

Massanutten Ministry Link

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June 16, 2011

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL
(Resumes in September)

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 a.m.

June 19, 2011

Trinity Sunday

Sermon Text

Psalm 8

June 26, 2011

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon Text

Psalm 13

July 3, 2011

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: Words to Live By

Freedom

July 10, 2011

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: Words to Live By

Courage

July 17, 2011

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: Words to Live By

Hope

July 24, 2011

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: Words to Live By

Peace

July 31, 2011

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: Words to Live By

Joy

Words to Live By (2011 Summer Sermon Series)

I don't know about you, but I am convinced that many of us are stuck in a story that runs counter to the fullness of life God intends for us. We are too often defined by words that have no place in the church. I believe it's time for some new words to live by.

Beginning on July 3, I will begin a summer sermon series called *Words to Live By*. I will lift up seven specific words that offer a counter-word to the prevailing culture. In a culture that talks about freedom while living bound, we'll explore what it means to have been set free by Christ.

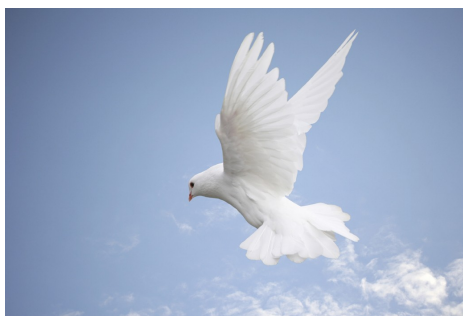
In a world in which fear drives so much of what happens, we'll think about what it means to be people of courage. In a world wrapped up in despair, we'll imagine what it looks like to live by hope.

In the midst of a people who are gripped by conflict and discord, we'll speak of the way of peace. In a world that seems numb to the good things God pours out upon us, we'll describe the way of unbridled joy.

We'll also explore what it means to be a people who live in the way of God's generous love, in contrast to the love which masquerades as the real thing today. And in a world that drifts along oblivious to the blessings of God, we will come to the Lord's Table to share in the Eucharistic meal—the meal of thanksgiving as we express the gratitude in our heart.

If you are ready to move beyond the tired words of most people today, I invite you to consider some *Words to Live By* this summer as we walk in the way of the Word made flesh, even Jesus Christ.

With joy and thanksgiving,
Pastor John



*"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."*



Massanutten
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News and Events

4-Cents-per-Meal:

We will receive the monthly 4-Cents-per-Meal hunger offering during Worship on **July 3**

Picnic Time!

The Fellowship and Worship Ministries invite you to the annual Independence Day Picnic on **Sunday, July 3 at 5:30 p.m.** Special features this year include *The Newman's Amazing BBQ Chicken* and a *Vespers Service* immediately following the meal.

Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share and joyful hearts for fellowship and the worship of God.

Both the meal and vespers will be held in the Picnic Shelter behind the church.

Youth Mission Trips to Atlanta...

Please be in prayer for these groups as they travel to participate in inner-city ministries, and for their families who will miss them while they are away!

June 19-24: High School Youth:

Doug Bryant, Megan Miller, Jonny Morris, Maddie Newkirk, Logan Phelps
Chaperone: Nancy Ruh

June 26—July 1: Middle School Youth:

Matt Atkins, Jacob Bales, Lauren Baylor, Caitlyn Miller, Megan Phelps
Chaperones: Randy Atkins, Brian Phelps

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, July 5**. For more information contact the church office at 434-6194.

Ministry Link Notes....

The next Ministry Link submission deadline is **Wednesday, July 6, 2011** at 3:00 pm. The next issue will distribute on **July 21, 2011**.



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Communion: July 10

Servers

Ellen Blose, Fleming Jones, Nancy Davis, Dave Reser, Alicia Gutschow, Susie Diehl, Deb Comer, Patti Hobbie, Sharon Churchill

Stewards

Collin & Jared Dutt, Sterling & Tyler Dean, Logan Davis

Please meet Pastor Ann at the Communion Table at 10:00 a.m. to prepare for Serving of the Lord's Supper.

Church Music and Bible Conferences

Massanetta Springs

July 31-August 5

"Come to the Water"

For generations, God's people have gathered by our spring waters for refreshment for the body and the soul and 2011 is not different! Join us for the Music Conference that offers expert choral, handbell, and instrumental music for children, youth and adults and for the Bible Conference with excellent preaching, dynamic teaching, and inspirational worship. Both conferences are designed for families and provide an excellent program for all ages – birth through post college.

