

**Guest Preacher Bio:**

This Sunday, we are pleased to welcome **Rev. Dr. Nancy Meehan Yao** as our guest preacher. Rev. Dr. Meehan Yao serves Shenandoah Presbytery as Associate General Presbyter. She holds a Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. Prior to her current role, Rev. Dr. Meehan Yao served as co-pastor alongside her husband, Rev. Jim Yao, and has also provided leadership as a temporary supply and interim pastor to congregations in the Finger Lakes region of New York. Together, they have two adult sons.

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***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  
*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

March 15, 2026

10:30 a.m.

*\*An asterisk denotes an invitation to stand*

**We Gather at God's Call**

Introit *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee* - Neumark

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee* - J.S. Bach

\*Call to Worship

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to God all my life long.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord:

**Who made heaven and earth, and all that is in them.**

Who executes justice for the oppressed  
and gives food to the hungry.

**The Lord sets the prisoner free;**

**the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous.

**The Lord watches over the strangers**

**and upholds the orphan and the widow,**

But the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!**

\*Hymn

*Here in This Place*

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*Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.*

*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young; our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.*

## Life at Massanutten

*Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:  
here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Almighty and merciful God,  
we continue to want more and more,  
blind to the blessings we already have received.  
We want everything now,  
blind to the value of patience and hard work.  
We take so much delight in our own accomplishments  
that we are blind to people in need.**

**Forgive us!**

**Cleanse us of our entitlement, anxiousness and pride.  
Help us see the world with your eyes  
so that we can be people of gratitude, courage and compassion,  
because of what we see in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Beloved in the Lord, in Christ we are washed clean,  
we are set free, we are born to new life:  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God!**

\*Response of Praise *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* (v. 4)

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*Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;  
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.*

*I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.  
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ (*responsively*)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

- ♦ **Registration for Netta Day Camp Summer 2026 is now open!** Netta Day Camp provides an introductory outdoor, faith-based camping experience for kids aged 6 to 12. Here, they can play, explore, and learn new skills in a safe and fun environment. Activities include canoeing, archery, campfire cooking, and swimming, with weekly themes such as water, nature, campers' choice, and music. To learn more, visit: <https://massanettasprings.org/nettadaycamp>.
- ♦ **MPC is planning to host Vacation Bible School (VBS) this summer.** More details will be shared soon. Volunteers are needed to help make this event possible, so if you're interested in helping, please contact Hannah Altman.
- ♦ Join us for our "*Come to the Table*" **Third Wednesday Dinner** this coming Wednesday, March 18th, at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and delicious food around the table! If you plan to attend, please write the word "**Table**" along with the number of attendees in the special event sign-up section of the connection folders during the worship service Today. We look forward to seeing you there!
- ♦ **GODLY PLAY:** Volunteers are needed to keep this program going! Please email Hannah at [haltman@massanuttenchurch.org](mailto:haltman@massanuttenchurch.org) if you are interested in volunteering.

*If you have not yet made a **financial commitment for 2026**,  
we encourage you to do so. You may turn in a **commitment card**  
(available in the Narthex) or may make a commitment online.  
**Thanks to everyone who has made a commitment thus far!***

### **Spring Clean-Up Day – April 25 | Massanetta Springs**

Massanetta Springs will host its annual Spring Clean-Up Day on **April 25**, organized by the **Friends of Massanetta**. This is a **rain-or-shine event**, so the workday will take place regardless of the weather. Volunteers are encouraged to come out and lend a hand as Massanetta prepares for the summer season. Individuals, families, friends, youth groups, and church members are all welcome. A variety of projects will be available both indoors and outdoors, with tasks suited for all skill levels. **Lunch will be provided in the hotel dining room at noon.** Projects will include **painting, gardening, weeding flower beds, and general campus preparation.** One project that will require extra help is the **demolition of the wooden walkway behind the hotel that connects Calvin to the Spring House.** Volunteers are welcome to participate for the full day or just a portion of it—any help is greatly appreciated. If you plan to attend, please contact **Massanetta Springs at (540) 434-3829** to help with the lunch headcount. For questions, contact **Doug Smith at (540) 705-5862.**

#### **Event Details**

**Date:** April 25

**Time:** 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

**Lunch:** Provided at noon in the hotel dining room



**This Week At MPC****Sunday, March 15**

9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119)  
 9:30 am Faith Village  
 MS Sunday School  
 HS Breakfast  
 Parent Fellowship  
 10:30 am Worship  
 Godly Play  
 Session meeting after worship  
 3:00 pm PNC Meeting (L)  
 4:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)  
 5:00 pm Fun w/Handbells (HBR)  
 6:00 pm Youth Group (FH)

**Monday, March 16**

6:00 pm Cub Scouts (FH)  
 7:00 pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)

**Tuesday, March 17****Wednesday, March 18**

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH)  
 12:00 pm "LOL" Lunch Group (GA)  
 5:30 pm Third Wed. Dinner (FH)  
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (200)

