

**Mark your Calendars for these August Opportunities:**

**Sunday, August 11th:** *during and after worship*

Sharon Kandel is the Regional Liaison for the Horn of Africa in South Sudan. Sharon will speak briefly in worship and then join us for lunch to share more about her ministry in Africa.

**Sunday, August 18th:** *during and after worship*

Blessing of the Backpacks! Teachers, Students, Administrators—the whole learning community—is invited to gather around the Baptismal Font as we pray for and bless the year ahead. Following worship the Community Life Commission will provide a fun Back-to-School lunch for all of us!

**Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session**

**Class of 2025**

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Ben Craig  
Bill Frazier  
Chris Hamilton  
Julia Sensabaugh

**Class of 2026**

Erin Basgier  
Ashley Gordon-Becker  
Jennifer Coffelt  
Deidre Lenderking  
Beth Smith

**Class of 2027**

David Allen  
Kathy Frakes  
Pam French  
Lindsey Harvell-Bowman  
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to nurture disciples of Jesus Christ  
who join boldly with the Spirit's work  
in the world.

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A Service for the Lord's Day  
*Ninth Sunday After Pentecost*

July 21, 2024

10:30 a.m.

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**We Gather at God's Call**

\*Introit

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save (#8)*  
Introduced by Bill Marlowe

-Dykes

*Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
who bade the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Savior, whose almighty word  
the winds and waves submissive heard,  
who walked upon the foaming deep,  
and calm amid its rage did sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Holy Spirit, who did brood  
upon the chaos wild and rude,  
and bade its angry tumult cease,  
and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.*

## Life at Massanutten

*O Trinity of love and power,  
all travelers guard in danger's hour;  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
thus evermore shall rise to thee  
glad praise from air and land and sea.*

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Jesus, I will Ne'er Forsake* -Walther

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Hunter Davis, Worship Leader

This is the day the Lord has made -

**a day to serve and share; a day to pray and listen.**

This is the day the Lord has made -

**a day much like yesterday and tomorrow - yet with possibilities of its own.**

This is the day the Lord has made -

**we gather to give thanks and praise!**

Let us worship God with the gift of this day.

\*Hymn *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* 267

*Come, Christians join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ, our King: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice!  
Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend, to us he'll condescend;  
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!*

*Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!*

\*Call to Confession

- **Today's special music** was written by Kath Wissinger in memory of her mother, Mary Lou Gardner
- **Today's the Day!** Come to the picnic shelter following worship for our annual picnic!
- **The Bible and Church Music Conference at Massanetta Springs** begins today!
- **Wednesday, July 24th at 5:30 pm**, we will gather for dinner at Massanetta during the *Massanetta Bible and Church Music Conference*. The cost for the dinner is \$10.00; make checks payable to MPC. Please reserve a space at the table by writing Massanetta next to your name in the Connection Folder. After the meal we'll walk over to Hudson Auditorium for worship at 7 pm.
- It's time to get ready for Advent at MPC because there are only **156 more days until Christmas!!** Anyone who would like to offer their thoughts and creative insights to the season is invited to join us for lunch next Sunday, July 28th, in the fellowship hall following worship. Write Advent next to your name in the Connection Folder to let us know you'll be there.
- **Monday, July 29th at 6:30pm:** General Assembly Wrap-up led by the Reverend Dr. Teri Ott, Editor of the Presbyterian Outlook. Join us in the Gathering Area that night for dessert and an overview of what happened at the 226th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
- **Summer Adult Sunday School will run through August 4th.** The class will look at the scriptures being used in worship that morning. Pastors Ann and Keith are using the book "Leap over a Wall" by Eugene Peterson for their summer sermon series, which looks at King David. Copies of the book are available at the church. The suggested, optional donation for the book is \$10. The class meets in the Fellowship Hall from 9-10 a.m.
- **Please remember to turn off lights and turn back the air conditioning** when you've finished using a space or hallway!
- **Communication Update:** The weekly *Blessings* email will be distributed every other Thursday through July.
- **Regular programming for children and youth** will resume in September.
- **Safety Message:** See something? Say something! If you have a "JDLR" moment (Law Enforcement slang for "Just Doesn't Look Right") share your concern with an usher, door monitor or safety team member.

**This Week At MPC**

**Sunday, July 21**

9:00am Adult Sunday School (FH)  
 10:30am Worship  
 Picnic following worship  
 (Picnic Shelter)  
 2:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)

**Monday, July 22**

6:00pm Boy Scouts (PS)  
 6:00pm Cub Scouts (FH)

**Tuesday, July 23**

11:15am Organ Class until 12:15  
 (Sanctuary)

**Wednesday, July 24**

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)  
 5:30pm Dinner at Massanetta  
 7:00pm Worship at Massanetta

**Thursday, July 25**

11:15am Organ Class until 12:15  
 (Sanctuary)  
 6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)

**Friday, July 26**

*Church Office Closed*

**Saturday, July 27**

*Church Office closed*

**Sunday, July 28**

9:00am Adult Sunday School (FH)  
 10:30am Worship  
 11:30am Advent Planning  
 and Lunch (FH)  
 2:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)

**Serving July 21**

**Door Monitor:** Harvey Mast

**Greeters:** Tom & Gina Holden

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**  
 Keith & Linda Knupp

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Sharon Lam

**Serving July 28**

**Door Monitors:** Barbara Palmer

**Greeters:** Anita Brechtel & Helen Groves

**Ushers & Water Pourers:** TBD

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Katie Gray

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you  
 in thought, word, and deed,  
 by what we have done,  
 and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you**

**with our whole heart and mind and strength.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been,**

**help us amend what we are,**

**and direct what we shall be,**

**that we may delight in your will**

**and walk in your ways**

**to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*Response of Praise

*Praise My Soul (v. 1)*

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*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
 to his feet your tribute bring;  
 ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
 evermore his praises sing:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Praise the everlasting King.*

\*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

*Breathe on me, Breath of God (v. 1)*

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*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.*

Time with the Children Pastor Ann Pettit  
Special Music *A Gentle Presence* -Kath Wissinger  
Aimee Buchanan, Bell Tree; Kath Wissinger, piano  
Scripture Reading Selections from 2 Samuel 6  
Sermon Pastor Keith Phillips

### We Respond to God's Word

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *Let All Things Now Living (v. 1)* 37

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.*

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 Are One in the Spirit (vv. 1-3)* 300

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:*

**Refrain:**

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;  
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)*

*We will work with each other; we will work side by side;  
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response *We Are One in the Spirit (v. 4)* 300

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*