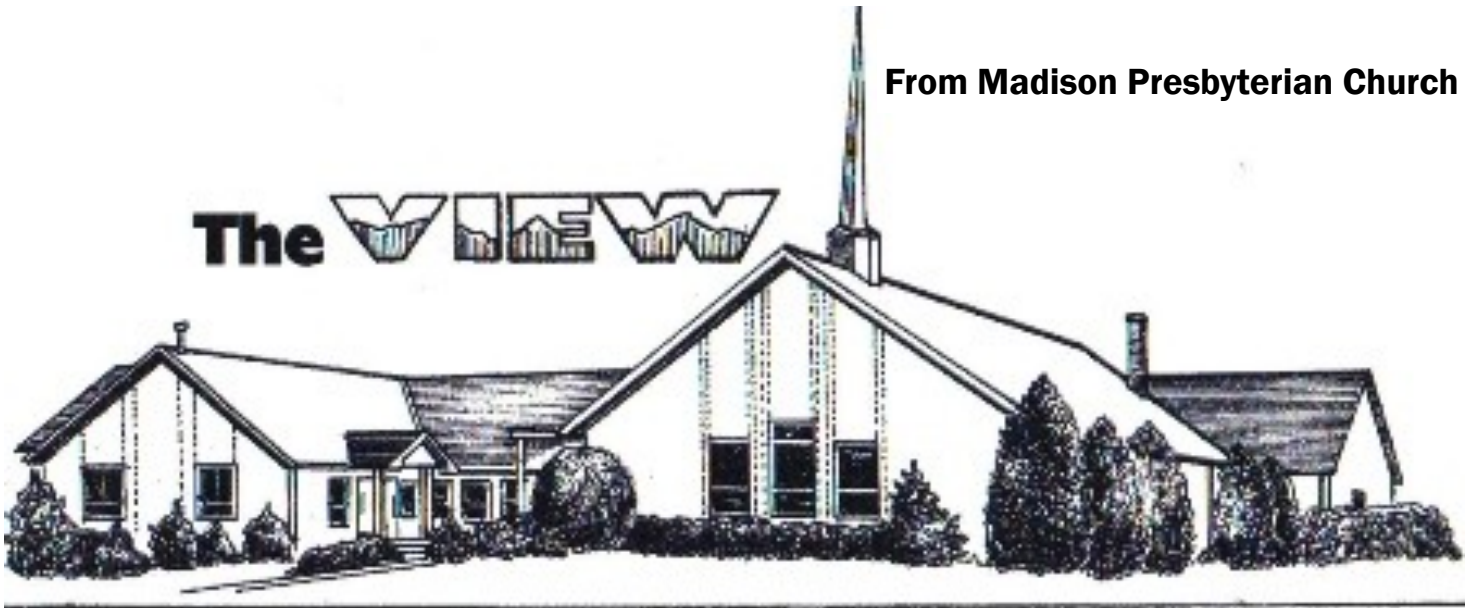


From Madison Presbyterian Church



From the Pastor

October 2016

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY - October 2

Presbyterians have celebrated World Communion Sunday since the mid-1930s. At that time North Americans were experiencing the economic upheaval of the Great Depression, and many were concerned about the instability in Europe and the possibility of another world war. A group of Presbyterian ministers met to pray and talk about the church's role in such a time. Rediscovering the unifying power of Christ in the Lord's Supper, they reaffirmed that in Christ all Christians are one, regardless of nationality, race, or ethnicity. From their meeting came the first World Communion Sunday in 1936. In the years that followed other denominations began to celebrate this special Sunday.

PEACEMAKING OFFERING - October 2

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to be peacemakers in all walks of life and in all parts of God's creation.

One way in which our congregation engages in this is through the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering of our denomination. Christians are called as Christ's people to be God's peacemakers as agents of reconciliation in families, individual lives, communities, churches, the international arena, and the whole of creation. Peacemaking is the human response to the divine gift of peace-giving. This special offering supports the peacemaking efforts of the church at every governing body level, and provides an opportunity to witness to God's gift of peace in the world.

In order to help the whole church respond to God's peace-giving in the world, 25 percent of the Peacemaking Offering is retained by congregations for their support of their own peacemaking ministry; 25 percent is used to support presbytery and synod peacemaking efforts; and 50 percent is forwarded to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program of the General Assembly, so that it can continue to provide assistance and resources for congregations and other bodies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

We will join our own gifts to the work during Morning Worship on October 2, World Communion Sunday. Please plan to participate.

At its Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 25, the Congregation of Madison Presbyterian Church elected 2 Elders to the Class of 2019. Frank King and Bill Pattie were elected to replace Joan Corbin and Roy Eakins. We thank Joan and Roy for their faithful and creative service in the leadership of the congregation.

The Annual Corporation Meeting was also held on Sunday, September 25. No business was transacted.

“THE GIFTS OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD” It’s Stewardship Time

The always popular Stewardship Dinner and Talent Show is coming this month! We will gather right after worship on Sunday October 23rd for dinner, followed by a short program.

This will be our seventh annual “Chili Cook-off”. Please use the sign- up sheets in the fellowship hall to let us know you can attend, and to tell us what you would like to bring. We will need mild, hot, or vegetarian chili, salads and desserts. The Stewardship Team will provide beverages, cornbread and chili toppings.