**Thursday, March 19**

3:30 pm Generosity Team (L)  
 4:30 pm Mosaic (HBR)  
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)  
 6:30 pm Worship Comm. (FH)  
 7:00 pm Safety Team Meeting (L)

**Friday, March 20**

*Church Office Closed*

**Saturday, March 21**

8:00 am Easter Rehearsals (San)  
 10:00 am Scouts (FH)  
 Youth Spring Lock-In  
*Church Office Closed*

**Sunday, March 22**

Youth Spring Lock-In  
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119)  
 9:30 am Faith Village  
 MS Sunday School  
 HS Breakfast  
 Parent Fellowship  
 10:30 am Worship  
 Godly Play  
 3:00 pm PNC Meeting (L)  
 4:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)  
*No Fun w/Handbells*

**Serving March 15**

**Door Monitor:** Harvey Mast

**Greeters:** Bettye Davis and Deb Thompson

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**

Dale and Dorothy Dobroth

**Faith Village & Middle School:**

Jennifer Coffelt, Ellen Blose,  
 David Allen, and Hannah Altman

**HS Breakfast:**

Emily Burkholder and Dale Dobroth

**Godly Play:**

Holly Veenis and Hannah Altman

**Nursery:**

Katie Rodgers and Emily Burkholder

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

Karen Mast, and Hannah Altman

**Serving March 22**

**Door Monitor:** Nathan Enslin

**Greeters:** TBD

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**

Chris and Phyllis Hamilton

**Faith Village & Middle School:**

Jennifer Coffelt, Ellen Blose,  
 David Allen, and Hannah Altman

**HS Breakfast:**

Emily Burkholder and Diann or Robin Reed

**Godly Play:**

Bill and Jean Kilby

**Nursery:**

Katie Rodgers and TBD

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

Karen Mast, and Hannah Altman

**We Gather around God's Word**

\*Sung Prayer *Open My Eyes, That I May See (v. 1)* 451  
 for Illumination

*Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
 Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.  
 Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
 Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Time with the Children Pastor Keith Phillips

Anthem *Simple Gifts* - Althouse

*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free 'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be  
 And when we find ourselves in the place just right T will be in the valley of love and delight.*

*When true simplicity is gained To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.  
 To turn, turn will be our delight 'Till by turning, turning we come round right.*

*'Tis the gift to be loving, 'tis the gift to be kind 'Tis the gift of grace we know that we will find.  
 And when we see the light at the break of day We'll know that the truth will show us the way*

*When true simplicity is gained To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.  
 To turn, turn will be our delight Till by turning, turning we come round right.*

*'Tis the gift, 'tis the gift, 'tis the gift to be simple and free.*

Scripture John 9:1-41

Sermon "I Once Was Blind But Now I See" Rev. Dr. Nancy Meehan Yao

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) The Apostles' Creed (2)  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;**

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
 he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;  
 the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
 the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Invitation to Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (v. 4) 12

*Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light. Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!*

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 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* (vv. 1-4) 649

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come.  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me;  
his word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* (v. 5) 649

*When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.*

### 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** (cancer), **Bettye Davis** (receiving treatment for cancer), **Mary Morris** (recovering from hip replacement surgery), **Ashley Gordon-Becker** (recovering from surgery).

**We Pray for Friends of Our Church Family...**

**Owen Mann; Linda Caldwell**, mother of Kevin Caldwell; **Janet Binion, Jim Roe**, family of Bill Frazier; **Sandra Rohrer**, mother of Lisa Rohrer Folks; **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 Helzel**, son of Helen Groves; **Christena Scott** (blood cancers), **Genie Mosher** (colon cancer), **June Kofford** (family concern), sisters of Kathy Marlowe; **Ray Harvell**, father of Lindsey Harvell-Bowman (health concerns); a member of our church seeks prayers for a private family health concern; **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; **Charles Matthews** (heart issues), brother of Ron Matthews; **Dick Stutzman** (Parkinson's), 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; **Carol Jean Kacho** (breast cancer), family friend of Frank and Jean Gearing; **Rev. Will Roberts** (prayers for discernment as he seeks his next call); **Taffy de Planque** (therapy for fractured hip), mother-in-law of Jennifer Davis; **Heather Brookhoff** (cancer), sister-in-law of Jan Reser; **Rev. John B. Sterrett** (recovering from stroke), son of Doug Sterrett; **Randy Appleton** (recovering from stroke), son of Shirley Appleton; **Christine Eacho** (recovering from heart failure), mother-in-law of Holly Veenis's sister; **Blayne Liptrap** (son of Ashlea Liptrap); **Nathan Bales** (house burned down, recovering from broken ankle), son of the late Bob & Patsy Bales; **Sara Claybrook**, sister-in-law of Jean Gearing; **Melissa Heatwole** (heart surgery), friend of Scott and Sally Brown; baby **Amelia**, granddaughter of a friend of Deidre Lenderking.

**We Pray for Our Mission and Ministry Efforts...**

The Pastor 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); **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).