

Congregational Concerns

Members of Our Church Family...

Carole Kreowski, Flo & Harry Hall, Doris Field, Bill Painter, Helen Scully, Chen Liu, Martha Floyd, Luke Hamblen, Patti Hobbie, Don Enslen, Marta Armstrong (shoulder surgery 8/18), **Harry Hall, Janina Peachey** (surgery Aug. 28th)

Friends of Our Church Family...

Bill Sheppard, father of Pam French; **Sarah Phillips** (mother), **Paul Wicker** (grandfather), **Emma McLean** (cousin), family of Pastor Keith; **Jean Gilbert**, sister of Jan Reser; **Kat Sorensen**, daughter of Frank and Jean Gearing; **David Frye**, friend of Mike and Ka Guinn; **Cynthia Brock**, (broken shoulder); **Maureen O'Callahan** (severe pain); **Melinda Dobroth**, sister of Dale Dobroth (breast cancer); **Huyen Huynh**, friend of Dana Mather (recently diagnosed with stage 4 brain tumor; mother of a teenage son and 8 year old daughter); **Jewel Downs**, sister of Kat Marlowe (multiple myeloma).

Please help us stay current with prayer concerns by updating the church office of any changes to these requests!

Concerns in the Community and World...

The War in Ukraine.

Our mission efforts: Massanutten Food Pantry, Blessings in a Bag, Living Waters for the World, Habitat for Humanity, Open Doors, Valley Interfaith Action.

Serving Our Country...

Jon Guinn & Jackie DeGaine, son & daughter-in-law of Ka & Mike Guinn (Washington, DC); **Justin Brockhoff**, nephew of Dave & Jan Reser (Pentagon); **William Preston**, son of Chris and Jessica Preston; **Marcus Sensabaugh**, son of Julia and Doug Sensabaugh (Montana); **Hunter Barr**, nephew of David & Alicia Gutschow (Parris Island, SC); **Matt Riordan**, grandson of Jack Heintzleman (Fairbanks, AK); **Tanner Kenny**, nephew of Gus and Stephanie Scheidt (Deployed); **Dylan Kenny**, nephew of Gus and Stephanie Scheidt (Navy), **Joseph Knight**, brother of Ben Craig (deployed); **Elizabeth Davis**, daughter of Marc and Nancy Davis (CENTCOM in Tampa, FL).



Massanutten
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 20, 2023

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *I Love to Tell the Story* -Fischer

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Kingsfold* -Anne Krentz Organ

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity

and guide the nations upon the earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!

*Hymn *From All that Dwell Below the Skies* 327

*From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise:
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Let the Redeemer's name be sung
through every land, in every tongue.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*In every land begin the song;
to every land the strains belong:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
In cheerful sound all voices raise
and fill the world with joyful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends thy word:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Merciful God, we confess that, just like Jesus' disciples,
we, too, sometimes lose patience with people who need our help and support.
Like the disciples, we find ourselves wishing
that they would just go away and leave us in peace.
In your mercy, forgive us.**

**Remind us again of the deep love You showed toward us
when we were still in need -
a love so deep that it sent You willingly to the cross on our behalf.**

**Show us how to love others as You have loved us.
Teach us Your compassion,
so that we may be your hands and feet to those in need.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

People of God, Believe the good news and give thanks:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

*Response of Praise *The Steadfast Love of the Lord (refrain)*

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*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is your faithfulness, O Lord,
great is your faithfulness.*

Life at Massanutten

- **Massanutten Preschool needs your help!** We are so blessed with a new director, Carrie Markowitz and our new lead teacher, Lindsay Pace. We have a preschool assistant who is moving out of the area which leaves us with a teaching assist position available in the Four Day Fours Class, Monday through Thursday, 8:00am-12:30pm, starting immediately. Early childcare experience is preferred. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please contact Carrie at mpecpreschool3s4s@gmail.com or Board Moderator Linda Knupp at ljknupp@aol.com.
- **Mark your calendars**—The Presbyterian Women will hold their Potluck Dinner in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, August 28 at 5:00 pm.
- Throughout the summer, **Open Doors will host Sunday evening meals** to serve 40 people at 20 East Gay Street in Harrisonburg between 4:00 - 6:00 pm on September 17th and October 1st. Sign up in the Narthex. Contact Julia Sensabaugh with questions.
- **The Food Pantry has refreshed their needed item list for the summer:** canned ravioli/Spaghetti-O's etc; canned fruits, health breakfast cereals; cake, muffin and brownie mixes; instant and boxed potatoes; crackers, condiments, jello and pudding mix; non-food items: toilet paper, toothpaste, paper towels, soap, shampoo and laundry detergent.

