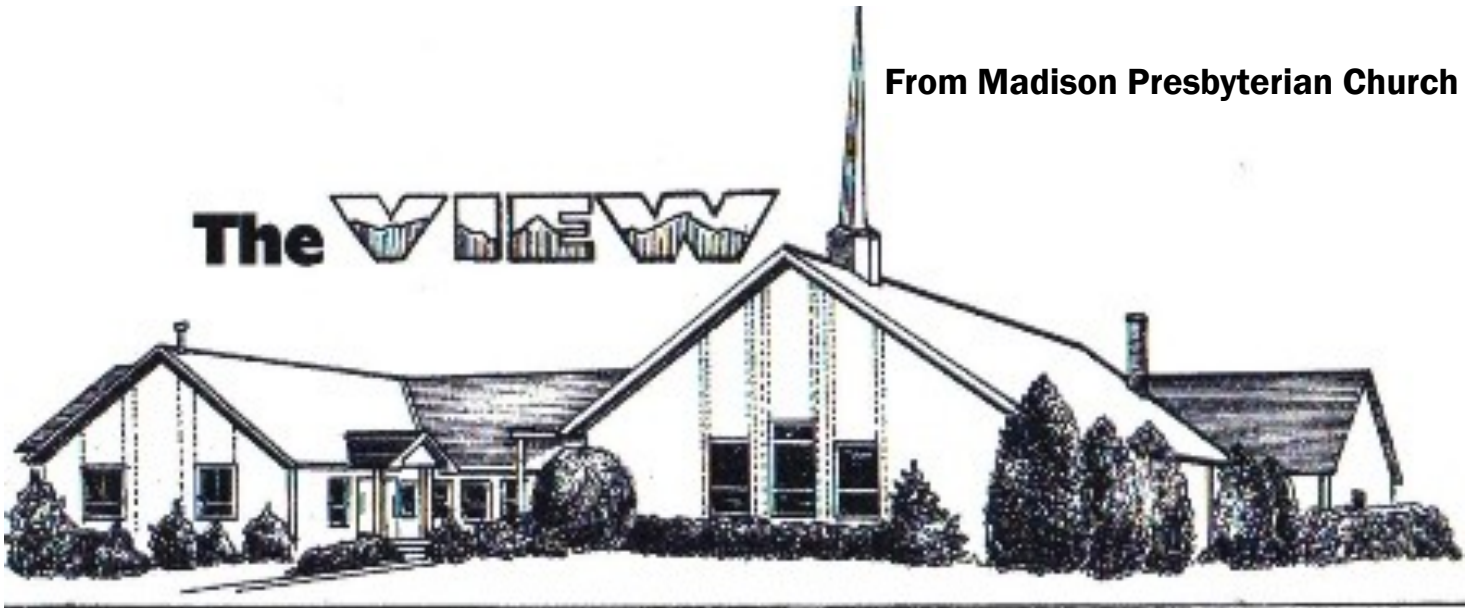


From Madison Presbyterian Church



From the Pastor

March 2018

The following opportunities for study and fellowship are remaining in Lent:

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

**Sundays, March 4 – March 18 5 – 6:30pm**, Ecumenical study of Jesus' parables

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

**Easter Sunday, April 1 6:30am**, Ecumenical Worship sponsored by the Ministerial Association, at Etlan United Methodist

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

The Women of **Hebron Lutheran Church** again invite all to share in their Lenten Bible Study. This year's subject is *Studies From the Gospel of Mark*. The study is held at Hebron Church each Wednesday from **10 am to 12 pm, from March 7 through March 21**. Pastors of various local congregations provide the leadership and the study has become a wonderful setting for learning while enjoying fellowship with a diverse group of women and men.

#### Lenten series 2018

presented by the Madison Ministerial Association

Easter is a time of spiritual renewal. Not just for the individual, but for the church family as well. During Lent let us explore the Parables of Jesus, and what we can do to draw closer to each other as members of the same spiritual family. Here are the final gatherings during March.

**March 4 at Etlan United Methodist: "The Prodigal Son"**

**March 11 at Madison Presbyterian: "The Two Builders"**

**March 18 at Madison United Methodist: "The Persistent Widow"**

**Time: 5-6:30pm each Sunday.** Soup and sandwiches provided.

#### One Great Hour of Sharing

Isaiah 58 describes a new kind of fast, not to give up bread but to share it. Isaiah calls us to "loose the bonds of injustice," to "let the oppressed go free," to "share bread with the hungry" and to "invite the homeless poor into our homes." We are called to offer help to those in need and restoration to those who have been broken down. One way we answer this call is through our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing. Further information will be included in Sunday bulletins. We will receive the offering on Easter Sunday, April 1.

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Session held its Stated Meeting on February 13, 2018

### Treasurer's Report

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

	YTD (actual)	YTD (budget)
Income	\$ 63,202	\$ 47,415
Expense	\$ 46,585	\$ 53,555

### AREA REPORTS:

#### Administration

**Finance:** Met last week with Edward Jones, going well, will do audit in next week or so.

**Stewardship:** Theme for 2018 will be "Love One Another", there will be a "Minute for Stewardship" in Feb, Mar, April and June, Stewardship 'Bring a friend' Picnic will be May 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### Christian Ed:

#### Congregational Life:

**Green:** Met on Feb 9, Roadside Cleanup will be March 10 at 9:00 am, Earth Day Worship Service on April 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the responsibility of Green Team, requested the use of Eco Palms for Palm Sunday, Planning field trips to Quarry Gardens in Schuyler and Big Woods walk at Montpelier.

**Outreach:** Still working on publicity and cohesiveness across church teams; is working on a large church calendar poster.

**Witness:** One Great Hour of Sharing special offering on Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The next Stated Session Meeting will be held at 7 pm, Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

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## CAMP HANOVER

Brochures for Summer Camp are available 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.



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**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS**  
**SPRING FORWARD Sunday, March 11!!!**



***Save the Date!***

***Vacation Bible School***

***A Very Blessed Summer***

**Sunday June 3rd—Wednesday June 6th**

***Intergenerational program***

***6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.***



# ***BREAKFAST BUZZ***

***9:00 a.m.***

***Friday March 16th***

***Join us for a wonderful gathering time, to meet and greet friends, enjoy a light breakfast, and learn something! Madison County has many talented craftsmen This month we have the privilege of hearing***  
***Harold Woodward***  
***demonstrate the dulcimers he makes.***

## **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!



## 2018 CHURCH BUDGET

### Adopted 2018 Budget

	2018
<b>Income</b>	
Contributions & Pledges	\$120,150
Loose Offering	2,000
Reimbursed Utilities	2,825
Income Total	<b>\$124,975</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Worship	12,443
Administration	21,737
Benevolences/Mission	6,825
Education	1,500
Congregational Life	3,075
Fellowship Supplies	540
Minister-Base Salary	39,163
Minister-Benefits	17,790
Property	26,190
Expense Total	<b>\$129,263</b>
<b>Difference between Income and Expenses</b>	<b>-4,288</b>