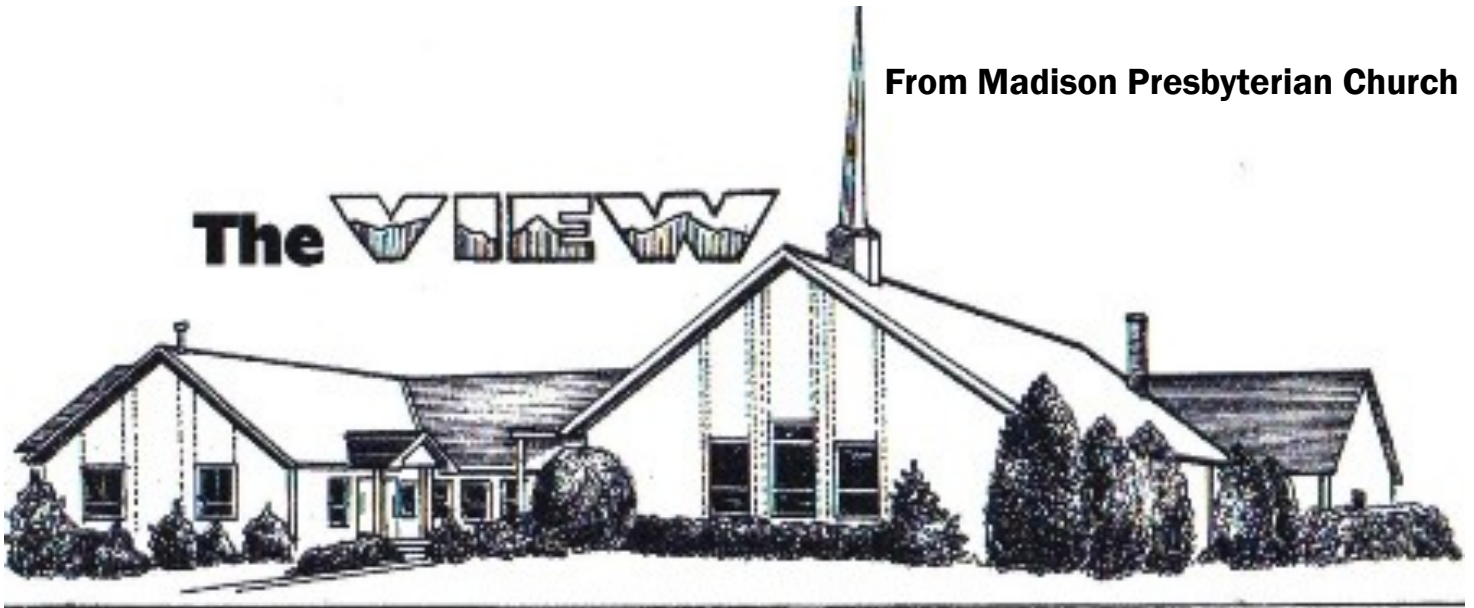


From Madison Presbyterian Church



From the Pastor

February 2018

LENT/EASTER

This year, 2018, Easter Sunday will be April 1. This means that the 40 day season of preparation which we call Lent will begin on Wednesday, February 14. 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 February 14 and April 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:

February 14 8-9am, our sanctuary will be open for individual meditation and prayer.

Wednesdays, February 21 - March 21, 10am-12pm,

a study sponsored by the Women of Hebron Lutheran Church.

Sunday, March 25 10am, Morning Worship observing Palm/Passion Sunday.

Thursday, March 29 6pm, Maundy Thursday meal and Communion in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, April 1 6:30am, Ecumenical Worship sponsored by the Ministerial Association.

10am, Morning Worship celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Watch for further details in the weekly bulletins and the March newsletter.

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

On Sunday, January 14, we celebrated the Installation of Kim Barnes and Sharon Weakley to the office of Ruling Elder for Madison Presbyterian Church. The congregation is encouraged to be in prayer with and for the new Elders as they begin their service on the Session. We also give God our deep appreciation for the loving and faithful leadership of Cindy Pattie and wish for her a well-deserved rest!

Session Highlights

The Stated Meeting of the Session of Madison Presbyterian Church was held at 7:00 on Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

Treasurer's Report: The December 31, 2017 financial report totals for income and spending were as follows:

	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET
Income	\$124,789	\$104,313
Expenses	\$104,381	\$117,821

AREA REPORTS:

CE: VBS June 3-6., still need additional help for nursery, Emily Woodward is in a 13 week confirmation process.

Green: Team leader Berta Storey presented a proposal that MPC become an Earth Care Congregation.

Care and support: continuing support for Dana and Carol

Outreach-plans for a team leader meeting for calendar coordination on January 14 after service, looking for areas where Outreach Team could assist.

Mission: Team presented a report of distribution of \$24,478.80.

Business: Bettie Berry was elected Clerk of Session and Allan McLearen was elected Church Treasurer for 2018. Session set the Installation of elders, Kim Barnes and Sharon Weakley, for January 14, 2018. Session adopted the Church Calendar for 2018 and reviewed and approved the membership rolls. Sharon Weakley and Kim Barnes were approved as commissioners to Presbytery meeting on February 17.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 13.

