

# Massanutten Ministry Link

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## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Sept—May)  
9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 a.m.

**April 21, 2011**

*Maundy Thursday*

**Sermon Text**

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**April 22, 2011**

*Good Friday*

**Sermon Text**

Christ's Passion

**April 24, 2011**

*Easter Sunday*

**Sermon Text**

Matthew 28:1-10

**May 1, 2011**

*Second Sunday in Eastertide*

**Sermon Text**

John 20:19-31

**May 8, 2011**

*Third Sunday in Eastertide*

**Sermon Text**

Luke 24:13-35

**May 15, 2011**

*Fourth Sunday in Eastertide*

**Sermon Text**

Acts 2:42-47 and/or Psalm 23

**May 22, 2011**

*Fifth Sunday in Eastertide*

**Sermon Text**

Revelation 7:9-17

## On Easter and Resurrection...

This Sunday, the church will shout our "alleluias" in response to the good news that Christ is risen. We will bear witness to God's power to bring life out of death and listen with joy to the angel's message from the empty tomb. We'll rejoice at how the stone that blocked the way suddenly becomes a resurrection pulpit from which the good news is shared.

But when we talk about the resurrection, we are not simply taking time to consider an empty tomb, but rather to encounter the Risen Christ. It's clear from our own experience that the empty tomb is not enough to generate a belief in the resurrection of Jesus. In other words, we don't say, "I believe that Christ is risen because the tomb was empty," but rather, "I believe the tomb was empty because I have seen the risen Christ." It is the continuing witness of believers who testify that they have "seen the Lord" in their own experience that compels the church to keep watching for the places where the risen One draws near and to then give witness to those encounters by the shape of our lives.

This is extremely important for the church to remember. We will not enter the sanctuary on Easter morning to hear a sermon that *proves* the resurrection by the sheer power of our logic. On the contrary, our proclamation about Easter begins with the vision that the Risen Christ is present and at work in the world and that people everywhere experience the power of this living Christ and feel Christ's claim upon their lives.

Walter Brueggemann closes an Easter prayer with a powerful call to the God of new life: "You defeater of death, whose power could not hold you, come in your Easter, come in your sweeping victory, come in your glorious new life. Easter us, salve wounds, break injustice, bring peace, guarantee neighbor, Easter us in joy and strength."

May it be so for us.

I look forward to sharing in the presence of the risen Christ with you in worship this Sunday,

With hope and joy,  
Pastor John



**Massanutten**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*"At the crossroads of real life and abundant grace,  
where God's children are...  
meeting Christ in each other,  
praying earnestly,  
listening carefully,  
singing joyfully,  
and joining boldly  
with the Spirit's work in the world."*

## Holy Week Events at MPC

- **Thursday, April 21, 6:00 p.m.**    **Maundy Thursday Meal and Service**
- **Friday, April 22, 7:00 p.m.**    **Good Friday Service**
- **Sunday, April 24**    **Easter Sunday**
  - Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
  - Egg Hunt 9:45 a.m.
  - Worship 10:30 a.m.
- **Sunday, May 1, 6:30 p.m.**    **Concluding Gathering and Celebration for our Church-wide Lenten Discussion**



Follow our conversation on facebook!

### Flowering of the Cross

Please bring fresh cut flowers from your yard or garden to decorate the cross on **Easter morning**.

### 4 cents per meal: May 1...

We will receive the monthly 4 cents per meal hunger offering during Worship on **May 1**.

### The Massanutten Presbyterian Preschool

Children will sing at worship on Sunday, **May 1**.

### Honoring our graduates...

The Presbyterian Women will recognize and honor our high school graduates on **Sunday, May 22** during the worship service. Please join us after worship for a reception honoring these graduates and enjoy hearing about their plans for the future. See more information about our graduates on page 5.

### Extravagant Generosity.!

What could be more extravagant than a literal gift of oneself? MPC is hosting a Blood Drive on **Thursday, April 28** from 2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Give the gift of life. Please stop by the Blood Drive table in the narthex to sign up for a time slot or contact Shawn Green at 289-5735.

### One Great Hour of Sharing...

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on **Easter Sunday**.

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with other Christians to share God's love through the One Great Hour of Sharing.

Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

### Prime Timers...

Are you 50+ and looking for a great group of people to have lunch with once a month? Then we have the group for you! Join the Prime Timers for lunch at Golden Corral the first Tuesday of each month at 12:30 pm. There will be plenty of good food, fellowship and fun. Bring a friend and join others of your church family on **Tuesday, May 2**. For more information contact the church office at 434-6194.



Our first class of Stephen Ministers will be commissioned during the Worship Service on **May 15**. Please keep our trainees and leaders in your prayers as we complete our training.

*Journey in Faith*  
*Term 6 Sunday Morning*  
*Adult Electives for April 10 – May 22*

**Doing Discipleship: A Study of I John** – Collier Harvey leads this class as it looks at The First Letter of John, including its relationship to the other Johannine Letters and to the Gospel of John. This class will meet in room 117.

**Giving Thanks through Literature: The Writings of Wendell Berry** - John Irvine and Ann Pettit co-lead this class as it looks at some of the writing of Wendell Berry. This class explores some of the recurring themes of life and faith in Berry's poetry, as well as in his novel, *Jayber Crow*. Class participants will read the novel, and we have ordered several copies. If you would like to pick up a book, contact the church office. A suggested donation of \$13.00 will help defray the cost of the books. This class will meet in room 114.

**Covenant Class** is an on-going Sunday school class that meets in room 119. This class, which enjoys fellowship as well as study, is led by a team of teachers.

## The next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Shenandoah

will be Tuesday **May 10** at Charles Town Presbyterian Church in Charles Town, West Virginia. The meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.

## Presentation of Bibles to MPC 2nd Graders—June 5 during Worship

Each year Family Ministry presents a Bible to each 2nd grader who attends Massanutten Presbyterian Church. This year we will make the presentations during the worship service on Sunday, June 5. If you have a 2nd grade child, please contact the church office giving us his or her full name and letting us know if your family will be present that morning. You can contact the church office by phone, 434-6194 or email [kleecy@massanuttenchurch.org](mailto:kleecy@massanuttenchurch.org) or [nruh@massanuttenchurch.org](mailto:nruh@massanuttenchurch.org). **Please make sure we have your child's information by May 15!**



**Vacation Bible School**  
**Dates:** July 24—28  
**Time:** 6:00—8:15 p.m.

## Radical Hospitality...

An opportunity coming from Open Door Ministry in May  
**Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.** *Matthew 22:9*

**What is Radical Hospitality?** Our Lenten series book describes *radical* as that which is drastically different from normal and goes the second mile. The Open Door ministry has an upcoming May project to help you invite others to come and feel welcome at Massanutten Presbyterian. The project aligns well with our Lenten series theme of *Radical Hospitality*. We want **you** to invite others to our celebration of God's love each Sunday and we want to welcome our guests by name.

We are preparing small white bags [with handles] to hold confetti, a half-dozen homemade cookies and our new church brochure. On the outside of the bag will be an eye-catching invitation being designed by Kath Wissinger. The children will decorate the other side of the bag during Children's Church, using images describing a party as suggested during Pastor Ann's children's sermon on radical hospitality. The bags will be ready for pick-up in the Gathering Area and Narthex following worship service on May 15.

### Here is your part:

- Give the bag to a friend, family member, neighbor, or co-worker. It even has a handle so that you can hang it on a door knob.
- Invite that individual to come to any Sunday worship or to some other aspect of this church's life. Express that all are welcome and what joy we would feel upon their coming!
- Pray that God will prepare your friend's heart to be open to the invitation.

Watch the door with expectation! When your friend arrives, welcome them by name, as Pastor Ann said in the children's sermon about the making of a good party! Be ready to sit with them and introduce them to our pastors and other members.

Pastor John's sermon on *Radical Hospitality* was entitled, "No One Is a Stranger Here". God is calling us to make sure this is true.

*Cookie bakers needed: If you can provide a couple dozen homemade cookies for the project, please contact Lin Harmon or Patricia Copper. Cookies will need to be brought to the church on **Saturday, May 14.***

## Ministry Link Notes....

The next Ministry Link submission deadline is **Wednesday, May 4, 2011** at 3:00 pm. The next issue will distribute on **May 19, 2011.**

## **Getting To Know You** **A Few Moments with our New Members – the Clevengers**

As children we all learn the rhyme, “This is the church, this is the steeple. Open the doors and there’s all the people.” Erin Clevenger might add the words “parking lot” to this rhyme, since what happened in ours encouraged her family to join MPC.

