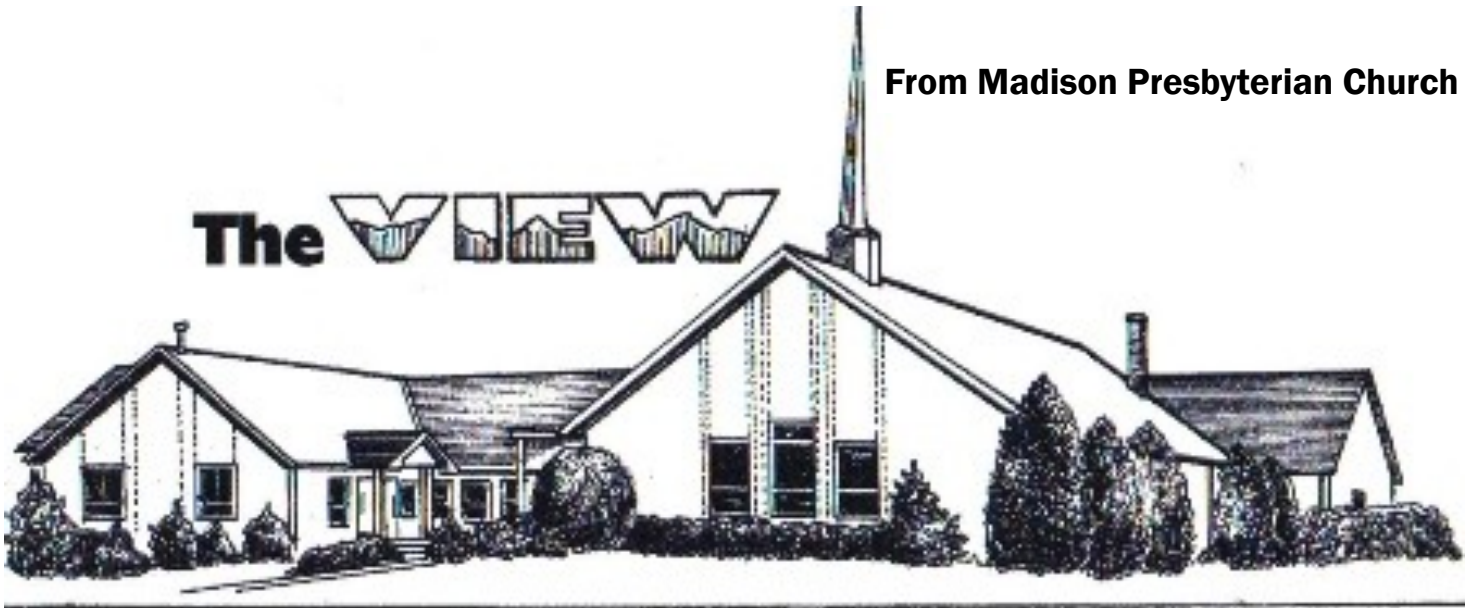


From Madison Presbyterian Church



From the Pastor

March 2017

Lent/Easter Schedule

□ This year, 2017, Easter Sunday will be April 16. This means that the 40 day season of preparation which we call Lent will begin on Wednesday, March 1. That day, “Ash Wednesday” is traditionally observed as a fast day and received its name from the custom of marking a worshiper’s forehead with ashes to signify repentance. (There are actually 46 days between April 16 and March 1, but the 6 Sundays are not counted because they are feast, not fast, days.)

As in years past, we have several special opportunities for worship and study during this time:

- March 5 7-9am, our sanctuary will be open for individual meditation and prayer.
- Wednesdays, March 8 through April 12 10 am-12pm, a study sponsored by the Women of Hebron Lutheran Church.
- Sunday, April 9, 10 am, Morning Worship observing Palm/Passion Sunday.
- Thursday, April 13, 6 pm, Maundy Thursday meal and Communion in the Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday, April 16, 6:30 am, Ecumenical Worship sponsored by the Ministerial Association.
10 am, Morning Worship celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord.
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

BIG NEWS from Camp Hanover!

Summer Camp Registration is Open!

Visit www.CampHanover.org to learn about summer camps for campers entering grades 2 through 12. You can find answers to common questions, camp descriptions and download a brochure. If your camper has attended before, a brochure should have been mailed to you recently. And they are also on the table outside the church office.

A reminder to all children and youth of the congregation registering for any camp this Summer: the Madison Presbyterian Women have funds available to help towards the cost. Contact Berta Storey at 672-2302, for more information.



