



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!**

Children and Youth

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

Sunday, May 14

9:30am HS Breakfast
No Faith Village
No 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.



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
Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *Lord, We Have Come At Your Own Invitation* 503

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *God of the Sparrow* -Schalk

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Bill Dent, Worship Leader

Sing to our God a new song.
God has done marvelous things!
 Make a joyful noise to the Lord!
Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
 Let the sea roar and all that fills it.
Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

*Hymn *God of Great and God of Small* 19

*God of great and God of small,
 God of one and God of all,
 God of weak and God of strong,
 God to whom all things belong,
 alleluia, alleluia,
 praise be to your name.*

Life at Massanutten

*God of land and sky and sea,
God of life and destiny,
God of never-ending power,
yet beside me every hour,
alleluia, alleluia,
praise be to your name.*

*God of silence, God of sound,
God by whom the lost are found,
God of day and darkest night,
God whose love turns wrong to right,
alleluia, alleluia,
praise be to your name.*

*God of heaven and God of earth,
God of death and God of birth,
God of now and days before,
God who reigns forevermore,
alleluia, alleluia,
praise be to your name.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**O God, from the first word of creation,
you have loved your people with an everlasting love.
In Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh,
we see your love made visible.**

**And yet, though you have given us your love freely and abundantly,
we are often stingy when it comes to sharing it with others.**

Forgive us for loving others in words alone.

**Free us from our sin,
that we might love in truth and action.**

**Forgive us, O God,
for failing to respond to someone's need;
for turning away from a neighbor's pain;**

for withholding your love from those who seem unworthy to us.

Open our eyes to see new ways to love in truth and action.

Through Jesus the Christ, Amen.

- **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.
- **Mulch Day...Saturday, May 13 @ 8:30 am.** Bring your shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows and join us in mulching our shrub and flower beds. Mulch will also be available for purchase at \$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>
- **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@massanuttchurch.org) with questions or to let him know you have a middle school youth who would like to participate (they can bring friends)!
- **Flocks of Chicks**—The Presbyterian Women are grateful for the support from the congregation for their recent mission project Flocks of Chicks. A total of \$1065 was donated for Heifer International to provide chicks and education materials for their care. The gift of chicks can be used for family nutrition, egg sale for income, and sharing of eggs and chicks with others. It is a gift that keeps on giving!
- **A Matter of Balance Class** will be held at MPC June 7-July26 from 2:00-4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The class is being offered by Valley Program for Aging Services. Flyers are available on the table in the narthex.
- **Mark your calendars**—Our **annual book, yard and bake sale** will be held at the church on Saturday, July 15th. Proceeds from the book and bake sale will go toward purchasing school supplies for our Food Pantry children. Church members and friends will be able to set up their own yard sale that day. Watch for more information.
- **Safety Message: Lights and Locks**—Leave a room as you found it. Turn off the lights and lock the door.

This Week At MPC

Sunday, May 7

9:00am Adult Sunday School
 9:30am HS Breakfast
 Faith Village
 Parent Fellowship
 10:00am Coffee Fellowship (FH)
 10:30am Worship
 Godly Play
 5:00pm Fun with Handbells
 6:00pm Youth Dinner & Fellowship

4:00pm Evening Circle (in person in FH and Zoom)
 6:30pm Mission & Service
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 11

8:00am Preschool Room 119 until 12 noon
 7:00pm Food Pantry

Friday, May 12 Church Office Closed

Saturday, May 13 Church Office Closed

8:30am Church Mulch Day

Monday, May 8

10:00am Food Pantry
 7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, May 9

8:00am Preschool Room 119 until 12noon
 10:00am Morning Circle (L)
 5:00pm VIA (FH)

Sunday, May 14

9:00am Adult Sunday School
 9:30am HS Youth Breakfast
No Faith Village
No Parent Fellowship
 10:30am Worship
 Godly Play
 5:00pm Fun with Handbells
 6:00pm Youth Dinner & Fellowship

Wednesday, May 10

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
 10:30am Staff Meeting (L)

Serving May 7

Door Monitors:

8:45-10am Dwight William Newman
 10:00-11:45am Marc Davis

Greeters: Bill Marlowe & Dwight Newman

Ushers and Water Pourers:

Keith & Linda Knupp

Nursery: Barbara Palmer & Dorothy Dobroth

Faith Village: Jennifer Coffelt & Nancy Wayland

Godly Play: Jack & Sarah Rimer

HS Breakfast: Diann Reed

MS Youth: Sarah Rimer & Carol Lown

HS Youth: Gus Scheidt

Serving May 14

Door Monitor: Bill Lam

Greeters: Ric & JoAnn Leobold

Ushers and Water Pourers:

Sharon Lam & Sally Brown

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Erin Basgier

Faith Village: Jennifer Coffelt

Godly Play: Emily Burkholder

HS Breakfast: Emily Burkholder

MS Youth: Sarah Rimer & Karen Mast

HS Youth: Gus Scheidt

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

This is the good news: by the power of God's grace, we are set free from the past. We are given a future in which we are able to love God and neighbor more fully.

Thanks be to God for loving us and setting us free. Amen.

***Response**

We Are Forgiven

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*We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
 Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
 We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
 Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

We Gather Around God's Word

Time with the Children

Hannah Altman & Pastor Keith Phillips

Scripture Reading

Romans 1:1-12

Sermon

Pastor Ann Pettit

We Respond to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)**

A Declaration of Faith

**In forming his people and sending them into the world
 Jesus called individuals to be disciples.
 They were to share the joy of his companionship,
 to understand and obey his teachings,
 and to follow him in life and death.**

**We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship.
 Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ
 is God's undeserved gift to each of us.
 It is also God's demand upon every one of us,
 never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.**

**Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters,
 we strive to become more faithful and effective
 in our daily practice of the Christian life.**

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem

“God Be in My Head”

-Sexton

*God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in my eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in my heart and in my thinking.
God be in my end and in my departing.*

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

Together We Serve

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*Together we serve,
united by love,
inviting God’s world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray
through sorrow and joy,
extending God’s love to the last and the least.*

*We seek to become
a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year,
to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.*

*We welcome the scarred,
the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home
to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*Together, by grace,
we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve
in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.*

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Matt Hamblen	John Kaltenborn	Ben Craig
Janet Morris	Bill Kilby	Bill Frazier
Doug Smith	Ron Matthews	Chris Hamilton
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