



The Oak Tree Capital Reserve Fund and Acorn Endowment Fund are the Legacy Programs at MPC. They aim to help our ministry grow today and in the future. Here are the fund balances as of Sept. 30th:

Acorn Endowment Fund: \$20,139.95
Goal: \$50,000 balance by end of the year

Oak Tree Capital Reserve Fund: \$99,388.98
Goal: \$250,000 by end of the year

If you have questions or would like to make a donation, please call the church office, visit massanuttenchurch.org, or speak to one of our Legacy Board members: Skip Wissinger, Barbara Palmer, Deb Thompson, or Pastor Keith

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
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Clerk: Ron Matthews, **Moderator:** Rev. Keith Phillips

Elder Commissions:

- A = Administration & Finance
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- MS = Mission & Service
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The Nominating Committee is currently seeking members who feel called to serve as Ruling Elders. If you are interested in the position, please reach out to any member of the committee for more information. We also welcome your nominations; however, please ensure that the nominee is interested in the position before submitting their name. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration. Committee members: David Allen, Emily Burkholder, Chris Hamilton, Ric Leobold, Gus Scheidt, and Nancy Wayland.



Our mission:

To nurture disciples of Jesus Christ who are sent to join boldly with the Spirit's work in the world.

A Service of Worship
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Follow Me - Honor God's Diversity

October 26, 2025

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *Here in this Place* - Haugen

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Joy and Elation* - Dobrinski
Massanutten Ringers

*Opening Sentences (*responsively*) Hunter Davis, Worship Leader

Rejoice, and be glad:

For the ground on which we stand is holy ground.

Come from all walks of life to gather here:

For the ground on which we stand is even ground.

Here we are one body, none greater than any other:

For here we are made one.

*Hymn *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* 305

*Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!*

Refrain:

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

*Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! (Refrain)*

*Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify the Crucified! (Refrain)*

*Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! (Refrain)*

*Call to Confession

Life at Massanutten

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Loving God, through Jesus Christ, you taught us,
“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
Yet we continue to put our faith in earthly treasures,
hoarding up possessions that moth and rust will destroy,
clinging to power and privilege whenever we can.**

Set us free from greed and fear.

**Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Teach us to trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ, our true redeemer.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith.
Beloved people of God, believe the good news:
Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

*Response of Praise

We Are Forgiven

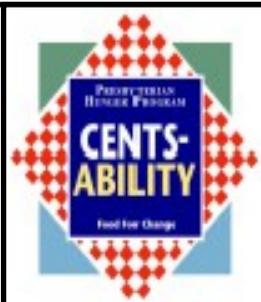
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***We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.***

Introduction to Four Cents a Meal

**Today, we receive the 4-Cents-a-Meal offering,
part of the PC(USA)'s Cents-Ability program.**

Contributions to 4-Cents-a-Meal supports hunger relief efforts both locally and globally. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds raised will stay at Massanutten. We will use this portion to support food purchases for our Blessings-in-a-Bag/Food-for-the-Weekend program at South River Elementary School in Grottoes.



