell |
| Greeting | | |
| Pouring of the Water | | |
| Introit | <i>Kumbaya and
Hallelujah! Praise Ye the Lord</i> | Faith Village Children
Directed by Kathy Frakes |
| *Call to Worship (<i>responsively</i>) | | |
| Let your light shine! | | |
| We are the salt of the earth. | | |
| Let your light shine! | | |
| We are the light of the world. | | |
| Let your light shine! | | |
| Praise the Lord for the gifts that God has given us! Let your light shine! | | |
| Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. Let our light shine, giving glory to God. Do all things for the sake of the gospel. So may we share in the blessings of God." | | |
| *Hymn | <i>Here in This Place</i> | 401 |

*Here in this place, the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a mystery.
We are the old, who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you.
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place, the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own.
Gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**Oh God, your loving light shines brighter than the sun,
but we hide in the shadows.
You want us to shine just as bright as you,
but we cover our own lights.
Forgive us, God.
Give us the courage to be a light for others,
and spread your love to the rest of the world. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

The light shines on in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out.
This is why we don't have to be afraid. Jesus has forgiven all of our sins.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.
Go now and share this good news of light and grace with one another,
through the passing of the "light." May the light of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

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- **Today is Youth Sunday!** Our middle and high school youth have been working with their leaders to prepare and lead us in worship. Their preparation included discernment of a Scripture passage, Bible study, music selection (and rehearsal) along with liturgy development. Many thanks to this team for their faithful ministry to us this morning:

Gather Team: Carson Cale, Paige Hargens, Bella Weve

Grace and Response Team: Elliott Brown, Oliver Brown, Jacob Burkholder, Tori Kaltenborn

The Message Team: Ainsley Hargens, Charlie Jesteadt, Ruth Rascoe, Riley Scheidt

Time with Children and Affirmation of Faith Team: Kristen Enslin, Chin-Wen Hu, Hannah Markowitz, Carolina Rascoe, Emma Weve, Madison Zerfoss

Planning help: Lila Dunham, Paige Green, Bree Iwanicki, Macey Myers, Emily Rea, Grace Roberts, Amelia Turner, Stephen Wright

Handbells: Jacob Burkholder, Carson Cale, Maddie Cale, Kristen Enslin, Carolina Rascoe, Ruth Rascoe (*adults playing today or assisting in rehearsals:* Emily Burkholder, Valerie Cale, Dorothy Dobroth, Karen Enslin, Sharon Lam, Mary Morris, Emily Peachey, Ann Pettit)

Adult Volunteers and Staff: Hannah Altman, Dale Dobroth, Kathy Frakes, Carol Lown, Karen Mast, Mark Palmer, Ann Pettit, Keith Phillips, Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt

Children and Youth

Sunday, April 30

9:30am No HS Youth Breakfast
Faith Village
Parent Fellowship

10:30am Worship
No Godly Play today
Youth Lunch after worship
No Evening Youth Activities

Sunday, May 7

9:30am HS Breakfast
Faith Village
Parent Fellowship

10:30am Worship
Godly Play
5:00pm Fun with Handbells
6:00pm Youth Dinner and Fellowship

*Seeking to nurture and empower our children and youth to live and serve
in the world as loving disciples of Jesus Christ.*

This Week At MPC	
Sunday, April 30—Youth Sunday	Thursday, May 4
9:00am Adult Sunday School	
9:30am <i>No HS Breakfast</i>	Friday, May 5 <i>Church Office Closed</i>
Faith Village	6:30pm SVCWE Dance Rehearsal (FH)
Parent Fellowship	
10:30am Worship	Saturday, May 6 <i>Church Office Closed</i>
<i>No Godly Play</i>	4:00pm Picnic Shelter in use until 9:00 pm
Youth Lunch (FH)	
12:30pm Recital Logan Davis & Logan Hayungs (S)	Sunday, May 7
4:00pm Mosaic Handbell Concert (S)	9:00am Adult Sunday School
<i>No Evening Youth Activities</i>	9:30am HS Breakfast
Monday, May 1	Faith Village
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers	Parent Fellowship
Boy Scouts	10:00am Coffee Fellowship (FH)
	10:30am Worship
Tuesday, May 2	Godly Play
	5:00pm Fun with Handbells
Wednesday, May 3	6:00pm Youth Dinner & Fellowship
7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)	
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	

Serving April 30	Serving May 7
Door Monitor: Robin Reed	Door Monitor:
Greeters: Youth	8:45-10am Dwight William Newman
Ushers and Water Pourers: Youth	10:00-11:45am Marc Davis
Nursery: Katie Rodgers	Greeters:
Faith Village:	Bill Marlowe & Dwight Newman
Jennifer Coffelt, Angela Kaltenborn & Kathy Frakes	Ushers and Water Pourers:
No Godly Play Today	Keith & Linda Knupp
No HS Breakfast Today	Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Barbara Palmer
No Youth Activities this evening	Faith Village:
	Jennifer Coffelt & Nancy Wayland
	Godly Play: Sarah & Jack Rimer
	HS Breakfast: Diann Reed
	MS Youth: Sarah Rimer & Carol Lown
	HS Youth: Gus Scheidt

*Passing of the Light
May the light of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*Response	<i>Rain Down (#48)</i>	Fun with Handbells
	1st - Piano only	
	2nd - Piano and Bells	
	3rd - Congregation joins in singing:	
	<i>Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people. Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.</i>	
Time with the Children		Middle School Youth
Scripture Reading		Matthew 5:13-16
Message		High School Youth

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

*Special Music	<i>My Lighthouse</i>	Rend Collective
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Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

*This little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine
this little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine*

*Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm going to let it shine
Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm going to let it shine
Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine*

*Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*This little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine
this little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine*

Postlude

My Lighthouse

Rend Collective

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session and Staff		
Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Melissa Caldwell	Ka Guinn	Jan Arnold
Matt Hamblen	John Kaltenborn	Ben Craig
Janet Morris	Bill Kilby	Bill Frazier
Doug Smith	Ron Matthews	Chris Hamilton
Skip Wissinger	Janina Peachey	Julia Sensabaugh
Clerk: Jody Humphreys; Moderators: Ann Pettit and Keith Phillips		
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Bob Jerome , Director of Music (bjerome@massanuttenchurch.org)		
Carol Lown , Organist (clown@massanuttenchurch.org)		
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