



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. Over the next few weeks you’ll learn more and have a chance to participate in the campaign. The distribution of our commitment includes:

- \$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 made by 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 next Sunday, **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
October 6, 2024
World Communion Sunday

We Gather at God’s Call

Introit

This is My Song

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The congregation will join on the third verse.

*This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.*

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude

Today We All Are Called to be Disciples of the Lord

-Lasky

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Kathy Frakes, Worship Leader

The God of creation makes us one in body!

Let us join hearts and voices in praise of God!

The God of Jesus Christ makes us one in the Spirit!

Let us join hearts and voices in praise of God!

Today, God has set before us a table filled with good things.

We are hungry to feast on God’s grace.

Then let all who hunger come to the table!

We come to feast on the goodness of our God.

*I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.*

*I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.*

*As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.*

*The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here,
alive among us here.*

*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.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Gracious God,
you have called us to be a new community in Christ,
and yet we remain divided.
Forgive us our fear, anxiety, prejudice, and misunderstandings.
Strengthen our common bonds and deepen our resolve
to live the unity of your church.**

**As we gather at your table of grace,
grant that we who eat together
may be strengthened to serve in your name.
Through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

God has forgiven us and sent us out to live life anew.

Thanks be to God, who through Jesus Christ leads us into the ways of peace.

Life at Massanutten

- This morning we will receive the **Peace and Global Witness Offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA)**. Gifts enable the church 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. Gifts may be made through our website giving portal, or by check; write **Peace** on the memo line.
- **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is at work responding to areas affected by Hurricane Helene**. Along with our prayers, we can support their work through financial gifts to PDA. You can make your gift through our website's giving portal or by check (write Helene in the memo section). You may also explore the PDA website for information regarding putting together clean-up buckets and hygiene kits: www.cwskits.org.
- **Next Sunday, 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.
- Have you shared your availability to participate in - or host - our **next Dinner Small Group**? 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.
- **Third Wednesday Dinners** began last month and the next one is just around the corner on Oct. 16th at 5:30 p.m. Please join us for great table fellowship - 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.
- Last Spring we launched the new **Oak Tree Capital Reserve Fund** and **Acorn Endowment Fund** to help our ministry continue to grow, today and in the future. After the end of each quarter of the year, our Legacy Funds Board will provide an update on the totals in each fund. As of September 30, 2024, the Acorn Endowment Fund balance is \$6,645 and the Oak Tree Capital Reserve Fund is \$67,324. To learn more about the funds and ways to give, visit massanuttenchurch.org.

This Week At MPC	5:00pm	Nurture & Discipleship
	6:00pm	Table Worship (FH)
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal (CR)
Sunday, October 6		
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
Monday, October 7		
6:00pm		Cub Scouts (108, 117)
7:00pm		Massanutten Ringers (HBR)
7:00pm		Boy Scouts (PS)
Tuesday, October 8		
10:00am		Morning Circle ((FH)
6:00pm		Worship Commission
7:00pm		Bridlewood Homeowners Association (GA)
Wednesday, October 9		
7:30am		Men's Prayer Group (FH)
2:00pm		Bethel Circle (SS)
4:30pm		Evening Circle (FH)
	5:00pm	Nurture & Discipleship
	6:00pm	Table Worship (FH)
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal (CR)
Thursday, October 10		
4:30pm		Mosaic (HBR)
6:00pm		Cub Scouts (108, 119)
7:00PM		Food Pantry
Friday, October 11		
		<i>Church Office Closed</i>
Saturday, October 12		
		<i>Church Office closed</i>
		<i>(FH in use for Sunday lunch)</i>
Sunday, October 13		
9:00am		Adult Sunday School (117,119)
9:30am		Faith Village
		HS Breakfast
		Parent Fellowship
10:30am		Worship
		Godly Play
		Lunch following Worship
2:00pm		Cub Scouts (108,119)
5:00pm		Fun with Handbells (HBR)
		Youth Parents Baja Meeting
6:00pm		MS & HS Youth

Serving October 6	Serving October 13
Door Monitors: Marc Davis	Door Monitors: Glenn & Nancy Wayland
Greeters: Tom and Gina Holden	Greeters: Mike Guinn & Doug Smith
Ushers & Water Pourers: Frank & Jean Gearing	Ushers & Water Pourers: <i>TBD</i>
Faith Village: Jennifer Coffelt & Nancy Wayland	Faith Village: Jennifer Coffelt & Nancy Wayland
Godly Play: Robin & Diann Reed	Godly Play: Sarah Rimer
Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Julia Sensabaugh	Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Erin Basgier
Youth Group: Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt & Mark Palmer	Youth Group: Sarah Rimer & Gus Scheidt

*Response of Praise *Make a Joyful Noise to God (v. 1)* 54

*Make a joyful noise to God!
All creation sings your praise!
Great your wonders here displayed,
unexcelled throughout our days.
Glorious is your sacred name,
ages old, yet still the same.*

*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 *Eat this Bread* 527

*Eat this bread; drink this cup;
come to Christ and never be hungry.
Eat this bread; drink this cup;
trust in Christ and you will not thirst.*

Time with the Children

Joining Our Partners in Mission Massanetta Springs Hannah Altman
Building a Place for All, Campaign

Anthem *Taste and See* - Moore/Holstein

Scripture Isaiah 55:1-6

Sermon Pastor Ann Pettit

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) *selections from: The Confession of Belhar*

We believe:
that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church
as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God
and with one another;
that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation
in and through Jesus Christ;
that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world;

that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker,
 that the church witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven
 and the new earth in which righteousness dwells;
 that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit
 have conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also
 of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity;
 that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church
 to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities
 of life for society and the world;
 Jesus is Lord.
 To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
 be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

Invitation to the Offering

We Are Fed at God's Table

(Please turn to the insert following the Song of Invitation.)

Song of Invitation *Bread of Life from Heaven* 497

The choir will begin by singing the refrain;
 the congregation will sing the refrain after each verse the choir sings.

*Refrain: Bread of life from heaven,
 your blood and body given,
 we eat this bread and drink this cup
 until you come again.*

*Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice;
 giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.*

*Eat, all of you, and be satisfied;
 in Christ's presence the loaves will abound. (Refrain)*

*Love as the One who, in love for you,
 gave himself for the life of the world.
 Come to the One who is food for you,
 that your hunger and thirst be no more. (Refrain)*

*Drink of this cup and declare his death;
 eat this bread and believe Easter morn;
 trust his return and, with every breath,
 praise the One in whom you are reborn. (Refrain)*

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn *Go, My Children, with My Blessing (v. 1-2)* 547

*"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
 Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
 In my love's baptismal river
 I have made you mine forever.
 Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."*

*"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Here you heard my dear Son's story;
 here you touched him, saw his glory.
 Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *Go, My Children, with My Blessing (v. 3)* 547

*"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
 Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
 Here my Spirit's power filled you;
 here my tender comfort stilled you.
 Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."*

*Join us on Wednesday this week for our final mid-week worship experience.
Table Worship will begin at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall; a meal will be served.*

*Please let us know you will attend and if you have any dietary needs.
 Write: Oct. 9 in the Connection Folder.*