Mark Your Calendars!

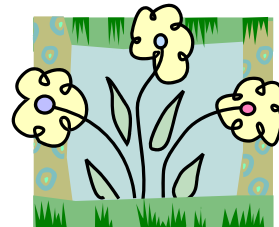
Hymn Festival in August

During the week of the Massanetta Springs Bible and Church Music Conferences, the organ classes will be led by Michael Burkhardt in our sanctuary. On Wednesday afternoon, **August 3**, Michael will be leading a hymn festival around the theme for the week, "Come to the Water." The hymn festival will begin at 4:00 p.m. and **the Massanetten congregation is welcome and encouraged to attend.**

"Internationally known for his innovative and inspiring hymn festivals and for his creative work with children, **Michael Burkhardt** is in frequent demand as a choral clinician, organ recitalist and hymn festival leader."

You can read more about Michael Burkhardt on his website: <http://www.michaelburkhardt.org/biography>

We are in for a treat – bring your singing voices and spend an hour in wonderful song!





VBS 2011....

July 24 - 28....6:00 - 8:15 p.m.

Rising Kindergarten - Rising 9th Grade

“PandaMania: Where God is wild about you!”

Special Middle School Mission Week!

Registration forms are in the Narthex.

T-shirts are \$7.00 and must be paid with registration form.

VBS Music CDs are \$3.00 per CD.

We need more Crew Leaders!

High School youth are invited to volunteer, too!

Children bring the following offering each night:

Sunday, July 24	Packs of Notebook Paper
Monday, July 25	Spiral Notebooks (70 sheets)
Tuesday, July 26	Packs of <u>Colored</u> Pencils
Wednesday, July 27	Fiskars Children’s Scissors
Thursday, July 28	3-Ring Notebooks (1 in. ring)

Mark your calendars...

**Back to School Breakfast and
Blessing of the Backpacks
August 21, 2011**

Sunday School resumes **September 11** with a few changes in the format for Faith Village!



Church Directory Update...

The Communication Ministry would like to thank the members of MPC for their participation in the photo sessions in May. Your participation will make our new member directory a success! If you were unable to attend one of the photo sessions, please notify the church office and we will arrange a time for an “in-house” photo for the directory.

Look for publishing updates in the coming weeks as the new online and print directory are developed.

The “After” People:

Stephen Ministers are sometimes called “The *After* People.” They are the ones who continue to sit and listen, lending support and prayer after the casseroles stop coming and the notes of concern, well wishes or condolence trickle off. Stephen Ministers are trained members of the congregation who have felt called by God to join another through a challenging season in their lives.

If you or someone you know would benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastors Ann or John for more information.

CPR & First Aid Training

Training for CPR will be held on **August 2** and for First Aid on **August 4** from approximately **6:00 – 9:30 p.m.**

These courses are offered through the Red Cross and led by Bill Frazier.

The cost will be approximately \$15.00/class. Please register by contacting the church office no later than July 15 and indicate whether you are interested in CPR, First Aid or both.

Pool Party...

August 7 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

The congregation is invited to the home of Marc and Nancy Davis for a Pool Party! Please bring a snack to share with the rest of the swimmers.

If you are not interested in swimming, come along anyway and bring a lawn chair to enjoy the fellowship!

The Big Event

**September 10
Massanetta Springs**

The Big Event is coming to Massanetta Springs again this year!

The Big Event is a gathering of Shenandoah Presbytery Congregations for a time of worship, learning and discovery. Mark your calendars now and be on the lookout for more information.

Bible Presentation to 2nd Graders...

Parents of rising third graders should not be surprised if the NRSV Children's Bible shows up on their child's summer reading list. This spring, 22 Bibles were prepared for our congregation's second graders. Most of these personalized Bibles were distributed during worship on Sunday, June 5, along colorful worship bags the students can bring with them to church.

According to Pastor John, the Bible presentation is a special occasion marking the students' graduation from children's church. "I hope it gives them a sense of connection to the church, a sense of belonging, a sense of being part of a loving community." He says parents are sometimes surprised that their children don't necessarily need encouragement; they are often anxious to open their new Bibles. "I see many kids who bring them in their worship bags and pull them out during the service. Of course, we hope they will continue reading their Bible even after the newness wears off."

Summer is an ideal time to introduce children to their new Bibles and build family bonds in the process. Pastor John says choosing one book of the Bible to read as a family can be an enriching experience, as well as sharing Bible verses at dinnertime. Nancy Ruh, Director of Christian Education, suggests looking at the list of major stories offered in the front of the Bible and reading them together this summer. This can help students gain understanding of what they hear in church. "We share these stories during Sunday School and in worship," she says. It's wonderful for the children to realize we don't just make them up – they come from the Bible."

