

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)
Pam French (CL)	Bill Marlowe (CL)	Sarah Rimer (ND)
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

Elder Commissions

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

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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
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 16, 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

Here I Am, Lord

- Carter

**Call to Worship (responsive, adapted from Psalm 100)*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness;

come into the Lord's presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God - the One who made us and to whom we belong.

We are God's people and sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the Lord's gates with thanksgiving and courts with praise.

Give thanks to the Lord and bless the Lord's name.

For the Lord is good

and is the One whose steadfast love endures forever

and whose faithfulness is shown to all generations.

**Hymn*

God Is Calling through the Whisper

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***God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs,
through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder:
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?***

***God is calling through the voices of our neighbors' urgent prayers,
through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.
Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?***

*God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,
through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.
Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:
God is calling—and we hear! God is calling—and we hear!*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

*Response of Praise

We Are Forgiven

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***We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.***

*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
for Illumination

Open My Eyes, That I May See (v. 1)

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***Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!***



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

- ♦ **Presbyterian Women Annual Potluck Kickoff:** All women are warmly invited to join us for the Presbyterian Women Annual Potluck Kickoff on Monday, August 31, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a favorite dish to share as we begin another year of fellowship, faith, and service together. Come enjoy a delicious meal, reconnect with friends, welcome new faces, and learn more about opportunities to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, support the church's mission, work for justice and peace, and strengthen our caring community. Whether you have been involved with Presbyterian Women for many years or would simply like to learn more, **we would love to have you join us!**
- ♦ **Next Sunday, August 23,** we will celebrate **the Blessing of the Backpacks** during worship. Students, teachers, school staff, and educators of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks, school bags, or work bags so we can ask God's blessing upon them and the new school year. **The Blessing of the Backpacks** is a meaningful, faith-filled way for our congregation to surround students and educators with prayer and send them into the year ahead with God's love, guidance, and presence in their hearts and hands.

This Week At MPC Sunday, August 16 9:00 am Last Summer Adult Sunday School Class (FH) 10:30 am Worship Session Meeting after Worship (FH) 3:00 pm PNC Meeting (L) Monday, August 17 Tuesday, August 18 Wednesday, August 19 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (FH) 12:00 pm "LOL" Lunch Grp (GA) 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (200)	Thursday, August 20 Friday, August 21 <i>Church Office Closed</i> Saturday, August 22 <i>Church Office Closed</i> Sunday, August 23 10:30 am Worship - <i>Blessing of the Backpacks during worship</i> 1:00 pm Recorder Rehearsals (200) 3:00 pm PNC Meeting (L)
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Serving August 16 Door Monitor: Harvey Mast Greeters: Tom and Gina Holden Ushers & Water Pourers: Marc and Nancy Davis Nursery: Katie Rodgers and Katie Gray <i>The children and youth programs will resume on September 20th.</i> <i>We hope you have enjoyed your summer!</i>	Serving August 23 Door Monitor: Phyllis Hamilton Greeters: Bill and Kathy Marlowe Ushers & Water Pourers: Sally Brown and Jody Humphreys Nursery: Katie Rodgers and TBD <i>The children and youth programs will resume on September 20th.</i> <i>We hope you have enjoyed your summer!</i>
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 <u>Mark Your Calendars for these Special Dates!</u> 	
Wed., 8/19 Choir rehearsals resume	Wed., 9/16 Third Wednesday Dinners resume
Sun., 8/23 Blessing of the Backpacks in worship Choir returns to worship	Sun., 9/20 Children & Youth programming resumes
Sun., 9/6 Sunday Morning Mingle resumes	
Sun., 9/13 Adult Sunday School resumes Annual Picnic after worship	

Time with the Children	Pastor Keith Phillips
Special Music	<i>How Deep the Father's Love For Us</i> - Townend/Shackley Kathy Frakes, soloist
Scripture	Exodus 2:1-10, Numbers 12:1-16
Sermon	Waited, and Waiting Elder Cherokee Adams

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	<i>Now Thank We All Our God (v. 1)</i> 643

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

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 You Shall Go Out with Joy 80

*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there’ll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.*

*And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response You Shall Go Out with Joy 80

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while you go out with joy.*

IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CORRECTION

The final meeting of our Adult Summer Sunday School Class was this Sunday, August 16, at 9:00 a.m. There will be NO Sunday School classes on August 23, August 30, or September 6.

Adult Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, September 13th!

We apologize for the incorrect date in previous announcements.

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), Adele Durost (receiving treatment for cancer), Bill Painter, Deborah Roberts (back and shoulder injuries).

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; 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 Extend Sympathy to ...
The family of Floyd Wall, who died on Aug. 5th. A service will take place at VMRC on Friday, September 11th, at 2:00 p.m.

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); 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).