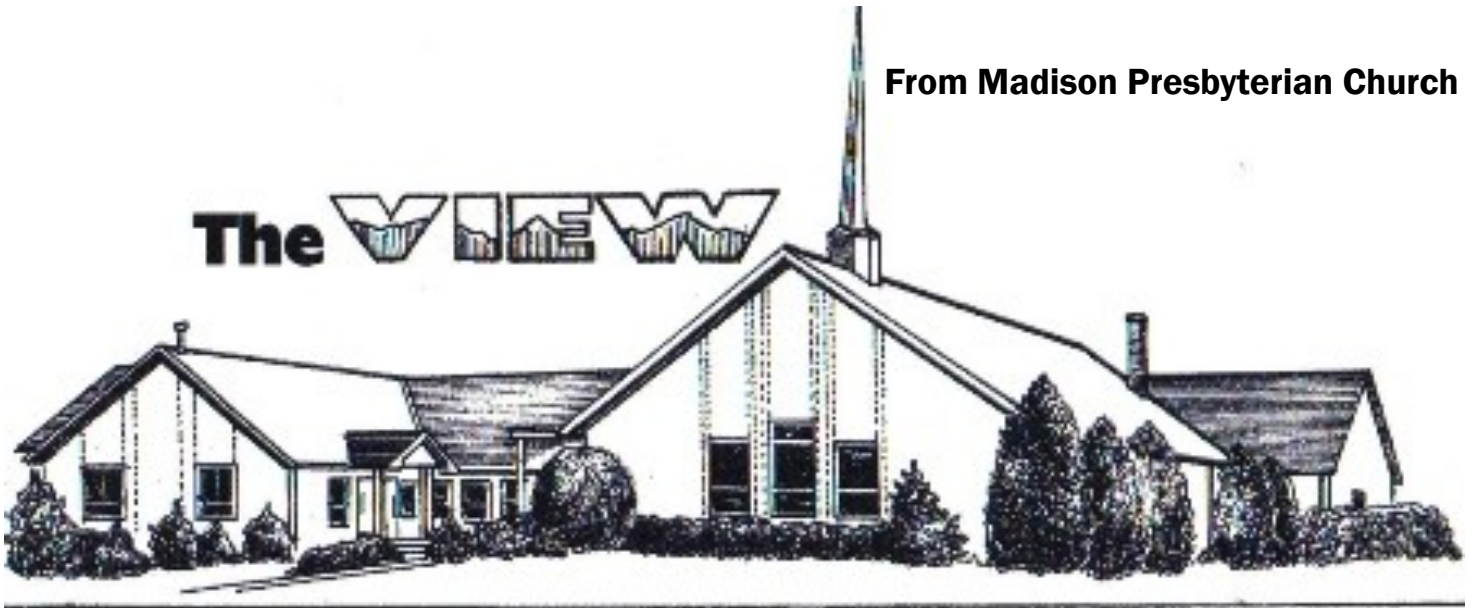


**From Madison Presbyterian Church**



**From the Pastor**

**October 2018**

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY - October 7**

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 7**

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 Peacemaking 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. The Peacemaking 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 7, World Communion Sunday. Please plan to participate.

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Session held its Stated Meeting on September 4, 2018.

### **Treasurer's Report**

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

	<u>YTD (actual)</u>	<u>YTD (budget)</u>
Income	\$96,604	\$83,320
Expense	\$81,141	\$86,184

### **Team Reports**

**Stewardship:** Talent show and dinner will be on October 28. The theme 'Love one Another' will be emphasized during minute for steward ship before the dinner. Next year the minutes will be done quarterly.

**Building and Grounds-**Nick Humphrey will set schedule for regular maintenance. Bill Pattie will look for volunteers to carry this out and, if not successful, a handyman.

**Christian Education-** Clarissa Berry will be session representative to team.

**Fellowship-** Teams which bring food for Sunday fellowship will also help to clean up.

**Witness:** Peacemaking offering will be October 7.

**Nominating Committee:** Mike Willis, Bobbie Carroll and Rives Wetsel have agreed to be nominated as elders in Class of 2021.

