

PNC Update to Congregation: The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is grateful for your continued prayers and support throughout this important journey. After much prayer, discernment, and careful consideration, we are pleased to share that we have identified top candidates with whom we are moving deeper into the interview and discernment process. While we are not yet able to share additional details, we are moving thoughtfully through the next steps of the process. We ask that you continue to pray for the candidates, the committee, and our congregation as we seek God’s guidance and trust in God’s timing. — Bill, Ka, Jean, JoAnn, Ruth, Holly, and Wanda

Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session

Class of 2027	Class of 2028	Class of 2029
David Allen (ND)	Gina Holden (ND)	John Davis (W)
Kathy Frakes (W)	Jean Kilby (W)	Linda Knupp (A)
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Lindsey Harvell-Bowman (MS)	Riley Scheidt (MS)	Deb Thompson (MS)
Ric Leobold (A)	Doug Sensabaugh (CL)	Kath Wissinger (A)

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

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A = Administration & Finance, CL = Community Life,
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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
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026

10:30 a.m.

**An asterisk denotes an invitation to stand*

We Gather at God’s Call

Chiming of the Trinity

Greeting and Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Abide, O Dearest Jesus* - Walther

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 119) Ron Matthews, Worship Leader
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances.
Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.
I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.
Let us worship God!

*Hymn *What Is This Place* 404

What is this place, where we are meeting? Only a house, the earth its floor.
Walls and a roof, sheltering people, windows for light, an open door.
Yet it becomes a body that lives when we are gathered here,
and know our God is near.

Words from afar, stars that are falling. Sparks that are sown in us like seed:
names for our God, dreams, signs, and wonders sent from the past are what we need.
We in this place remember and speak again what we have heard:
God’s free redeeming word.

And we accept bread at his table, broken and shared, a living sign.
Here in this world, dying and living, we are each other’s bread and wine.
This is the place where we can receive what we need to increase:
God’s justice and God’s peace.

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, we are quick to say,
“We didn’t know.”
“We didn’t mean to.”
“We didn’t expect that to happen.”

But we have not tended the soil of our lives.
We let it stay shallow and rocky
by not learning from the experience of others.
We let it be riddled with thorns
by succumbing to our own prejudices.

Life-giving God, help us to tend our soil.
Open us to being challenged, enable us to learn,
so that your word will take root
and bear good fruit in our lives.

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)
There is no condemnation for us:
God has forgiven us that we might live according to the Spirit.
The Spirit of God dwells within us.
Thanks be to God!

*Response of Praise *Glory Be to the Father* 581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

*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 *Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet (refrain)* 458
for Illumination

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.
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and a light unto my path.*



Important Safety Notice – Email Scam Alert: We regret to share that there has been yet another incidence of someone who is not Pastor Keith posing to be him by email. The spoof email asks if the recipient might have a few moments to respond about something they want to discuss. **Please do not reply to this email.** If you investigate the person's email address, it is not kphillips@massanuttenchurch.org. As always, when you're suspicious about an email or text message you've received, please check directly with the church. Never share personal information.

Life at Massanutten

- ◆ Our **Adult Summer Sunday School Class** is underway and **will run through August 23**, meeting **every Sunday in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m.** We invite you to join us each week for meaningful learning, thoughtful discussion, and Christian fellowship. Whether you’ve attended before or are joining us for the first time, we’d love to have you. We hope to see you each Sunday!
- ◆ **ATTENTION: The Annual Book/Bake/Yard Sale is next Saturday, July 18, from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.** Come shop for great books, delicious baked goods, and unique yard-sale treasures while supporting a wonderful cause. Proceeds will help purchase school supplies, earphones, and backpacks for children served by our Food Pantry. Those wishing to participate in the yard sale are asked to make a \$15 donation. Donations of books and baked goods are also greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Sally Brown at sbrown47@gmail.com.
- ◆ **MPC Community Life Fellowship Event:** Join us on **Sunday, July 26, at 3:00 p.m.** at **Brix & Columns Vineyards** in McGaheysville for an afternoon of fellowship. Beverages will be available for purchase, and bottled water will be provided. Please bring a small snack or refreshment to share. We hope to see you there!
- ◆ **Opportunity for Worship Offering:** During the summer, the Chancel Choir will take a break, so we would welcome your offering during a Sunday service. While a musical offering may come to mind, please feel free to think beyond that box and consider other worshipful arts that would enhance the worship experience. If you have any questions or want more information (or if you already have a date in mind!), please do not hesitate to contact Bob Jerome.

