



## 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](http://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.

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

September 8, 2024

10:30 a.m.

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### **We Gather at God's Call**

Introit

*Brethren We Have Met to Worship*

-Moore

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude

*Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*

-Walther

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Jan Arnold, Worship Leader

Trust in the Lord,

**who made heaven and earth;**

trust in the Lord,

**who loves every part of it.**

Trust in the Lord,

**who cares for those in need;**

trust in the Lord,

**who leads us to do the same.**

Let us worship God,

**who shows us the way.**

\*Hymn

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

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*All who hunger, gather gladly;  
holy manna is our bread.*

*Come from wilderness and wandering.  
Here, in truth, we will be fed.*

## Life at Massanutten

*You that yearn for days of fullness,  
all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.*

*All who hunger, never strangers,  
seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming.  
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered  
in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.*

*All who hunger, sing together;  
Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table  
live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*responsively*)

**Holy God, we confess to you:  
We are not of the same mind.  
We do not share the same love.  
We act in selfish ambition  
and do not regard others as better than ourselves.  
We have not looked to the interests of others instead of ourselves.  
We do not embrace the humility of Jesus Christ.**

**Forgive us.**

**Continue to be at work in us,  
that we might serve each other as you served us,  
and reflect your glory in the world. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

When we lift up our souls to God, God does not put us to shame.  
God forgives us, leads us in truth, and leads us in what is right.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

- This morning we welcome the **Reverend Jennifer Davis Sensenig** and the **Reverend Dexter Taylor** to our worship leadership. *Jennifer* is a graduate of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, IN. She has 25 years of pastoral ministry experience and serves on the strategy team of Valley Interfaith Action. Jennifer and her husband, Kent, have made their home in the Shenandoah Valley since 2008. *Dexter* is a retired pastor and a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond—where he met his wife, Cyndi, a graduate of the Presbyterian School of Christian Education; they have two grown children. They moved to Sunnyside from Lewisburg, WV last year and have become connected to the community there and to MPC.
- **Fall morning and evening programming** for children, youth and adults begins next Sunday, September 15th.
- Tuesday, September 17th at 11:30 am. The Mission and Service Commission invites the congregation to meet Peter Michael Egwudah, the Program Coordinator of the Civil Society Coalition for Poverty Eradication in Nigeria. **Peter is visiting the United States as this year's *International Peacemaker*** and will be at Massanutten to share about his work that day. He will also be speaking at this Saturday's meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery, at Massanetta Springs at approximately 11:15 am; all are invited.
- 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.
- **The 2025 Baja Mission Trip** is in the early stages of planning. As part of this, the planning team is selling fall mums. These mums are big and beautiful and will support the purchase of building materials for homes for families in Baja, Mexico. Mums will be delivered to the church on Friday, September 20th and will be \$25.00. To order a mum, contact the church office by. Checks should be made out to Massanutten Presbyterian Church. If you have questions, please contact Doug Sensabaugh ([cdsensabaugh@gmail.com](mailto:cdsensabaugh@gmail.com)).
- Our **MPC youth group** is thriving and ready to kick off a new year. We are looking for a second adult for our evening youth meetings to follow our liability protocol. This could be something you do regularly or occasionally. No long term commitment is necessary and you would be able to choose from dates in the first semester soon.
- 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.

**This Week At MPC**

**Sunday, September 8**

9:00am Nate Riddle from Open Doors (FH)  
 10:30am Worship  
 2:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)

**Monday, September 9**

10:00AM Food Pantry  
 5:00pm Admin Commission  
 6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)  
 7:00pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)  
 7:00pm Boy Scouts (PS)

**Tuesday, September 10**

10:00am Morning Circle (GA)  
 6:00pm Worship Commission (GA)

**Wednesday, September 11**

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)  
 2:00pm Bethel Circle (SS)  
 4:00pm Evening Circle (FH)  
 5:30pm Nurture & Discipleship  
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)

**Thursday, September 12**

4:30pm Mosaic (HBR)  
 6:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)  
 7:00pm Food Pantry

**Friday, September 13**

*Church Office Closed*

**Saturday, September 14**

*Church Office closed*  
 9:30am *Big Event & Presbytery Meeting at Massanetta Springs*

**Sunday, September 15**

9:00am Adult Sunday School (117,119)  
 9:30am Faith Village  
 HS Breakfast  
 Parent Fellowship  
 10:30am Worship  
 Godly Play  
 12:00pm Session Meeting  
 2:00pm Cub Scouts (108,119)  
 6:00pm MS & HS Youth

**Serving September 8**

**Door Monitor:** Marc Davis

**Greeters:** Ric & JoAnn Leobold

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

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Erin Basgier

**Serving September 15**

**Door Monitors:** Harvey Mast

**Greeters:** Bill & Sharon Lam

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**  
 Lewis, Emily & Jacob Burkholder

**Faith Village:** Jennifer Coffelt

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

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Barbara Palmer

**Youth Group:** Sarah Rimer & Gus Scheidt

\*Response of Praise

*I Come with Joy (v. 5)*

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***Together met, together bound  
 by all that God has done,  
 we'll go with joy, to give the world  
 the love that makes us one,  
 the love that makes us one.***

\*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

Hannah Altman

Anthem

*Enter God's Kingdom*

-de Silva

Scripture Reading

Mark 7: 24-37  
 Isaiah 35:4-7a

Sermon

Rev. Jennifer Davis Sensenig

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith

From *The Confession of 1967*

**To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world  
 as God's reconciling community.**

**This community, the church universal,  
 is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation  
 and shares God's labor of healing the enmities  
 which separate people from God and from each other.**

**Christ has called the church to this mission  
and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
The church maintains continuity with the apostles  
and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.**

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving     *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (v. 4)*     645

*Thus all my toilsome way along  
I sing aloud thy praises,  
that all may hear the grateful song  
my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;  
both soul and body, take your part:  
to God all praise and glory!*

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer     The Reverend Dexter Taylor

**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     *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*     761

*Called as partners in Christ's service,  
called to ministries of grace,  
we respond with deep commitment  
fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing,  
side by side and friend with friend,  
equal partners in our caring  
to fulfill God's chosen end.*

*Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,  
Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
let us follow, never faltering,  
reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer,  
all God's people, young and old,  
blending human skills together  
gracious gifts from God unfold.*

*Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,  
in a small or global sense,  
help us bear each other's burdens,  
breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision,  
words of challenge, said with care,  
bring new power and strength for action,  
make us colleagues, free and fair.*

*So God grant us for tomorrow  
ways to order human life  
that surround each person's sorrow  
with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living,  
our compassion to increase,  
messengers of faith, thus giving  
hope and confidence and peace.*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response     *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (v. 5)*     543

*Christ in the eyes of all who see me,  
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,  
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:  
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*