



Wings of the Spirit

March 2026

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BRING YOUR LOVED ONES TO OUR SPRING FESTIVAL

Yard Sale 11 AM – 3 PM

**Food, Fun & Games
1 – 3 PM**

**Leprechaun Dash
1 PM**

MARCH 14 | RAIN OR SHINE

**Manassas Presbyterian Church | 8201 Ashton Avenue
Fellowship Hall & Parking Lot**

We believe God calls us to reflect Christ's love and mercy by

- **WORSHIPING** as a community of diverse ages, backgrounds and cultures;
- **ENGAGING** the whole congregation in fellowship, learning, service, and outreach to the wider community;
- **SERVING** by caring for each other and reaching out to the world God loves, seeking to understand and respond to needs;
- **GROWING** as individuals, families, and community as we continue to discover who we are in Jesus Christ; and trying to follow his example.

Sacred TURNING

**Celebrate Lent
with us at MPC
Sundays at 10 AM!**



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Soup Supper

February 18 at 6 PM

**Ash Wednesday
Worship**

February 18 at 7 PM

Meet Your Deacon

February 22 at 11 AM

**An Unlikely Lent
Adult Bible Study**

Sundays at 8:45 AM and
on Zoom at 6:30 PM

February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Tuesdays at 1 PM

February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 23, 30

**Weekend Food
for Kids Packing**

March 1 & 22 at 11 AM

Spring Festival

March 14 at 1 PM

Easter Egg Hunt

March 29 at 1 PM

Neighbor Picnic

March 31 at 3 PM

Lenten Labyrinth

March 29 - April 4 from
10 AM - 2 PM*

**Closed During Worship
April 2 from 10 AM - 7 PM*

**Maundy Thursday
Worship &
Communion**

April 2 at 7 PM

**Easter Sunday
Worship &
Communion**

April 5 at 10 AM
Flowering of the Cross



A note from the Associate Pastor about the Yard Sale and Spring Festival!

March 14, 2026

Yard Sale 11am-3pm

Festival Food and Games 1pm-3pm

Putting the “fun” in Fundraiser, we are looking forward to celebrating our community, our Family Ministries programs, and the coming of Spring on March 14, 2026 – also Pi Day! Our long-awaited yard sale returns and will take place in the Fellowship Hall from 11am-3pm. The proceeds raised from the sale will benefit youth programming at MPC – including scholarships for conferences, mission activities, fellowship events, and more!

But that is not all! At 1pm we kick off the outdoor games with our Leprechaun Dash. Run, walk, sponsor the participants, or do all three! The proceeds of the dash will benefit the broader family ministries program including fellowship activities, curriculum, lunches, and more! The dash will conclude with food and fun games and activities including basketball, disc putting, bracelet making and crafting stations, sack races, cake walks, music, and laughter.

Bring your friends and bring your family for a great time together celebrating the warmer weather and the amazing community we have in Manassas! The event is open to the public, and we will have a great time rain or shine (but hopefully shine).

If you would like to be more involved in the festival, we are **always** looking for additional volunteers of all ages to help work the yard sale, games, and the dash. If you or your children are interested in assisting, we want you! Please reach out to:

Angie Veronie for Yard Sale: averonie.redhead@gmail.com

Pastor Rebekah for Festival Games and Dash: associate@mpc-va.org

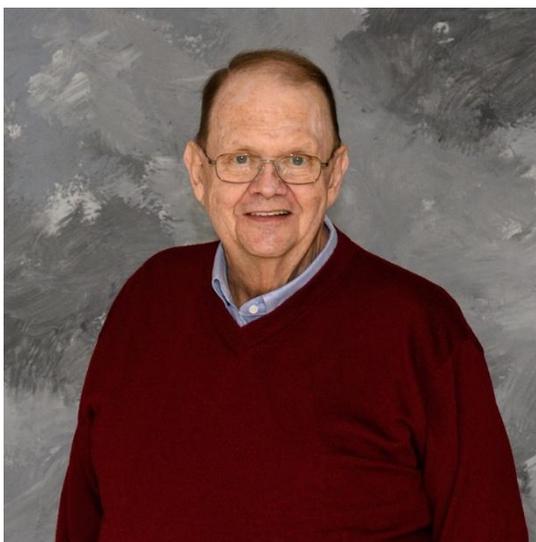
Looking forward to seeing you there!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Rebekah

From the Clerk of Session

Session is mourning the February 3, 2026, death of Elder Brad Bradley. A long-time member of MPC, Brad was a kind, thoughtful and caring man. Most will remember Brad as the editor of this newsletter, where he did an amazing job with combining articles and graphics. With his great sense of humor, he hid squirrel Charlie (named after his wife, Charlene) in every issue. We will miss him as we celebrate his life and his service to our congregation. A memorial celebrating Brad’s life will be at the church on April 25, 2026 at 11am.