The Hebron Lutheran Women invite you to join them in a study of Protestant Denominations in observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. This study will be held on Wednesdays from 10AM to 12 Noon, March 8 – April 12. As is their tradition they have invited ministers from other churches to provide leadership. Women and men are encouraged to engage in this interesting time of learning and sharing. See the *Madison Eagle* for further details.

Stewardship

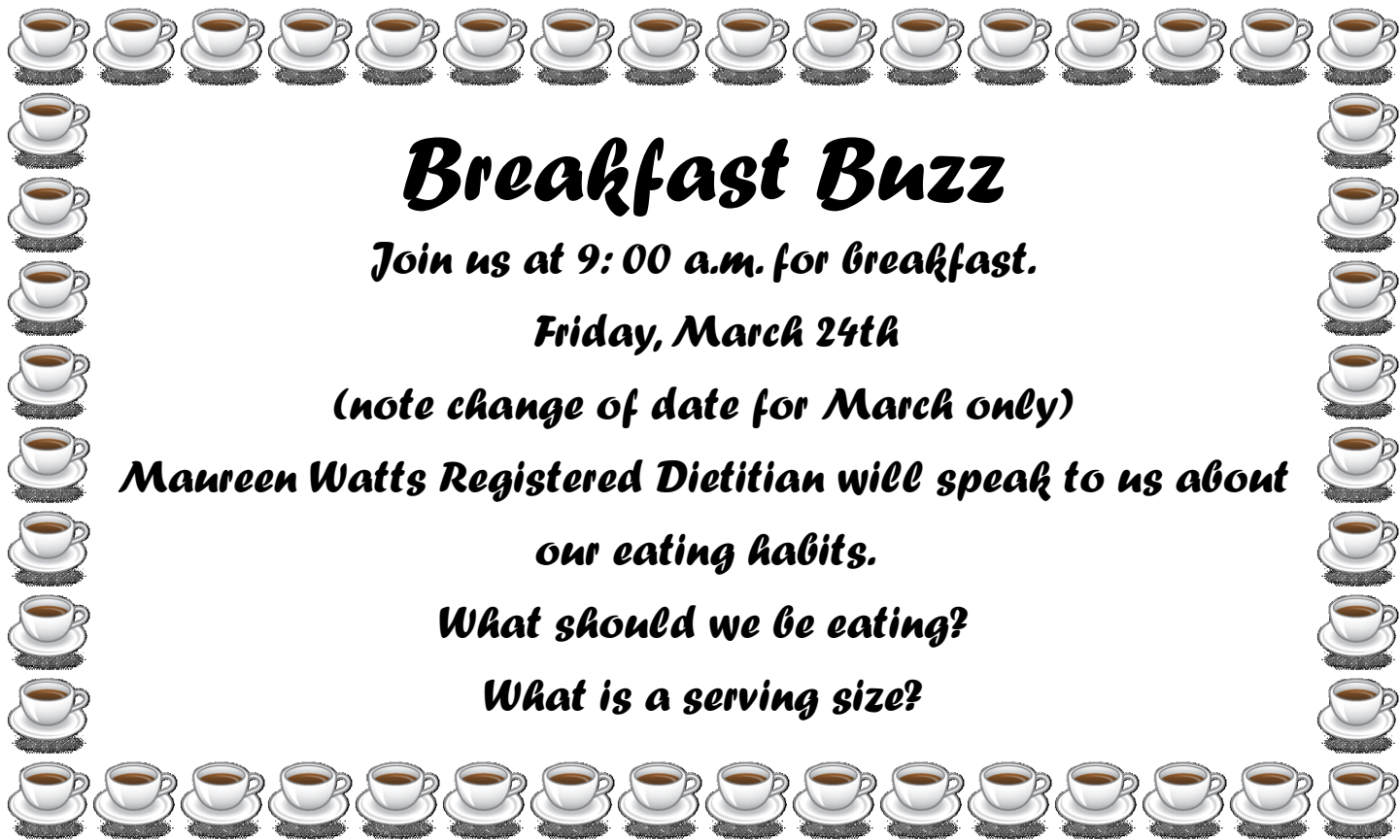
Let Your Light Shine

In the Book of Matthew we read “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” This year, the Stewardship Team invites us to look at all the ways that we are called to let our light shine, as individuals and as a community of faith, as we live, work, play, care for one another, and share our gifts. Please plan to join in the activities of our Stewardship Team as we explore this theme together over the coming months.

Springtime at Massanetta Springs Conference Center....

is beautiful AND it's time for the ADULT RETREAT. This year the retreat will be April 27th.