Four Cents a Meal Offering

Give Thanks

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

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

***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!”***

- ◆ We will continue to collect the **Thank Offering of the Presbyterian Women through next Sunday, November 2nd**. This offering supports health and various ministries both in the United States and around the world. Offering envelopes are located in the chair backs.
- ◆ **The Home Alone “Let’s Eat” Group** will meet this **Tuesday, October 28th, at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. If you are interested in joining the group or have questions, please get in touch with Julia Sensabaugh at (540) 248-1002 or sensabaughjulia@gmail.com.
- ◆ Open Doors, in collaboration with the Virginia Cooperative Extension Office, invites you to participate in a **Community Action Poverty Simulation on Saturday, November 1st, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Navigation Center**. This engaging, interactive experience provides an opportunity to step into the lives of our neighbors who work hard yet struggle to make ends meet. Participants will assume roles in real-life scenarios and navigate a month of poverty in just a few hours. This simulation aims to build empathy, spark dialogue, and deepen our understanding of the challenges faced by our community members.
- ◆ **Join us next Sunday, November 2nd, from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for our Sunday Morning Mingle!** Held on the first Sunday of every month before our service. Come and enjoy light refreshments while taking the time to get to know one another better. Let us gather in grace for a Sunday morning fellowship and celebrate the joy of strengthening our connections!
- ◆ **Next Sunday, November 2nd**, we will honor the **saints of Massanutten Presbyterian Church** who have joined the Church Triumphant since last All Saints Sunday. The All Saints Tablecloth will be placed on the Communion Table and will display the names of those who have served the Lord, both here and elsewhere. Some have joined the Church Triumphant—others continue to share their faith with the Church today. We will give thanks for the faithfulness of each of them and for God's love that sustains us in life and in death. If you would like to add the name of someone special, the Tablecloth will be in the Narthex this morning.
- ◆ The November Coffee Small Group will gather **Thursday, November 6th, at 10:00 am** at the Kaffee Klatsch at the Dayton Market. All are welcome.
- ◆ **On November 9th, we will observe Veterans Day**. The Community Life Commission invites everyone to share the name of a veteran (s) in your life, how they are connected to you, and the branch they served in. After the service on November 9th, our veterans will be displayed in the Gathering Area, featuring the names of those being remembered along with other items reflecting their service. During this time, cider and cookies will also be available. There are blank index cards in the chairbacks to use this morning. Please place them in the offering plate as you leave the service, or email your Veteran information to the church office at office@massanuttenchurch.org.

This Week At MPC
Sunday, October 26
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119)
 9:30 am *No Faith Village*
No MS Sunday School
No HS Breakfast
No Parent Fellowship
 10:30 am Worship
 Godly Play
 Open Doors Re-Intro (FH)
 1:00 pm Recorder Rehearsals (200)
 2:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
No Fun w/ Handbells
No Youth Group
Monday, October 27
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108,119)
Tuesday, October 28
 1:30 pm Home Alone Group (FH)
Wednesday, October 29
 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
 9:00 am Preschool Trunk or Treat (FH)
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Thursday, October 30
 10:00 am N & D Meeting (L)
 4:30 pm Mosaic (HBR)
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
Friday, October 31
Church Office Closed
Saturday, November 1
Church Office Closed
Sunday, November 2 - All Saints
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119)
 9:30 am Faith Village
 MS Sunday School
 HS Breakfast
 Parent Fellowship
 10:00 am Sunday Morning Mingle
 10:30 am Worship - Communion
 Godly Play
 1:00 pm Recorder Rehearsal (200)
 2:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
 5:00 pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)
 6:00 pm Youth Group

Serving October 26
Door Monitor: Marc Davis
Greeters: Bettye Davis and Deb Thompson
Ushers & Water Pourers:
 Bill and Kathy Marlowe
Faith Village & Middle School:
No Faith Village & No MS Sunday School
HS Breakfast:
No High School Breakfast
Godly Play:
 Jack and Sarah Rimer
Nursery:
 Sally Brown & Katie Rodgers
Youth Group:
No Youth Group

Serving November 2 - All Saints
Door Monitor: Harvey Mast
Greeters: Larry and Pam French
Ushers & Water Pourers:
 Denny and Rebecca Arthur
Faith Village & Middle School:
 Jennifer Coffelt, Sally Brown,
 and David Allen
HS Breakfast:
 Mary Mabry & Emily Burkholder
Godly Play:
 Scott and Hannah Altman
Nursery:
 Katie Rodgers & TBD
Youth Group:
 Sarah Rimer, Chris Hamilton,
 and Keith Philips

*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!"
 Give thanks. Give thanks.*

We Gather around God's Word

Time with Children Nancy Wayland

Anthem *One Spirit, One Church* - Keil

We are a pilgrim people, we are the Church of God.

A family of believers, disciples of the Lord.

United in one Spirit, ignited by the fire.