Massanutten residents Erin, husband David and sons Ryan (2) and Silas (10 months) had been searching for a church home when Erin’s sister introduced her to MPC. There were several times when just Erin and the kids attended worship. “I was constantly dropping stuff in the parking lot and people were constantly picking up the stuff I dropped, helping me into the building, making me feel welcomed and comfortable,” she said. “People at other churches didn’t do that.”

Erin was born in Ohio and moved with her family to the Valley when she was a teenager. She graduated from Spotswood High School followed by Blue Ridge Community College. David grew up in the Stephens City area and graduated from JMU. The couple met eight years ago at Massanutten Resort, where they are still employed. David is a human resources manager and Erin is a marketing manager. These days their primary hobby is their children, but “pre-kids” they enjoyed outdoor activities like hiking, snowboarding, canoeing, and fishing. They both like to read and David has a special interest in business and finance.

While David grew up Methodist, Erin’s faith journey didn’t begin until after Ryan was born. “Pregnancy and having a little one changes you,” she said. About that time, a friend turned her onto Christian rock bands such as Seventh Day Slumber and Creed, which also inspired her. She began searching for a church home for her young family and once she was able to change her work schedule, she began to attend more consistently. Growing up, David’s church experience left him feeling overcommitted. “He was a little reluctant to join a church at first,” said Erin, “but he has changed too and become willing to explore it.” The Clevengers joined in March.

Erin and her family enjoy our well-spoken pastors and are looking forward to learning more about Massanutten Preschool. They are also grateful for the “radical hospitality” that has kept them coming back week after week. We are grateful they joined us and pleased to welcome them into our church family.



David and Erin Clevenger,  
with Ryan and Silas

### **Other new members joining in March:**

Stacey Washington and her children Ryan, Lydia and Emily.

Lou Gardner

*Welcome all!*

Look for articles about Stacey’s family and Lou in the months to come.

### **YARD SALE / BAKE SALE / CAR WASH / CHICKEN BARBEQUE**

**Saturday, May 14 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon**

Contact the following folks for info or how to help:

- Chicken (\$3 per half): Alana Miller/Diana Sharp
- Rent a table/space at the yard sale...To be determined
- Donate to the Bake Sale: Cereta Newkirk
- Car Wash info: Lewis Burkholder/Patti Hobbie

ALL proceeds from this event go toward costs of our youth summer mission trips

- High School, June 19 - 24...
- Middle School, June 26 - July 1

in Atlanta working with DOOR Ministries in an effort to “see the face of God” in some of the most unlikely places!



### **It's Picture Time!**

A New Pictorial Directory is in the Making  
Sign up online now to have your photo portrait taken for the new Church Pictorial Directory.

**Now scheduling appointments for May 17-21**

Go to [www.massanuttenchurch.org](http://www.massanuttenchurch.org) for a link to sign up online.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Leecy in the church office (434-6194).

## 2011 High School Graduates:

**Rachel Atkins:** daughter of Randy and Laura Atkins

- High School: Spotswood High School
- Rachel will be attending Virginia Tech.
- Hobbies and interests: Shooting, photography, art, Boston Red Sox, reading
- Church Activities: Spectrum Handbell Choir; Mission Trips, Disciples Bible Study, Youth group, WOW youth

**Tucker Hobbie:** son of Bo and Patti Hobbie (Spotswood High School)

- High School: Spotswood High School
- Tucker plans to attend college in the Fall.
- Hobbies and interests: guitar and track.
- Church Activities: Youth group, WOW youth, Youth mission trips, usher, Massanutten Cares

**Jeremy Long:** son of Tim and Cristy Long

- High School: Spotswood High School
- Jeremy will be attending Blue Ridge Community College.
- Hobbies and interests: football, baseball, hunting and fishing.
- Church activities: Massanutten Cares, assists the property ministry with snow removal and helps set up and take down the Chrismon tree.