Session Elders

| Class of 2026 | Class of 2027 | Class of 2028 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Open | Jim Chagnon - Children | Drew Marsh - Communication |
| Ray Langley - Property | Carl Dattel - Nominations | JoAnne Gutliph - Personnel |
| Kathy Massie - ELC | Pat Hodgdon - Clerk | Julie Mahoney - Youth |
| Dave Williams - Finance | Laura Kimberly - Adult | Luther Nossett - Fellowship |



Worship & Music Notes

Deborah Panell

The Manassas Chorale Voices United Festival Choir

“Gathered As One”

Joel Raney, conductor

Saturday March 21 - 7:30 PM
Hylton Performing Arts Center

Members of MPC’s Music Ministry will be performing along with singers from the NOVA area for this popular, annual concert.

The first half of the concert will be performed by the Manassas Chorale and the second half will feature the ecumenical Voices United Choir. Both choirs will be accompanied by orchestra and piano and combine for several selections.

Invite a friend to share in this ecumenical choral experience!

Tickets available via the Hylton Center Box Office www.hyltoncenter.org



Easter Egg Hunt – March 29

Join us at 1:00pm on Palm Sunday for an Easter Egg Hunt for all children. Don’t forget to bring your basket!

2026 Presbyterian Women's Retreat

Hope All The Way Down

Join the Presbyterian Women (PW) for a retreat on Saturday morning, April 18th from 9am to 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Reverend MaryAnn McKibben Dana is the keynote speaker. Please ask your friends and neighbors to join us. All women are welcome!

Sign up by April 12th on the PW bulletin board located across from the library. The cost is \$10, which includes refreshments. Childcare will not be available. Please contact Christy Tayler or Rae Brady for more information.



She is a writer, pastor, speaker and coach living in Reston, VA. She writes a weekly newsletter to thousands of subscribers called Blue Room. She is a mother of three, a gardener and an occasional ultramarathoner.



**March 29 - April 4
from 10 AM - 2 PM***

April 2 from 10 AM - 7 PM

**Closed During Worship*

Walking the
Labyrinth
In the Fellowship Hall

Loving Hands Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Loving Hands Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to serve the community with prayer shawls filled with God's care and love. The members are assisting Weekend Food For Kids by preparing shamrocks with a message if BE LUCKY in March and BE HOPPY in April. Eighteen shawls were blessed in February and more shawls have been completed, awaiting requests for gifting.

You are invited to join the ministry on Thursdays from 10 to 1. Bring a lunch at 12 and enjoy the dessert prepared by a ministry member.

God is loving and good,

Dana Renninger- proud leader of the prayer shawl ministry



SUNDAY, APRIL 12
FROM 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM



MPC SPRING
BLOOD DRIVE

Ways to Schedule Your Appointment

Online

<https://bit.ly/MPC412>

By Phone

1(866)256-6372

Sponsor Code 8215

In Person

In the Narthex

(Before & After Worship)

FLOWERING THE CROSS FOR EASTER

We continue our new tradition of flowering the cross for Easter. Throughout Lent, the cross is a barren reminder of the coming crucifixion. On Easter, it will be transformed by your gifts of cut flowers. Bring your choice of flower to add to the cross on Easter morning before worship. Don't forget to come early so that you have time to add your flowers. And, plan to stay after to catch those photos.



Memorials



When a death occurs which affects a member of our church family, an array of tasks must be performed if a funeral or memorial service is requested. This year, under the guidance of Pastor Laura Fitzgibbon, Manassas Presbyterian Church is adjusting some procedures to ensure that the service will run smoothly while providing a ministry of faith, love and hope to a grieving community.

Our most valuable resource in this endeavor has been the people of MPC. At present, I am the Memorial Coordinator for the people responsible for the service, reception, and care of the family. In the past, MPC staff, Deacons, Presbyterian Women, Loving Hands Prayer Shawl Ministry, and the ELC Board, along with various ministry teams, have been involved. Participants review established roles and create timelines and tasks to fulfill their functions.

Others in the church who are not currently participating may at times want to show their love and support the grieving family as well. If you would like to play a part, consider how you would like to contribute. Whether it is helping during the service (greeting, ushering, running tech), preparing rooms for a reception, providing food or assistance, or cleaning and resetting areas used, a role for you exists.

Questions? Interested in helping? Email me at pshrivermpc@verizon.net or call 703-396-8130. -- Pam Shriver



Early Learning Center

We have had a very busy month. We enjoyed the Not Kiddin' puppet troupe on Feb 9th. We sang songs, danced, and did lots of laughing! Classes made Valentine postcards for mom and dad. See the photo below of the Brown bears delivering their card to the mailbox. We enjoyed celebrating Valentine's day on the 12th & 13th. Fun red treats at snack time, games, crafts and specially decorated collection bags loaded with Valentine's from our classmates and teachers.

The classes have been very creative during indoor recess time. Some old favorite games have become popular with new classes of students. Do you remember Simon Says, Duck, duck, goose, Red light Green light, Musical chairs (pink bear style – you sit on laps if there isn't a chair) and Hot potato? The pink bears also enjoy 'Keep the balloon up in the air'. You put chairs close together in a circle, add a balloon and use your feet to keep it in the air. Lots of laughter and giggles have been heard in the halls.

Chapel time with Pastor Laura had the students learn about Lent and waiting. We talked about helping our classmates, teachers, and families with random acts of kindness.

