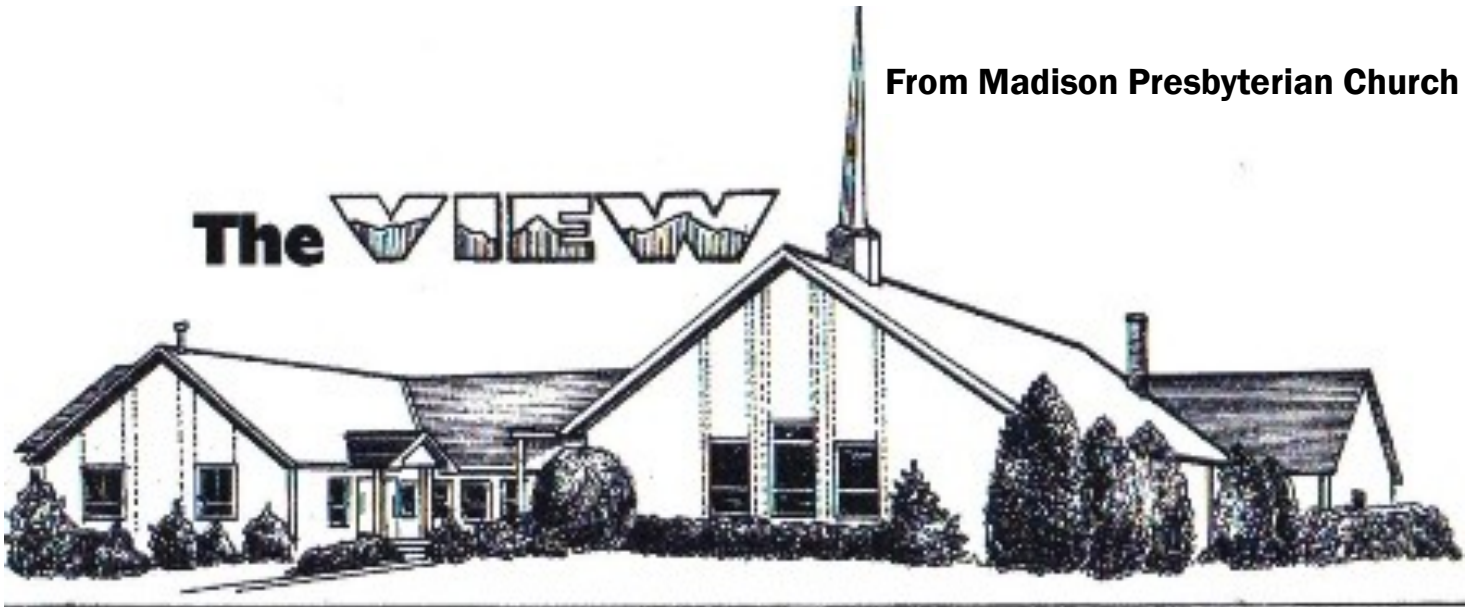


From Madison Presbyterian Church



From the Pastor

April 2019

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 14, 10 am, Morning Worship observing Palm/Passion Sunday.

Following our recent tradition, the service will move from the joy of waving palms to the retelling of the last week of Jesus' life.

April 18, 6 pm, Maundy Thursday meal and Communion in the Fellowship Hall.

Bring a plate of "finger food" to share for a simple meal, then remain at table in the Fellowship Hall to hear the story of Jesus' last meal as we celebrate the Eucharist.

April 21, 6:30 am, Ecumenical Worship at Oak Grove Methodist (Aylor), sponsored by the Ministerial Association. The service will be led by local ministers and our preacher will be David LeFon

10 am, Morning Worship celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord, and baptize Hazel Elizabeth Woodward. What a glorious day it will be! Feel free to bring flowers from your yard

One Great Hour of Sharing – Easter Sunday, April 28

Sharing resources, changing lives

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

Where does the money go?

The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receive 32 percent. Last year our congregation contributed \$415 to the offering. What will we give this year?

HELP FUND

In 1999, the Session established the HELP Fund as a financial resource for our members. The Fund provides anonymous “no-interest” loans for those in economic crisis. It has been used to pay off a mortgage to avoid foreclosure, to purchase a car after a wreck, to pay down on medical bills that were not covered by insurance, and to pay utility bills. The Fund is meant to operate on donations from congregants as well as loans paid back. However it was recognized early on that many of the needs would outweigh the ability to repay in full. There has not been much call for the Fund in the last few years, even though it was offered as a resource many times when we were aware of a need. It was recently depleted, however, and until repayments are made, there will be no financial backup available in time of crisis.

The Session believes this is a meaningful and loving way to share life in our community and plans to find creative ways to partially replenish the Fund. This is also a wonderful opportunity for community members to participate through special donations. Our history would indicate that it is good to have several thousand dollars in the Fund. Can you help the HELP Fund?

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS: The Session held its Stated Meeting on March 12, 2019

Treasurer’s Report: The February financial report totals for income and spending were as follows:

	YTD (actual)	YTD (budget)
Income	\$30,201	\$19,634
Expense	\$19,765	\$22,416

AREA REPORTS:

Witness: The next special offering will be One Great Hour of Sharing on Easter Sunday, April 21.

