

Pastor Nominating Committee Update:

Your PNC is working thoroughly and 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. Rev. Patrick Pettit from presbytery's Committee on Ministry has coached 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

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
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)

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Elder Commissions

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

Pastor Nominating Committee

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Massanutten
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Sixth 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*

May 10, 2026

10:30 a.m.

**An asterisk denotes an invitation to stand*

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* - Whittier

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Our God is an Awesome God* - Mullins
Jesus Loves the Little Children - Woolston
Faith Village and Middle School Class

*Call to Worship *Kathy Frakes, Worship Leader*

When Jesus began his earthly ministry, he called disciples to follow him.

And he taught them how to live, how to pray, how to share God's love.

After Jesus ascended, the Holy Spirit came to remind them of all he had said.

The Holy Spirit teaches us, reminding us of all we have learned.

Scripture, a gift from God, is a gift to teach us, guide us, support us.

Thanks be to God for the gift of teaching and learning!

This is how we become disciples! This is how we make disciples!

*Hymn *I Love to Tell the Story* 462

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.*

Refrain:

*I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

*I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. (Refrain)*

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. (Refrain)*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God, we come to you confessing that,
while you are always ready to teach us,
we are not always ready to learn.**

**Sometimes we think we already know all we need to know,
and the Bible stories we remember from childhood are enough.
Sometimes we think that your wisdom is too far beyond us,
and we cannot possibly ever grasp it.
And sometimes, God, we are just stubborn, unwilling to learn,
impatient, and happy to remain ignorant.**

**Because, honestly God, sometimes it is just hard to be disciples.
We get tired of loving our neighbors,
and especially weary of loving our enemies.
Forgiving others is challenging; we'd really rather not.**

Forgive us, God!

**Help us to see that in order to truly be disciples of Jesus,
we must be students of love and teachers of mercy.
Shape our minds, our hearts, our wills, to you,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Friends, believe the good news:

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

*Response of Praise

Christ Is Alive! (v. 4)

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*Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.*

*Sharing the Peace of Christ (*responsively*)

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

And also with you.

Life at Massanutten

⇒ **Presbyterian Women Circles:** The Presbyterian Women will combine their Tuesday and Thursday Circle meetings this month and gather on Tuesday, May 12th, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

⇒ **Thank you from Presbyterian Women!** To everyone who has already contributed to the Presbyterian Women's **Heifer International Fundraiser**, which supports the purchase of 50 bee colonies to foster sustainable solutions to hunger and poverty worldwide. Although last Sunday marked the official end of the fundraiser, additional gifts for the bee project will continue to be accepted for the next several weeks. **Donations can still be made online at massanuttenchurch.org!**

⇒ **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 or check with the church office.

⇒ **Now Open: Netta Day Camp Summer 2026 Registration!** Give your child a summer full of faith, friendship, and adventure at Netta Day Camp! Designed for children ages 6–12, this faith-centered camp offers thrilling outdoor activities, including canoeing, archery, and swimming, in a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment. Spots fill quickly, so don't miss out! Learn more and register today: <https://massanettasprings.org/nettadaycamp>.

⇒ **AED Mounted in Narthex: The Safety Committee has mounted our Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in the Narthex between the water fountains and the doors to the Fellowship Hall.** Please make note of its new location. Instructions on how to access the AED are included in a note found on all three sides of the box. In addition, a location sign giving the church's address has been posted next to the phone in the Narthex (located next to the door to the church office).

This Week At MPC

Sunday, May 10 - Mother's Day

9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119)
9:30 am Faith Village
MS Sunday School
No HS Breakfast
Parent Fellowship
10:30 am Worship (*HS Seniors will be recognized during worship*)
Godly Play
1:00 pm Recorder Rehearsal (200)
No PNC Meeting
4:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
5:00 pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)
6:00 pm Youth Group (FH)

Monday, May 11

10:00 am Food Pantry
8:00 am Pre-K Grad. Practice (San/ FH)
5:00 pm Admin. Comm. Meeting (L)
6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
7:00 pm Massanutten Ringers (HBR)

Tuesday, May 12

8:00 am Pre-K Grad. Practice (San/ FH)
10:00 am Tues/ Thur Circle Mtg (FH)

Wednesday, May 13

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
8:00 am Pre-K Grad. Practice (San/ FH)
12:00 pm "LOL" Ladies Lunch Grp (GA)

Wednesday, May 13 - (continued)

2:00 pm Bethel Circle (SS)
4:30 pm N & D Meeting (L)
6:00 pm Personnel Comm. Meeting (L)
7:00 pm Choir (200)

Thursday, May 14

8:00 am Pre-K Grad. Practice (San/ FH)
4:00 pm Mosaic Board Meeting (L)
6:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
7:00 pm Food Pantry

Friday, May 15

Church Office Closed

Saturday, May 16

Church Office Closed

Sunday, May 17 - Confirmation Sunday

9:00 am Adult Sunday School (117,119)
9:30 am Faith Village
MS Sunday School
HS Breakfast Outing
Parent Fellowship
10:30 am Worship
Godly Play
3:00 pm PNC Meeting (L)
4:00 pm Cub Scouts (108, 119)
5:00 pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)
6:00 pm Family Bonfire Cookout
7:00 pm A. Whiteside Recital (San/ GA)

Serving May 10

Door Monitor: Harvey Mast

Greeters:

Tom and Gina Holden

Ushers & Water Pourers:

Karen Mast and Julia Sensabaugh

Faith Village & Middle School:

Jennifer Coffelt, David Allen, and Hannah Altman

HS Breakfast:

No HS Breakfast

Godly Play:

Drew and Holly Veenis

Nursery: Katie Rodgers and Katie Gray

Youth Group: Sarah Rimer, Gus Scheidt, Cherokee Adams, and Hannah Altman

Serving May 17

Door Monitor: Karen Enslin

Greeters:

TBD

Ushers & Water Pourers:

Dale and Dorothy Dobroth

Faith Village & Middle School:

Jennifer Coffelt, David Allen, and Hannah Altman

HS Breakfast:

Emily Burkholder and Special Guest

Godly Play:

Tim Russell and Dale Dobroth

Nursery: Katie Rodgers and Erin Basgier

Youth Group:

Sarah Rimer and Gus Scheidt

We Gather around God's Word

*Sung Prayer for Illumination *Lead Me, Guide Me (refrain)* 740

***Lead me, guide me, along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.***

Recognition of High School Seniors Gayle Allen, Presbyterian Women
*Class of 2026: Ainsley Hargens, Ruth Rascoe,
Anna Richardson, Riley Scheidt*

Time with the Children Wanda Wallace

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.

Anthem *God Be in My Head* - Rutter

Scripture Matthew 28:18-20, John 13:34-35

Sermon "Teach and Learn about Jesus" 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

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 *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* 722

***Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children lost and lone.***

***O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungry ones with manna sweet.***

***O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart.
And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.***

***O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.***

***O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share***

*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.***

☀️ Vacation Bible School at MPC – Register Today! ☀️

MPC will host Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 4–7. Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to join the fun! Registration forms are available on the church website or at the VBS table in the Narthex.

The registration deadline is May 15!!

Don't miss this exciting opportunity for faith, learning, and fellowship!

For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact Hannah Altman or Wanda Wallace.

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; **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; 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 Extend Sympathy to ...

***The family of Glenda Stickley*, who died on May 1st. A memorial service will take place on Thursday, May 28th, at 11:00 a.m., at the Meredith Chapel at Sunnyside.**

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).**