

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

FAITHFUL CONVERSATIONS

The class is currently studying a series titled, 'Followers of Jesus' which will be used throughout the Season of Lent and will focus on the people who followed Jesus to the cross.

THE COVENANT CLASS

The class will begin a new study on March 10th: "Invitation to the New Testament," by the Disciple series.

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, 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. **(Rehearsals Resume on March 10) .**

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



On January 1, 2021 the balance on our mortgage was \$1,071,111. As of February 21, 2024 our balance was \$5,064 a decrease of \$1,066,047.

Since the Debt Elimination Campaign began on September 1, 2021, \$945,701 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!**



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
Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit	<i>I Long for Your Commandments</i>	64
Greeting		
Pouring of the Water		
Prelude	<i>Healer of Our Every Ill</i>	-Haugen/Kolander
*Call to Worship (responsively, Psalm 119)		Ka Guinn, Worship Leader
Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.		
Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.		
Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.		
See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.		
*Hymn	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	307

*God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.*

Life at Massanutten

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.*

*Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

*Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love.
We have not loved our neighbors,
and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Sung Confession Response (*unison*)

Forgive us, Lord. Forgive us, Lord.
For weakness and transgression: Forgive us, Lord.
Resistance and rebellion: Forgive us, Lord.
Forgive us, Lord.

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- **You're invited to read Henri Nouwen's *Life of the Beloved* during Lent.** One of the most significant spiritual authors of the twentieth century, Nouwen seeks to share about his faith in the unconditional love of Jesus Christ through the simple – but deep – language of this book. Those interested are invited to gatherings to discuss the book on Mar. 14th at 1pm or Mar. 20th at 6pm at the church or by Zoom. Please see Pastor Keith with questions. Printed details are also available in the Narthex.
- **The Mission and Service Commission** invites the congregation to gather for lunch following worship next Sunday. During our time together we will learn about some of our PCUSA Mission Partners and where they are serving in the world. This is part of our year long emphasis on deepening our understanding of International mission.
- **Kaffee Klatsch Small Group** will meet at the Dayton Market (3105 John Wayland Avenue/ Rte 42) in Dayton at 10:00 am on Thursday, March 7th. Fellowship, coffee, tea—no preparation or reservations needed!
- **A memorial service for Martha Floyd** will be held on March 9th at 2 pm. A time to visit with the family will precede the service beginning at 1 pm. The service will also include remembrances for Martha's daughter, Debra Raines, who died in the fall of 2023. Cards and notes may be sent to her daughter: Susan Shewchuck, 36 Peach Tree Court, Nellysford, VA 22958.
- **A memorial service** will take place on Saturday, March 16th at Sunnyside at 2 pm for **Helen Scully**, who died on February 12th. Cards and notes may be sent to her family in care of her daughter: Julie Lama, 9301 Baylor Park Court, Bristow, VA 20136.
- **The Massanetta Bible and Church Music Conference** will be held July 21-27—Registration is Open! The early bird incentive ends March 25th! This year's theme is: A New Creation, featuring Brian Blount as the Bible Study Leader and Sharon Johnson Kerschner as the Speakman Chair of preaching.
- **It's High School Musical Season!** If you haven't already, check out some of the creative and talented musical programs in our area.
Spotswood High School—Anastasia; Mar. 3, 3pm
Eastern Mennonite High School—Fiddler on the Roof; Mar. 3, 3pm
- **Easter Candy!** As we make our way toward Easter, plans are being set for the annual Easter Egg hunt that will take place between breakfast and worship that morning. To help our 'Egg Hunt Team' get ready, we are collecting bags of small, individually wrapped candy to put in the eggs. Leave your contributions in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you!
- **Safety Corner:** Know your exits—Take a moment now to note your quickest evacuation route, in case an emergency arises.

This Week At MPC

Sunday, March 3

9:00am Adult Sunday School
9:30am Faith Village
HS Breakfast (HS Room)
Parent Fellowship (MS Room)
10:00am Coffee Fellowship (GA)
10:30am Worship with Communion
Godly Play
2:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)
No Fun with Handbells today
6:00pm MS & HS Youth

Monday, March 4

3:00pm Primary Election Setup (FH, GA)
6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)
Boy Scouts (119)

Tuesday, March 5

Primary Election (FH, GA)

Wednesday, March 6

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

Thursday, March 7

10:00am Small Group (Kaffee Klatsch)
4:30pm Mosaic (HBR)
6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)

Friday, March 9

Church Office Closed

Saturday, March 9

2:00pm Memorial Service for Martha Floyd
4:00pm Fellowship Hall in use
J. Coffelt
Church Office Closed

Sunday, March 10—Scout Sunday

Daylight Savings Time Begins
9:00am Adult Sunday School
9:30am Faith Village
HS Breakfast (HS Room)
Parent Fellowship (MS Room)
10:30am Worship
Godly Play
Mission and Service Congregational Lunch
2:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)
5:00pm Fun with Handbells
6:00pm MS & HS Youth

Serving March 3

Door Monitor: Fred Good

Greeters: Tom & Gina Holden

Ushers & Water Pourers:
Sally Brown & Cheryl Henderson

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Erin Basgier

Faith Village:
Jennifer Coffelt & Nancy Wayland

Godly Play:
Robin & Diann Reed

Youth: Sarah Rimer & Gus Scheidt

Serving March 10

Door Monitor: Jack Rimer

Greeters: Boy Scouts & Dick Leecy

Ushers & Water Pourers:
Boy Scouts & Julia Sensabaugh

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Katie Gray

Faith Village: Jennifer Coffelt

Godly Play:
Nancy Wayland & Gayle Allen

Youth: Sarah Rimer & Gus Scheidt

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)
Our righteousness is found in Christ alone,
a gift of God by faith.
Beloved people of God, believe the good news:
through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

*Response of Praise *For the Beauty of the Earth v. 5* 14

*For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*Sharing the Peace of Christ (*responsively*)
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.

We Gather Around God's Word

*Sung Prayer for Illumination *Be Thou My Vision v. 2* 450

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

Time with the Children Hannah Altman
Anthem *Write Your Blessed Name* -K. Lee Scott
Scripture Reading Exodus 20:1-17
Sermon Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*responsive*) From *The Heidelberg Catechism* (4.115)
Since no one in this life can obey the Ten Commandments perfectly,
why does God want them preached so pointedly?

**First, so that the longer we live the more we may come to know our sinfulness
and the more eagerly look to Christ for forgiveness of sins and righteousness.**

**Second, so that we may never stop striving,
and never stop praying to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit,
to be renewed more and more after God's image,
until after this life we reach our goal: perfection.**

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 607

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

We Are Fed at God's Table *(see insert)*

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* 286

*Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Spirit of the Living God

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*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

Class of 2024
Ka Guinn
Matt Hamblen
John Kaltenborn
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
Beth Smith

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