

# 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.

**December 19, 2010**

*Fourth Sunday in Advent*

**Sermon Text**

Lessons and Carols

**December 24, 2010**

*Christmas Eve*

**Sermon Text**

Luke 2: 1-20

**December 26, 2010**

*First Sunday in Christmastide*

**Sermon Text**

Isaiah 63:7-9

**January 2, 2011**

*Second Sunday in Christmastide*

**Sermon Text**

Children's Pageant

**January 9, 2011**

*Baptism of the Lord*

**Sermon Text**

Matthew 3:13-17

**January 16, 2011**

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Sermon Text**

John 1:29-42

## *Come and Celebrate the Season...*



### Christmas Dinner and Sounds of the Season Sunday, December 19th

5:30 p.m. - Christmas dinner hosted by the Fellowship Ministry (chicken, rice, and vegetables).  
*Please bring a dessert to share.*

6:30 p.m. - *Sounds of the Season* - a program of Advent and Christmas musical offering following the meal.

### Christmas Eve Worship Friday, December 24th

4:30 p.m. - Family Christmas Eve Service

7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service

Childcare will be provided for both services

### Children/Youth Christmas Pageant- Sunday, January 2, 2011 during Worship



**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."*

## News and Events

### Sounds of the Season...

**December 19** at 6:30 pm

Don't forget the annual Christmas program at church this Sunday evening right after the Christmas dinner! Most of the church's standing groups and several individuals will be performing in this annual celebration of the rich musical sounds of Christmas. There will be bells, choruses, soloists and a chance to join in the celebration.

**As a reminder for participants: please be sure you know your call time, as the warm-up schedule is quite tight!**

### Communion on Christmas Eve...

**Servers:** Barbara Palmer, Doug Sensabaugh, Tim Long, Patti Hobbie, Wendy Stapleton, Dale Dobroth, Patricia Copper, Dietrich Maune, Mary Morris and Fleming Jones.

**Stewards:** Collin and Jared Dutt, Sterling and Tyler Dean, Andrew Caldwell.

### Faith Village Offering Reminder...

#### Heifer Project

Children (and parents)...Don't forget your offering on Sunday mornings! We have \$193.00 so far! We are on our way to that \$500 heifer (or a combination of several different animals). We are still collecting a weekly offering. Thanks for your help!

### Winter Clothing for Children ....

The McGaheysville Clothes Closet is in need of gently worn winter clothing and coats for children. A special need for clothing for girls ages 4-7 exists. Any contributions may be left in the Fellowship hall in the area marked "Children's Clothing."



### 4 cents per meal: January 2nd...

We will receive the monthly 4 cents per meal hunger offering during Worship on **January 2nd**.

### Children's Christmas Pageant ...-

The Backward Christmas Pageant will be Sunday, **January 2, 2010** during the morning worship service.

### Prime Timers...

The Prime Timers (anyone 50 and over) will meet at the Golden Corral for their monthly lunch on **Tuesday, January 4** at 12:30 pm. Join them for a time of fellowship, fun and good food. For more information contact the church office. Bring a friend!

### Food Pantry Needs...

Shampoo, conditioner, diapers (all sizes), toothpaste, laundry detergent. Thank you for your continuing support of this ministry!

### HARTS...

#### Harrisonburg and Rockingham Thermal Shelter

The 2010-2011 HARTS is now in full operation. The recent cold weather has greatly increased the need for shelter. Please keep this ministry in your prayers along with the guests who need its assistance. We are pleased this year to join again with our brothers and sisters on Court Square to host the week of **March 7-14 at First Presbyterian Church**. Opportunities to sign up and get involved will be announced early in the New Year!

### Massanutten Cares ...

The Mission and Outreach Ministry is hard at work planning for the 2011 Massanutten Cares on **April 9, 2011**. On that day we will again gather for worship and fellowship and then depart to serve throughout the community. Projects of all kinds will be available for individuals and families of all ages. Mark your calendars now for our second annual: **ALL HANDS ON DECK** Day of Service through Massanutten Presbyterian Church.

### Ministry Link Notes....

The next Ministry Link submission deadline is **Wednesday, January 5, 2011** at 3:00 pm. The next issue will distribute on January 20, 2010.

