



Food Truck Festival

Saturday, September 21st
Rockingham County Fairgrounds
11 am–7 pm

Support the Open Doors Shelter Ministry...

- ◆ Mark your calendars for the *Food Truck Fest* and come enjoy the good food, music and crafts. *AND/OR*
- ◆ Volunteer your time—go to valleyopendoors.org and click on the *Food Festival* tab.

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

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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
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 1, 2024

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

-Wood

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Doug Sensabaugh, Worship Leader

God teaches us the way of righteousness,

the way of love, the way of peace.

We glorify God,

gathering to hear God's word.

We glorify God,

enacting God's word in the world.

*Hymn

Here in this Place

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*Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young; our lives are a mystery.
 We are the old who yearn for your face.
 We have been sung throughout all of history,
 called to be light to the whole human race.
 Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
 gather us in, the proud and the strong;
 give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
 give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water;
 here we will take the bread of new birth.
 Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
 call us anew to be salt for the earth.
 Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
 give us to eat the bread that is you;
 nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
 lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining,
 not in some heaven, light years away:
 here in this place the new light is shining;
 now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
 Gather us in and hold us forever;
 gather us in and make us your own;
 gather us in, all peoples together,
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*responsively*)

When the busyness of our lives erodes the intentions of our hearts:

Merciful God, forgive us.

When our personal agendas take precedence over reaching out to others:

Merciful God, forgive us.

When we keep putting off being more active *doers of the word*:

Merciful God, forgive us.

When we resist change, knowing that our acting and thinking are limited by our prejudice and ignorance:

Merciful God, forgive us.

When we only half-listen to those who cry out to be fully heard:

Merciful God, forgive us.

(Silence for personal reflection)

Life at Massanutten

- We are bringing back a Wednesday night meal—**the 3rd Wednesday** of each month. Please join us for some great fellowship around the table—and a night off from cooking! The first meal will be September 18th at 5:30 pm. Come and eat—stay as long as you'd like or are able, and enjoy the rest of your evening (without dishes).
- The Food Pantry has a **new donation list for the Fall** which can be found in the *Blessings* weekly email. Copies are also available near the donation box in the entry way.
- September is here...which means the next gathering of the **Coffee Small Group** is, too! This Thursday, September 5th at 10:00 am at the Kaffee Klatsch in the Dayton Market. No reservations needed—just come and enjoy the coffee and fellowship.
- **Nate Riddle, Executive Director of Open Doors**, will join us next Sunday, September 8th in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am. He will share what's ahead for the community shelter as it moves into a new season and permanent location at 1111 North Main Street.
- The Presbyterian Women have launched their 2024-2025 program year! If you aren't already but would like to be involved, please contact Jean Gearing, PW Moderator—or come to one of the three circle meetings! Circles meet each month as follows:

Morning Circle	2nd Tuesdays 10 am	<i>Church</i>
Bethel Circle	2nd Wednesdays 2 pm	<i>Sunnyside</i>
Evening Circle	2nd Wednesdays 4 pm	<i>Church</i>
- **Fall morning and evening programming** for children, youth and adults begins two weeks from today on Sunday, September 15th.
- **Please remember to turn off lights and turn back the air conditioning** when you've finished using a space or hallway!

This Week At MPC

Sunday, September 1

10:30am Worship with Communion
2:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)

Monday, September 2

Church Office Closed—Labor Day

6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (PS)

Tuesday, September 3

Wednesday, September 4

7:30am Men’s Prayer Group (FH)
6:00pm Mission & Service
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Thursday, September 5

10:00am Coffee Small Group
(Dayton Market:
Kaffee Klatsch)

4:30pm Mosaic Outreach until
6:30pm (FH)

6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)

Friday, September 6

6:30pm Civil War Dance Group (FH)
Church Office Closed

Saturday, September 7

Church Office closed

Sunday, September 8

9:00am Nate Riddle from Open Doors
(FH)

10:30am Worship
2:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)

Serving September 1

Door Monitor: Dick Leecy

Greeters: Marilyn Alley & Jackie Corson

Ushers & Water Pourers:

Julia Sensabaugh & Doug Smith

Nursery: Katie Rodgers

(Nursery in Gathering Area.)

Serving September 8

Door Monitors: Marc Davis

Greeters: Ric & JoAnn Leobold

Ushers & Water Pourers:

Keith & Linda Knupp

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Erin Basgier

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

As we become *doers of the word* and not merely *hearers*, we discover that it is “in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive”—surely evidence of “the implanted word that has the power to save our souls” – Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Thanks be to God - our sins have been forgiven!

*Response of Praise

Praise Ye the Lord (v.1)

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*Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!*

*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 Seek the Ways of Wisdom (v. 2)

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*Listen to the voice of Wisdom,
crying in the marketplace.
Hear the Word made flesh among us,
full of glory, truth, and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens,
peace and righteousness embrace.*

Time with the Children

Hannah Altman

Anthem

Sing Me to Heaven

Scripture Reading

James 1:17-27

Sermon

Pastor Ann Pettit

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) From *A Declaration of Faith*

**We believe that God sends us to tell all nations
that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and obedience.
We are to proclaim by word and deed
that Christ gave himself to set people free
from sin and self-hatred,
from ignorance and disease,
from all forms of oppression,
and even from death.
We are to offer them in Christ's name
fullness of life now and forever.
We must not distort the gospel
by weakening its promises or demands,
by identifying it with oppressive structures,
by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ.
We must not restrict our proclamation
to persons just like ourselves.
We invite people everywhere
to believe in Christ and become his followers.
We urge them to join us in telling others the good news
and in struggling for justice, compassion, and peace.**

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *God, Whose Giving (v. 1)* 716

*God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.*

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

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn *Go to the World* 295

*Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *Go to the World (v. 4)* 295

*Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"
Alleluia. Alleluia.*