

## Children and Youth

### Sunday, May 28

10:30am Worship

### Sunday, June 4

10:30am Worship

HS Senior Recognition

Commissioning of Summer Program Participants

7:30pm Family End of the Year Bonfire

*While the educational year programming has ended until the fall, there are opportunities ahead for us to remember in prayer, and or support in other ways:*

#### **Montreat High School Conference: June 11-17**

For the first time in years, our high school youth will travel to Montreat to attend the Youth Conference. This year's theme is *In-Joy*, Participants will explore the sources and meaning of authentic joy grounded in the light of God's love and healing power through worship, music, learning, and recreation.

#### **Massanetta Middle School Conference: June 27-30**

Our Middle School Youth have been attending and LOVING this conference for a number of years. This year's theme is *Welcome Home*. Participants will examine Psalm 23 in a deeper way and explore the familiar words through keynote, recreation, workshops and encounter groups.

#### **Raleigh Youth Mission Trip—July 16-21**

Our youth will volunteer at agencies that seek to meet the needs of those who struggle with homelessness, hunger and poverty. Spaces are available. Contact Hannah Altman.



Our mission:

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

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A Service for the Lord's Day  
*Pentecost*

May 28, 2023

10:30 a.m.

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### **We Gather at God's Call**

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| Introit   | <i>Come Thou Almighty King</i>         | 2                           |
| Greeting  |  |                             |
| Pouring of the Water  |  |                             |
| Prelude   | <i>Holy Spirit, Light Our Darkness</i> | -Powell                     |
| *Call to Worship ( <i>responsively</i> )                    |  | Nick Swartz, Worship Leader |
| We worship a creative God                                   |  |                             |
| <b>who formed all living things!</b>                        |  |                             |
| We worship an abundant God                                  |  |                             |
| <b>who gives each of us different gifts!</b>                |  |                             |
| We worship a glorious God                                   |  |                             |
| <b>who is seen in the vast array of creation! Alleluia!</b> |  |                             |
| *Hymn   | <i>There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit</i>   | 408                         |

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
there are sweet expressions on each face,  
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
when we shall leave this place.*

*There are blessings you cannot receive  
till you know him in his fullness and believe;  
you're the one to profit when you say,  
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."*

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
when we shall leave this place.*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**Infinite God, you come to us in many colors, shapes, and languages.**

**You speak to each of us in the way we can understand.**

**You reach out to us and meet us where we are.**

**But we are quick to limit you to what we can understand and control.**

**Forgive us, and set your Spirit loose among us.**

**Challenge us, surprise us, and open us to your power,  
that we might know you more deeply,**

**follow you more faithfully, and love more fully. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

Scripture is clear:

everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

God draws us together, offering salvation, forgiveness, and new life to all.

**Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

\*Response


*God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian (v. 1)*

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*God the Spirit, guide and guardian,  
wind-spiced flame and hovering dove,  
breath of life and voice of prophets,  
sign of blessing, power of love:  
give to those who lead your people  
fresh anointing of your grace;  
send them forth as bold apostles  
to your church in every place.*

## Life at Massanutten

- **An eight-week opportunity for adult Sunday School** begins next Sunday for all interested adults. It will be a discussion-based class that looks at the scripture(s) that will be preached in worship on that Sunday. The class will meet from 9-10 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Today we will receive our Pentecost Offering.** This offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share faith, ideas and unique gifts with the church and the world. 40% of gifts received remain at Massanutten to make an impact in the lives of young people within our community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Offering envelopes are in the chair racks.
- **MPC Youth will be heading to Raleigh, North Carolina, to participate in Raleigh Youth Mission July 16-21.** Throughout their time together they will volunteer at agencies that seek to meet the needs of those who struggle with homelessness, hunger, and poverty in general. There are still a few slots available. Contact Hannah Altman if you would like more information.
- **A Matter of Balance Class** will be held at MPC June 7-July26 from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The class is being offered by Valley Program for Aging Services. Flyers are available on the table in the narthex.
- Plan to attend the **Presbyterian Women's Birthday Celebration and Luncheon** on Sunday, June 11 following worship. Deidre Lenderking will presenting an update on Blessings in a Bag. Lunch will be provided and all women are invited to attend.
- As the program year winds down, those interested are invited to read Wholehearted Faith, by Rachel Held Evans, compiled by Jeff Chu. Contact the church office to reserve a book or order a copy online. Opportunities to gather to discuss the book will be offered mid-June.
- **Safety Message:** Do you know where the exits are? Like on an airplane, the one you entered through may not be the closest to you.



**Bold Faith + Extravagant Generosity  
= Changing Lives**

On January 1, 2021, the balance on our mortgage was \$1,071,111. As of May 23, 2023, our balance was \$176,696—a decrease of **\$894,415** since January 2021.

Since the Debt Elimination Campaign began in September 2021, \$774,069 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!**

## We Gather Around God's Word

Time with the Children

Pastor Ann Pettit

Scripture Reading

Genesis 11:1-9, Acts 2:1-21

Sermon

Pastor Keith Phillips

## We Respond to God's Word

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

*From a Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world,  
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

-Gawthorp

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

### This Week At MPC

#### Sunday, May 28

10:30am Worship  
*No Youth activities today*

#### Monday, May 29—Memorial Day

*Church Office Closed*

#### Tuesday, May 30

#### Wednesday, May 31

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, June 1

#### Friday, June 2 *Church Office Closed*

6:30 pm Dance Group (FH)

#### Saturday, June 3 *Church Office Closed*

#### Sunday, June 4

9:00am Adult Sunday School (FH)  
Choir Rehearsal  
10:30am Worship  
HS Senior Recognition  
Commissioning of  
Summer Program  
Participants  
7:30pm Family End of the Year  
Bonfire

### Serving May 28

**Door Monitor:** Phil Miller

**Greeters:** Denny & Rebecca Arthur

**Ushers and Water Pourers:**  
Greg & Ann Trobaugh

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Erin Basgier

**Faith Village:** *Will resume in the Fall*

**Godly Play:** *Will resume in the Fall*

**MS Youth:** *Will resume in the Fall*

**HS Youth:** *Will resume in the Fall*

### Serving June 4

**Door Monitor:** Fred Good

**Greeters:** Helen Groves & Sally Brown

**Ushers and Water Pourers:** Lewis,  
Emily and Jacob Burkholder

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Barbara  
Palmer

**Faith Village:** *Will resume in the Fall*

**Godly Play:** *Will resume in the Fall*

**MS Youth:** *Will resume in the Fall*

**HS Youth:** *Will resume in the Fall*

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace; till Love create a place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

**We Are Fed at God's Table**  
*(see insert)*

**We Are Sent to the World**

\*Hymn

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

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*Draw us in the Spirit's tether,  
for when humbly in your name  
two or three are met together,  
you are in the midst of them.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Here we touch your garment's hem.*

*As disciples used to gather  
in the name of Christ to sup,  
then with thanks to God the giver  
break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
so now bind our friendship up.*

*All our meals and all our living  
make as sacraments of you,  
that by caring, helping, giving,  
we may be disciples true.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
We will serve with faith anew.*

\*Benediction

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*Spirit of the Living God*

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*Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me;  
fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.*

**Massanutten Presbyterian Church**

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Melissa Caldwell  
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Janet Morris  
Doug Smith  
Skip Wissinger

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John Kaltenborn  
Bill Kilby  
Ron Matthews  
Janina Peachey

**Class of 2025**  
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Ben Craig  
Bill Frazier  
Chris Hamilton  
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