## Journey in Faith 2011...

### Term 4 Electives

#### January 15 – February 20

**The Beatitudes for Today** – Come explore the contemporary implications of these powerful words and discover fresh understandings and insights to enrich your faith. Les West leads this class that will meet in Room 117, lower level.

**Church History 101** – Ed Comer leads this class in uncovering the story of the growth and development of the Christian church from the New Testament era to the present day. Special attention will be given to the experiences of Presbyterians in America, highlighting key events and prominent individuals who had an impact on the church's life. This class will meet in the Gathering Area.

**Favorite Bible Passages** – This class will enjoy refreshing insights into popular, well-loved Scripture passages. Each week will present a “stand-alone” lesson, not depending on being in class the week before. The teacher for this class is to be determined. This class will meet in room 114, lower level.

**Covenant Class** – This ongoing, lecture-based class is developed and led by Dick Miller. It meets each week in room 119, lower level. See Dick Miller for information regarding class topics.

## Youth service projects...

Did you know that our youth have been busy with service projects this month? Club 56 participants made Christmas ornaments and cards for the residents of Winterset Adult Home and our 7th and 8th grade YEPOGs made and will deliver 16 fleece blankets to a nursing home in Elkton.

Way to go youth!!

## Musical Notes...

### Opportunities for you!

**Cherub Choir** (vocal, grades K-2) 4:30 pm Sunday

**JoySong** (vocal, grades 3-5) 4:30 pm Sunday

**AdventuRing** (bells, grade 6-adult) 5:00 pm Sunday

**Chancel Choir** (vocal, high school-adult) 7:00 pm  
Wednesday

**Crossroads Pealers** (bells, adult) 9:15 am Wednesday

**Massanutten Ringers** (bells, adult) 7:00 pm Monday

Please contact Director of Music, Bob Jerome or the church office for more information.

## Youth News ...

### Club 56 Winter Gathering, January 16, 2011—

We had a great time in December making ornaments and cards for residents at Winterset Adult Home, playing broom hockey (and other active games) and making ice cream sundaes! Join us for the next event, “*Movie Night at MPC.*” We will gather for make-your-own pizza and watch “The Karate Kid” (the movie that the group voted on).

**This is a 2-hour movie. We will begin promptly at 5:30 pm. Please be on time!**

## Time Out For School!

As we prepare for this most blessed season of the year, the children are learning about the true meaning of Christmas and how wonderful it is to share with others.

Smiles and excitement are everywhere!

Our preschool will be starting registration in March. If you are interested in having your 2, 3 or 4 year old attend this wonderful preschool program, please let us know BEFORE JANUARY 31. You can leave a message at 432-7177 or email us at [mcpreschool@comcast.net](mailto:mcpreschool@comcast.net). Please leave your name, phone number, child's name, date of birth and mailing address. If your child is currently enrolled, you are already on the list.

Our preschool prayer is that you have a warm, fuzzy, laugh-filled, peaceful Christmas bubbling over with Christ's love.

**Merry Christmas from the MPC Preschool children and staff!**



# Getting to Know You

## A Few Moments with our New Members



### **Doris and Herb Abraham**

If you're downtown on Main Street this month, you might spot Doris Abraham perusing exhibits at the Virginia Quilt Museum, or across the street at the Massanutten Regional Library. The avid reader and quilter moved with her husband Herb to the Sunnyside Community in 2009 from Lexington, Va., where they had lived for 20 years. Prior to that, they lived in Northern Virginia, where their two sons and five teenage grandchildren now reside.

Herb and Doris have been married for 54 years. They met in their hometown of Berks County, Pennsylvania after Herb returned from two years of service in the army. Previously members of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, they began attending Presbyterian churches when they married. Herb is a graduate of Temple University and worked in engineering for IBM for 39 years until his retirement. He has enjoyed woodworking and refinishing furniture. Doris is a homemaker who ventured into the culinary arts during her seven-year stint as a caterer.

When asked what brought them to our church, Doris responds with a chuckle. "We told our pastor at Lexington Presbyterian Church we would be attending the chapel at Sunnyside when we moved to Harrisonburg. But he told us, 'Oh no, you're not. You're going to Massanutten Presbyterian Church. I'm going to call their minister right now and tell him to come after you!'"

And we're so glad he did.

Welcome Doris and Herb.