Still burning through the ages, still present in our lives. (Refrain)

*Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and in our hearts take up thy rest;
 Come with thy grace and heavenly aid to fill the hearts which thou hast made.*

Refrain

*O Comforter, to thee we cry, thou gift of God sent from on high.
 Thou font of life and fire of love, the soul's anointing from above.*

Refrain

Scripture Luke 19:1-10

Sermon "Use Advantages to Overturn Inequality" Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*responsively*) Philipians 2:5-11

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.
 And being found in human form, he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death—
 even death on a cross.**

**Therefore, God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name that is above every name,
 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
 and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
 Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

*With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!*

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

God of Grace and God of Glory

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*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.*

*Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.*

*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.*

Congregational Concerns**We Pray for Members of Our Church Family...**

Bill Painter, Patricia Armstrong (receiving treatment for a GIST tumor), **Sharon Pafford** (receiving treatment for cancer), **Don Enslin** (knee pain and mobility difficulties), **Kathy Frakes** (recovering from illnesses), **Bettye Davis** (receiving treatment for cancer), **Elfie Finn-McKenzie** (recovering from stroke).

We Pray for Friends of Our Church Family...

Owen Mann; Andy Schoof, lifelong friend of Bo Hobbie; **Linda Caldwell**, mother of Kevin Caldwell; **Janet Binion, Jim Roe**, family of Bill Frazier; **Sandra Rohrer**, mother of Lisa Rohrer Folks; **Barbara Phillips** (great aunt, breast cancer), **Ken Jones** (cousin, melanoma and liver cancer), **Ella Perry** (friend, connective tissue disease), family and friends of Pastor Keith; **Bob Voorhees**, father of Patti Hobbie; **Mark Heltzel**, son of Helen Groves; **Christena Scott**, sister of Kathy Marlowe (blood cancers); **Ray Harvell**, father of Lindsey Harvell-Bowman (health concerns); a member of our church seeks prayers for a private family health concern; **Christopher Swartz**, brother of Nick Swartz and son of Roy & Becky Swartz (cancer); **Kim Hoschar** (health, transportation); **Dennis Oakes** (prostate cancer), brother-in-law of Patti Hobbie; **Lauren Kusterbeck** (cancer treatment), friend of Sharon Posey; **Mindy** (cancer) and **Tony** (brain tumor), a married couple who are friends of Diann Reed's family; **Jean Shepley**, mother of Sherry Matthews; **Martha Hamblen** (colon cancer, housing), sister of Matt Hamblen; **Dick Stutzman** (undiagnosed neurological disorder), friend of Ron Matthews; **Rev. Jerrod Lowry** (cancer treatments) and family, friends of Pastor Keith; **Ty Heilman** (cancer), brother of Sally Brown; **Peggy Kuehl** (cancer), friend of Carol Lown and Kath Wissinger; **Mark Carter** (hospice care), brother-in-law of Ron and Sherry Matthews; **Ezra Miller** (diagnosed with leukemia), attended the 4 year old preschool program at MPC last year; **Sandy Zook** (Alzheimer's Disease), grandmother of Cherokee Adams.

We Pray for Our Mission and Ministry Efforts...

Our MPC Nominating Committee; Massanutten Food Pantry, Blessings in a Bag, Habitat for Humanity, Open Doors, Valley Interfaith Action

We Pray for Those Serving Our Country...

Jackie DeGaine, daughter-in-law of Ka & Mike Guinn (Fort Jackson, SC); **Justin Brockhoff**, nephew of Jan Reser (Germany); **Marcus Sensabaugh**, son of Julia and Doug Sensabaugh (Texas); **Hunter Barr**, nephew of David & Alicia Gutschow (Parris Island, SC); **Matt Riordan**, grandson of Jack Heintzleman (Fairbanks, AK); **Tanner Kenny**, nephew of Gus and Stephanie Scheidt (Deployed); **Dylan Kenny**, nephew of Gus and Stephanie Scheidt (Navy); **Joseph Knight**, brother of Ben Craig (Air Force); **Elizabeth Lee Davis**, daughter of Marc & Nancy Davis (Tampa).