We expect to be entertained by our very own talented musicians, actors and storytellers, and that includes *YOU*. Please be thinking about a special talent you would be willing to share, and contact any member of the Stewardship Team. Let’s try for some new, unique offerings this year! If we don’t hear from you, it’s just possible you may hear from us.

On Communion Sundays we hear the familiar words “The Gifts of God for the People of God”. Likewise, when we gather to share good food, fellowship and talent, we will be reminded of all our good gifts from God, as we move into our annual pledge season.

Your Stewardship Team: Kim Barnes, Elder; Sharon Weakley, Team Leader; Bill Pattie, Mary King, Dianna Allen and Berta Storey

Session Highlights

The Session held its Stated Meeting on September 13, 2016.

Treasurer’s Report

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

YTD (actual)	YTD (budget)
Income \$ 101,458	\$ 102,328
Expense \$ 107,353	\$ 103,240

Witness - Peace and Global witness offering is Oct 2. This is also World Communion Sunday.

Stewardship- Met to plan the Chili dinner Oct 23rd. 4 weeks of minutes for mission will start in October. Stewardship dedication Sunday is Nov 20.

Fellowship – Wants to include local Police officers and Fire and Rescue personnel in our Thanksgiving Dinner Nov 20.

Christian Education – Classes have resumed.

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

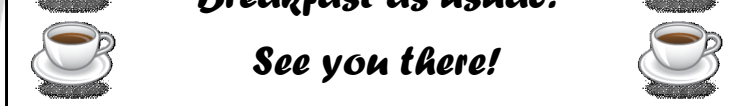
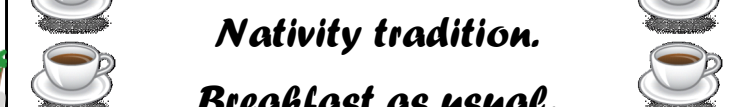
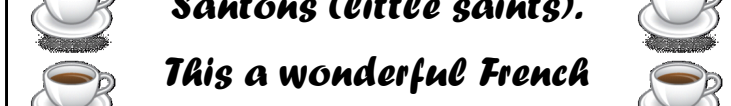
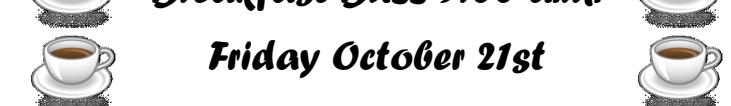
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**October Mowing
Schedule**
**Sep 29-Oct 1 Perrin
Kinsey & Gene Corbin**
6-8 Sam Strahan
13-15 Bill Sage
20-22 Dana Edelman



Nursery

Schedule

Oct 2 Jane

Oct 9 Sandy

Oct 16 Linda B.

Oct 23 Linda S.

Oct 30 Emily



October 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!





Operation Christmas Child “The Power of a Simple Gift”

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an International Christian relief organization that collects gift-filled shoeboxes and delivers them to boys and girls in desperate situations around the world.

“What goes into an Operation Christmas Child shoebox is fun. What comes out can change lives forever.”

Take part in the mission of Operation Christmas Child and pray that God will use every box to help share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Please use the Operation Christmas Child boxes which will be available in the Fellowship Hall from October 9th through November 18th. You will find a brochure with packing instructions and an envelope for postage attached to the box. Bring your gift boxes to the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, November 20th. Additional envelopes will be available if you choose to give a donation. Checks should be made payable to Samaritan's Purse.



Since 2008 Madison Presbyterian Church has been an Operation Christmas Child Relay Center. Last year our center collected 492 shoe boxes from the community. Our church prepared 44 boxes and gave generously to help with the postage. All the boxes were packed into cartons and taken to the collection center in Culpeper. This year our relay center will be receiving shoe boxes November 14 – November 21.

Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering

Thursday October 6th

6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship hall

We will gather to receive the Thank Offering. The theme for this year is

In the Shadow of Your Wings.

Many of this year's recipients deal with hunger, trafficking and domestic abuse. All of these seem to be recurring problems in our world today. Come to hear what some Churches are doing to help alleviate these problems and hear what your offering can help provide..

Join us for a potluck supper and short program. We finish in time for choir practice.

A Covenant Church

Did you know that we have been a Covenant Church with Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands for many years? This means we are partners with PCHH in meeting their mission of "Giving Children Hope and Purpose for the Future"

A Covenant Church promises to:

- Promote news of the Children's Home through newsletters, displays, and other sharing methods.
- Provide prayer support for the residents, staff, and activities of the Home.
- Encourage members to visit the campus to learn more about the ministry first-hand.
- Participate in the Home's activities as time and circumstances allow.
- Financially support this ministry with an annual unrestricted gift (a line item in the budget, church group project, Sunday School offering, VBS offering and/or other creative ways)

For Covenant Churches, PCHH promises to:

- Apply all its energy and efforts to meet its mission of "Giving Children Hope and Purpose for the Future" with a safe place where each resident can recover, heal, and press forward with the unfortunate circumstances that bring them to PCHH.
- Continually share news about the ministry through newsletters, web site, presentations, and special events.
- Welcome members to the campus with open arms and enlightening tours.
- Provide speakers to groups, classes, and/or individuals with presentations about the ministry.
- Appropriately recognize your commitment in their Board room and in their newsletter.



The Sisters of the Sea enjoyed another wonderful fall retreat, Sept 10-17 at Nags Head, NC. Devotions, morning sunrises, walks along the beach, music, water aerobics, swimming, crafts projects, rest and relaxation filled out a week of perfect weather.