### **Beverly, Mark, Sarah and Benjamin Strickler**

The Stricklers are an active family striving – like so many of us – for a balanced lifestyle. A native of the Valley, Mark graduated from Wilmington College in Ohio. He is an owner of Rocco Building Supplies and a part-time farmer. He is also president of the Rockingham Educational Foundation, where he is working to formalize processes and procedures and build the scholarship program. In his spare time, he enjoys landscaping and hunting.

Beverly is a Hardy County, West Virginia native and a graduate of West Virginia University. A former certified public accountant, she's now a busy stay-at-home mom. "It's hard to find a balance," she says, baking cupcakes as we talk. "But we keep trying. The kids are growing so fast and these years will soon be gone." Mark adds that Beverly is the one who keeps the family organized, staying on top of the kids' education and activities.

One look at their list of extracurriculars shows that this is no easy task. Sarah and Benjamin are 13-year-old twins, though sometimes Sarah teases her brother that she is three minutes older. Sarah is an accomplished tap and ballet dancer as well as a volleyball player. Benjamin plays basketball, baseball, and has a black belt in karate. The twins are also musicians. Sarah plays the French horn, Benjamin plays the trumpet and both play piano. Also active with the youth group, Sarah and Benjamin recently helped serve Thanksgiving dinner to our food pantry friends, are currently making quilts for a nursing home in Luray, and are enthusiastic about the coming mission trip to Atlanta.

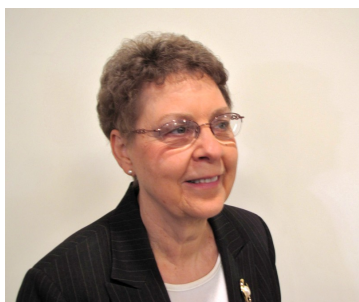
Mark says their family came to MPC for the fellowship opportunities. "We wanted our kids to have a good Christian experience with the same kids they go to school with," he said. "And we thought MPC was a fantastic group of people, with active young adults in the congregation."

We are so pleased they chose to enrich our church family.

Please welcome the Stricklers.

## Welcome New Members....

We are delighted to welcome new members to our MPC family.



**Katheryn Bennett** - joined Nov. 21st by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian

**Cecil and Elizabeth Welcher and daughter Amy** - Elizabeth and Amy joined Nov. 21st by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian.



## Massanutten Presbyterian Church The ABC's of Worship

Sunday, **January 9**, 2011  
3:30 — 4:30 pm

This is an event for children grades K—5 and their families.

Come learn about:

- Acolytes and the meaning of Light in our faith
- Baptism and what a Baptism steward does
- Communion and the Communion steward's role

Please call the church office by **January 6** and let us know you'll be there.



## January Birthdays / Anniversaries

1. *Anniversary:* Bud and Betty Long
2. Madison Lam
- 3.
4. Lisa Kanney, Dietrich Maune
5. Maggie Fletcher
6. Keith Knupp
- 7.
- 8.
9. Chris Painter, Carlee Huffman *Anniversary:* Ken and Nancy Ruh
10. Evelyn Withers, Bill Liskey, Logan Comer
11. Terri Michael, Peggy Reinhold
12. Robert Ritchie, Megan Miller
13. Ken Arey
14. Sarah Lobban, Butch Dutt, Kristen Ensley
15. Cori Harpine *Anniversary:* Butch and Leslie Dutt
16. Martha Floyd
17. Dorothy Dobroth
18. Ann Trobaugh, William Preston
19. George Cross, Seth Diehl
20. Jeff Lown
- 21.
22. *Anniversary:* John and Alayne Leggett
23. Colin Green
24. Pauline Woods, Hannah Depoy
25. Tom Holland *Anniversary:* Steve and Mary Robinson
26. Jean Obenchain, Sharon Dovel, Jodi M. Baier
27. *Anniversary:* Jon and Christy Comer
28. Virginia Hayter, Kyle Nickel
29. Doris Kidwell-Jerome, Ellen Painter, Rachel Atkins
30. Robert Woods
31. Richard Armstrong, Emily Coffelt

## Confirmation Class...

Our first meeting will be **January 23** at 5:30 pm in the Gathering Area. This is an important informational meeting for prospective class participants and their parents. Attendance is required.