We welcome Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott as our guest preacher today. On June 1st, 2021 Teri accepted a new call as Editor / Publisher of *The Presbyterian Outlook*, the only independent publisher of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Rev. Dr. Ott has been an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for over twenty years. After receiving her Master of Divinity degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, she served the church in a variety of pastoral positions. In 2008 she completed her Doctor of Ministry degree from McCormick Theological Seminary. She began serving Monmouth College as Chaplain in January of 2011 and was promoted to Dean of the Chapel in 2019.

Teri is married to the Rev. Dr. Daniel J. Ott who serves as the dean of Eastern Mennonite University's School of Theology, Humanities and Performing Arts. Teri and Dan live in Harrisonburg with their two teenagers, Isaac and Ella, and their dog, Max.

This Week At MPC	Thursday, August 24
Sunday, August 20	5:30pm Preschool (S) until 8:30pm
9:00am Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm Mosaic (HBR)
10:30am Worship	Friday, August 25
12:15pm Session Meeting (FH)	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
Monday, August 21	Saturday, August 26
Tuesday, August 22	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
9:30am Presbytery Zoom Meeting (GA)	9:00am Mosaic (HBR/FH) until 4:00pm
Wednesday, August 23	Sunday, August 27
7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)	10:00am Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	10:30am Worship

Serving August 20	Serving August 27
Door Monitor: Harvey Mast	Door Monitor: Frank Gearing
Greeters: Ric and JoAnn Leobold	Greeters: Ron and Janet Morris
Ushers and Water Pourers: Greg & Ann Trobaugh	Ushers and Water Pourers: Keith & Linda Knupp
Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Phyllis Hamilton	Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Diann Reed
Faith Village: <i>Will resume in the Fall</i>	Faith Village: <i>Will resume in the Fall</i>
Godly Play: <i>Will resume in the Fall</i>	Godly Play: <i>Will resume in the Fall</i>
MS Youth: <i>Will resume in the Fall</i>	MS Youth: <i>Will resume in the Fall</i>
HS Youth: <i>Will resume in the Fall</i>	HS Youth: <i>Will resume in the Fall</i>

*Passing of the Peace (responsively)
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

We Gather Around God's Word

*Sung Prayer for Illumination *Lord, Prepare Me* 701

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.*

Time with the Children *Blessing of the Backpacks* Hannah Altman

Scripture Reading Matthew 15:10-28

Sermon — "Opportunity on the Border" Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith Adapted from *The Confession of 1967 (9.32-9.33)*
**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.**

His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.

**His service to people commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.**

His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering

**so that it sees the face of Christ
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.**

**His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment
on the inhumanity that marks human relations,
and the awful consequences**

of the church's own complicity in injustice.

**In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.**

**The church follows this pattern in the form of its life
and in the method of its action.**

So to live and serve is to confess Christ As Lord.

Invitation to the Offering

Special Music

Be Still My Soul

-arr. Raney

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn

Help Us Accept Each Other (vv. 1-3)

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*Help us accept each other
as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother,
each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us
and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted,
and meant to love and live.*

*Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,
as in our daily life
we struggle to be human
and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people,
for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them,
or as they may become.*

*Let your acceptance change us,
so that we may be moved
in living situations
to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance
until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness,
and laughter's healing art.*

*Lord, for today's encounters
with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance,
for justice and for bread,
we need new eyes for seeing,
new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit;
Lord, free us; make us one!*

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

Class of 2024

Ka Guinn
Matt Hamblen
John Kaltenborn
Bill Kilby
Ron Matthews
Janina Peachey

Class of 2025

Jan Arnold
Ben Craig
Bill Frazier
Chris Hamilton
Julia Sensabaugh

Class of 2026

Ashley Gordon-Becker
Jennifer Coffelt
Deidre Lenderking
Beth Smith

Clerk: Jody Humphreys

Moderators: Rev. Ann Pettit and Rev. Keith Phillips

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Staff

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*Benediction