

**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
May 11, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Senior Recognition Sunday



We Gather at God's Call

Introit *In an Age of Twisted Values* - Leckebusch

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *My Life Flows on in Endless Song* - Culli

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Jan Arnold, Worship Leader

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!

Alleluia!

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to our God forever and ever!

Alleluia! Let us worship God together!

*Hymn *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*
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*Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.*

*We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way.
Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.*

*You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.*

*Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Generous God, in Jesus you have shown us love:

love that seeks, love that suffers, love that survives all things.

You call us, even command us, to show that love in our lives.

Yet we turn away from what you would have us do.

We confess that the ways of love are not our ways.

We deny and ignore, hurt and hate, despise and reject.

Have mercy on us.

Help us to receive your love so that we can love others.

Help us to receive your love so that we can love ourselves. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

The resurrection of Jesus shows us the grace of God is stronger than death
and the love of God has no boundary. This is good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Response of Praise *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty (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 *Open My Eyes, That I May See (v. 3)*

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*Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Life at Massanutten

- **Baja Mission Trip:** Support the 11 young people and parents going on the Baja Mission Trip by **purchasing an item such as nails, windows, roofing, or lumber from the Baja Tree before or after worship on May 11th, 18th, or 25th.** Cash or check donations made out to MPC (indicate Baja) are welcomed. Presbyterian Women and members of the youth are available to answer questions.
- **Church Van Driver Needed for Open Doors Function:** Open Doors has made arrangements for a limited number of our guests to attend dinner and a play at Silk Moth Stage, located in Western Rockingham County. **The event is on Friday, May 16th, with activities beginning at 6 p.m. followed by the play at 7 p.m.** The Mission & Service Commission has approved the use of the MPC van for this activity. The one remaining need is for a driver (who is welcome to attend the event). Please contact Dale Dobroth if you are interested in helping.
- **On Sunday, May 18,** members will have an opportunity to update or have a picture taken for **Instant Church Directory** and learn how to access the directory. Forms will be available for members who need to change or update their information. This will take place between Sunday School and worship, or directly following worship, in the Fellowship Hall. If you already have a photo you'd like to use instead, please email it to the office.
- **Invitation to Make a Musical Offering:** There is much talent in the congregation that may be hidden under a bushel! The summer is an ideal time to let your light shine! Please consider making an offering of your talent during a summer worship service, either as an individual or as a group. Your offering will significantly enhance our worship experience and deepen our appreciation for the many ways the Spirit is alive in each of us. If you (or your child) have any questions or need further encouragement, please contact Bob Jerome.
- Mark Your Calendar for the upcoming **Churchwide Book & Yard Sale**, coming up the last weekend in June. If you are interested in having a spot, the fee is \$15.00 for two parking spots.
- **MPC Preschool** has openings in our Monday/Tuesday and Wednesday/Thursday 3's classes for the fall. If you know of someone looking for a fantastic preschool for their little one please have them email Carrie Markowitz at mpcpreschool3s4s@gmail.com or call (540) 434-6194 for more information.

This Week At MPC**Sunday, May 11 - Mother's Day**

9:00am Adult Sunday School
(117, 119)
No Faith Village
No Parent Fellowship

10:30am Worship - PW Senior Rec.
Godly Play

1:00pm Recorder Rehearsal (200)

1:50pm Youth Group Meeting at
Church to go to Play

3:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)

5:00pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)
No Evening Youth Group

Monday, May 12

9:00 am Preschool (FH & S)

10:00am Food Pantry

6:00pm Brass Quintet (210)

6:30pm Boy Scouts (119)

7:00pm Mass. Ringers (HBR)

Tuesday, May 13

9:00am Preschool (FH & S)

10:00am Morning Circle (L)

Wednesday, May 14

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)

9:00am Preschool (FH & S)

Wednesday, May 14 - Continued

2:00pm Bethel Circle (SS)

4:30pm Evening Circle (FH)

4:30pm Legacy Meeting (L)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Thursday, May 15

9:00am Preschool (FH & S)

4:00pm Mosaic (NMR)

Friday, May 16*Church Office Closed***Saturday, May 17***Church Office Closed***Sunday, May 18**

9:00am Adult Sunday School
(117, 119)

9:30am Faith Village
Parent Fellowship

10:30am Worship
Godly Play

3:00pm A. Whiteside (S & GA)

5:00pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)

6:00pm Youth & Family (PS)
Bonfire Cookout

Serving May 11 - Mother's Day**Door Monitor:** Harvey Mast**Greeter:** Marc Davis**Ushers & Water Pourers:**

Dale Dobroth & Dwight Wm. Newman

Faith Village: *No Faith Village***Godly Play:** Diann & Robin Reed**Nursery:** Sally Brown &
Dorothy Dobroth**Youth Group:** Sarah Rimer, Karen Mast,
& Gus Scheidt**Serving May 18****Door Monitor:** Marc Davis**Greeters:** Doug & Sharon Pafford**Ushers & Water Pourers:**

Cheryl Henderson & Fred Good

Faith Village: Jennifer Coffelt**Godly Play:** Bill & Jean Kilby**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers &
Erin Basgier**Youth Group:** Hannah Altman &
Gus Scheidt

Recognition of High School Seniors

Jean Gearing, Presbyterian Woman

Time with the Children

Hannah Altman

Anthem

Psalm 23
Jacob Taylor, French Horn

- Basler

Scripture

John 21:1-17

Sermon

Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (responsive)

Selections from *The Belhar Confession*

We believe that God has been revealed

as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;

that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity,

is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;

that God calls the church to follow;

for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;

that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;

that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger,

helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;

that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;

that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need,

which implies, among other things,**that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice,**

so that justice may roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Sharing Our Faith

Baja Summer Mission Trip

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (refrain, v. 2, refrain)*

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Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
*Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name**Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name*