**Josh McFall:** son of Diane Stritzinger

- High School: Spotswood High School
- Josh will attend the LeCordon Bleu Institute for Culinary Arts in Orlando, FL. Earlier this year he won the institute's "Newcomer Pastry" Contest.
- Hobbie and interests: Skateboarding, TSA, Video Games
- Church activities: WOW Youth, Massanutten Cares, Youth Sunday, usher

**Austin Reed:** son of Robin and Diann Reed

- High School: Spotswood High School
- Austin will be attending Virginia Tech, with plans to become a doctor of some sort.
- Hobbies and interests: swimming, watching movies, and hanging out with friends.
- Church activities: Mission trips (Baja, Mexico and Ashville, NC), Spectrum Handbell Choir, Youth group, WOW youth

**Ryan Stees:** son of Kevin and Rhonda Stees

- High School: Harrisonburg High School
- Ryan has narrowed down his college choices to the Indiana University or James Madison University. He plans to teach math at the college level and to continue to compose music.
- Hobbies and interests: Music, he plays with the Marching Band and Symphonic Band, loves to compose and arrange music; member of Boy Scout Troop 42.
- Church Activities: Sunday School, Youth group, Youth mission trips.

Note of interest: Rachel, Jeremy, Austin and Ryan graduated from Massanutten Preschool in 1998.

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## TIME OUT FOR SCHOOL!



**The end is drawing near, but the enthusiasm is still going full-force!**

**Our 82 children and 7 teachers are singing, dancing, reading, writing, and exploring about spring.**

**We want to thank all of the MPC family for the support you have given the preschool this year.**

**Your financial gifts, your presence at our Spring Fling dinner, auction, and program were truly a blessing to us.**

## Wednesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast

### Join us!

Since November 1994 a group of men have met on Wednesday mornings from 6:30-8:00 (if you have to leave early that is okay) at the church for breakfast, devotions, prayer and fellowship. Members of the group have the opportunity to prepare breakfast with our cooking assistants.

The primary purpose of the Men's group is prayer. We pray for members of our church family, members of our prayer group, members of other congregations, friends, neighbors, co-workers, the community and the world. Prayer requests may originate from within the group, the church office, other churches and various other sources. Every week we sign and mail cards to each person for whom we pray. These include cards of encouragement, get well and sympathy. Three of our members have attended since 1994 and last week we had a new member join us. Our informal group enjoys 90 minutes together each Wednesday and I know that each participant feels a blessing from our association.

This prayer group is open to all the men of MPC and our church community. Some of our group members pray silently while other members pray aloud during our time of prayer. God hears our prayers either way.

If you would like to join us, feel free to speak to a prayer group member or just show up hungry at the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. Our members include Rich Armstrong, Thaine Billingsly, John Brown, Ed Comer, George Cross, Dick Forbes, Bill Frazier, Larry French, John Garrison, Harry Hall, Fred Holbrook, John Irvine, Army Leggett, Richard McCann, E.J. Morris, Middy Raynal, Dave Reser, Don Runzo and Les West.

### We would love to have you join us!

If anyone has a prayer request, please contact the church office at 434-6194 or email Karen at [kleecy@massanuttenchurch.org](mailto:kleecy@massanuttenchurch.org). You may also speak to a member of the Men's Prayer Group.

We encourage everyone, both men and women, to pray for our Wednesday Morning Men's Prayer Group as we continue to provide a Christian Prayer Ministry to the Glory of God.

Larry French

## RockFish:

### Music Festival at Camp Paddy Run – May 14

RockFish is a music event beginning at 12 noon on May 14, which includes rock bands, one person acoustic performances and other groups. During breaks there will be games and recreation for all ages. These will also be a meal break and evening worship. Concessions: hotdogs, hamburgers, s'mores, etc. for purchase. Admission is \$1 on the Camp Paddy Run website [www.CampPaddyRun.org/RockFish](http://www.CampPaddyRun.org/RockFish) or \$5 on day of event.

## Time for Softball...

It is time to sign up for **MPC's co-ed softball team**. All games are played at Weyers Cave Ruritan Park and the season begins the first week of May. For more information or to sign up contact Kyle Long at 269-4100 or [baseball4life@aol.com](mailto:baseball4life@aol.com). Come out and join in the fun and fellowship!

## Club 56~ for all 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders at MPC!

### Our Final Hooray!

**Saturday, May 7, 9:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.**

We will be working on a community project for Rebuilding Together (a non-profit in Harrisonburg). The project includes scraping/sanding and re-painting a shed where necessary tools, etc. are stored for the work that is done in the Harrisonburg-Rockingham community. We will meet at the church at 9:30 a.m., spending 2 hours (from 10am -12 noon) working on the shed and then we're off to CiCi's for pizza. We would return to the church around 1:45 p.m. Community service and fun all wrapped into one! We need a number of parent volunteers to accompany us. Contact Ellen Harrison or Nancy Ruh for more information or to volunteer to help!