The speaker is **Rev. Nancy Crow Summerlin** and the theme for the day is
Let's Talk (& Listen): Biblical Hope for Today



Breakfast Buzz

Join us at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast.

Friday, March 24th

(note change of date for March only)

***Maureen Watts Registered Dietitian will speak to us about
our eating habits.***

What should we be eating?

What is a serving size?



Tracey Gardner spoke to us about our beautiful Madison area. She even had some surprises for "long timers"..

Maya Powell Places First with a Controversial Subject

Madison Presbyterian's own Maya Powell is an award-winning public speaker! I had the opportunity to interview her after church one Sunday about her recent First Place at the Woodberry Forest Tournament held on February 4th.

The MCHS Forensics Team is well known in our area for their excellence in public speaking. Maya is in the 8th grade, so this has been her first year on the team of about 13 students in grades 8 through 12.

The team meets 2 or 3 times a week, or every day when a tournament is coming up. Exercises include "hallway" - talking to the walls to work on better projection, vocal warm-ups, and enunciation practice.

I learned that Forensics competitions encompass both *Extemporaneous* (or "Extemp") speaking, which means the delivering of a speech that is either persuasive or informative in nature on topics that may be assigned on-the-spot, and *Declamation*, which is the delivering of a speech that was previously written and delivered by another person, then interpreted in an interesting and convincing manner that fits the individual competitor.

For Maya's award-winning *Declamation* presentation she chose a speech by Ivan Coyote, a 40 year old transgender man, entitled "Why We Need Gender-Neutral Bathrooms". Maya chose a difficult topic that has been receiving a good deal of media attention recently. She told me that it's a very important issue and that she feels passionate about it. To quote Maya, "This is something we need to do. I'm the next generation. We can make the world better for people who come after us."

Maya said "I only took 5th place in my first tournament, so I really worked hard to do better at this one". I have a feeling we will be hearing a lot more from Maya over her high school career with the MCHC Forensics Team. As she told me, "If I can touch one person's heart then I've done my job as a speaker".

