

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

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

July 19, 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 *All Praise to Jesus’ Hallowed Name* - J.S. Bach

*Call to Worship
We come. We wait.
We long. We hope.
We suffer. We pray.
We rejoice. We sing.
We know we are the children of God.
We wait for Christ to set all things right.

*Hymn *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* 35

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)
Merciful God, your creatures cry and creation groans,
but we turn away.
We surround ourselves with noise.
We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility:
we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy.
It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference.

Life-giving God, wash us clean.
Restore our imaginations and our hearts.
Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins
until we love with abandon and our hearts reach out in blessing,
for the creation waits with eager longing
for the revealing of the children of God. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)
Siblings, hear the word of the Lord.
In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,
God says unequivocally, irrevocably:
you are my own; you are forgiven;
and I need you to be about my business in the world.
Thanks be to God for our forgiveness and the chance to work for God’s kingdom.

*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 *How Firm a Foundation (v. 1)* 463
for Illumination

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*



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

- ♦ **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.
- ♦ 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!
- ♦ **MPC Community Life Fellowship Event:** Join us next **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			
Sunday, July 19		Thursday, July 23	
9:00 am	Summer Adult Sunday School Class (FH)	1:00 pm	C. Earp (Sanc.) <i>Church Office Closed</i>
10:30 am	Worship		
3:00 pm	PNC Meeting (L)		
Monday, July 20		Saturday, July 25	
		<i>Church Office Closed</i>	
Tuesday, July 21 - Carpet cleaning		Sunday, July 26	
2:00 pm	Meeting for elders on Community Life Comm (L)	9:00 am	Summer Adult Sunday School Class (FH)
		10:30 am	Worship
Wednesday, July 22		2:00 pm	PNC Meeting (L)
7:30 am	Men's Prayer Group (FH)	3:00 pm	Congregational Gathering at Brix and Columns Vineyard
12:00 pm	"LOL" Lunch Grp (GA)		
5:30 pm	Deep Dive Bible Study (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 19	Serving July 26
Door Monitor: Harvey Mast	Door Monitor: TBD
Greeters: Dale and Dorothy Dobroth	Greeters: TBD
Ushers & Water Pourers: Mike, Erin, Griffin and Callan Basgier	Ushers & Water Pourers: TBD
Nursery: Katie Rodgers and Erin Basgier	Nursery: Katie Rodgers and Sally Brown
<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>

Special Music	<i>On Eagle's Wings</i>	- Joncas
	Deidre Lenderking, Ron Matthews, Doug Sensabaugh, and Wanda Wallace with Carol Lown accompanying	
Scripture	Romans 8:18-39; 2 Chronicles 5:1-14	
Sermon	"Groaning for Glory"	Rev. Will Roberts

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) The Apostles' Creed

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 *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 *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* 703

*Jesus, thy boundless love to me
no thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to thee,
and reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live;
myself to thee entirely give.*

*O grant that nothing in my soul
may dwell, but thy pure love alone;
O may thy love possess me whole,
my joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove;
may every act, word, thought be love.*

*O Love, how gracious is thy way!
All fear before thy presence flies;
care, anguish, sorrow melt away
where'er thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see,
nothing desire, or seek, but thee.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *Go, My Children, with My Blessing (v. 3)* 547

*“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you;
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.”*

Welcome Today’s Guest Preacher

Today, we welcome the Rev. William Roberts, an ordained minister in the PC(USA) since 2014, as our guest preacher. He has served congregations in Indiana, Virginia, Texas, and, most recently, Missouri. Rev. Roberts is the father of two children: his daughter, Sophie Roberts, and his son, Nathan, whom he lost during pregnancy. He enjoys science fiction, swing dancing, and listening to podcasts, and he is currently seeking a call.

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; **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** (recovering well at home 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 (deployed); **Hunter Barr**, nephew of David & Alicia Gutschow (Parris Island, SC); **Matí 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).