



**Bold Faith + Extravagant Generosity**  
= **Changing Lives**

**To God be the glory:**

*the mortgage is paid off!*

**So...let's celebrate!**

**Join us next Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, for a celebratory meal following worship.**

**ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

**FAITHFUL CONVERSATIONS**

This group will look at Nicodemus on April 21st, and will discuss issues related to the Baltimore bridge collapse on April 28th, there will be a time for fellowship and a sendoff for facilitators Jon and Mary Ann Alger.

**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](http://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.

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



**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  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

April 28, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**We Gather at God's Call**

Introit

*Alleluia*

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

-J.S. Bach

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Sarah Rimer, Worship Leader

We gather today to worship the One who created us,  
**the One who calls us,**  
the One who equips us,  
**the One who loves us without end.**

We gather today in gratitude,  
**with joyful hearts, we worship God.**

\*Hymn

*God of Great and God of Small*

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*God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,  
God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong,  
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.*

*God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny,  
God of never-ending power, yet beside me every hour,  
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.*

*God of silence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,  
God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to right,  
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.*

*God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,  
God of now and days before, God who reigns forevermore,  
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*responsively*)

Lord God, creator of the universe, you made earth and all its creatures. You made the stars, sun, moon, rivers, and trees. You made the animals, and gave them into our care. Sometimes we fall short of your expectations of us and our care of your creation. For this we confess. (*Silence.*)

Hear the confessions we offer you aloud or in our silence.

For our neglect of your creation...

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our unwillingness to protect those weaker than us...

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the times we wander alone and leave your community...

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the times we disobey...

**Lord, have mercy.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Hear the good news: by the power of the Risen Lord Jesus,  
your sins are forgiven and you are free to live in love, serve with compassion,  
and worship in joy-filled community. **Alleluia! Amen.**

\*Response of Praise

*Alleluia*

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*Alleluia, alleluia.*

*Alleluia, alleluia.*

*Alleluia, alleluia.*

*Now the Lord is risen indeed. (repeat)*

Four Cents a Meal Offering

*Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

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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.*

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*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!"*

## Life at Massanutten

- **Mosaic Handbell Ensemble** will again fill the sanctuary with their amazing performance on bells –today at 4:00 p.m. The concert will feature all movie themes. Massanutten Ringers will play some pieces on their own and join Mosaic in a world-premiere of “The Rowan Tree” (arranged by Kath Wissinger) from the movie “Living.” Bring your friends and family for an afternoon delight of flashing bronze and enticing music. Mosaic is directed by Kath Wissinger, and Carol Lown is a ringer in the group. For more info see [MosaicBells.org](http://MosaicBells.org)
- **Mark Your Calendar**—Join others from your church family on Saturday, May 4th at 8:30 am (rain date May 11th) to mulch the shrub beds. Mulch will be available for purchase at \$16 a yard and will be loaded for you on May 4th. For more information or to sign up contact Skip Wissinger at (540-289-6973) or [skipwissinger@aol.com](mailto:skipwissinger@aol.com)
- **Massanetta Springs Mother’s Day Buffet**—Have a delicious meal while avoiding the chaos of a meal in town on Mother’s Day. Adult tickets are \$27; Children 4-12 are \$19; and children under 4 are free! Reservations can be made on the half hour between 11:30 and 1:30 for any size group. Call Massanetta (540-434-3829) or go to [massanettasprings.org](http://massanettasprings.org) to make your reservation.
- The **Presbyterian Women’s Spring Gathering “The Fruit of the Spirit”** will be held on Saturday, May 18 at Massanetta Springs. Registration deadline is May 1. For more information, go to the PW webpage <https://shenpres.org/presbyterian-women>
- **Upcoming VIA (Valley Interfaith Action) Events**
  - The next action for VIA’s Childcare Campaign will be on May 9th at 6:30 pm at Otterbein United Methodist Church.
  - The next action for VIA’s Transportation Campaign will be held on May 23rd at 6:30 pm at Massanutten.
  - See Ben Craig for more information and/or to let him know you plan to attend.*
- **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.
- **Safety Message**—Do not unlock or prop open the exterior doors. A door monitor from your group should let people in and latecomers can use the door bell.

**This Week At MPC**

**Sunday, April 28**

9:00am Adult Sunday School  
9:30am Faith Village  
HS Breakfast  
Parent Fellowship  
10:30am Worship  
Godly Play  
PW Birthday Celebration &  
Lunch following Worship  
2:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)  
4:00pm Massanutten Ringers &  
Mosaic Concert (S)  
6:00pm HS & MS Youth

**Monday, April 29**

6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)  
Fellowship Hall in use  
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)  
Boy Scouts (119)

**Tuesday, April 30**

10:00am PW Coordinating Team (L)

**Wednesday, May 1**

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

**Thursday, May 2**

10:00am Koffee Klastch Small Group  
Fellowship Hall in use  
3:30pm Mosaic (FH)  
6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)

**Friday, May 3**

6:30pm Dance Group (GA)  
Fellowship Hall in use  
*Church Office Closed*

**Saturday, May 4**

8:30am Mulch Day  
Fellowship Hall in use  
*Church Office Closed*

**Sunday, May 5—Celebration Sunday**

9:00am Adult Sunday School  
9:30am Faith Village  
HS Breakfast  
Parent Fellowship  
10:30am Worship with Communion  
Godly Play  
Celebration Lunch following  
Worship (FH)  
2:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)  
5:00pm Youth Handbells  
6:00pm MS & HS Youth

*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.*

**We Gather Around God's Word**

Time with the Children Kath Wissinger  
Anthem *Serve the Lord with Gladness* -Dilworth  
*(see insert)*  
Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Sermon Pastor Ann Pettit

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) A Brief Statement of Faith  
**We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**Serving April 28**

**Door Monitor:** Jack Rimer

**Greeters:** Helen Groves &

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**  
Dwight Newman &

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Sharon Lam

**Faith Village:** Jennifer Coffelt, Caitlin  
Holsapple & Sarah Rimer

**Godly Play:** Karen Enslin & Emily  
Burkholder

**Youth:** Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt & Dale

Dobroth

**Serving May 5**

**Door Monitor:** Karen Enslin & Marc Davis

**Greeters:** Dave & Jan Reser

**Ushers & Water Pourers:** Ron & Janet  
Morris

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Erin Basgier

**Faith Village:** Jennifer Coffelt & Pam French

**Godly Play:** Robin & Diann Reed

**Youth:** Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt, &  
Doug Sensabaugh

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *We Praise You, O God (v.3)* 612

*With voices united  
our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of  
thanksgiving we raise.  
With you, Lord, beside us,  
your strong arm will guide us.  
To you, our great Redeemer,  
forever be praise!*

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 *The Church's One Foundation* 321

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.  
She is his new creation by water and the word.  
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

*Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.*

*Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response *The Church's One Foundation (v. 4)* 321

*Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.*

**Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session**

<b>Class of 2024</b>	<b>Class of 2025</b>	<b>Class of 2026</b>
Ka Guinn	Jan Arnold	Ashley Gordon-Becker
Matt Hamblen	Ben Craig	Jennifer Coffelt
John Kaltenborn	Bill Frazier	Deidre Lenderking
Bill Kilby	Chris Hamilton	Beth Smith
Ron Matthews	Julia Sensabaugh	
Janina Peachey		

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