## PDA Relief Efforts in Japan...

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding to needs from the 8.9 magnitude earthquake that struck Japan and the ensuing tsunamis across the Pacific rim. One Great Hour of Sharing gifts are used by PDA for immediate assistance in such natural disasters. Ongoing support is funded through additional gifts to PDA for specific disasters. Gifts can be made to PDA through Massanutten Church. Please include the special designated giving account DR000117 – Japan Earthquake and Tsunami on your check.

## Recycling for MPC Ministries...

Since early 2010, MPC Ministries have been making an effort to recycle trash generated as a result of their work. A wooden shed has been constructed to store the recycling between pick-up days. If you are serving on a ministry or working on a project for the congregation's larger ministry, please take the time to become familiar with our recycling practices. Green Earth also provides recycling pick-up for private residences, should you be interested in recycling at home.

## Announcing a Retreat for All Adults!

It is with great joy that we announce the formation of a one day retreat sponsored jointly by the James and Shenandoah Presbyteries for the adults in our churches and communities. This will be a time to gather for renewing friendships, spiritual growth, creative activities, singing, worship and fellowship over a shared meal.

**What:** 2011 Adult Retreat,  
**When:** **Thursday, May 5, 2011** 9:00am-3:00pm  
**Where:** Massanetta Springs Conference Center,  
Harrisonburg, VA

**Theme:** *"Songs of the Faithful Heart: The Psalms Speak to All God's People"*

Cost for the full retreat, including lunch, is \$15.00. Registration & flyer are online at: <http://www.shenpres.org/conferences.html>, on the Deacon's table in the narthex or call the church office. Share the good news! Deadline to register: April 28

**Questions?** Please contact:  
Marcia Juarequizar: [associate@opequonchurch.com](mailto:associate@opequonchurch.com)  
Skip Hastings: [skipunionpsee@hotmail.com](mailto:skipunionpsee@hotmail.com)

**Weekday Religious Education** is collecting old cell phones. Leave your phone(s) in the "Cell Phone" box in the narthex by the Deacon's table by April 28.

## Presbyterian Women's Summer Gathering...

Massanetta Spring Conference Center, June 9-12. Introducing the 2011-2012 Horizons Bible Study, "Confessing the Beatitudes", by Study Author and Featured Speaker: Rev. Margaret Aymer, Ph.D. A number of great workshops will be offered throughout Friday and Saturday. Registration forms are in the PW cabinet in the Narthex. Register early and take advantage of the \$20.00 discount.

## The MPC Continuing Small Group ...

which meets at Sunnyside will resume meeting on Monday, May 2. This study series will be Favorite Bible Passages. The group will meet the first and third Mondays of each month at 1:30 p.m. New members are welcome. You do not have to be a Sunnyside resident to attend. If interested in joining, please call Ginny Biggs at 437-8807.

## Food Pantry Needs...

Special items needed: disposable diapers (all sizes), feminine hygiene products and laundry detergent. Your generosity is much appreciated!

## School Supply Book Sale...

Our annual School Supply Book Sale will be held in conjunction with the annual Megafundraiser on **Saturday, May 14 from 8:00 am 'til 12 noon**. So, come out on May 14 and support the fundraiser for youth missions and come by the Fellowship Hall to find the perfect book(s) for you and your book-loving friends. As always, donations will be used to buy school supplies for our Food Pantry children. Do you have children's books, novels, biographies, autobiographies, or craft books to donate for the sale? If so, leave them on the stage in the Fellowship Hall May 8 or call Jan Liskey at 269-2663 for pick up.

## The Tabitha Fund ..

- a congregational care financial resource - provides assistance to members of our church family in difficult times. This assistance, which is provided through a confidential process, can be accessed by contacting Pastor John or Pastor Ann. Gifts to the fund can be made at any time; please note "Tabitha Fund" on your check when offering such gifts.

