

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

FAITHFUL CONVERSATIONS

On Nov. 5th, the class will hear from Doug Sensabaugh about his recent mission trip to Ethiopia.

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.

COFFEE BREAK SMALL GROUP -

A new coffee small group will gather on Thursday, Nov. 2, 10:00 A.M. near the Kaffee Klatsch at the Dayton Market, 3105 John Wayland Hwy., Dayton. All are welcome! Anyone with questions can contact the church office or email Beth Smith at: elizellen1456912@gmail.com.

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

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.

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.

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.

*Learn more: speak to Hannah Altman,
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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-Second Sunday After Pentecost

October 29, 2023

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit

What Is This Place

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

-Powell

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Sarah Rimer, Worship Leader

O Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

In you, we come home -

to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved.

We dwell in you.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise

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*The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!
The Lord, the great I am, by earth and heaven confessed,
we bow before your holy name, forever blest.*

*Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will.
In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.*

*Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest,
a land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.*

Life at Massanutten

*You have eternal life implanted in the soul;
your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name:
the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of love, your commandments are so simple:

love God, love neighbor, love self.

Yet we cannot always muster that love.

Love for you seems too abstract and distant.

Love for our neighbors seems too impractical and draining.

Love for ourselves seems too impossible and unimportant.

But you are truly the God of love;

if there is anyone who can help us love, it is you.

**Show us with your love so we might have the greatest example,
and help us learn from you. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

It is true: we are beloved of God.

The God who loves us does not condemn us.

We will live in the glory of God's love!

*Response of Praise *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (v. 1)*

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*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*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 (v.2)*

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.*

- **This morning we are receiving the Presbyterian Women's *Thank Offering*** which makes possible hundreds of projects addressing issues such as agricultural development, child care, elder care, and homelessness. Thank you for your gift.
- **Next Sunday during worship** we will remember those in our church family who have died since last year at this time. As part of this remembrance, we will share the Lord's Supper. The Table will be covered by a cloth bearing the names of saints in our lives. If you would like to add a name to the cloth, you may do so by visiting the Gathering Area after worship today.
- **First Sunday Fellowship** will take place in the Gathering Area next Sunday between Sunday school and Worship. Plan to stop by and enjoy some conversation and light refreshments.
- **Evening Prayer.** Wednesday, November 8th, 6:15—6:45 pm in the Sanctuary.
- **Valley Interfaith Action News: *VDRPT Feasibility Study Survey—happening now.*** A transit 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. Please return surveys to the church by November 6
- **MPC Preschool** invites us to share a gift, skill, activity or simply volunteer our time. 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. The Fall Service and Sabbath Weekend is Nov. 10-12 Sign up 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. To serve as a driver, contact the church office.
- **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 29

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

Monday, October 30

7:00pm Massanutten Ringers

Tuesday, October 31

8:00am Preschool FH until 12:30pm

Wednesday, November 1

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
5:15pm Nurture & Discipleship
6:00pm Mission & Service
7:00pm Chancel Choir (CR)

Thursday, November 2

4:30pm Mosaic Rehearsal (HBR)

Friday, November 3

9:30am BOP Workshop until
2:30pm (GA & FH)
6:30pm Civil War Dance Group (FH)
Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 4

9:30am Presbytery Meeting—
Opequon Presbyterian Church
Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 5

9:00am Adult Sunday School
9:30am Faith Village
HS Breakfast (MS Room)
Parent Fellowship (HS Room)
10:30am Worship with Communion
Godly Play
12:15pm Session Meeting (FH)
5:00pm Fun with Handbells
6:00pm MS & HS Youth

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: Jennifer Coffelt & Sally Brown

No Godly Play Today

No HS Breakfast Today

MS Youth: Sarah Rimer & Doug Sensabaugh

HS Youth: Gus Scheidt

Serving November 5

Door Monitor: Fred Good

Greeters: John & Angela Kaltenborn

Ushers & Water Pourers:
Tom & Gina Holden

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Erin Basgier

Faith Village: Jennifer Coffelt & Sally Brown

Godly Play: Emily Burkholder

HS Breakfast: Ross & Sarah French

MS Youth: Sarah Rimer & Barbara Palmer

HS Youth: Gus Scheidt

Stewardship

Responding to God's Invitation Jon and Mary Ann Alger

Time with the Children

Nancy Wayland

Anthem

Saints, Are You Ready to Go? - Ferdinand and Kirk

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Sermon

Pastor Ann Pettit

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

A Declaration of Faith

**God made human beings along with all the other creatures
and charged them to care for the earth and all that lives on it.**

**We acknowledge we share in the interdependence
that binds together all God's creation.**

**Yet God gives us power to rule and tame,
to order and reshape the world.**

We hold the earth in trust for future generations of living things.

The Lord forbids us to plunder, foul, and destroy the earth.

**The Lord expects us to produce, to consume, to reproduce
in ways that make earth's goodness available to all people
and reflect God's love for all creatures.**

**The Lord bids us use our technical skills
for beauty, order, health, and peace.**

Commissioning Confirmands, Mentors, and their Leaders

**Jacob Burkholder & Gus Scheidt (mentor); Gage Becker & Barbara Palmer (mentor)
Kade Carrier & Glenn Wayland (mentor); Kristen Enslin & Emily Burkholder (mentor)**

Tori Kaltenborn & Doug Sensabaugh (mentor)

Maddy Zerfoss & Nancy Wayland (mentor)

Hannah Altman, Diann and Robin Reed (leadership)

Prayer (*unison*)

**Gracious God, by water and the Spirit you claimed us as your own,
cleansing us from sin, and giving us new life.**

**You made us members of your body, the church,
calling us to be your servants in the world.**

Renew in us the covenant you made in our baptism.

Continue the good work you have begun in us.

**Send us forth by the power of your Spirit to love and serve you with joy,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving

Give Thanks

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

*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

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

712

*As those of old their firstfruits brought
of vineyard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good,
the source of bounteous yield,
so we today our firstfruits bring,
the wealth of this good land:
of farm and market, shop and home,
of mind and heart and hand.*

*A world in need now summons us
to labor, love, and give,
to make our life an offering
that all may truly live.*

*The church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love,
all life in Christ made new.*

*In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today,
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.*

*O God who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ your Son,
help us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

For the Life That You Have Given

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*For the life that you have given,
for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor,
with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises;
heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you,
living what we pray and sing.*

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

Class of 2024
Ka Guinn
Matt Hamblen
John Kaltborn
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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