The New Revised Standard Children's Bible is a good fit for second graders who are now reading independently, Nancy explains. "They can open the Bible and read on their own and it's not too complex or intimidating for them. And the colorful pictures and maps engage them on many different levels," she adds.

Each second grader also received a worship bag that included book markers, laminated, large-print versions of the Apostles Creed and the Lord's Prayer, crayons and other items designed to help engage them in worship. "The worship bag helps kids feel more welcome at church. We know they can process on more than one level. So while they are doodling or looking at the items in the bag, they're keeping their hands busy but their ears and minds open," Nancy says. Attached to the bag is a laminated list of tips for making worship meaningful for children. Designed as a parenting tool, it can help ease students into the worship experience.

Meanwhile, our students are easing into their summer routine with some new reading material. And their parents couldn't be happier. "It was wonderful to see the smiles on the faces of the children as they received their Bibles. It was a proud moment for Gretchen and for us," says Gretchen's father, Dietrich Maune. "She began reading her new Bible as soon as she returned to her seat. It is a gift she will remember and cherish for years to come."



Ainslee Fortner and Gillian Lees show off their new Bibles during a recent brownie meeting at MPC.

Celebrate America!

The annual patriotic/pops concert featuring the Shenandoah Valley Choral Society, directed by Curtis Nolley, and the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Concert Band, directed by Bill Posey, will be held 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 1 at the Harrisonburg High School Auditorium. This popular annual *Celebrate America!* program will feature rousing music that prepares the community for the celebration of Independence Day. The ever popular *Battle Hymn of the Republic* and *Armed Forces Salute* are numbers presented each year as a part of the patriotic celebration. This is also a time to give special recognition to the veterans in our community.



U.S. Spring Storms

Situation Reports

[May 23, 2011](#) - A tornado in Joplin, Missouri, caused major damage and left dozens of people dead. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) will provide an update as soon as more information is available.

[May 17, 2011](#) - Extensive flooding in major cities has also affected many smaller communities; PDA is thankful for Gift of the Heart kits, including clean up buckets, which are greatly needed.

As the storm and flood season continues, please pray for those who have lost loved ones and homes, those still at risk, and responders working to save lives and address needs.

Holy One, you are our comfort and strength in times of sudden disaster, crisis, or chaos. Surround us now with your grace and peace through storm or earthquake, fire or flood. By your Spirit, lift up those who have fallen, sustain those who work to rescue or rebuild and fill us with the hope of your new creation; through Jesus Christ, our rock and redeemer.

You may make a gift to the response effort for the Spring Storms through MPC by making checks payable to Massanutten Presbyterian Church, with DR000015 noted in the memo section.

If you would like your gift to be used where most needed world-wide write: DR000148 on the check.



The MPC Continuing Small Group ...

meets at Sunnyside on the first and third Mondays of each month at 1:30 p.m. The current study series is Favorite Bible Passages. 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 Update...

With the support of our church members, as well as other local churches and organizations, the Massanutten Food Pantry is able to serve many local people in need. So far in 2011, we are assisting a monthly average of thirty-six households or about one hundred thirty-eight individuals. Thank you for helping to make it possible for us to be there for them.

A continual need is to restock the disposable diapers (any size), hygiene products including feminine items, and laundry detergent. Food products are always appreciated. We continue to strive to serve the Keezletown, McGaheysville, and Penn Laird communities with compassion.

Shoes for Well of Hope

Massanutten continues to serve as a collection site for Well of Hope. This organization collects shoes in the United States and ships them to Kenya where they are sold to raise money to purchase land for women in Kenya without family or resources, so that they can build a home.

Shoes can be new or gently used and all varieties are welcome. Please leave shoes in the containers in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall.

The Tabitha Fund ..

continues to be a help to our church family when events enter life and resources are limited. This fund grows through the gifts of the congregation and provides another powerful way for us to walk with each other in hard times. If you would like to contribute to this fund, you may do so at any time. Please note on your check: *Tabitha Fund*.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance and would benefit from a confidential gift from the *Tabitha Fund*, please contact Pastor Ann.

