

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

August 09, 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 Creatures Of Our God and King* - Hobby

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Deidre Lenderking, Worship Leader
O give thanks to the Lord!

Sing to God! Tell of God's wonderful works!

Remember all the things God has done!

We glory in God's holy name!

Seek the Lord, our strength and refuge:

we come to be in God's presence.

*Hymn *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!* 41

*O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form;
and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.*

*The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power has founded of old;
established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.*

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Lord Jesus, we call upon you. Save us!

**We are intimidated by our circumstances,
distracted from your purposes, drowning in doubts and fears.**

**We are presumptuous about your will,
belittling others and magnifying ourselves.**

**We envy the blessings of others,
secretly despising their dreams.**

**We have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our siblings,
feeding ourselves in the face of injustice that holds them captive.**

**Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts,
lift us from sin and help us to walk with you
in faith, humility, and sibling love. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Our God sees all, knows all, forgives all,
and restores all through our Lord Jesus Christ.

No one who believes in him will be put to shame,
for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

*Response of Praise *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (v. 1 and refrain)

***Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.***

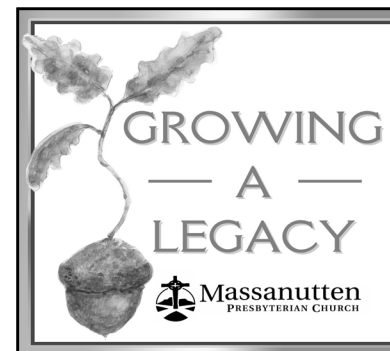
***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!***

*Sharing the Peace of Christ (*responsively*)

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

And also with you.

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The Oak Tree Capital Reserve Fund and Acorn Endowment Fund are the Legacy Programs at MPC. They aim to help our ministry grow today and in the future. Here are the fund balances as of the end of the second quarter (June 30th):

Acorn Endowment Fund: \$56,906

Oak Tree Capital Reserve Fund: \$128,567

If you have questions or would like to donate, please call the church office, visit massanuttenchurch.org, or speak to a Legacy Board member: **Barbara Palmer, Deb Thompson, Kath Wissinger, or Pastor Keith.**

Life at Massanutten

- ♦ **Our Adult Summer Sunday School Class meets each Sunday at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall through August 23.** Join us for meaningful learning, thoughtful discussion, and Christian fellowship. Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, all are welcome!
- ♦ We are very grateful for all of the musical talents offered in the summer services! Each made a significantly unique gift to the congregation. As we approach the beginning of a new program year, **we invite you to consider whether you would like to be part of one of the established music groups at the church.** There are several options in place (including singing, ringing bells, and playing recorder). We are always ready to incorporate additional gifts into the services. Please contact Director of Music Bob Jerome to discuss specific possibilities, ideas, or questions.
- ♦ **Important Safety Notice – Email Scam Alert:** We regret to report another fraudulent email impersonating Pastor Keith and other church members. These messages urge recipients to reply, either by inviting them to a dinner party or by claiming Pastor Keith has something urgent to discuss. Please do not respond to these emails or click any links they contain! Pastor Keith's official email address is kphillips@massanuttenchurch.org. If you receive a suspicious email or text message, verify it directly with the church before responding. And absolutely never share personal or financial information with anyone.

Safety Message: Do not unlock or prop open the exterior doors. A door monitor from your group should let people in and latecomers can use the door bell.

This Week At MPC Sunday, August 9 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (FH) 10:30 am Worship 3:00 pm PNC Meeting (L) Monday, August 10 10:00 am Food Pantry 5:30 pm Admin. Commission (L) Tuesday, August 11 4:30 pm Comm. Task Force (L) Wednesday, August 12 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (SS)* 12:00 pm "LOL" Lunch Grp (GA) *MPG will meet at the Highlands at Sunnyside on Aug. 12th	Thursday, August 13 7:00 pm Food Pantry Friday, August 14 <i>Church Office Closed</i> 6:30 pm Dance Group (FH) Saturday, August 15 <i>Church Office Closed</i> Sunday, August 16 9:00 am Summer Adult Sunday School Class (FH) 10:30 am Worship Session Meeting after Worship (FH) 12:00 pm Recorder Rehearsal (200) 3:00 pm PNC Meeting (L)
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Serving August 9 Door Monitor: Nathan Enslen Greeters: Ric & JoAnn Leobold Ushers & Water Pourers: Mike & Ka Guinn Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Emily Burkholder <i>The children and youth programs will resume in the fall. We hope you enjoy your summer!</i>	Serving August 16 Door Monitor: Harvey Mast Greeters: Tom & Gina Holden Ushers & Water Pourers: Marc & Nancy Davis Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Katie Gray <i>The children and youth programs will resume in the fall. We hope you enjoy your summer!</i>
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 Mark Your Calendars for these Special Dates! 	
Wed., 8/19 Choir rehearsals resume	Sun., 9/13 Adult Sunday School resumes
Sun., 8/23 Blessing of the Backpacks in worship Last day of Summer Adult Sunday School	Annual Picnic after worship
Sun., 9/6 Sunday Morning Mingle resumes Choir returns to worship	Wed., 9/16 Third Wednesday Dinners resume Sun., 9/20 Children & Youth programming resumes

We Gather around God's Word		
*Sung Prayer for Illumination	<i>Be Thou My Vision (v. 1)</i>	450
<i>Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.</i>		
Time with the Children		Jean Kilby
Special Music	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i> Men's Chorus	- Williams
Scripture		Matthew 14:22-33
Sermon		Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word	
*Affirmation of Faith (<i>unison</i>)	From <i>A Brief Statement of Faith</i>
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.	
In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.	
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.	
Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and in ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.	
We deserve God's condemnation.	
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.	
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.	
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.	
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.	
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.	

Invitation to Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (v. 5) 610

*To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.*

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and The 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

*Sending Hymn *Great God of Every Blessing* 694

*Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

*Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

*Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* (v. 3) 546

*Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.*

Congregational Concerns

We Pray for Our Church Family...

Patricia Armstrong (treatment for GIST tumor), **Don Enslen** (cancer), **Bettye Davis** (treatment for cancer), **Adele Durost** (treatment for cancer), **Bill Painter**.

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; **Doug Joyner** (great uncle, cancer and Alzheimer’s Disease), **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; **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; **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 Aycok** (Prayer for teaching and travel at Zomba Theological University in Malawi, Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, June 6 - August 10); **Karol Scarce** (multiple myeloma), friend of Sharon Posey; **John Black** (philanthropic work in the Philippines); **Holly Veenis** requests prayer for a family member who was recently hospitalized for mental health recovery.

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 DeGaîne**, 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); **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).