## May Birthdays / Anniversaries

- 1
- 2
- 3 Abby Stapleton
- 4 Joshua Hylton
- 5 Robert Underwod
- 6 Dale Dobroth
- 7 Phyllis Jones *Anniversary*: Randy and Becky Hylton
- 8 Reece Wayland, Elizabeth Walker, Andrew Landes
- 9 Zoe Speakman, John Myers IV
- 10 Linda Green, Josh Jones
- 11 Shawn Green
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- 13 Mike Michael, Timothy Tran
- 14 *Anniversary*: Mike and Mary Morris
- 15 *Anniversaries*: Dale and Dorothy Dobroth; Bob and Doris Jerome
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- 17 John Watlington, Don Krech, Kevin Caldwell, Zachary Allen
- 18 Collin Dutt *Anniversary*: Kevin and Melissa Caldwell
- 19 Patricia Copper, Sally Sutherland *Anniversary*: Jim and Vaniene Delucas
- 20 Ann Oldman, Sharon Lam *Anniversary*: Matt and Kelly Richardson
- 21 Matthew Atkins *Anniversary*: Ron and Sherry Matthews
- 22 Mary Elizabeth Thompson
- 23 Nancy Davis *Anniversaries*: Charles and Phyllis Jones; Bob and Doris Field; Paul and Mary Walters
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- 25 Kelsi Diehl *Anniversary*: Curt and Diane Schwalbach
- 26 Don Wilkinson, Chris Gregory, Doug Bryant
- 27 Doug Sensabaugh
- 28 Carol Miller, Jared Dutt
- 29 Sally Brown, Jordan Maddra
- 30 Richard Young, Jean Fifer, Roger Monger  
*Anniversary*: Jack and Nancy Heintzleman
- 31 John Irvine, Jacob Burkholder

## Thank you...

### Massanutten Cares...

Despite its best effort, the weather *did not* dampen the spirits of those who gathered on Saturday, April 9 for Massanutten's Second Annual **Massanutten Cares**. After gathering for fellowship and worship in which we were invited to see Jesus in the places we were heading, we departed to offer ourselves in service. Some stayed at the church counting and sorting shoes or making wreaths for residents of a local assisted living facility. Others, dressed for outdoor work, spent time in yards, streams and shed, raking, cleaning and clearing. Still others offered music, shared bread and soup, painted, hammered, sorted clothing among other things, all the while joining in the places God was already at work. Jesus was seen all over as we offered ourselves in His service!

Many thanks to all for the many ways in which you participated in Massanutten Cares – on Saturday, April 9 - but also in the days of preparation before and the ongoing plans for the completion of projects ahead.

### Church-Wide Workday ...

**Come one, come all!** The Property Ministry is holding a workday at the church on Saturday, **April 30** beginning at **8:00 a.m.** Bring your lawn and garden tools and plan to help spruce up the church grounds.

MPC Friends,

As I was going through the 2010 calendar which hung in Mom's room at White Birch it was a real comfort to read the names of those who made visits to Rose. Special gratitude is extended to Patricia Copper, Linda Myers, Ann Pettit and others from Massanutten who made visits, brought communion, etc. Your many kindnesses expressed in Christian love will never be forgotten.

God's richest blessings on each of you,  
Bill and Susan Pollard

Middy and I want to thank our church friends for your many calls, cards, flowers, prayers and other expressions of support and encouragement during Middy's recent hospitalization and illness. Special thanks to Ann Pettit and John Leggett for the recordings of the Sunday services, communion and flowers.

Please continue to pray for Middy as he undergoes radiation and chemotherapy.  
Gratefully, Florence Raynal

### The Youth Give Thanks...

Our middle and high school youth, parents and leaders thank you for gathering on Shrove Tuesday for pancakes and games. Your generosity through this evening of fellowship added approximately \$850.00 to their fundraising efforts for mission trips to Atlanta this summer.

Special thanks goes out to the Fellowship Ministry and the "Pancake Team" from the Men's Prayer Breakfast for their help with the meal.

## Congregational Care

### *Members of Our Church Family...*

Bill Jackson, Middy Raynal, Jim DeLucas, E.J. Morris, Nell Dove, Tom Biggs, Christopher Sutherland, Scott Veenis

