



MPC Supports the "Building a Place for All" Campaign!



The Session has approved a \$75,000 commitment for the Massanetta Springs' "Building a Place for All" campaign. You'll learn more about this - and have a chance to join the campaign - in the coming weeks. The funds will come from:

- \$25,000 from our ministry budget. \$5,000 per year for five years, and will be in addition to our regular support of Massanetta's ministry and program.
- \$25,000 or more from commitments from individuals and families at MPC.
- \$25,000 from a matching gift challenge made by an anonymous member of MPC.

You can also learn more by visiting the table in the Narthex anytime and gathering for lunch on **October 13th**. On **October 20th**, pledge cards will be available for us to make our individual commitments to support Massanetta's *Building a Place for All* Campaign.

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Massanutten

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



A Service for the Lord's Day
September 29, 2024
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *Come All You People* 388

*Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come now and worship the Lord.*

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Amazing Grace* -Carter

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Tori Kaltenborn, Worship Leader

What brings you here today?

The God who created, redeems and sustains us - also calls us to worship.

*Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy* 1

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*) *Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog,
'Hold Fast to What Is Good.' Used with permission.*

**Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:
the fear that stifles us,
the prejudice that blinds us,
the ignorance that hobbles us,
the doubt that plagues us.
Help us, we pray, that we will
find courage in unlikely places,
see the world with new and gracious eyes,
move to those places where love is needed,
have faith that you are with us.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)
Hear the good news: our holy and almighty God is also merciful and forgiving! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people we were created to be!
Alleluia! Amen.

*Response of Praise

Joy to the World

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*He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.*

Life at Massanutten

Upcoming Special Opportunities to Engage in Worship:

- **Meditative, Worshipful Yoga:** Wed., Oct. 2, 6pm in the Gathering Area
 - ◊ *All levels of experience are welcome! Please wear comfortable clothing.*
- **Table Worship:** Wed., Oct. 9, 6pm in the Fellowship Hall
 - ◊ *A meal will be served. Please let us know if you will attend and if you have any dietary needs. Write: Oct. 9 in the Connection Folder.*
- Have you shared your availability to participate in - or host at - our **next Dinner Small Groups**? We are looking at October 20 - 26 for possible gatherings. You can help us set dates in stone by indicating your availability for those dates on the insert in your bulletin, or by clicking on the link in the Blessings email newsletter.
- October arrives in a couple of days ... which means the next gathering of the **Coffee Small Group** is almost here! This Thursday, October 3rd, at 10:00 am at the Kaffee Klatsch in the Dayton Market. No reservations needed—just come and enjoy the coffee and fellowship.
- **On October 13th, immediately following worship**, gather in fellowship hall for a delicious lunch prepared and delivered to us by Massanetta Springs. Stay as long as you are able and enjoy the conversation around the table. Clayton Rascoe, Executive Director at Massanetta Springs, will join us as well and share some information about the Building a Place for All Campaign at Massanetta. Write Massanetta in the Connection Folder and, if you have any special dietary needs, please let us know by October 7th.
- Were you able to join us for our launch of **Third Wednesday Dinners** in September? If not, no fear - you'll get another chance on Oct. 16th at 5:30 p.m. Please join us for some great fellowship around the table - and a night off from cooking! Come and eat - stay as long as you'd like or are able, and enjoy the rest of your evening (without dishes). Write: 3rd Wednesday in the Connection Folder.
- **Please remember to turn off lights and reset the HVAC system** when you've finished using a space or hallway!

Deepening Our Connectedness: to God, to one another, to the world

Throughout the 2024-2025 program year, we will be exploring what it means to deepen our connectedness to God, to one other and to the world. We will do this in a variety of ways focusing for a season on traditional discipleship practices: worship, education, generosity, prayer and service.



This Week At MPC

Sunday, September 29

9:00am Adult Sunday School
(117,119)
9:30am Faith Village
HS Breakfast
Parent Fellowship
10:30am Worship
Godly Play
2:00pm Cub Scouts (108,119)
5:00pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)
6:00pm MS & HS Youth

Monday, September 30

6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (PS)

Tuesday, October 1

10:00am PW Coordinating Team (GA)

Wednesday, October 2

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
6:00pm Meditative, Reflective Yoga (GA)
6:00pm Mission and Service (FH)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Thursday, October 3

10:30am Small Group Coffee Group
(Dayton Farmer's Market)
4:30pm Mosaic (HBR)
5:30pm Generosity Team (GA)
6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)

Friday, October 4

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

Saturday, October 5

Church Office closed

Sunday, October 6 - World Communion Sunday

9:00am Adult Sunday School
(117,119)
9:30am Faith Village
HS Breakfast
Parent Fellowship
10:30am Worship with Communion
Godly Play
2:00pm Cub Scouts (108,119)
5:00pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)
6:00pm MS & HS Youth

*Sharing the Peace of Christ (*responsively*)

May the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

And yours as well.

We Gather Around God's Word

*Sung Prayer for Illumination *Sometimes a Light Surprises* 800

*Sometime a light surprises the child of God who sings;
it is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings;
when comforts are declining, he grants the soul again
a season of clear shining to cheer it after rain.*

Time with the Children Hannah Altman

Anthem *Take My Life* -Hopson

Scripture Acts 16:16-40

Sermon Pastor Ann Pettit

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

from: 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.**

(continued —>)

Serving September 29

Door Monitors: Harvey Mast

Greeters: John, Angela, Cameron &
Corinna Kaltenborn

Ushers & Water Pourers:

Julia Sensabaugh & Doug Smith

Faith Village:

Jennifer Coffelt

Godly Play:

Hannah Altman & Angela Kaltenborn

Nursery: Emily Burkholder & Katie Gray

Youth Group: Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt &
Doug Sensabaugh

Serving October 6

Door Monitors: Marc Davis

Greeters: TBD

Ushers & Water Pourers:

Frank & Jean Gearing

Faith Village:

Jennifer Coffelt & Nancy Wayland

Godly Play:

Robin & Diann Reed

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Julia Sensabaugh

Youth Group: Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt &
Mark Palmer

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.

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sharing our Faith *Peace and Global Witness Offering*

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 *Christ Be Beside Me* 702

*Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;
Christ be above me, never to part.*

*Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, Light of my life.*

*Christ be in all hearts thinking about me;
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me;
in ears that hear me Christ ever be.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *Farewell, Good Friends!* 540

*Farewell, good friends!
Farewell, good friends!
Shalom, shalom!
Till we meet again,
till we meet again,
shalom, shalom.*

*Sha-lom, cha-ve-rim!
Sha-lom, cha-ve-rot!
Sha-lom, sha-lom!
Le-hit-ra-ot, le-hit-ra-ot,
sha-lom, sha-lom.*

SOWING THE SEEDS OF PEACE.

ZECHARIAH 8:12

Sunday, October 6

Gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enable the PC(USA) to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict & injustice. 50% of this offering stays with our congregation & in our region for local peacemaking & reconciliation. 50% of this offering unites us with peacemakers around the world. Learn more or donate by using the envelopes in the sanctuary chair backs, by visiting specialofferings.pcusa.org, or by calling the church office.



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