Berta Storey

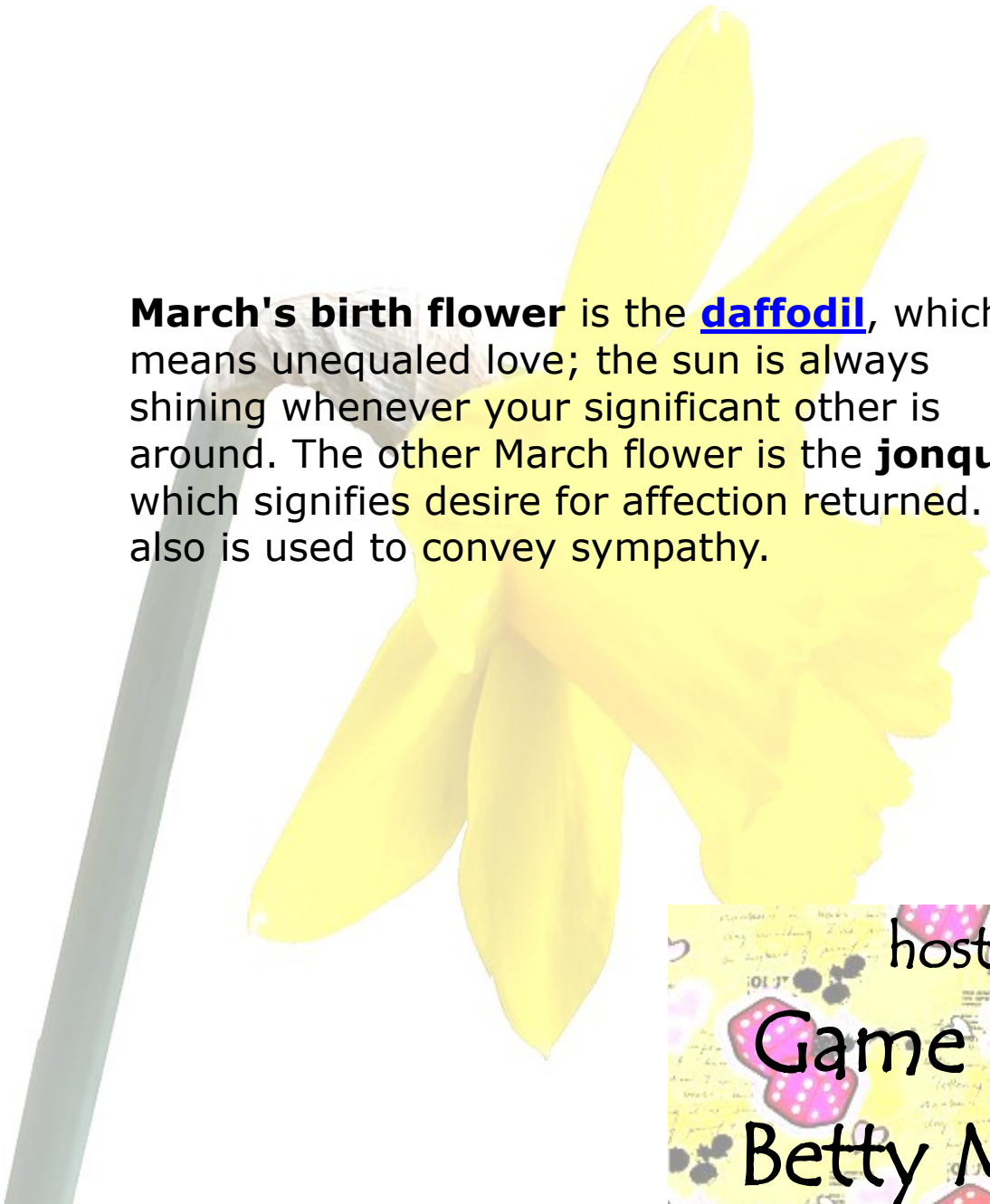


NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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





March's birth flower is the daffodil, which means unequalled love; the sun is always shining whenever your significant other is around. The other March flower is the **jonquil**, which signifies desire for affection returned. It also is used to convey sympathy.



Madison Presbyterian Church

Pastor: John Storey
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Church Office Hours:
Monday — Thursday 8:00
a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Church Administrator: Carol Johnson
Phone Number: 540-948-6972
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Website: MadisonPresbyterian.com



March Foods of the Month

Families Canned vegetables and fruit, soup, rice, dried beans, hot and cold cereals, packages of macaroni and cheese, 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.

Thank you!



Green Team News

Last month we reported that the next Fishback Roadside cleanup will be in May. But we noticed a compelling need to have it sooner. As the newsletter goes to press, we are planning a Feb 22 cleanup, with the next one to be scheduled as needed.

Earth Day is an annual event, celebrated on April 22, when events are held worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It was first celebrated in 1970, and is now coordinated globally by the **Earth Day Network** and celebrated in more than 193 countries. Our April 23 morning worship and fellowship time after worship will have an Earth Day focus. Plan to join us!

The Green Team announces our first ever **“Native Landscaped Trail Walk”**. Save the date and be looking for a sign-up sheet in April. We will be carpooling from church on the morning of Saturday May 13, for a 2-hour guided mountain top trail walk in beautiful Madison County. More information to follow on the Green Team Bulletin Board and in the April newsletter. Plan to invite a friend!

Berta Storey

Session Minutes from February 2017

Treasurer's Report

The end of January 2017 financial report totals for income and spending were as follows:

	YTD (actual)	YTD (budget)
Income	\$19,804	\$9,483
Expense	\$8,925	\$10,038

Witness – The next special offering will be on April 16, Easter Sunday; One Great Hour of Sharing.

Finance: The session approved the budget for 2017 as presented by the team.

Stewardship: Team was approved to host a “bring a friend” picnic at church on May 21st. The team will continue the minute for stewardship monthly with the theme of “let your light shine” on Feb.26, Mar.26, Apr 30 and May 28.

CE: Breakfast Buzz is going well. Sunday school made valentine cards for shut-ins which were appreciated.

Green: Plans an Earth Day service for worship on April 23. Is working with Christian Ed team for participation of youth. Will have “green” refreshments on that Sunday. Will have a roadside pickup on Feb 22 with a rain date of Mar 4. Plans a Nature Landscape Trail Walk on May 13 led by Jeanne Bruton. Will host Breakfast Buzz on June 16.

Care and Support: Team is continuing visits and meals to families in need and is scheduled with volunteers through the winter.

Old Business: The election of Allan McLearen as treasurer was confirmed unanimously. The Budget for 2017 was adopted unanimously.

The spring retreat was set for March 12th after worship with a bag lunch. Communication, Facebook and publicity will be topics

New Business: The Nominating Committee was activated to seek a candidate for a one year term as Elder.

Bettie Berry and Berta Storey were approved as commissioners to POJ on Feb 18 at Tappan-hannock.

The next Stated Session Meeting will be held at 7 pm, Tuesday, March 14, 2017.