

**The Church Beyond Our Walls:  
Mapping Our Community Reach Through  
Service**

Throughout the 2024-25 program year, we have been exploring what it means to deepen our connectedness to God, to one another and to the world. We have already focused on ways we do that through worship, education, generosity, and prayer. Over these last four weeks of the program year, we will focus on *service*.

As we enter this season focused on *service*, we're reminded that the heart of the church isn't just what happens inside our sanctuary—it's what we do in the world beyond our walls. One of the most powerful ways we live out our faith is through the quiet, faithful service that so many of our members offer in our wider community.

To recognize and celebrate that work, we're inviting **every member of the congregation to share the organizations, nonprofits, schools, and causes they're involved in**. Whether you volunteer at a food pantry, serve on a local board, mentor youth, advocate for justice, deliver meals, care for neighbors, or support global missions—**your work matters**, and it's part of how our church shows up in the world.

Together, we'll compile this list and share it in the coming weeks as a **visual and powerful testimony to our collective impact**. We hope this growing list will:

- **Inspire** others to get involved
- **Connect** members who serve in similar spaces
- **Celebrate** how the Spirit is at work through this community of faith

Let's lift up and give thanks for the many ways this church already lives out the call to service. **We are the hands and feet of Christ—scattered and serving far beyond Sunday morning.**



**Massanutten**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Service of Worship  
April 27, 2025  
*Second Sunday of Easter*



**We Gather at God's Call**

Introit *Sing Praise to God, You Heavens* - Stuempfle

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* - Held

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Jody Humphreys, Worship Leader  
Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Celebrate God in this sacred space.

**Celebrate God in all places under heaven.**

Give praise for God's mighty deeds.

**Give praise for God's resurrecting power.**

Praise God for the sunshine and the rain.

**Praise God for the moon and the stars.**

Praise God for bodies of water and all types of landforms.

**Praise God for the plants and animals.**

**Let everything with life and breath praise God!**

\*Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* 14

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:*

**Refrain:**

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: (Refrain)*

*For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: (Refrain)*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: (Refrain)*

*For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven: (Refrain)*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*responsively*)

Creating God, we thirst for power and not for righteousness.

**Loving God, renew us.**

We are quick to show our dominance but hide our dependence.

**Loving God, renew us.**

We take what we want without thought of what we should give back.

**Loving God, renew us.**

We see your creation as resources, not members of our community.

**Loving God, renew us.**

We remove mountaintops and clear-cut forests.

**Loving God, renew us.**

We drill for oil in land that should be protected.

**Loving God, renew us.**

We drain the earth to fuel our lifestyles.

**Loving God, renew us.**

**Transform our hearts and minds**

**so that we might transform the world that we live in.**

**Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

The God who creates in love has the power to heal, restore, renew and resurrect.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and renewed.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*Response of Praise

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (v. 2)*

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*All thy works with joy surround thee;  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.*

*Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.*

- **MPC will soon be offering CPR/ AED Training, exact date to be determined!** For the MPC's Safety Team to implement this training, they need to know how many are interested in getting recertified in CPR/ AED and who would be interested in attending the training. If you are interested, please take a moment to write CPR/ AED in the Special Event Sign-Up section when signing the Connection Folders. You can also contact Ashlea by calling 540.434.6194 or emailing her at [office@massanuttenchurch.org](mailto:office@massanuttenchurch.org) to let her know.
- **Legacy Funds Update:** Legacy Funds Quarterly Report to Session January 1 - March 31, 2025, Q1 Totals - as of March 31, 2025; Acorn Endowment Fund: \$17,800.72; Oak Tree Capital Reserve Fund: \$89,747.11.
- **MOSAIC Handbell Ensemble presents "Find Your Happy Place!"** - a rousing concert chock full of sparkling music that will make you happy: Happy Together, Ghostbusters, Sway, Happy!, Wellerman and more. Carol Lown and Kath Wissinger ring in this wonderful group which rehearses weekly in the Handbell Room at MPC. Join us for the fun at our Spring concert venues; today at 4 pm at MPC - we'll share the stage with Massanutten Ringers!; and Friday, May 2 at 7 pm at Asbury United Methodist Church (H'bg)(a First Friday Celebration). Freewill offering accepted. See [MosaicBells.org](http://MosaicBells.org), [info@MosaicBells.org](mailto:info@MosaicBells.org) or talk to Carol or Kath for more info.
- **MPC Yoga:** This Wednesday, April 30, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall. Come join us for yoga - stretch, relax, rejuvenate!
- May's **Coffee Small Group** will gather on Thursday, May 1st, at 10:00 am at the Kaffee Klatsch at the Dayton Market. All are welcome!
- **All Presbyterian Women are invited** to the annual PW Birthday Celebration Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service next Sunday, May 4. You have not been active in PW? This is your chance to learn about our missions, our Bible study, our special events, and fellowship. Return rides to Sunnyside are available. Please contact Jean Gearing at 540.578.5321 or via email at [jeangearing@gmail.com](mailto:jeangearing@gmail.com) for more information.
- **Mulch Day:** Join us with your shovels, rakes, and wheelbarrows at 8:30 am on Saturday, May 10th to mulch our shrub and flower beds. Mulch will also be available on request.
- The Administration and Finance Commission is implementing **a new process for picking up collections** on Sunday mornings. A Session Elder and a member of the Administration and Finance Commission will pick up the collection at the end of service and will tally the cash/ coin total, the number of giving envelopes, and the loose check total, and will place the collection into the safe. If you are uncomfortable with your check being visible in this process, there will be envelopes available in the sanctuary and near the collection plates that you can use for your check. The envelopes will be opened and counted only by the Financial Administrator early in the week.

