

### Pastor Nominating Committee Update:

Your PNC is working thoroughly & steadily to evaluate incoming Personal Discernment Profile (PDP) forms, as well as online sermons, keeping our focus on how the Spirit is moving among us, as well as the congregation. This week Rev. Patrick Pettit from presbytery's Committee on Ministry will be coaching us on how to conduct interviews. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue working toward securing our next co-pastor. Thank you! - Jean, Wanda, Holly, JoAnn, Ka, Bill, and Ruth

### Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

<b>Class of 2026</b>	<b>Class of 2027</b>	<b>Class of 2028</b>
Erin Basgier (W) Jennifer Coffelt (ND) Ashley Gordon-Becker (MS) Deidre Lenderking (A) Beth Smith (ND)	David Allen (ND) Kathy Frakes (W) Pam French (CL) Lindsey Harvell-Bowman (MS) Ric Leobold (A)	Gina Holden (CL) Jean Kilby (W) Bill Marlowe (A) Riley Scheidt (MS) Doug Sensabaugh (CL)

**Clerk:** Ron Matthews, **Moderator:** Rev. Keith Phillips

### Elder Commissions

A = Administration & Finance, CL = Community Life,  
MS = Mission & Service, ND = Nurture & Discipleship, W = Worship & Music

### Pastor Nominating Committee

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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 of Easter **Follow Me: Make Disciples**

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." - Matt. 28:19-20*

April 26, 2026

10:30 a.m.

*\*An asterisk denotes an invitation to stand*

### **We Gather at God's Call**

Introit *I Love to Tell the Story* - Hankey

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *This Is My Father's World* - Payne

\*Call to Worship Ron Matthews, Worship Leader

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Blessing and honor is yours, O God.

**Glory to God forever. Alleluia!**

\*Hymn *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* 396

*Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.  
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down.  
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.*

*Sisters, will you come and help us? Moses' sister aided him.  
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?  
Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them that he will be found.  
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.*

*Is there here a trembling jailer, seeking grace and filled with fears?  
Is there here a weeping Mary pouring forth a flood of tears?  
Brethren, join your cries to help them; sisters, let your prayers abound!  
Pray, O pray, that holy manna will be scattered all around.*

*Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too.  
Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.  
Christ will call us home to heaven; at his table we'll sit down.  
Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God, you share with us words of hope, words of Good News.**

**But sometimes we are unable to hear them because the source is too familiar.**

**You call us to share the Good News with those around us.**

**But sometimes we are unable to share, because the people know us too well.**

**You encourage us to send messengers to other places  
where they will be heard better.**

**But we can be jealous, wanting the Good News  
to be for us, not them.**

**In the multitude of ways we can and have  
subverted your message of freedom and healing,  
in all the ways we have kept the Jubilee year from happening,  
we have left the path of true wisdom  
and call upon your Grace to lead us back on track. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

This is the time of God's favor. God's grace continues  
to proclaim release to the captives, sight to the blind,  
Good News to the poor and freedom to the oppressed.

**We live as loved, forgiven and free people through the grace of God!  
Hallelujah! Amen.**

\*Response of Praise

*Christ Is Alive (v. 3)*

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***In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.***

Introduction to the Four Cents a Meal Offering



**Today we receive the 4-Cents-A-Meal offering** - a ministry of the PC(USA)'s Cents-Ability program. Gifts to 4-Cents-a-Meal support hunger ministries near and far. 25% of what's received will remain at MPC. We will use it to support the purchase of food for our Blessings-in-a-Bag/Food-for-the-Weekend program at South River Elementary School in Grottoes.

## Life at Massanutten

- ♦ **Krispy Kreme Fundraiser – MPC Preschool:** Treat yourself while supporting our MPC Preschool! **Orders are due Monday, April 27.** Choose from a Digital Dozen, BOGO Card, or a fresh dozen. Orders will be available for pickup on **May 6.** Full details and order forms are available in the Narthex. Please make checks payable to MPC Preschool. Thank you for supporting us!
- ♦ **Participate in the PW Fundraiser for Heifer International!** Our Presbyterian Women are sponsoring a fundraising drive for Heifer International, with the goal of purchasing 50 bee colonies. Heifer International seeks to end hunger and poverty in a sustainable way by supporting and investing alongside local farmers and their communities worldwide. You can participate by visiting the display in the Narthex or by donating at [massanuttenchurch.org](http://massanuttenchurch.org) no later than May 3rd.
- ♦ **We Need Your Help to Beautify Our Grounds!** On the morning of Saturday, May 2nd, please join us beginning at 8:30 a.m. to do some yardwork around our property. Then on the morning of Saturday, May 8th, join us at 8:30 a.m. to mulch our shrub and flower beds. Mulch will also be available on request. Please bring your own yardworking tools both days to help.
- ♦ **Registration for Netta Day Camp Summer 2026 is now open!** This faith-based day camp for ages 6–12 offers outdoor fun like canoeing, archery, swimming, and more in a safe, engaging environment. Learn more at: <https://massanettasprings.org/nettadaycamp>.
- ♦ **Faithful Conversations Adult Sunday School Class:** Through May 17th, the class will explore the Psalms. **Join us each Sunday at 9:00 am in Room 119.** Often called a “*school of prayer*,” the **Book of Psalms** gives voice to our prayers and guides us in faithful living. This study focuses on six psalms, each offering a unique glimpse into God's heart: Psalm 8 (awe), Psalm 27 (beauty), Psalm 51 (mercy), Psalm 73 (hope), Psalm 90 (time), and Psalm 116 (love). Join us as we explore their meanings, contexts, and lasting impact, and discover how these Psalms continue to offer hope, comfort, and inspiration for our lives and God's world today.
- ♦ **Mark Your Calendars for the Annual Book/Bake/Yard Sale!** Are you looking for good books to read, to do some spring cleaning, or to enjoy a tasty treat – all while helping to raise money for us to purchase school supplies, earphones, and backpacks for children of our Food Pantry? Our Annual Book/Bake/Yard Sale will give you those opportunities! It will take place on **Saturday, June 27th, from 7am – noon.** Folks participating in the yard sale are asked to make a \$15 donation. We also are seeking donations of baked goods or books. For more details, please contact Sally Brown at [sbrown47@gmail.com](mailto:sbrown47@gmail.com) or check with the church office.

