

ADULT EDUCATION SUMMER PROGRAMS

From June 16th—August 4th, adults are invited to a Sunday School discussion centered on the scriptures that will be covered in the worship service that follows the class. This group will gather from 9-10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

FAITHFUL CONVERSATIONS

This group meets through May 19 for fellowship, prayer, and discussion centered on the intersections of faith, scripture, and current events.

THE COVENANT CLASS

The class concludes on May 19th by studying Matthew 25.

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.

Learn more: speak to Hannah Altman, visit 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
Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *The Day of Resurrection* -Jonathan's Tune

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Lord, I Want To Be a Christian* -Powell

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Ron Matthews, Worship Leader
What a blessing! We gather to listen and to discern God's will.
What a fellowship! We join together and share our testimony in the presence of God.
Our delight in God will be our song of praise.
We come to worship God with our whole hearts.

*Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King (v. 1,4,6)* 15

*All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Life at Massanutten

*All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit,
so that we can amend our lives
and grow more each day into the image of Christ.
We confess that we fear what is different.
We confess that it's easier to do what we've done before
than work together to create something new.
We confess that we have not lived out your call
to share in abundant life and unconditional love.**

**We believe that you have the power to turn us around -
to instill a spirit of gratitude and generosity within us.
And so this is what we ask, O God.**

**Turn us around.
Give us thankful and generous hearts.
Give us the desire to move through each day
with love and mercy, kindness and compassion. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Friends, nothing can separate us from the love of God. This is the truth of what it means to follow Jesus and live as people of the resurrection.

**The Lord is Risen!
He is risen indeed!
Alleluia! Amen!**

- **This morning we welcome the Rev. Dr. Tariku Tolessa to Massanutten.** Rev. Tariku will be with us during the Sunday school hour —*to which everyone is invited*— and will preach during the worship service. He is the Vice President of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, the Ethiopian denomination with whom the PCUSA is in a long-standing relationship for mission and ministry. He is here to attend the annual Ethiopia Mission Network conference being held in Lancaster, PA. Rev. Tariku is the previous President of the Illubabor Bethel Synod, who is the partner of our own Shenandoah Presbytery. He served the synod as President for 8 years before moving to the church's central offices in Addis Ababa. Rev. Tariku lives in Addis Ababa with his wife and two teenage children.
- **Next Sunday is Pentecost**—wear your reds, yellows and oranges to celebrate the Holy Spirit. We will also be receiving the Pentecost Offering. This offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share faith, ideas and unique gifts with the church and the world. 40% of gifts received remain at Massanutten to make an impact in the lives of young people within our community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.
- **The Worship Commission is seeking a few people to learn how to run our AV systems in the sanctuary.** Training will be provided, along with opportunities to ‘watch and learn.’ Please contact the church office—or leave a message in the offering plate!
- Occasionally someone in our church family needs **transportation assistance** for an appointment, or to run errands in town. If you would like to help with this kind of request, please email or contact the church office.
- The next action for VIA’s **Transportation Campaign** will be Thursday, May 23rd at 6:30 pm at Massanutten.
- **Summer Music Opportunities!** The Chancel Choir will take a few weeks off during the summer months. Throughout those weeks, your gifts and/or ideas are encouraged! *Do you sing, play an instrument or know someone who does?* We would love to hear from you to include you or someone you know into our worship schedule. *Is there a hymn you wish we knew or sang more often?* Tell us about it! While we can’t promise to include all of the hymns suggested—we’ll use as many as possible. Call the church office or send an email (kleecy@massanuttenchurch.org) to offer your gifts or hymn request.
- **Mark Your Calendar—Church Book, Bake and Yard Sale** is scheduled for Saturday, June 29th.

This Week At MPC

Sunday, May 12

9:00am Adult Sunday School (FH)
9:30am *No Faith Village today*
HS Breakfast
Parent Fellowship
10:30am Worship
Godly Play
2:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)
5:00pm Youth Handbells (HBR)
6:00pm HS & MS Youth

Monday, May 13

9:00am Sanctuary in use until 11
10:00am Food Pantry
6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (119)

Tuesday, May 14

9:00am Sanctuary in use until 11
9:30am Presbytery Meeting
(Waynesboro)
9:30am Fell. Hall in use until 10:30
10:00am Morning Circle (GA)

Wednesday, May 15

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
4:00pm Evening Circle (FH)
7:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 16

9:00am Sanctuary in use until 11
9:30am Fell. Hall in use until 10:30
6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)

Friday, May 17 - Church Office Closed

Saturday, May 18 - Church Office Closed

PW Spring Gathering—
Massanetta Springs

Sunday, May 19—Pentecost & Confirmation

Sunday
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, 119)
5:00pm Youth Handbells (HBR)
6:00pm MS & HS Youth
7:00pm End of Year Family Bonfire

Serving May 12

Door Monitor: Skip Wissinger

Greeters: Tom and Gina Holden

Ushers & Water Pourers: Bo Hobbie &
Doug Smith

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Sharon Lam

Faith Village: *No Faith Village today—
Happy Mother's Day*

Godly Play: Emily Burkholder

Youth: Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt &
Karen Mast

Serving May 19

Door Monitor: Phyllis Hamilton

Greeters: Ric & Joanne Leobold

Ushers & Water Pourers: TBD

Nursery: Katie Rodgers

Faith Village: Jennifer Coffelt

Godly Play: Gayle Allen

Youth: Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt, &
Chris Hamilton

*Response of Praise

Alleluia

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Alleluia alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Now the Lord is risen indeed.

(sing two times)

*Sharing the Peace of Christ (*responsively*)

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

Come and Fill Our Hearts

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Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

Alleluia! (repeat three times)

Time with the Children

Doug Sensabaugh

Special Music

Be Thou My Vision

-Parker

Scripture Reading

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Tariku Tolessa

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

We believe there is no condemnation

for those who are in Christ Jesus;

for we know that all things work together for good

for those who love God,

who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life,

nor angels, nor rulers,

nor things present, nor things to come,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the love of God

in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *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.*

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 *Lift High the Cross* 826

*Refrain:
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

*Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)*

*All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. (Refrain)*

*O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain)*

*So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *Lift High the Cross (refrain)* 826

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Ka Guinn	Jan Arnold	Ashley Gordon-Becker
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John Kaltenborn	Bill Frazier	Deidre Lenderking
Bill Kilby	Chris Hamilton	Beth Smith
Ron Matthews	Julia Sensabaugh	
Janina Peachey		

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