**This Week At MPC**

**Sunday, April 27**

9:00am Adult Sunday School (117, 119)  
 9:30am Faith Village Parent Fellowship  
 10:30am HS Breakfast  
 Worship  
 Godly Play  
 11:45am Usher/ Safety Training (FH)  
 12:00pm Elder Training (L)  
 1:00pm Recorder Rehearsal (200)  
 1:00pm Mosaic Rehearsal (S)  
 2:00pm Baja Meeting (PS)  
 3:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)  
 4:00pm Mosaic/Mass. Ringers (S)  
 5:00pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)  
 6:00pm Youth Group (FH)

**Monday, April 28**

6:00pm Brass Quintet (210)  
 6:30pm Boy Scouts (119)  
 7:00pm Mass. Ringers (HBR)

**Tuesday, April 29**

**Wednesday, April 30**

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)  
 6:00pm Yoga (FH)  
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)

**Thursday, May 1**

10:00am Coffee Small Group  
 4:30pm Mosaic (FH)

**Friday, May 2**

*Church Office Closed*  
 6:00pm Dance Group (FH)

**Saturday, May 3**

*Church Office Closed*

**Sunday, May 4**

9:00am Adult Sunday School (117, 119)  
 9:30am Faith Village Parent Fellowship  
 10:00am Coffee Fellowship  
 10:30am Worship  
 Godly Play  
 11:30am PW Birthday Lunch (FH)  
 3:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)  
 5:00pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)  
 6:00pm Youth Group (FH)

**Serving April 27**

**Door Monitor:** Jack Rimer  
**Greeters:** Sally Brown & Helen Groves  
**Ushers & Water Pourers:** Lewis, Emily, & Jacob Burkholder  
**Faith Village:** Jennifer & Emily Coffelt  
**Godly Play:** Diann & Robin Reed  
**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Phyllis Hamilton  
**Youth Group:** Sarah Rimer, Glenn-or- Nancy Wayland, & Gus Scheidt

**Serving May 4**

**Door Monitor:** Dick Leecy  
**Greeters:** Dexter & Cyndi Taylor  
**Ushers & Water Pourers:** Denny & Rebecca Arthur  
**Faith Village:** Jennifer Coffelt & Sherry von Oeyen  
**Godly Play:** Sarah & Jack Rimer  
**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Barbara Palmer  
**Youth Group:** Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt, & Cherokee Adams

Introduction to Four Cents a Meal

Four Cents a Meal Offering *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

*Give thanks with a grateful heart;  
 give thanks to the Holy One;  
 give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.*

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 give thanks to the Holy One;  
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*And now let the weak say,  
 "We are strong;" let the poor say,  
 "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"*

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 "We are strong;" let the poor say,  
 "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"  
 Give thanks. Give thanks.*

**We Gather around God's Word**

Time with the Children

Sarah Rimer

Anthem

*The Promise of Peace*

- Scott

Scripture

Psalm 104:24-33; John 20:19-31

Sermon

Pastor Keith Phillips

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

From *A Declaration of Faith*

**God made human beings along with all the other creatures  
 and charged them to care for the earth and all that lives on it.**

**We acknowledge we share in the interdependence  
 that binds together all God's creation.**

**Yet God gives us power to rule and tame,  
 to order and reshape the world.**

**We hold the earth in trust for future generations of living things.**

**The Lord forbids us to plunder, foul, and destroy the earth.**

**The Lord expects us to produce, to consume, to reproduce  
 in ways that make earth's goodness available to all people  
 and reflect God's love for all creatures.**

**The Lord bids us use our technical skills  
 for beauty, order, health, and peace.**

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (v. 1)*

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*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.*

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and the 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

*God of the Fertile Fields*

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*God of the fertile fields,  
shaper of earth that yields our daily bread:  
forth from your bounteous hand  
come gifts your love has planned,  
that all in every land be clothed and fed.*

*We would be stewards true,  
holding in trust from you all that you give;  
help us in love to share,  
teach us like you to care  
for people everywhere, that all may live.*

*As grows the hidden seed  
to fruit that serves our need, so your reign grows.  
Let all our toil be used,  
no gift of yours abused,  
no humble task refused your love bestows.*

*God of the countryside,  
dear to the Christ who died to make us one:  
we pledge our lives anew  
in faithful love to you.  
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.*

\*Benediction

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

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*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.*

### Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Jan Arnold	Erin Basgier	David Allen
Ben Craig	Jennifer Coffelt	Kathy Frakes
Bill Frazier	Ashley Gordon-	Pam French
Chris Hamilton	Becker	Lindsey Harvell-
Julia Sensabaugh	Deidre Lenderking	Bowman
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