**New Business:** Presbytery meeting, October 20 at Lord Jesus Korean PC. Berta Storey and Kim Barnes will attend.

Bill Pattie moved (Clarissa Berry seconded) that we approve baptism for Abigail and Owen McLearn on Sept 23, 2018. Session approved by voice vote.

Session agreed to Clarissa Berry's suggestion that the deadline for the budget be November and team leaders turn in their requests by October 9<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting will be at 7 pm, October 9, 2018,

### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

At its Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 23, the Congregation of Madison Presbyterian Church elected 3 Elders to the Class of 2021. They are Bobbie Carroll, Rives Wetsel and Mike Willis. Thanks to all three elders-elect for answering the call to service.

The Annual Corporation Meeting was also held on Sunday, September 23. President Clarissa Berry reported that all needed business had been done in a timely fashion.

### **Madison Presbyterian Church**

Pastor: John Storey

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

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## Green Team News

Some of the Green Team members recently visited Republic Services (formerly Waste Management) in Manassas, to see where the recyclables from the Madison County Transfer Station are received, sorted, and sent on to the companies that re-use the paper, plastic, glass and metals. It was an impressive operation, even though we weren't able to see all of it due to a power failure. A return visit may be scheduled. Let the Green Team know if you are interested in attending. Shown here in full protective gear: Mary, Berta, Jill, Rives and Roger Berry, Madison County Transfer Station Manager.



## October Mowing Schedule

**October 4-6 Sam Strahan**

**11-13 Bill Pattie**

**18-20 Paul Hankla**

## **“Love One Another” It’s Stewardship Time**

Most of us are familiar with the story from all four of the gospels, about the miraculous feeding of 5,000 from just a few loaves and fishes. Not only was there plenty for all, there was also a lot left over! As John told us from the pulpit this summer, that's how great God's love is. Just like the people who gathered at the lakeside, through the grace of God we have an abundance of love, as well as food, to share.

On Sunday October 28th we will gather right after worship to do just that. It's the always popular Stewardship Dinner and Talent Show. This will be our ninth 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. Our menu will include your offering of chili, salad, or dessert. The Stewardship Team will provide beverages, cornbread and chili toppings.

As always, we also expect to be entertained by our very own talented musicians, actors and storytellers, and that includes *YOU*. Please sign up to share your talent, or talk with anyone from the Stewardship Team.

This yearly event is so much more than the occasion that moves us into our annual pledge season. It is also a time to celebrate who we are as a faith community. This year our team invites and reminds us to *Love One Another* in all that we say and do. Plan now to invite a friend to join you for worship and dinner on October 28th

Berta Storey

### **.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!



On Friday morning, Sept 21st we gathered for two important events. At 9:00 we shared a delicious breakfast and learned about Light Pollution from Bettie Berry, the speaker for this month's Breakfast Buzz. All of her articles and posters on the topic are available for your review in the Green Team Lending Library in the Tack Room. At 10:00, Eric Lapointe the Regional Director for Operation Christmas Child of Mid-Atlantic South, presented our church with a plaque to recognize our 10 years of serving as a collection site for this program. The plaque is on display in the fellowship hall, and there will soon be an opportunity to start packing your boxes for this year's drive.



## Operation Christmas Child

### The Amazing Journey of a Simple Shoebox Gift Begins With You

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an International Christian relief organization that collects shoebox gifts—filled with school supplies, hygiene items, and fun toys. The shoebox gifts are delivered to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way.

**"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 14th through November 16th. 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 18th. Additional envelopes will be available if you choose to give a donation. Checks should be made payable to Samaritan's Purse.



# ***Breakfast Buzz***

***9:00 a.m. Friday October 19th***

***Our speaker this month will be  
Roger Schreiner. Join us for a fun  
morning of Lionel Train talk. Roger  
will share his hobby of toy trains. We  
never out grow our love of toys!!!***



*October's birth flower is the marigold.  
Marigolds are often given as a sign of warm or  
fierce, undying love, or as a way of saying that  
you're content with being with the recipient.*

## **NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

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