

Congregational Concerns

Members of Our Church Family...

Carole Kreowski, Doris Field, Bill Painter, Helen Scully, Chen Liu, Martha Floyd, Luke Hamblen, Patti Hobbie, Don Enslin, Marta Armstrong (recovering from shoulder surgery), **Janina Peachey** (surgery Aug. 28th), **Joe Arnold** (was hospitalized earlier this week), **Harry Hall** (receiving palliative care) and **Flo Hall**

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); **David Stager**, son of Judy Dent's sister, Susan Stager (back surgery).

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
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 27, 2023

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *Today We All Are Called To Be Disciples* -Carmichael

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Simple Gifts* -Kerr

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart.

**On the day we called you answered us,
you increased the strength of our souls.**

All the kings of the earth shall praise you,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

**They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.**

The Lord will fulfill his promise.

Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

Let us worship God.

Let us worship God together!

*Hymn *God of Great and God of Small*

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*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.*

*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 (*unison*)

Forgiving God, you have given us gifts for use in holy work.

Yet we ignore them, distort them,

or try to repurpose them for our own gain.

When we think of speaking up, of ministering, of teaching, of exhorting,

we wonder if we will be ignored or mocked, and remain silent.

When we think about giving,

we clutch to what we have out of fear it is not enough.

When we're asked to lead,

we are scared no one will follow.

Forgive us merciful God.

Renew our hearts, bind us closer to you.

Clarify our gifts, show us a new purpose this day,

and grant us the sacred courage to choose your direction over all others.

And in that choice to throw ourselves -

mind, body, and spirit - into the saving work of Jesus Christ.

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

- **Mark your calendars**—The Presbyterian Women will hold their Potluck Dinner in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, August 28 at 5:00 pm. Bring a dish to share. Pastor Keith will provide an introduction to the 2023-24 study series, Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts.
- **You're invited to learn about some of our wonderful programs at MPC!** — Join us Sunday, September 10 after worship in the Narthex and Gathering Area to explore different program tables with information, staffed by a volunteer to answer your questions. Lunch will be provided in the Fellowship Hall, along with games.
- You're invited to the **dedication of two Habitat for Humanity homes** on Sun., Sept. 10, at 3pm, at 628/630 Virginia Ave. Habitat is holding a ceremonial dedication for the families who will be moving into these new homes and for all of the supporters of the project. MPC has put 48 person-hours into the project over the last year.
- Volunteers are needed for the **Open Doors Food Truck Festival** on Sat., Sept. 16. For more information, check the links in this week's edition of Blessings.
- **Save the date!** — Homeland Security Advisor Jamie Finney will be giving an Active Shooter Scenario Presentation in two identical one-hour sessions on Sun., Sept. 17 at 12:30 pm and Tues., Sept. 26 at 7 pm. Call or email the church office to RSVP. All are welcome!
- **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. Clayton Rascoe as our guest preacher today. Rev. Rascoe serves as the Executive Director of Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center.

Clayton has been ordained in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) since December 2003. He has served in various capacities with the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly, and at Calvin Presbyterian Church of Norfolk, VA. Clayton has also been an active member of the Presbyterian Church Camp and Conference Association since 2003, and served on its board from 2013-2015.

Clayton is married to Rev. Kate Richmond Rascoe, who serves as the Transitional Pastor at Bridgewater Presbyterian Church. Clayton and Kate live at Massanetta Springs with their daughters, Ruth and Carolina, who are active members of our youth group.

This Week At MPC	Wednesday, August 30
Sunday, August 27	7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
10:00am Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Worship	Thursday, August 31
Monday, August 28	7:00pm Mosaic (HBR)
10:00am PW Coordinating Team Meeting (GA)	Friday, September 1
5:00pm PW Potluck Dinner (FH)	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
5:30pm Preschool (S) until 8:30pm	6:30pm Civil War Dance Group (FH)
Tuesday, August 29	Saturday, September 2
	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
	Sunday, September 3
	10:30am Worship with Communion

Serving August 27	Serving September 2
Door Monitor: Frank Gearing	Door Monitor: Bill Lam
Greeters: Ron & Janet Morris	Greeters: Marc Davis & Doug Smith
Ushers and Water Pourers: Keith & Linda Knupp	Ushers and Water Pourers: Dwight Newman & Sally Brown
Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Diann Reed	Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Dorothy Dobroth
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)
 May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.
 The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.
 You are invited to take a moment to share Christ's peace with your siblings in Christ, respecting everyone's desire for as much or as little physical contact in doing so.

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 Pastor Keith Phillips

Scripture Reading Romans 12:1-8

Sermon "Life Giving Sacrifice" Rev. Clayton Rascoe

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 *Make Me a Servant, Lord* -Harlan

*Make me a servant, Lord, Give me a willing heart.
May all I do be done for you.
Cleanse me and fill me anew.*

*Make me a servant, Lord, Give me a willing heart.
Ready to go, ready to stay.
Ready to always obey.*

*Make me a servant, Lord, Give me a willing heart.
Walking in love, Living by faith,
Make me a servant I pray. Amen.*

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn *We All Are One in Mission (vv. 1 and 2)* 733

*We all are one in mission, we are all one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.*

*We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *We All Are One in Mission (v. 3)*

733

*Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.*

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Ka Guinn	Jan Arnold	Ashley Gordon-Becker
Matt Hamblen	Ben Craig	Jennifer Coffelt
John Kaltenborn	Bill Frazier	Deidre Lenderking
Bill Kilby	Chris Hamilton	Beth Smith
Ron Matthews	Julia Sensabaugh	
Janina Peachey		

Clerk: Jody Humphreys

Moderators: Rev. Ann Pettit and Rev. Keith Phillips

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