### *Friends of Our Church Family...*

**Don Grimes**, friend of our church family; **Tony Lopacinski**, son-in-law of Ellen Blose; **Laurie Barshay**, daughter-in-law of John and Nancy Lu Irvine; **John Bjorkgren**, husband of Amy Bjorkgren; **Elizabeth Atkins**, mother of Sharon Lam and Mary Morris; **Ryan Tarman** (grandson) and **Jim Templeman** (brother), family of Martha Floyd; **Bob Wells**, father of Laura Holbrook; **Jonathan Taylor**, grandson of Edward and Darla Daggit; **Kim Hejna**, family of Jim and Juli Colville; **Ernie and Ginger Brown**, brother and sister-in-law of Irene Hartman; **Phyllis Campbell**, cousin of Alana Miller; **Tanya Zelem**, sister of Rhonda Stees; **Mike Naff**, friend of David and Kim Showalter; **Judy Raynes**, mother of Jessica Preston and Annette Dofflemyer; **Jim Stobe**, friend of Dave and Jan Reser; **Amanda May**, friend of Cristy Long; **Grover Harper and Anita Unroe**, friends of Kevin Caldwell; **Anthony and Norma Harlow**, brother and sister-in-law of Pat Armstrong; **Marcus Holland**, father of Marlan Holland; **Ed Kasch**, friend of Dale Dobroth; **Tony & Pam Iwaniki**, friends of Jeannie Sutherland; **Wesley Spillman**, brother of Earl Spillman and Jean Watlington; **Shirley Jones**, mother of Fleming Jones; **Andrea Lohr**, friend of our church family; **Carmen Taylor**, friend of Mary and Mike Morris; **Charles Tilson**, brother of Cathy Comer; **Polly Waggy**, grandmother of Suzanne Vance; **Tom**, friend of Dena Newkirk; **Victoria Vogel**, friend of Jenny Hansbrough; **David Lilly**, cousin of Anne Bradley; **Lucas Lynn Ramlow**, friend of our Food Pantry; **Ann Beard**, daughter-in-law of Jean Beard; **Margo Kons**, friend of Linda Green; **Jack Depoy**, friend of Nona Bowman; **Fred Cooper**, friend of Brandon Stees and his family; **Nick Ashby**, cousin of Chris Gregory; **Tina Boccok**, friend of Dena Newkirk; **Marc Anderson**, friend of Sally Meeth and Tom and Jan Leech; **Robert Carrier**, uncle of Allen Carrier; **Julie Burke**, friend of Army and Kitty Leggett; **Lois F. Derrick**, **Marlene Wheelbarger** and **Dennis Wingfield**, friends of Dee and Martha Floyd.

### *Mission Concerns...*

#### **Our Mission Partner in Central Asia**

**Ilubabor Bethel Synod (Ethiopia), particularly the Jimma zone;**

**Continuing mission and ministry presence in Vicente Guererro, Baja California, Mexico**

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance & response to Japan earthquake and tsunamis**

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance & response to Southern US spring storms**

**Massanutten Food Pantry**

### *We Extend Sympathy...*

**Polly and Jack Wysor** on the death of Polly's twin brother, Ernie Warinner

*Last updated: April 18, 2011*

## MPC Education Grants/Scholarships Available

Stewardship and Finance Ministry is now accepting applications for grants/scholarships to be awarded this fall. Any member of Massanutten who is a graduating high school senior and has been accepted by a two year or four year institute of higher education, or a person enrolling in a Presbyterian Seminary for a degree in the ministry or Christian education is eligible.

Grants/scholarships are determined on the basis of experiences, leadership, church and community activities. The amounts awarded will be determined by the funds available from the MPC Education Endowment. Applications are available from the church office. Please submit applications along with reference letters from two people and high school grade transcripts or a record of current college grades. Application deadline is May 31, 2011.

*We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, sex, or national origin, or physical handicap in the selection process.*

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**Greg Trobaugh, Treasurer**  
**Bob Jerome, Music Director**  
**Carol Lown, Organist**

**April 21**

6:00pm Maundy Thursday Service and Meal

**April 22**

7:00pm Good Friday Service

**April 23**

*Fellowship Hall and Kitchen in use*

**April 24 Easter**

*No Faith Village or Sunday School today*

9:00am Easter Breakfast

Easter Egg Hunt following breakfast

10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

**April 25**

*Easter Monday – Church Office Closed*

No Women's Prayer Lunch (Library)

7:00pm Massanutten Ringers Rehearsal

7:00pm Boy Scouts (119)

**April 26**

9:00am Yoga Class (GA)

**April 27**

6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (FH)

9:15am Crossroad Pealers Rehearsal

10:30am PW Coordinating Team (117)

11:30am Staff Lunch

1:00pm Stephen Leaders (Library)

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**April 28**

9:00am Yoga Class (GA)

11:15am MPC Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary)

2:30-7:00 pm MPC Blood Drive (FH)

7:00pm Food Pantry (119)

