

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

THE COVENANT CLASS will be studying Seeing Jesus in John's Gospel, from the Being Reformed Series, from Oct. 22nd-Nov. 26th. The class meets downstairs in Room 117.

FAITHFUL CONVERSATIONS—On Oct. 22nd, the class will hear from Doug Sensabaugh about his recent mission trip to Ethiopia. On Oct. 29th and Nov. 5th the class will have a two-week study about the

loneliness pandemic developed by Mary Ann Alger. And on Nov. 12-19th, the class will have a study from The Thoughtful Christian entitled "A Biblical Diet: The Ethics of God Production and Consumption." Faithful Conversation meets downstairs in Room 119.

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

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.



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
Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

October 22, 2023

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made* -Watts

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Praise Unfolding* - Sandra Eithus
Massanutten Ringers

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Nick Swartz, Worship leader

From the rising of the sun till its setting in the west,

God's holy name be praised.

On the lips of children, by infants at the breast,

God's holy name be praised.

In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young,

God's holy name be praised.

In the banquet hall of heaven and the forgotten corners of our hearts.

God's holy name be praised.

Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord.

Amen. We praise the Lord!

*Hymn *Come Sing, O Church, In Joy* 305

*Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!*

Refrain:
*In bold accord,
come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!*

*Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! (Refrain)*

*Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify the Crucified! (Refrain)*

*Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! (Refrain)*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Holy God, we know that you created us in love,
to enjoy this world and you,
to serve your creation and your children.
And we know that we do not always do your will.
With clenched hands,
we can neither give nor receive.
With eyes tight shut,
we cannot see pain or beauty.
With feet of clay,
we cannot dance in joy or run to help.
We ask for your help and your power to change.
Open our hands and eyes,
move our feet toward grace and hope and trust in you.
Through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Friends in Christ, let us proclaim the Good News:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

And we are not only forgiven, we are also freed.

Let us greet the world as people made new in Christ.

*Response of Praise

Sing Praise to God

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*Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!*

Life at Massanutten

• Valley Interfaith Action News:

Candidate's Assembly—this Thursday, October 26th at 6:30 pm; Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. We will share about what's happening with VIA with candidates for Rockingham County School Board and the Board of Supervisors .

VDRPT Feasibility Study Survey— *happening now*. As part of our transportation campaign, community members are asked to complete a survey. This survey is available online and by paper, in English and Spanish. Survey packets can be found on the table in the Narthex near the office and include an explanation of the transportation proposal.

- **MPC Preschool** is underway and everyone is settling in for a great year. Do you have a skill or activity you would like to share with our preschool classes? This could be art or STEM activity, reading a favorite book or simply volunteering your time to run a station or class. For more information or to volunteer, contact our director, Carrie Markowitz, at mpcpreschool3s4s@gmail.com or Monday-Thursday 8:30-12 by calling the church office (540) 434-6194.

- **Service and Sabbath Weekend at Massanetta Springs**—Fall is here and Massanetta needs some TLC. On Nov. 10-12 we will be having a Fall Service and Sabbath Weekend with lodging and meals options provided. Will you answer the call and lend a hand? Sign up today online or call (540) 434-3829.

- **Open Doors Transportation Volunteers.** MPC's van will be used to help Open Doors guests get from the meeting place in Harrisonburg to shelter locations in Rockingham County. Dale Dobroth is coordinating the schedule and welcomes the opportunity to talk with potential (and seasoned) drivers about what's involved and how they can take part in this year's effort. Open Doors is our community's low barrier winter shelter for those without steady housing. MPC will host the shelter in our facility January 15th-28th.

- **Santa Sack Collection**—The Presbyterian Women are collecting the following items for Santa Sacks for the Salvation Army: Shampoo/conditioner, tooth paste/ tooth brushes, hairbrushes, combs, bar soap, hand sanitizers, and hand lotion (Note: no glass or pump containers). Items may be placed in the designated box in the Narthex between November 1st and December 10th.

- The **Food Pantry has updated its list of needed items!** The list can be found in the Blessings weekly email; printed lists are available near the Food Pantry box in the entry way.

- **Safety Corner**—If you test positive for COVID-19, stay home for at least 5 days and isolate from others in your home. You are likely most infectious during these first 5 days. Wear a high-quality mask if you must be around others at home and in public.

This Week At MPC

Sunday, October 22

9:00am Adult Sunday School (S)
9:30am Faith Village
HS Breakfast (MS Room)
Parent Fellowship
(HS Room)
10:30am Worship
Godly Play
5:00pm Fun with Handbells
6:00pm MS & HS Fellowship

Monday, October 23

8:45am Preschool Room 119
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers

Tuesday, October 24

8:45am Preschool Room 119

Wednesday, October 25

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
8:45am Preschool Room 119
7:00pm Chancel Choir (CR)

Thursday, October 26

8:45am Preschool Room 119
4:30pm Mosaic (HBR) until 7:00pm

Friday, October 27

Church Office Closed

Saturday, October 28

Confirmation Lock-In (FH)
Church Office Closed

Sunday, October 29

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

*Passing of the Peace (*responsively*)

May 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 *Be Thou My Vision* 450

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

Responding to God's Invitation Ross and Sarah French

Time with the Children Hannah Altman

Anthem *God Gives the Song* - Courtney

Scripture Reading Isaiah 55:1-5

Sermon Pastor Ann Pettit

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith From *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

Who are you?

I am a child of God.

What does it mean to be a child of God?

That I belong to God, who loves me.

What makes you a child of God?

Grace—God's free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.

Don't you have to be good for God to love you?

No. God loves me in spite of all I do wrong.

How do you thank God for this gift of love?

I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.

How do you love God?

By worshipping God, by loving others, and by respecting what God has created.

Sharing Our Faith *Thank Offering* Jean Gearing

Invitation to the Offering

Serving October 22

Door Monitor: Phyllis Hamilton

Greeters: Ron & Janet Morris

Ushers & Water Pourers:
Fred Good & Cheryl Henderson

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Barbara Palmer

Faith Village: Caitlin Holsapple

Godly Play: Erin Basgier

HS Breakfast: Ross & Sarah French

MS Youth: Sarah Lopacinski

HS Youth: Gus Scheidt

Serving October 29

Door Monitor: Harvey Mast

Greeters: Ric and JoAnn Leobold

Ushers & Water Pourers:
Larry & Pam French

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Dorothy Dobroth

Faith Village: Sally Brown

No Godly Play Today

HS Breakfast: Ross & Sarah French

MS Youth: Sarah Lopacinski & Doug Sensabaugh

HS Youth: Gus Scheidt

*Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.*

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give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.*

*And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!"*

*And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks. Give thanks.*

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn

Light Dawns on a Weary World v. 1-2

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*Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.*

*Refrain:
The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.*

*Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread
and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes. (Refrain)*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Light Dawns on a Weary World v. 3

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*Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn,
find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
the promised green of Eden comes.
The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.*

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

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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
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