

July 2016

John Storey will be on vacation June 27 - July 10. On July 3, Alice Anderson will preach and celebrate Communion. Alice has led worship here in past and was the leader of our ecumenical Lenten Study a few years ago. A minister member of National Capital Presbytery, Alice has served churches in Washington, D. C., Detroit, MI and Austin, TX. She now lives in Charlottesville. On July 10, we will welcome Norris John to our pulpit. Norris is a Licensed Eucharistic Minister of the Episcopal Church, USA and a member of Piedmont Episcopal Church.

#### July is MESA Month!!

July is our month to give particular support to the ministry of the Madison Emergency Services Association (**MESA**). MESA is the primary non-governmental, non-profit agency serving the needs of the poor in our county. Through its volunteers, MESA provides food, clothing, financial assistance and counseling to hundreds of our neighbors. MESA also offers more intensive help in the form of personal mentoring and safe, comfortable housing for selected families in *Barbara's House*, named for long time MESA Treasurer and Madison Presbyterian accompanist and member, Barbara Sherman. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for those who can volunteer a few hours to help in Connie's Thrift Shop. This involves staffing the shop, sorting donations, and being a friendly presence with customers. It can be a fun and fulfilling time and many of our members have volunteered year-round because of the joy they receive from helping others. Why not consider teaming up with someone else from the congregation to serve for a couple of days in July?

Our congregation also has a long tradition of receiving a special offering during July for MESA. This is in addition to our budgeted line item for this support. This year the Session has designated Sunday, July 17 for this offering and we hope that each household will give prayerful consideration to making a significant gift. We all know how the national and local economy are affecting our own lives. The impact is particularly hard on our neighbors who live on fixed or minimum incomes.

Another way that we are involved in MESA is through volunteer participation in the work of the MESA Board of Directors. Our congregation has been well represented by Jane Lamar over the past 20 or so years. Jane is currently serving as Vice-President of MESA. She is a great source of detailed information about the opportunities that await us in volunteering for MESA.

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## **Madison Presbyterian Church**

Pastor: John Storey

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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Monday — Thursday 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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Ruth Pearson received her study Bible from the Presbyterian Women June 12th. At that time she presented a display of her wonderful art work. We know Ruth will go far in this world and we had a little piece of sending her on her way.

## Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands

On Sunday, June 12, Jack and Lora Morgan shared some of the story of PCHH with us during morning worship. An enthusiastic crowd followed up in conversation during Fellowship time. One thing the Morgans left with us was the following list of current needs. The Session has decided to publicize this list, beginning with our congregation. Donations may be dropped off on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. Remember access is generally available from 8 am to 1 pm, Monday through Thursday.

### PCHH CURRENT NEEDS

Beach towels	Girls 1 piece swim suits
Boys swim trunks	Fishing gear
Exercise equipment/Dumbbells	Prepaid Visa/Mastercard
Walmart gift cards	Summer sports equipment
Hamburger Helper/Sloppy Joe mix	Outdoor grills
Cake/cookie/brownie mixes	Icing
Hand mixers	Silverware
Plastic cups/glasses	Cake pans
Crock Pots	Flat curling irons
Used vehicles	Gatorade/Sports drinks

### Save the Date – Roadside Cleanup

On Saturday July 16th, please plan to join the Green Team at 9:00 for our twice-a-year roadside cleanup of Fishback Rd. As you may recall, this was rescheduled from our usual May cleanup date, because a work crew from the prison system had already provided this service in late April. We should be able to complete our work by 10:30 or 11:00, hopefully before it becomes too hot. As always, wear protective shoes, dress for the weather, bring sunscreen, and plan to have a good time caring for our little corner of the world. We will provide water bottles and orange protective gear. Rain date will be July 23rd.

Berta Storey

## July Mowing

### Schedule

**7-9 Bill Pattie**  
**14-16 Tom Dorrier**  
**21-23 Paul Hankla**  
**28-30 John Haines**  
**Aug 4-6 Bill Pattie**

## July Foods of the Month

**Canned** vegetables and fruit, soup, rice, dried beans, hot and cold cereals, packages of Macaroni and cheese, and crackers

Please bring in your donations and place them in the container provided in the Narthex. Donations are then given to Madison Social Services for distribution to those in Need.





Abby and Joey Johnson awarded for their poetry  
The National contest was sponsored by The Madison Garden Club.  
Congratulations, Abby and Joey!!



Abby and Joey pictured with their parents, Carol and Joe Johnson



Abby Johnson was awarded ribbons for the best poem in the 5th grade among all entries in the Shenandoah District, as well as throughout Virginia.

Joey Johnson received second place in Shenandoah District.

Also pictured is Gracie Cooke, who received the award for best poem in 4th grade.

July's Birth flower is **larkspur**. Each color variation of larkspur has a different meaning: pink means fickleness, white conveys a happy nature, and purple normally represents a first love. Generally, larkspur indicates strong bonds of love. The other July flower is the **water lily**, which signifies purity and majesty.

### NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Have something you want published in our Newsletter? Please contact me by email:

(**Newsletter** in subject line)  
gcbc3.carroll@gmail.com  
or phone 540-948-9922.  
George Carroll





## Care and Support Team

Our newly created Care and Support Team is seeking volunteers who can be available to provide temporary assistance to families who are experiencing a difficult life event. Tasks may include transportation, respite time for caregivers, help to fill spots on the Meal Train, friendly visits, hospital visits and assistance inside or outside of the home.

Please chat with Heidi Rees, Mary Linda McLearn or Betty Sherrod if you want to be a part of this wonderful opportunity.

Thank you,  
~Care and Support Team

Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world for, indeed, that's all who ever have.

## MESA Offering

On Sunday, July 17th, we will be accepting your offerings for MESA. Our congregation has been so faithful in its commitment to providing funds for MESA to be able to serve the less fortunate in our community. Please make note on the memo line of your check: MESA.

In Christ,  
Missions Team

~Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

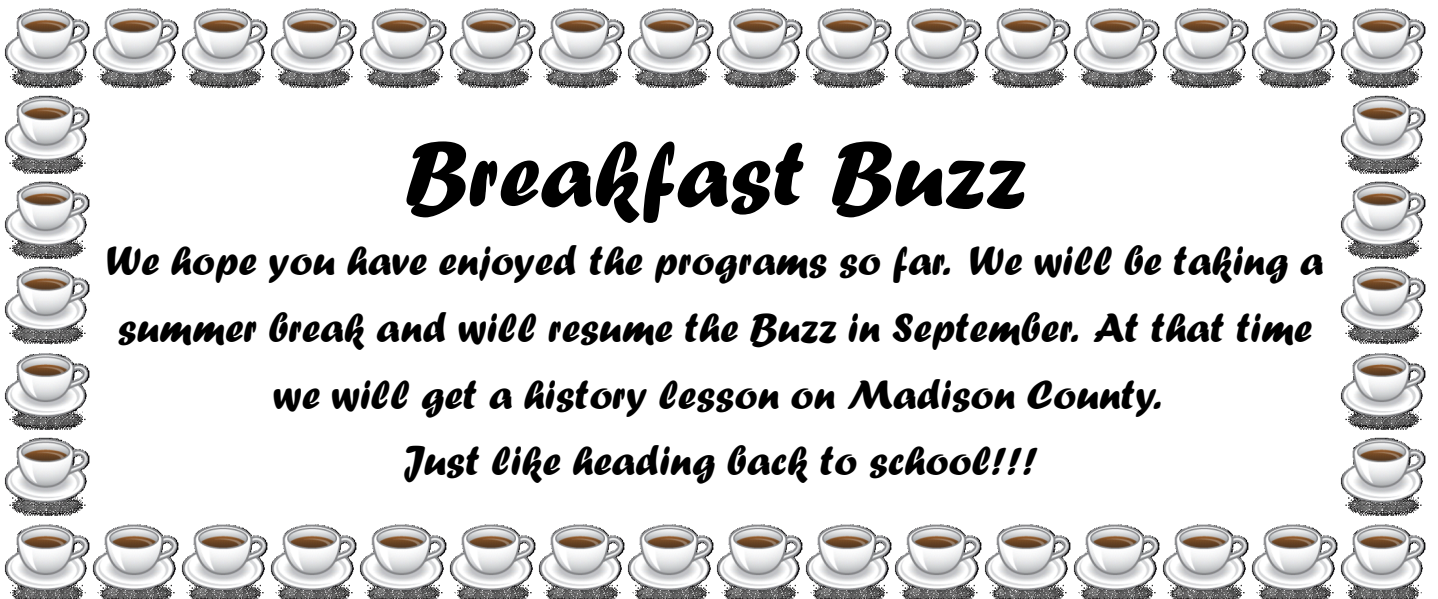


# MY THERAPIST HAS A WET NOSE!



Marianne Baker and therapy dog, Maggie, at the June Breakfast Buzz

Marianne and Maggie showed us what love and care can look like. It was a great program and Maggie was the hit of the day!



## Summer Reading Opportunities From Presbyterian Women

Before you head off on a vacation, or set aside some time for relaxation at home, be sure to check out the lending library in the PW room in the Sanctuary building. Over the years many of us have donated our used books to be passed along and shared. There is no sign-out system. You may return the books you have read, or give them away to other interested readers, so there will be room for new donations.

Another opportunity is to pick up your copy of the PW Horizons Bible Study book for 2016-17. PW Circle meets from September through May on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10 AM in the Tack Room. This year's study will be "Who is Jesus? : What a Difference a Lens Makes". Sign your name on the sheet provided so we will know who has received their study book. Please consider joining PW Circle when we begin meeting again in September, if you are not already involved. We will order additional study books if the supply runs low.

Berta Storey



MPC held its annual picnic at Malvern. While many availed themselves of the pool and outdoor picnic tables, several preferred being seated in the clubhouse.

As you can see, Logan enjoyed the chicken!