**This Week At MPC**

**Sunday, April 26**

9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119)  
9:30 am Faith Village  
MS Sunday School  
HS Breakfast (meeting off-site)  
Parent Fellowship  
10:30 am Worship  
Godly Play  
1:00 pm Recorder Rehearsal (200)  
3:00 pm PNC Meeting (L)  
4:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)  
5:00 pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)  
6:00 pm Youth Group (FH)

**Monday, April 27**

6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)  
7:00 pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)

**Tuesday, April 28**

**Wednesday, April 29**

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

**Thursday, April 30**

4:30 pm Mosaic (FH)  
6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)  
6:30 pm Worship Commission (FH)

**Friday, May 1**

*Church Office Closed*

**Saturday, May 2**

*Church Office Closed*  
8:30 am Church Grounds Cleanup

**Sunday, May 3**

9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119)  
9:30 am HS Breakfast  
*No Faith Village  
No MS Sunday School  
No Parent Fellowship*  
10:00 am Sunday Morning Mingle  
10:30 am Worship  
Godly Play  
3:00 pm PNC Meeting (L)  
5:00 pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)  
6:00 pm Youth Group (FH)

**Serving April 26**

**Door Monitor:** Dwight Wm. Newman

**Greeters:** Ric and JoAnn Leobold

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**

Cheryl Henderson and Deb Thompson

**Faith Village & Middle School:**

Jennifer Coffelt, Kathy Frakes,  
David Allen, and Hannah Altman

**HS Breakfast (meeting off-site):**

Emily Burkholder and Sarah Rimer

**Godly Play:**

Hannah Altman and Ka Guinn

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers and Sally Brown

**Youth Group:** Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt,  
Dani Hargens, and Doug Sensabaugh

**Serving May 3**

**Door Monitor:** Frank Gearing

**Greeters:** Jean Gearing and Jody Humphreys

**Ushers & Water Pourers:**

TBD

**Faith Village & Middle School:**

*Does not meet May 3rd*

**HS Breakfast:**

Emily Burkholder and Gus Scheidt

**Godly Play:**

Sarah & Jack Rimer

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers and Diann Reed

**Youth Group:** Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt,  
Mark Palmer, and Cherokee Adams

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!"***

***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.***

Four Cents a Meal Prayer of Dedication

**We Gather around God's Word**

Time with the Children

Skip Wissinger, Apiarist

*Children age 4 through second grade may go with our adult leaders to Godly Play,  
an interactive children's Bible study that features story, wonder, and play.  
They will return to the sanctuary before worship ends.*

Special Music

*Morning Has Broken*

- Larson

Scripture

1 John 1:1-3, Eph. 4:1-6, 11-16

Sermon

"Be a Witness"

Pastor Keith Phillips

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

From *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples  
to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Invitation to Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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 *Together We Serve* 767

*Together we serve, united by love, inviting God's world to the glorious feast.  
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy, extending God's love to the last and the least.*

*We seek to become a beacon of hope, a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.  
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through until we see Christ in each person we meet.*

*We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor, the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.  
We offer a home to those who will come, our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.*

*Together, by grace, we witness and work, remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.  
Together we serve in Spirit and truth, remembering love is the strength of our song.*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response *Go with Us, Lord* 748

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,  
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.*

### Congregational Concerns

*We Pray for Our Church Family...*

**Bill Painter, Patricia Armstrong** (receiving treatment for a GIST tumor), **Don Enslin** (cancer), **Bettye Davis** (receiving treatment for cancer), **Mary Morris** (recovering from hip replacement surgery), **Ashley Gordon-Becker** (recovering from recent surgery), **Adele Durost** (cancer), **Bill & Judy Dent** (recent move), **Doug Pafford** (grief and recent move).

*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 Heltzel**, 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; **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; baby **Amelia**, granddaughter of a friend of Deidre Lenderking; **Amanda Phillips and family** (house fire), cousin of Pastor Keith; **Tom and Tassie Pipperts** (son, Tim, died Mar. 25th), neighbors of Jennifer Davis; **Lynda Coffelt** (mother of Jason Coffelt), recent biopsy.

*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); **Elizabeth Lee Davis**, daughter of Marc & Nancy Davis (Tampa); **Dan Balch**, grandson-in-law of Harry and Jean Pettit, (Navy, Japan).