This Week At MPC		Thursday, July 16	
Sunday, July 12		1:00 pm Worship Commission (L)	
9:00 am	Summer Adult Sunday	2:00 pm M&S Virtual Mtg (Zoom)	
	School Class (FH)	4:00 pm Comm. Task Force Mtg (L)	
10:30 am	Worship	Friday, July 17	
3:00 pm	PNC Meeting (L)	<i>Church Office Closed</i>	
Monday, July 13		Saturday, July 18	
10:00 am	Food Pantry	7:00 am Book/Bake/Yard Sale	
Tuesday, July 14		<i>Church Office Closed</i>	
Wednesday, July 15		Sunday, July 19	
7:30 am	Men's Prayer Group (FH)	9:00 am Summer Adult Sunday	
12:00 pm	"LOL" Lunch Grp (GA)	School Class (FH)	
		10:30 am Worship	
		3:00 pm PNC Meeting (L)	

***Reminder:** Please note that there will be **no Session Meeting** and **no Administration Commission Meeting** during the month of **July**. Regular meetings will resume according to the normal schedule in **August**.*

Serving July 12	Serving July 19
Door Monitor: Phyllis Hamilton	Door Monitor: Harvey Mast
Greeters: Ric and JoAnn Leobold	Greeters: Dale and Dorothy Dobroth
Ushers & Water Pourers: Doug and Julia Sensabaugh	Ushers & Water Pourers: Mike, Erin, Griffin and Callan Basgier
Nursery: Katie Rodgers and Diann Reed	Nursery: Katie Rodgers and Erin Basgier
<i>The children and youth programs will resume in the fall. We hope you enjoy your summer!</i>	<i>The children and youth programs will resume in the fall. We hope you enjoy your summer!</i>

*The **"Deep Dive" Bible Study** will meet on **Wednesday, July 22, at 5:30 pm** in the **Library**. This group explores Scripture and other faith-related books through thoughtful discussion and in-depth study. Participants should be open to interpretations that may challenge their perspectives. For more information, please contact Ron Matthews or David Allen.*

Time with the Children		Wanda Wallace
Special Music	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i> Hannah Altman	- Larson
Scripture		Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Sermon		Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Adapted from *The Confession of 1967* (9.20, 9.38)

**God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life.
The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community
in which people are reconciled to God and to one another.
The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness
as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God
as they make peace among themselves.**

**In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power
to become representatives of Jesus Christ
and his gospel of reconciliation to all.**

**Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit
with some gift of ministry and is responsible for the integrity
of his or her witness in each particular situation.**

**Each member is entitled to the guidance and support of the Christian community
and is subject to its advice and correction. In turn, each member,
in her or his own competence, helps to guide the church. Amen.**

Invitation to Offering		
Song of Thanksgiving	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	606
	<i>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.</i>	

Concerns of the Congregation

**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 *Called as Partners in Christ’s Service* 761

*Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.*

*Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God’s people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.*

*Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other’s burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.*

*So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
that surround each person’s sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.*

*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...
Patricia Armstrong (receiving treatment for a GIST tumor), **Don Enslen** (cancer), **Bettye Davis** (receiving treatment for cancer), **Mary Morris** (recovering from hip replacement surgery), **Ashley Gordon-Becker** (recovering from recent surgery), **Adele Durost** (recovering from pancreatitis and gallbladder surgery, cancer), **Bill Painter** (recovering from pneumonia & an infection); **Carol Waterhouse** (upcoming knee replacement surgery on 7/20).

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; **June Kofford** family concern, currently in home health care, sister 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; **Tony** (brain tumor), friend 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; **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 Brockhoff** (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; **Blayke Liptrap** (son of Ashlea Liptrap); **Nathan Bales** (house burned down, recovering from broken ankle), son of the late Bob & Patsy Bales; **Amanda Phillips and family** (house fire), cousin of Pastor Keith; **Lynda Coffelt** (mother of Jason Coffelt); **Katherine Sorensen** (broken pelvis), daughter of Frank and Jean Gearing; **Viki Lynch** (detached retina), friend of Diann Reed; **Jeff Wilson** (hospitalized in very serious condition after a 50-foot fall while rock climbing in Italy), friend of Helen Groves; **Dr. Jennifer Aycock** (Prayer for teaching and travel at Zomba Theological University in Malawi, Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, June 6 - August 10); **Doug Joyner** (cancer), great uncle of Pastor Keith; **Karol Scarce** (multiple myeloma), friend of Sharon Posey; **Janet Nagele** (fractured neck after fall), great aunt of Pastor Keith; **John Black** (philanthropic work in the Philippines).

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...
Frank Overstreet, grandson-in-law of Helen Groves (Middle East); **Jackie DeGaine**, daughter-in-law of Ka & Mike Guinn (Fort Jackson, SC); **Justin Brockhoff**, nephew of Jan Reser (recently moved from Germany back to the United States); **Marcus Sensabaugh**, son of Julia and Doug Sensabaugh (Qatar); **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).