Thank you to MPC members who helped us to collect more than 60 sets of pajamas for children in our community.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jim Chagnon
- 2 Dingling Zhong
- 3 Margaret Bisch-Markowitz
- 3 Patricia Hodgdon
- 4 Janet Terry
- 5 Mark Stokes
- 5 Scott Fairgrieve
- 6 Dave Rickard
- 6 Lisa Faust
- 6 Charles Amotchaye
- 8 Jim White
- 12 Christopher Burroughs
- 14 Bill Shoup
- 15 Keith Shuster
- 15 Julie Christy
- 17 Jean Cordes
- 20 Loren Helgason
- 23 Al Ferguson
- 24 Cari Carter
- 30 Laurel Mahoney
- 30 James Wiseman
- 31 Eli Stokes
- 31 Josh Veronie



March 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|---|
| <p>1</p> <p>8:45am Adult Lent Bible Study</p> <p>10:00am Worship</p> <p>11:15am WFFK Packing</p> <p>11:30am Choir Programs for Children/Youth with Lunch</p> <p>6:30pm Adult Bible Study via Zoom</p> | <p>2</p> <p>9:30am BEACON ELL Classes</p> | <p>3</p> <p>10:00am Martha Circle</p> <p>1:00pm Adult Lent Bible Study</p> <p>3:00pm Serving Friends</p> <p>7:00pm Board of Deacons</p> | <p>4</p> <p>9:30am BEACON ELL Classes</p> <p>9:30am ELC PTO Meeting</p> <p>12:30pm Retired Men's Lunch (ROMEOS)</p> <p>5:00pm Jerusalem Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30pm Joyous Ringers Rehearsal</p> | <p>5</p> <p>10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry Team</p> | <p>6</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> | <p>7</p> <p>7:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast</p> |
| <p>8</p> <p>DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME BEGINS</p> <p>8:45am Adult Lent Bible Study</p> <p>10:00am Worship</p> <p>11:30am Family Ministries Programs for Children/Youth with Lunch</p> <p>6:30pm Adult Bible Study via Zoom</p> | <p>9</p> <p>7:00pm Family Ministry Team ZOOM</p> | <p>10</p> <p>11:15am ELC Chapel</p> <p>1:00pm Adult Lent Bible Study</p> <p>3:00pm Serving Friends</p> <p>7:00pm Mission Team Meeting via Zoom</p> | <p>11</p> <p>11:15am ELC Chapel</p> | <p>12</p> <p>10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry Team</p> <p>4:00pm Personnel Team Ministry Meeting</p> | <p>13</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> | <p>14</p> <p>7:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast</p> <p>Spring Festival</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indoor Yard Sale (11am - 3pm) - Leprechaun Dash (Starts at 1pm) - Food & Games (1pm - 3 pm) |
| <p>15</p> <p>8:45am Adult Lent Bible Study</p> <p>10:00am Worship</p> <p>11:30am Family Ministries and Choir Programs for Children/Youth with Lunch</p> <p>6:30pm Adult Bible Study via Zoom</p> | <p>16</p> <p>9:00am BEACON Registration</p> | <p>17</p> <p>9:00am BEACON Registration</p> <p>12:00pm Alpha-Agape Circle</p> <p>1:00pm Adult Lent Bible Study</p> <p>3:00pm Serving Friends</p> | <p>18</p> <p>12:30pm ELC Staff Meeting and Planning</p> <p>5:00pm Jerusalem Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30pm Joyous Ringers Rehearsal</p> | <p>19</p> <p>10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry Team</p> | <p>20</p> <p>Church Office and ELC Closed</p> | <p>21</p> <p>7:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast</p> <p>9:30am WFFK set-up</p> |
| <p>22</p> <p>8:45am Adult Lent Bible Study</p> <p>10:00am Worship</p> <p>11:15am WFFK Packing</p> <p>12:00 Choir Programs for Children/Youth</p> <p>6:30pm Adult Bible Study via Zoom</p> | <p>23</p> <p>9:30am BEACON ELL Classes</p> | <p>24</p> <p>1:00pm Adult Lent Bible Study</p> <p>3:00pm Serving Friends</p> <p>5:00pm Presbytery Meeting - Zoom</p> <p>7:00pm Covenant Renewal Circle</p> | <p>25</p> <p>9:30am BEACON ELL Classes</p> <p>5:00pm Jerusalem Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30pm Joyous Ringers Rehearsal</p> | <p>26</p> <p>10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry Team</p> | <p>27</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> | <p>28</p> <p>7:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast</p> |
| <p>29</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>8:45am Adult Lent Bible Study</p> <p>10:00am Labyrinth for Lent</p> <p>10:00am Worship</p> <p>11:30am Family Ministries Program</p> <p>1:00pm Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p>6:30pm Adult Bible Study via Zoom</p> | <p>30</p> <p>10:00am Labyrinth for Lent</p> | <p>31</p> <p>10:00am Labyrinth for Lent</p> <p>1:00pm Adult Lent Bible Study</p> <p>3:00pm Neighbor Picnic</p> <p>3:00pm Serving Friends</p> | | | | |