Madison Presbyterian Church

Pastor: John Storey

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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Green Team News

On January 16th the session approved a proposal from the Green Team that Madison Presbyterian Church submit an application to become certified as an Earth Care Congregation (ECC). In 1990 the PC(USA) adopted the resolution: "Restoring Creation for Ecology and Justice" which invited congregations to participate in this certification program, based on the "Earth Care Pledge" to participate in actions in the four areas of worship, education, facilities, and outreach.

Currently there are three other congregations in The Presbytery of the James with ECC certification: St. Andrews in Kilmarnock, Westminster in Charlottesville, and Colonial Heights Presbyterian.

The honor includes a certificate, use of the ECC logo, listing on the PC(USA) Environmental Ministries website, notification of our presbytery, a press release for local publicity and an earth care book for our church library.

The Green Team prepared for this proposal by completing an audit form showing the particular ways in which our church already qualifies for the certification. Examples include everything from recycling some of our waste and having roadside cleanups, to having a Breakfast Buzz on the topic of agriculture in Madison County, to saving energy by having double-glazed windows. If certified, we will then have the opportunity to apply for recertification every year, through continuing to encourage our church to participate in Earth Care in new ways.

As the newsletter is "going to press" we are waiting to hear whether our application has been approved. More news next month!

Berta Storey
Green Team Leader

Bel Canto Vocal Ensemble

Presents

LOVE, SNOW, & STARS

Sunday, February 11
4:00 p.m.

Little Fork Episcopal Church
16461 Oak Shade Rixeyville, VA

Friday, February 16*
7:30 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church
143 West Main St
Orange, VA

Sunday, February 18*
4:00 p.m.

Piedmont Episcopal Church
214 Church St
Madison, VA

With The
Warrenton Chamber Chorale
Part of the
Little Fork Concert Series

*Snow date Friday, February 23

*Snow date Sunday, February 25

February is national Chocolate Lovers Month!

Chinese New Year starts Friday, February 16. This will be the year of the dog. The Chinese Zodiac runs on a cycle of 12 years, with each year denoting one of the 12 animals. The 12 animals are Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Pig.





BREAKFAST BUZZ

9:00 a.m.

Friday February 16th

Did you ever wonder what else there is at the Library besides all those good books? Bonnie Utz, Madison County Librarian, will be at Breakfast Buzz to tell us about the resources that we have at our finger tips. We have some great new things at the Library and some not-so-new ones that you may not know about. Join us at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast and stay to learn more about our Library.

February Foods of the Month

Infants and Children Diapers, Baby foods, finger foods, baby cookies, small cans of spaghetti-O's and soup. Pkgs. Of Macaroni and cheese, instant oatmeal, cereal, peanut butter and jelly, Pudding and Jell-O cups. Fruit cups, juices.

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!



Madison Presbyterian Church Mission Team 2017 Distribution

The Madison Presbyterian Mission Team is pleased to announce the 2017 end of year mission distribution. We would like to express our deep gratitude for your contributions and ideas. We are excited to support the following organizations and causes:

Boys and Girls Club of Madison County

Contribution: \$500

Purpose: Provides a safe place and engaging activities to help children achieve their fullest potential. The Madison Boys and Girls Club is an important venue for children's after school activities.

Loaves and Fishes

Contribution: \$1000

Purpose: To provide weekend meals for children enrolled at the Boys and Girls Club of Madison. L&F also received 40% of the Pentecost offering (\$309.20) and 25% of the Peace and Global Witness offering (\$102.50). Other donations received throughout the year total to \$3,107.50.

Organization: Child's Life International USA

Contribution: \$500

Purpose: Provides food, shelter, education, and healthcare to children living in poverty around the world. Child's Life has ongoing projects underway in Kenya, Romania, and the Philippines.

Presbytery of the James

Contribution: \$400

Purpose: To provide support to the Presbytery of the James. An additional \$3,400 was distributed throughout the year as well as \$340 to the Theological Education Fund.

Madison Co. Education Foundation

Contribution: \$500.00

Purpose: To support education grants for teachers within Madison Co. Public Schools.

Literacy Council of Madison County

Contribution: \$1000

Purpose: Works to improve literacy levels in Madison County.

Madison Free Clinic

Contribution: \$1000

Purpose: Provides medical, dental, and optical care to uninsured residents in Madison County.

Madison Rescue Squad Building Fund

Contribution: \$1000

Purpose: A volunteer organization of local community members who provide emergency services to the citizens of Madison County. Our contribution will support the squad's efforts to build and relocate to a new facility.

Madison Co. Volunteer Fire Department

Contribution: \$1100

Purpose: A volunteer organization of local community members who provide fire and emergency services to the citizens of Madison County.

MESA

Contribution: \$2150 (\$900 from an unbudgeted special collection)

Purpose: Provides emergency financial assistance, transitional housing, and mentoring for families and individuals in Madison County experiencing unexpected hardships.

Madison Co. Parks and Rec

Contribution: \$1250

Purpose: to provide support for county wide children's sport activities.

Madison Co. Library

Contribution: \$500

Purpose: To help support the county library system.

Madison Co. Salvation Army

Contribution: \$1,000

Purpose: To help support the local chapter's efforts.

Other Special Collections taken throughout the year:

5 Cents a Meal: \$2,589.70; One Great Hour of Sharing: \$755; Pentecost: \$755 (of which \$309.20 was kept locally); Peace and Global Witness: \$410 (of which \$102.50 was kept locally) and Joy: \$833.60; VBS donation for Presbyterian Home for Children: \$388.00

TOTAL 2017 DISTRIBUTION WAS: \$24,478.80