CE: Had first youth group meeting with Blue Ridge and plan on continuing to meet once a month. Breakfast Buzz is Friday, March 15.

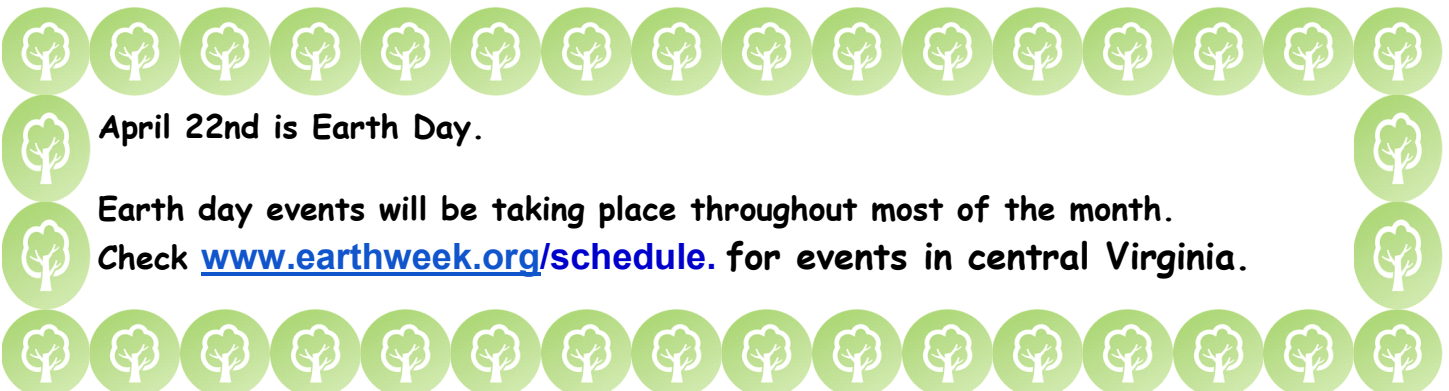
Green: Mary King will be team Leader.

Building and Grounds: Need to move Pressure tank to be more accessible and to add a filter to it. Cost estimate is \$1575. Session approved this motion from the team.

NEW BUSINESS:

Session approved two called meetings after worship (March 31 and TBD) to examine Carter Rees and Valerie Cruz so they may be received into membership. Session approved the baptism of Hazel Elizabeth Woodward, son of Tim and Dianna on April 21.

The next Stated Session Meeting will be held at 7 pm, Tuesday, April 9, 2019.



April 22nd is Earth Day.

Earth day events will be taking place throughout most of the month.

Check www.earthweek.org/schedule for events in central Virginia.

Madison Presbyterian Church

Pastor: John Storey

Active Elders Serving on the Session

Bill Pattie	Class of 2019	Frank King	Bettie Berry, Clerk of the Session
Kim Barnes	Class of 2020	Sharon Weakley	
Bobbie Carroll	Class of 2021	Rives Wetsel	Mike Willis



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

Church Office Hours: Monday — Thursday 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

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NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

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George Carroll



April Foods of the Month

Toiletries and Cleaning Supplies: Dish soap, laundry detergent, paper towels, cleanser, deodorant, bath soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.

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!





Breakfast Buzz

Friday April 19th at 9:00a.m.

The speaker this month is Ron Sykes, community engagement specialist, from Hospice of the Piedmont. He will bring us information about the resources available to our community.

Join us for breakfast and learn more about the resources available to us here.

MadRidge Youth Meeting

Madison Presbyterian and Blue Ridge Presbyterian Churches

April 14th 5:00—7:00 p.m.

at

Madison Presbyterian Church

All 5th grade thru High School students

Friends Welcome

**MadRidge Youth Save the Date!!!
Middle School Summer Conference
July 16th—19th**

NOTES FROM THE GREEN TEAM . . .

KUDOS and great thanks to BERTA STOREY our leader for the past few years. We thank you and we will miss you. Green Team is under new leadership. We will continue our newsletter articles, trash pick-up, bulletin board and the occasional Green Minute in worship. Congratulations to Mary King our new leader.

April 22 is EARTH DAY. There are community events we all can be a part of this month.

The Tom Tom Festival in Charlottesville, April 8-14, will have several environmental oriented speakers. Look for more information in the Daily Progress.

The Yowell Community Garden on April 20 from 10 to 2 will have demonstrations and speakers at the garden-Yowell Blueberry Farm, 3385 South Seminole Trail, Madison.

The Madison Library has a seed bank where you may take seeds, grow, and return 'fresh' seeds to the seed bank.

Find a friend and take a walk. Turn your walk in to an outdoor adventure spy mission. Make a list of all you see-from birds to bugs to a discarded wrapper. Conversation about what to include on your list and your list is a memento of the day.

Enjoy your Mother Earth on Earth Day and everyday.

Submitted by Bettie Mahan Berry, member Green Team