**April 29**

*Church Office Closed*

**April 30**

*Church Office Closed*

8:00am-1:00 pm Church Workday sponsored  
by the Property Ministry  
Girl Scout Banquet (FH)

6:00pm Recorders Rehearsal

**May 1**

9:00am Faith Village /Sunday School

10:00am Fellowship Time (FH)

10:30am Worship Service

11:30am Confirmation Class Lunch and  
Meeting (GA)

3:00-5:30pm Stephen Ministry Training (117)

4:00pm AdventuRing

5:00pm Officer examination/Dinner (FH)

6:30pm Concluding Gathering and Celebration  
of Cultivating Fruitfulness (Sanctuary)

**May 2**

11:00am Women's Prayer Lunch (Library)

12:30pm Prime Timers (Golden Corral)

1:00pm Staff Meeting (Library)

1:30pm Continuing Small Group Meeting

7:00pm Massanutten Ringers Rehearsal

7:00pm Boy Scouts (119)

**May 3**

9:00am Yoga Class (GA)

12:30pm Prime Timers Lunch (Golden Corral)

6:30pm Preschool Board Meeting

7:00pm Property Ministry (106)

**May 4**

6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (FH)

9:15am Crossroad Pealers Rehearsal

3:00pm May *Ministry Link* Deadline

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (CR)

7:00pm Sustainable Youth Ministry

**May 5**

9:00am Yoga Class

11:15am MPC Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary)

7:00pm Family Ministry (Library)

**May 6**

*Church Office Closed*

3:00pm-8:00pm FH in use / Cindy Grimes

**May 7**

*Church Office Closed*

9:00am-5:00pm GA in use / M. Morris

6:00pm Recorders Rehearsal

**May 8**

9:00am Faith Village/Sunday School

10:00am Fellowship Time (FH)

10:30am Worship

6:00pm Middle and High School Youth

**May 9**

10:00am Food Pantry (119)

10:00am Circle #2 (Highlands)

11:00am Women's Prayer Lunch (Library)

1:00pm Staff Meeting (Library)

4:00-6:00pm Recital Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

5:45pm Massanutten Ringers

7:00pm Sessional Ministries/Deacons Meeting

7:00pm Boy Scouts (119)

**May 10**

9:00am Yoga Class (GA)

9:30am Shenandoah Presbytery Meeting  
(Charles Town Presbyterian Church,  
Charles Town, WV)

10:00am Circle #3 (Sunnyside)

10:00am Shoshana Circle (Library)

1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)

7:00-9:00pm Recital / K. Wissinger (Sanctuary)

**May 11**

6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (FH)

9:15am Crossroad Pealers Rehearsal

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (CR)

7:00pm Sustainable Youth Ministry

**May 12**

9:00am Yoga Class (GA)

11:15am MPC Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary)

1:00pm Circle #4 (Sunnyside)

1:30pm Circle #1 (117)

6:00pm Communications Ministry (Music Off)

6:30-9:00pm Stephen Ministry Training (117)

7:00pm Adult CE Ministry (Library)

**May 13**

*Church Office Closed*

3:00-5:30 pm Girl Scouts (GA)

**May 14**

*Church Office Closed*

8:00am – 12 noon Youth Mega Fundraiser and  
School Supply Book Sale (Parking lot and FH)

2:30-5:00pm Brownies (GA)

6:00pm Recorders Rehearsal

**May 15**

9:00am Faith Village/Sunday School

10:00am Fellowship Time (FH)

10:30am Worship Service

5:30pm Confirmands/Families/Mentors

Dinner and Meeting with the Session

**May 16**

11:00am Women's Prayer Lunch (Library)

1:00pm Staff Meeting (Library)

1:30pm Continuing Small Group

7:00pm Massanutten Ringers Rehearsal

7:00pm Mission Outreach (Library)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (119)

**May 17**

**Classrooms 117& 119 in use through May 21**

9:00am Yoga Class (GA)

7:00pm Congregational Care (Library)

**May 18**

6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (FH)

8:15am *Ministry Link* Volunteers (Library)

9:15am Crossroad Pealers Rehearsal

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (CR)

7:00pm Sustainable Youth Ministry

**May 19**

9:00am Yoga Class (GA)

11:15am MPC Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary)

11:30am MPC Clergy Lunch (Highlands)

3:00-9:00pm LLI Picnic (Picnic Shelter/FH)