## Thank You...

The Deacons thank you for your participation in these recent outreach opportunities:

*College Care Packages*

*Our Community Place Blanket Collection*

*Angel Tree Gifts*

*Children's Clothing for the McGaheysville Clothes Closet*

*Mission Offering for PC(USA) international mission workers*

## Congregational Care

### People in Our Thoughts and Prayers

#### **MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY...**

**Chuck Bradley, Bill Jackson, Jean Watlington, Tom Biggs**

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO...**

**Mari, Chris, William and Abigail Kyle** on the birth of a son and brother, Jonathan Morgan Kyle

#### **FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY...**

**Bonnie Thomas**, mother of Jacki Nickel; **Don Grimes**, friend of our church family; **Tony Lopacinski and his family**, son-in-law of Ellen Blose; **Laurie Barshay**, daughter-in-law of John and Nancy Lu Irvine; **John Bjorkgren** husband of Amy Bjorkgren; **Bob Ritchie**, brother of Buck Ritchie, **Elizabeth Atkins**, mother of Sharon Lam and Mary Morris, **Ernest Warriner, Susan Hogg and son, Colin**, family of Polly Wysor; **Ryan Tarman**, grandson of Dee & Martha Floyd; **Jim Templeman**, brother of Martha Floyd; **Bob Wells**, father of Laura Holbrook; **Jonathan Taylor**, grandson of Edward and Darla Daggit; **Josh Lam**, friend of Kyle and Jeffrey Long & Kyle Morris; **Kim Hejna**, family of Jim and Juli Colville; **Ernie and Ginger Brown**, brother and sister-in-law of Irene Hartman, **Krissy Adams**, friend of Anne Landes; **Phyllis Campbell**, cousin of Alana Miller; **Tanya Zelem**, sister of Rhonda Stees; **Mike Neff**, friend of David and Kim Showalter; **Judy Raynes**, mother of Jessica Preston and Annette Dofflemyer; **Dick Boyer**, friend of Ron Matthews; **Wayne Campbell and Mary Lester**, friends of Brian Phelps, **Andrea Herndon**, friend of Terri Carrier; **Jim Stobe**, friend of Dave and Jan Reser, **Amanda May**, friend of Cristy Long, **Wayne Campbell and Mary Lester**, friends of Brian Phelps, **Grover Harper and Anita Unroe**, friends of Kevin Caldwell, **Jimmy Reynolds**, family of Jack and Polly Wysor, **Daniel Cox**, neighbor of the Landes and Dofflemyers, **David Lilly and John Stansbury**, first cousins of Anne Bradley

#### **MISSION CONCERNS...**

**Our Mission Partner in Central Asia**

**Illubabor Bethel Synod (Ethiopia)**

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

**Massanutten Food Pantry**

#### **WE EXTEND PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO...**

**Dylan and Jessica Jones Bateman**, on the death of Dylan's mother, Linda Bateman

**Bo and Patti Hobbie and family**, on the death of Bo's aunt, Mary B. Hatch

**Winnie Simmers and her family**, on the death of her son, Nelson Simmers

**Bob and Pauline Woods**, on the death of Bob's sister, Dorothy Fletcher

**Jack and Nancy Heintzleman**, on the death of their cousin, Creston Owen

**Russell and Helen Groves**, on the death of Russell's brother

*Last updated: December 14, 2010*

## Upcoming Events For the Congregation

### Stephen Ministry...

Our first group of Stephen Ministry trainees have been selected and will begin study in January. Please keep these folk and the Stephen leaders in your prayers as we travel this new road together.

## Partner in Mission to Speak ...

You are invited to meet and hear from our *\*Partner in Mission, serving in Central Asia.*

She will be home for a month beginning on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, and will be sharing a bit about the program and work at two locations and times: January 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m. – Opequon Presbyterian Church, Winchester and January 16<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m. – Spring Hill Presbyterian Church, Staunton

\*Due to the sensitive area in which she serves, we are unable to print her name in the Ministry Link. Please see the weekly bulletin for more details about her ministry.