July Birthdays / Anniversaries

1. Sharon Churchill
- 2.
3. David Showalter, Tim Dofflemyer
4. Cole Phillips
5. Sandy Taylor, Bayla Lambert
6. Brad Williams; *Anniversary*: Dick and Karen Leecy
7. Juli Colville and Jacki Nickel; *Anniversary*: Richard and Marta Armstrong
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9. JaNell Reller; *Anniversary*: Eric and Kim Phillips
10. Helen Groves, Rhonda Stees, Deborah Comer, Jessica J. Bateman, Zach Sensabaugh, Mary Beth Holbrook, Andrew Caldwell
11. Todd Newkirk, Logan Davis; *Anniversary*: Eric and Jacki Nickel
12. Linda Burner; *Anniversary*: Rod and Betsy Branner
13. Laura Holbrook, Rod Branner
14. Steve Gordon; *Anniversary*: Floyd and Jean Wall
15. Jim Oppy, Ed Comer, Sarah Scott, Erin Williams; *Anniversaries*: Phil and Connie Miller; Marlan and Stefanie Holland
16. Fred Burfoot, Betsy Newman, Marc Toothman; *Anniversary*: Sam and Mary Ellen Dofflemyer
17. Shirley Appleton, Evelyn Earl, Sharon Heinemann; *Anniversary*: Grant and Courtney French
18. Robert Reid
- 19.
20. Susan Hammer, Beth Webb, Annette Dofflemyer; *Anniversary*: Mark and Barbara Palmer
21. Jean Beard
- 22.
23. Kelly Richardson
- 24.
25. Nancy Kegley
26. Herman Landes
27. Julia Sensabaugh, Sharon Posey; *Anniversary*: Robin and Diann Reed
28. Skip Wissinger
29. Jim Delucas, Sarah Stricker, Benjamin Strickler
30. Jeffrey Long
31. Dick Leecy, Barbara Monger, Karen Enslin

HARTS – an end of season summary

Harrisonburg Rockingham Thermal Shelter

Many thanks again to everyone who helped with the week of HARTS MPC hosted in March. A summary of the 2010-2011 season has been compiled and includes the following information:

The shelter had a maximum capacity of 22 guests per night. In other words, 3388 bed-nights were available. However, there was need for 4038 bed-nights. When more than 22 guests were registered, transportation was provided by host churches to a Stationary Overflow Location which provided space for sleeping only between 9:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. This year the Salvation Army provided much of that space and for 6 weeks Community Mennonite Church provided space.

During the weeks the shelter was open, 205 different individuals received the assistance from HARTS. For the first time in HARTS' four year history, each week there were new people registered for shelter space. An average of 26 people registered each evening. These individuals ranged in age between 18-63 years.

At this point, a new and more intentional Stationary Overflow Shelter is being sought, though has not yet been identified.

Please continue to keep HARTS and the Harrisonburg Housing Authority in your prayers as they seek out ways to assist individuals and families with housing difficulties.

Congregational Care: People in our thoughts and prayers

Members of Our Church Family...

Middy Raynal, Jim DeLucas, Scott Veenis, Herman Landes, Ann Oldman, Annabelle Shortell, Don Wilkinson, Frank Way

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), **Lois F. Derrick**, **Marlene Wheelbarger & Dennis Wingfield**, family and friends of Martha Floyd; **Bob Wells**, father of Laura Holbrook; **Ernie and Ginger Brown**, brother and sister-in-law of Irene Hartman; **Wil Nicholson and Tanya Zelem**, father and sister of Rhonda Stees; **Stobe**, friend of Dave and Jan Reser; **Amanda May and Ray Monger**, friends of Cristy Long; **Anthony and Norma Harlow**, brother and sister-in-law of Pat Armstrong; **Andrea Lohr**, friend of our church family; **Victoria Vogel**, friend of Jenny Hansbrough; **David Lilly**, cousin of Anne Bradley; **Ann Beard**, daughter-in-law of Jean Beard; **Nick Ashby**, cousin of Chris Gregory; **Robert Carrier**, uncle of Allen Carrier; **Julie Burke**, friend of Army and Kitty Leggett; **Sara Dean**, grandmother of Sterling and Tyler Dean; **John Carlson**, grandson of John & Evelyn Earl; **Bonnie Steffey**, sister-in-law of Patricia Copper; **Howard Davis**, friend of Bo Hobbie, **Chris Cowles**, mother of Linda Green; **Linda Caldwell**, mother of Kevin Caldwell; **Robert Layman**, friend of Sharon Grandle; Dave Tillar, friend of Marc and Nancy Davis,

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

Massanutten Food Pantry

Last updated: June 12, 2011

Summer Reads...

