



Our mission:
to nurture disciples of Jesus Christ
who join boldly with the Spirit's work
in the world.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

FAITHFUL CONVERSATIONS

This group gathers to share prayer concerns and devotional discussion On April 7 and 14, Beth Smith will lead the group on scripture meditations.

THE COVENANT CLASS

The class is studying an "Invitation to the New Testament," by the Disciple series.

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

A Service for the Lord's Day
Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *Now Thank We All Our God* -Johann Cruger

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Toccata No. 4 (Holy Manna)* -Joel Raney

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Doug Sensabaugh, Worship Leader

When we struggle to understand what's going on in our world

Jesus shows up.

In the midst of our chaos and confusion

Jesus says, "Peace be with you."

When we are startled and terrified,

Jesus asks, "Why?"

When we spend time with the one who has conquered death, we can exclaim

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Hymn *Thine Is the Glory* 238

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.*

Refrain:

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)*

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.

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: 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.

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (Refrain)*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel,
but we remain silent in the presence of evil.
You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,
but we are content to live in separation.
You call us to seek the good of all,
but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.
You call us to fight pretensions and injustice,
but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near.**

Forgive us, O Lord.

**Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,
and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.
God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!
By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

*Response of Praise

Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks (v.2)

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*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name
Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name*

*Sharing the Peace of Christ (*responsively*)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Life at Massanutten

- Help the Presbyterian Women support **Church World Service** by visiting the Best Gifts Tree in the narthex April 7-21. Supporting this project will help CWS support many needs worldwide with blankets, tools, books, pigs, goats, and chickens.
- Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 20th! Our ministry neighbors at **Massanetta Springs** will be hosting the annual **Spring Clean-Up Event**. This day of joy-filled work and fellowship readies the campus for all the good programs MPC children, youth, adults - and many others - participate in throughout the months ahead. Check-in at 8:30—stay for all or part of the day. Massanetta will be providing lunch for everyone in the dining room.
- The **Shenandoah Valley Choral Society**, under the direction of Curtis Nolley, will present their Spring concert “Songs of Comfort, Songs of Joy” this afternoon, April 14th, 3:00 pm at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. Tickets available at the door. Admission \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors/students.
- **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.
- **The MPC Food Pantry** is experiencing a trend of an increasing number of clients and we thank you for your continued support through donations and volunteer help. While we are able to find many items at reduced or no cost from the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, the following items are not readily available at this time:

Non-food items: baby diapers (size 4-6) and wipes, toilet paper, shampoo, bar soap, laundry and liquid dish detergent, plastic grocery bags,

Shelf stable foods: canned fruit, canned meats (chicken, chili, tuna, etc.), canned pasta meals (ravioli, spaghetti-o’s, etc), boxed meals/side dishes (pasta and rice mixes, hamburger helper, potato mix), crackers (saltines, graham, cheese crackers), pancake mix, cake mix, brownie or cookie mix, condiments, salad dressings and syrup.

This list is updated seasonally and is available in the Pantry Donation box and in the weekly online email.

This Week At MPC

Sunday, April 14

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

Monday, April 15

5:00pm Gathering Area in use until
 7:00pm
 6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)
 7:00pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)
 Boy Scouts (119)

Tuesday, April 16

Wednesday, April 17

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
 7:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 18

3:30pm Mosaic (FH)
 6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)

Friday, April 19

Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 20

2:00pm Paint Party (FH)
 5:00pm Outdoor Chapel in use until
 7:00 pm
Church Office Closed

Sunday, April 21

9:00am Adult Sunday School
 9:30am Faith Village
 HS Breakfast
 Parent Fellowship
 10:30am Worship
 Godly Play
 12:15pm Session Meeting
 2:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)
 5:00pm Fun with Handbells
 6:00pm MS & HS Youth

We Gather Around God's Word

*Sung Prayer for Illumination *Listen, God Is Calling (refrain, v. 1, refrain)* 456
(congregation only sings the bold parts)

*Listen,
 listen, God is calling,
 through the Word inviting,
 offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.*

*Jesus gave his mandate:
 share the good news
 that he came to save us
 and set us free.*

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Time with the Children

Special Music

In Christ Alone

-Lloyd Larson

Scripture Reading

Acts 3:12-20

Sermon

Pastor Ann Pettit

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) From A Declaration of Faith
**God sent his Son to proclaim release to those who are bound,
 to announce that God's promised kingdom is at hand,
 to urge everyone to repent and believe the good news.**

**The Lord is moving toward the time
 when the glorious liberty of the children of God
 will be manifest throughout the whole creation.**

**We testify God is at work here and now
 when people obey Christ's commission
 to witness to him and make disciples of all nations,
 when they spread the good news by their words
 and embody it in their lives.**

Serving April 14

Door Monitor: Harvey Mast

Greeters: Jon & Mary Ann Alger

Ushers & Water Pourers:
 Lewis, Emily & Jacob Burkholder

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Julia Sensabaugh

Faith Village:
 Jennifer Coffelt & Janina Peachey

Godly Play: Jack & Sarah Rimer

Youth: Sarah Rimer, Doug Sensabaugh & Gus
 Scheidt

Serving April 21

Door Monitor: Marc Davis

Greeters: Frank Gearing & Dwight Newman

Ushers & Water Pourers:
 Larry & Pam French

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Barbara Palmer

Faith Village:
 Jennifer Coffelt & Janina Peachey

Godly Play:
 Gayle Allen & Angela Kaltenborn

Youth: Sarah Rimer, Karen Mast, Gus Scheidt
 & Mark Palmer

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *Now Thank We All Our God (v. 1)* 643

*Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.*

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 *We All Are One in Mission* 733

*We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.*

*We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.*

*Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (v. 5)* 543

*Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

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