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*Carol Lown, Organist*

**December 17**

*Church Office Closed*

8:30-10:00am Sanctuary in use / Preschool  
3:00-5:30pm Girl Scouts (GA)

**December 18**

*Church Office Closed*  
*Fellowship Hall in use*

6:00pm Recorders Rehearsal

**December 19**

9:00am Faith Village and Sunday School  
10:00am Fellowship Time (FH)  
10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
4:30pm Youth Disciple Class (Library)  
5:30pm Christmas Dinner (FH)  
6:30pm *Sounds of the Season* Music Program

**December 20**

11:00pm Women's Prayer Lunch (117)

**December 21**

*No Yoga Class today*

**December 22**

6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (FH)  
*No Crossroads Pealers Rehearsal*  
5:00pm Youth WOW Christmas Party (Library)  
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (CR)

**December 23**

*No Food Pantry Today*

**December 24**

*Church Office Closed*

4:30pm Family Christmas Eve Service  
7:00pm Christmas Eve Service  
*Nursery Provided for both services*

**December 25**

*Church Office Closed - Christmas*

**December 26**

*No Faith Village today*

10:00am Fellowship Time (FH)  
10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
*No Cherub and JoySong Choir Rehearsal*  
*No AdventuRing Handbell Rehearsal*  
*No Middle School or High School Youth today*

**December 27**

*Church Office Closed*

*No Massanutten Ringers Rehearsal today*  
7:00pm Boy Scouts (119)

**December 28**

*Church Office Closed*  
*No Yoga Class today*

**December 29**

6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (FH)  
8:30am-Noon Church Office Open  
*No Crossroads Pealers Rehearsal today*  
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (CR)

**December 30**

*Church Office Closed*  
*No Yoga Class today*

**December 31**

*Church Office Closed*

**January 1**

*Church Office Closed – New Year's Day*

**January 2**

*Receive 4 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering*  
*No Faith Village today*

9:00am Sunday School  
10:00am Fellowship Time (FH)  
10:30am Worship Service – Children's  
Christmas Pageant  
4:30pm High School Disciple Bible Study  
(Library)  
4:30pm Cherub and JoySong Choir Rehearsal  
5:00pm AdventuRing Handbell Rehearsal

**January 3**

11:00am Women's Prayer Lunch (Library)  
1:00pm Staff Meeting (Library)  
2:30pm Stephen Leaders (library)  
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers Rehearsal  
7:00pm Boy Scouts (119)

**January 4**

9:30am Yoga Class (GA)  
12:30pm Prime Timers Lunch (Golden Corral)  
7:00pm Property Ministry (106)

**January 5**

6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (FH)  
3:00pm January Ministry Link deadline  
5:00pm WOW  
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (CR)

**January 6**

*No Yoga Class Today*

11:15am Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary)

**January 7**

*Church Office Closed*

**January 8**

*Church Office Closed*

2:30-5:00pm Girl Scouts (GA)  
6:00pm Recorders Rehearsal

**January 9**

9:00am Faith Village and Sunday School  
10:00am Fellowship Time (FH)  
10:30am Worship  
3:00-5:30pm Stephen Ministry Training (117)  
3:30-4:30pm ABCs of Worship  
4:30pm Cherub and JoySong Choir Rehearsal  
5:00pm AdventuRing Handbell Rehearsal  
6:00pm Middle and High School Youth

**January 10**

10:00am Food Pantry (119)  
10:00am Circle #2 (Highlands)  
12:00pm Women's Prayer Lunch (114)  
1:00pm Staff Meeting (Library)  
2:00pm Continuing Small Group (Sunnyside)  
2:30pm Stephen Leaders (Library)  
5:45pm Massanutten Ringers Rehearsal  
7:00pm Sessional Ministries and Deacon's  
7:00pm Boy Scouts (119)

**January 11**

9:30am Yoga Class (GA)  
10:00am Circle #3 (Sunnyside)  
10:00am Shoshana Circle (Library)  
1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)

**January 12**

6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (FH)  
*No Crossroads Pealers Rehearsal*  
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (CR)

**January 13**

9:30am Yoga Class (GA)  
1:00pm Circle #4 (Sunnyside)  
1:30pm Circle #1 (Classroom 117)  
7:00pm Adult Education Ministry (Library)

**January 14**

*Church Office Closed*

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

**January 15**

*Church Office Closed*

6:00pm Recorders Rehearsal

**January 16**

9:00am Faith Village and Sunday School  
10:00am Fellowship Time (FH)  
10:30am Worship  
3:00-5:30pm Stephen Ministry Training (117)  
4:30pm High School Disciple Bible Study  
4:30pm Cherub and JoySong Choir Rehearsal  
5:00pm AdventuRing Handbell Rehearsal  
5:30pm Club 56 Pizza Party and Movie Night  
6:30pm New Member Reception followed by  
Session Meeting (GA)