This summer the Adult Education Ministry invites you to find a cool spot to relax, read a good book and then gather with friends to talk about it. The books will be available for purchase at the church. Our first book will be:

Same Kind of Different As Me (by Ron Hall & Denver Moore); \$8.00

It begins outside a burning plantation hut in Louisiana...and an East Texas honky-tonk...and, without a doubt, in the heart of God. It unfolds in a Hollywood hacienda...an upscale New York gallery...a downtown dumpster...a Texas ranch.

Mark Clayman, Executive Producer for “The Pursuit of Happyness” writes: *The most inspirational and emotionally gripping story of faith, fortitude, and friendship I have ever read. A powerful example of the healing, restorative power of forgiveness and the transformational, life changing power of unconditional love.*

Gathering times for discussion:

Wednesday, June 29 @ 12:00 noon (bring a lunch!) OR **Thursday, June 30 @ 6:30 p.m.**

Other titles for this Summer Read Series are:

Things Seen and Unseen, Nora Gallagher (July)

Traveling Mercies, Anne LaMott (August)

Love Wins, Rob Bell (September)

See the display in the Narthex to sign-up for or purchase a book.

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June 16

No Yoga Class today

June 17

Church Office Closed

June 18

11:00am Memorial Service for Don Poulson (Covenant Pres Staunton)
2-5:00pm 50th Anniversary Celebration for Marvin and JoAnn Simmers (GA)

June 19

No Choir Rehearsal today
No Faith Village/Sunday School until Sept
10:00am Fellowship Time (FH)
10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
HS Youth Mission Trip (6/19-6/25)

June 20

11:00am Women's Prayer Lunch (Library)
1:30pm Continuing Small Group (Jefferson Room, Eiland Center at Sunnyside)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (119)

June 21

No Yoga Class today
7:00pm Congregational Care (Library)

June 22

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

June 23

No Yoga Class today
7:00pm Food Pantry (119)

June 24

Church Office Closed

June 25

Church Office Closed

June 26

No Faith Village/Sunday School until Sept
9:00am Choir Rehearsal (CR)
9:30am Exploring the Labyrinth
10:00am Fellowship Time (FH)
10:30am Worship Service
11:45am Family Ministry (Library)
6:30pm Session Meeting (GA)
6:30pm Deacons Meeting (114)
7:00pm Joint Session/Deacons Mtg (GA)
MS Youth Mission Trip (6/26-7/2)

June 27

11:30am Women's Prayer Lunch (Library)
1:00pm Staff Meeting (Library)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (119)

June 28

9:00am Yoga Class (GA)

June 29

6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (FH)
12:00pm Book Study (GA)

June 30

9:00am Yoga Class
6:30pm Book Study (GA)

July 1

Church Office Closed

July 2

Church Office Closed

July 3

No Faith Village/Sunday School until Sept
9:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (CR)
10:00am Fellowship Time (FH)
10:30am Worship
11:30am Family Ministry (Library)
5:30pm Congregational Picnic /Vespers (Picnic Shelter)

July 4

Fourth of July
Church Office Closed
No Women's Prayer Lunch
1:30pm Continuing Small Group (Jefferson Room, Eiland Center at Sunnyside)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (119)

July 5

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

July 6

6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (FH)
3:00pm *Ministry Link* Deadline
6:30pm Stephen Ministry (117)

July 7

9:00am Yoga Class (GA)

July 8

Church Office Closed

July 9

Church Office Closed

July 10

No Faith Village/Sunday School until Sept
9:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (CR)
10:00am Fellowship Time (FH)
10:30am Worship

July 11

10:00am Food Pantry (119)
11:00am Women's Prayer Lunch (Library)
1:00pm Staff Meeting (Library)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (119)

July 12

9:00am Yoga Class (GA)

July 13

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

July 14

7:00pm Adult CE Ministry

July 15

Church Office Closed

July 16

Church Office Closed

July 17

No Faith Village/Sunday School until Sept
9:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (CR)
10:00am Fellowship Time (FH)
10:30am Worship
No Session meeting today

July 18

11:00am Women's Prayer Lunch (Library)
1:00pm Staff Meeting (Library)
1:30pm Continuing Small Group (Jefferson Room, Eiland Center at Sunnyside)
7:00pm Mission Ministry (Library)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (119)

July 19

7:00pm Congregational Care Ministry

July 20

6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (FH)
12:00pm Book Study (GA)
6:30pm Stephen Ministry (117)

July 21

Church Office Closed
Church in use/VBS setup
6:30pm Book Study (GA)