

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

COVENANT CLASS (Rm. 117)

Similar to a traditional Sunday School model, a biblical concept, book, or person will be explored for a 6-8 week series, four a year. A pastor or group member will lead each series using helpful study materials. The class will begin by studying the book of Galatians using the resource *Galatians and James: Faith and Works*, from Sept. 10 – Oct. 15.

**Learn more: speak to Pastor Keith,
visit massanuttenchurch.org, or call (540) 434-6194.**

FAITHFUL CONVERSATIONS (Rm. 119)

A congenial group seeking to foster a spirit of Christian community as we explore Scriptural passages in a thoughtful, current, and personal way. Turns are taken to facilitate discussions. Prayer requests and joys are shared each week. The class will begin by studying the book *Borders and Belonging: The Book of Ruth: A Story for Our Times*, from Sept. 10 – Oct. 15.



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
World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit	<i>O Day of Peace</i>	-Webb
Greeting		
Pouring of the Water		
Prelude	<i>God Whose Giving Knows No Ending</i>	-Wood

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

We gather from the west to the east,
from the south to the north,
**to celebrate the God of peace
who accompanies us in our acts of peace.**

This God of peace accompanies us
in each and every circumstance around us.

We praise God's name! Amen!

*Hymn	<i>Come All You People</i>	388
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*Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come now and worship the Lord.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Gracious Lord, creator of this universe,
You have given us a world of abundance and diversity,
of beauty and possibility,
yet we live guided by greed and selfishness.**

CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

CHILDREN (THRU 5TH GRADE)

Faith Village: Explore Bible stories through learning styles such as art, music, science, cooking, drama, & games. 9:30 a.m.

Godly Play (Pre-K—2nd grade): Learn Bible stories through wonder and storytelling using wooden figures and felt underlays. During worship.

**Learn more: speak to Hannah Altman,
visit massanuttenchurch.org, or call (540) 434-6194.**

YOUTH (6TH-12TH GRADE)

High School Breakfast (9th—12th): Enjoy breakfast food & relaxed talk about faith & anything else. 9:30 a.m.

Youth Group: Have Sunday dinner, fellowship, & fun while learning about your faith. 6-8 p.m.

Fun with Handbells: Explore the fun of ringing from the basics to beyond with the opportunity to ring in worship. 5:00 p.m.

**You give us the gift of community,
yet we separate ourselves from those who are different.
You gave us wisdom and creativity
and we have used those for personal gain at the expense of others.
We ignore the poor and the weak
and have honored the rich and powerful.
In all this and more, we have not lived according to your will.**

Forgive us Lord, and put a right spirit within us.

**Lead us into discomfort at easy answers,
half-truths and superficial relationships.
Kindle our anger at injustice,
oppression and exploitation of people.
Bless us with enough foolishness
to believe that we can make a difference in this world
and then grant us the courage to follow where you lead.
Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness (responsively)*

God has forgiven us and sent us out to live life anew.
**Thanks be to God, who through Jesus Christ leads us
into the ways of peace.**

*Response of Praise *The Steadfast Love of the Lord* 59

*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.*

**Passing of the Peace (responsively)*

May the Peace of 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.*

Life at Massanutten

- There will be a **memorial service for Christopher Scott** on Saturday, October 7th at Mt. Olive Cemetery in McGaheysville. Graveside service will begin at 3:00pm. Chris is the son of Wilsene Scott and was a longtime member of Massanutten Presbyterian Church before his passing in March after a tough battle with cancer.
- The **Food Pantry has updated its list of needed items** for the fall, winter, and holiday season: boxed stuffing mix, canned pumpkin, pie crust mix, evaporated milk, gravy, canned sweet potatoes, crispy fried onions, cranberry sauce, and cookie mix, among other items. The full list of needed donations can be found in Blessings.
- The **Habitat For Humanity Restore needs volunteers** to help set up the Christmas decorations that will be for sale in the Restore. This will take place Wednesday, October 11 from 9 am to 12 pm, and 4 to 5 more volunteers are needed. If you'd like to help, please contact Dave Lenderking at (919) 412-7078 or davelenderking@gmail.com.

This morning, we welcome our peacemaker guests, Noemí Sánchez and her interpreter, Leslie Vogel, as part of PCUSA's International Peacemaker Program.



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

On January 1, 2021, the balance on our mortgage was \$1,071,111. As of September 21, 2023, our balance was \$112,525 - a decrease of **\$958,856**.

Since the Debt Elimination Campaign began on September 1, 2021, \$838,240 has been paid on the mortgage as a result of budgeted mortgage payments, additional giving to reduce debt through the year and gifts made toward campaign commitments.

To God be the Glory!

This Week At MPC			
Sunday, October 1		Thursday, October 5	
9:00am	Adult Sunday School (S)	4:30pm	Mosaic (HBR) until 7:00pm
9:30am	Faith Village	5:15pm	Nominating Committee
	HS Breakfast (MS Room)	Friday, October 6	
	Parent Fellowship (HS Room)	6:30pm	Civil War Dance Group
10:30am	Worship with Communion		Rehearsal (FH)
	Godly Play		Church Office Closed
5:00pm	Fun with Handbells	Saturday, October 7	
6:00pm	MS & HS Youth		Church Office Closed
Monday, October 2		3:00pm	Memorial Service for Christopher Scott (Mt. Olive Cemetery, McGaheysville)
6:00pm	Preschool Board	Sunday, October 8	
7:00pm	Massanutten Ringers	9:00am	Adult Sunday School
Tuesday, October 3		9:30am	Faith Village
Wednesday, October 4			HS Breakfast (MS Room)
5:15pm	Nurture & Discipleship		Parent Fellowship (HS Room)
6:00pm	Mission & Service	10:30am	Worship
7:30am	Men's Prayer Group (FH)		Godly Play
7:00pm	Chancel Choir (CR)		

Serving October 1	Serving October 8
Door Monitor: Bill Lam	Door Monitor: Fred Good
Greeters: Dave & Jan Reser	Greeters: Bill & Kat Marlowe
Ushers and Water Pourers: Dale & Dorothy Dobroth	Ushers & Water Pourers:
Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Erin Basgier	Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Katie Gray
Faith Village: Nancy Wayland	Faith Village: Nancy Wayland
Godly Play: Robin & Diann Reed	Godly Play:
HS Breakfast: Ross & Sarah French	HS Breakfast: Ross & Sarah French
MS Youth: Sarah Rimer & Karen Mast	MS Youth: Sarah Rimer & Doug Sensabaugh
HS Youth: Gus Scheidt	HS Youth: Gus Scheidt & ???

Time with the Children Hannah Altman

Anthem *And Peace Shall Guard You* -Trotta

*Peace shall guard you.
In all things with thanksgiving,
Make your need known, and peace shall guard you.
It shall guard you, it shall guard your hearts and minds.*

*For nothing be anxious, but in all things
And with thanksgiving make your needs known.
And peace shall guard you.*

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:9

Testimonial Peacemaking in El Salvador Noemí Sánchez

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith 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

*Song of Thanksgiving *When We are Living* v. 2 822

*Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God; we belong to God.*

We Are Fed at God's Table
(See Insert)

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn *I Come With Joy* (v. 1-4) 515

*I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.*

*I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.*

*As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.*

*The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *I Come With Joy* (v. 5) 515

*Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.*

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

Class of 2024
Ka Guinn
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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
Julia Sensabaugh

Class of 2026
Ashley Gordon-Becker
Jennifer Coffelt
Deidre Lenderking
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