

Angel Tree

Angel Tree gifts for the Salvation Army go to assist children in our community. Select an ornament from the tree in the narthex, signing the notebook to let us know the ornament has been taken. Return your unwrapped gift or gift card with the ornament attached to the church by **Sunday, December 3rd.**

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

FAITHFUL CONVERSATIONS

Nov. 26 the class will meet to discuss Thanksgiving and Gratitude.

Dec. 3-10 will be looking at the background of several advent hymns and discuss the book "The Heart that Grew Three Sizes-Finding Faith in the Story of the Grinch."

DEC. 17 will be studying background

and context of several Advent Hymns and the poem "For the Time Being" by W. H. Auden

THE COVENANT CLASS will be studying Seeing Jesus in John's Gospel, from the Being Reformed Series, through *Nov. 26th*. 9:00 a.m..

*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.

YOUTH (6TH-12TH GRADE)

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

Youth Group: 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.

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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-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

November 19, 2023

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

-Van Oss

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude

Bell Song
Massanutten Ringer

-Sherman

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Mike Basgier, Worship Leader

The Lord God commands us,

"Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy."

We seek to remember, O Lord.

The psalmist sets an example for us, saying, "I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old."

We seek to remember, O Lord.

When sharing the Lord's Supper, we are reminded that Jesus told his disciples, "Do this in remembrance of me."

We seek to remember, O Lord.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

Let us remember the Lord's faithfulness from generation to generation, from Adam and Eve through to the present and to tomorrow.

Let us worship the Lord with a grateful heart!

*Hymn

Deep in the Shadows of the Past
Sung to the tune "Maple Avenue" found in #335

Text found in #50

*Deep in the shadows of the past,
far out from settled lands,
some nomads traveled with their God
across the desert sands.
The dawning hope of humankind*

*by them was sensed and shown:
a promise calling them ahead,
a future yet unknown.*

*While others bowed to changeless gods,
they met a mystery,
invisible, without a name:
"I am what I will be";
and by their tents, around their fires
in story, song, and law,
they praised, remembered, handed on
a past that promised more.*

*From Exodus to Pentecost
the promise changed and grew,
while some, remembering the past,
recorded what they knew,
or with their letters and laments,
their prophecy and praise,
recovered, kindled, and expressed
new hope for changing days.*

*For all the writings that survived,
for leaders, long ago,
who sifted, copied, and preserved
the Bible that we know,
give thanks, and find its story yet
our promise, strength, and call,
the model of emerging faith,
alive with hope for all.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
So often, we forget your call to righteousness and we forget our need of you.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.**

**Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open us to a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

Life at Massanutten

- **Advent begins next Sunday!** The Worship Commission invites the congregation to join them after worship next Sunday in readying the sanctuary and a few other area in the church for the season.
- **Community Thankfulness Event**—You are invited to come together with thankfulness for the Interfaith relationship in the Harrisonburg-Rockingham community on Nov. 20 at 7pm at Asbury United Methodist Church. Sponsored by Interfaith Association Harrisonburg-Rockingham.
- **MPC Preschool's Holiday Fundraiser** will give you an opportunity to purchase Shirley's Popcorn for yourself or for a gift. Place your order by Nov. 27th. Orders will be ready for pick up by Dec. 11th.
- **Youth Christmas Market!** A fundraiser for youth events and summer trips will be held on December 3rd following worship. Come find the perfect Christmas gifts and goodies for your loved ones. A combination Silent Auction and Christmas Cookie Sale, all funds raised will go directly to the MPC youth program. There will be light snacks and festive music. Youth are looking for donations for the market (drop off December 2nd 10am-noon). Donations must be: *new, handmade, service, entertainment or Christmas cookies*. No used or second hand items this year. For more information contact Hannah Altman. **Thank you!**
- **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 Dale Dobroth or 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), washcloths, kitchen towels, hot mats, tissues (small packs) microwave popcorn, snack crackers, hot chocolate mix. Items may be placed in the designated box in the Narthex between November 1st and December 10th.
- **Food Pantry** holiday and ongoing needs have been updated. 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, November 19	Thursday, Nov. 23—Thanksgiving Day
9:00am Adult Sunday School	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
9:30am Faith Village	
	Fri., Nov. 24 & Sat., Nov. 25
10:30am Parent Fellowship (HS Room)	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
10:30am Worship & Godly Play	
Stewardship Lunch following	Sunday, November 26
Worship	9:00am Adult Sunday School
<i>No Fun with Handbells or</i>	9:30am <i>No Faith Village today</i>
<i>regular Youth today</i>	<i>No HS Breakfast or Parent</i>
6:00pm Youth outing to “Escapism”	<i>Fellowship today</i>
	10:30am Worship
Monday, November 20	Decorate the church for
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Advent following worship
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)	<i>No Godly Play today</i>
	<i>No Fun with Handbells or</i>
Tuesday, November 21	<i>Youth today</i>
Wednesday, November 22	
7:30am Men’s Prayer Group (FH)	

Serving November 19	Serving November 26
Door Monitor: Nancy Wayland	Door Monitor: Fred Good
Greeters: Denny & Rebecca Arthur	Greeter: Anita Brechtel
Ushers & Water Pourers: Bill & Kat Marlowe	Ushers & Water Pourers: Marc Davis & Doug Smith
Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Sharon Lam	Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Emily Burkholder
Faith Village: Caitlin Holsapple & Jennifer Coffelt	Faith Village: <i>No Faith Village today</i>
Godly Play: Jack & Sarah Rimer	Godly Play: <i>No Godly Play today</i>
HS Breakfast: <i>No breakfast today</i>	HS Breakfast: <i>No breakfast today</i>
Youth: Sarah Rimer, Karen Mast & Gus Scheidt	Youth: <i>No evening youth activities— Thanksgiving Break</i>

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

People of God - remember. The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. Hope does not disappoint us, for God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Remember this good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

*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 our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.
And also with you.

We Gather Around God’s Word

*Sung Prayer for Illumination *Open My Eyes That I May See (v. 1)* 451

*Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Time with the Children Pastor Ann Pettit

Anthem *Find Us Faithful* -Mohr, Schrader

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 8:1-8

Sermon Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God’s Word

*Affirmation of Faith (From *The Confession of 1967, 9.21 and 9.24*)

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for people when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

**The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus,
his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation,
his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death.
The teaching of apostles and prophets guides people in living this life,
and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries.**

Invitation to Stewardship

John Kaltenborn

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving

Great God of Every Blessing

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*Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

*Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

*Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.*

*Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.*

*Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (v. 1)* 543

*God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

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