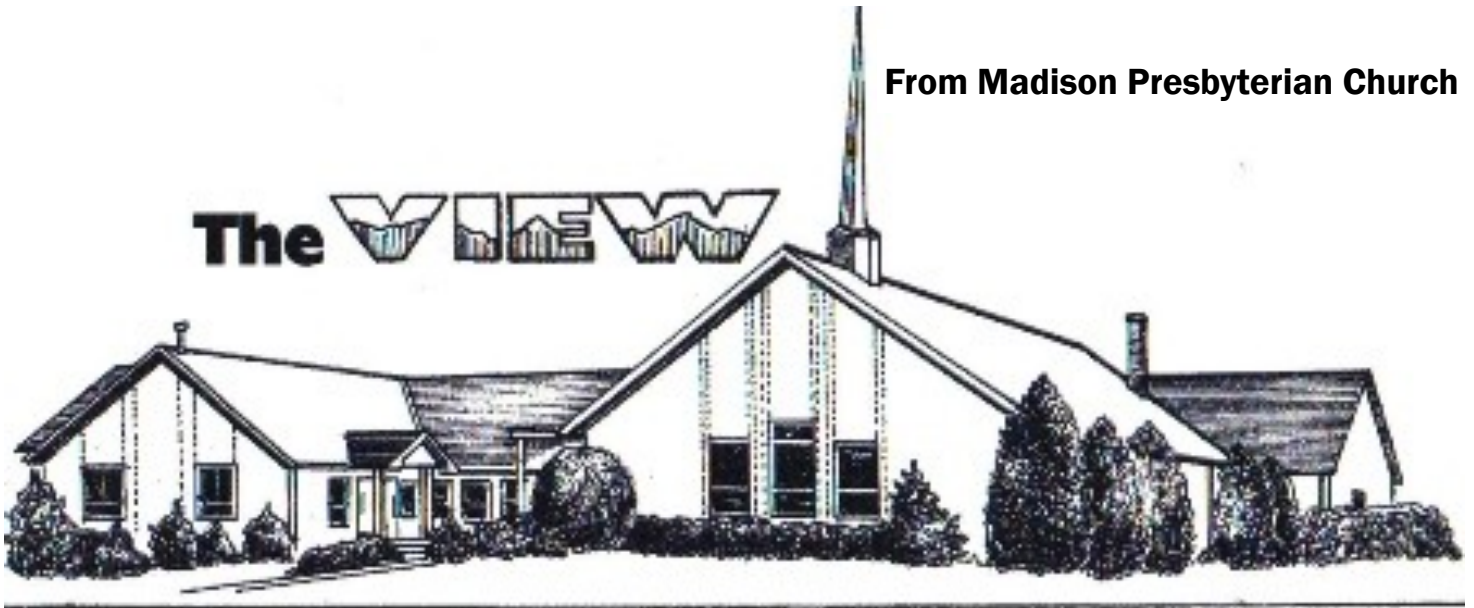


From Madison Presbyterian Church



From the Pastor

April 2017

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 9, 10 am, Morning Worship observing Palm/Passion Sunday.

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

April 13, 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 16, 6:30 am, Ecumenical Worship at Rose Park Methodist Church, sponsored by the Ministerial Association.

The service will be led by local ministers.

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

What a glorious day it will be! Feel free to bring flowers from your yard and garden as we give praise to God for the renewal of life

ELDER APPRECIATION DINNER

The Session cordially invites all **Ordained Elders and spouses** to attend the annual Appreciation Dinner which is scheduled for 6:30 pm, Tuesday, April 11, in the Fellowship Hall. As in years past, we will take this opportunity to seek the wisdom of all the Elders of our congregation as we continue our planning for this year's ministry.

To help us plan for the meal, we ask that you please call the church office at (540) 948-6972, Monday through Thursday, between 8 am and 1 pm, or leave word on the answering machine any other time, letting us know that you can come.

The Stated Meeting of the Session of Madison Presbyterian Church was held at 7:00 on Tuesday March 14, 2017.

Treasurer's Report: The end of March financial report totals for income and spending were as follows:

	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET
Income	\$11,640	\$9,483
Expenses	\$7,767	\$10,711

AREA REPORTS:

Congregational Life:

CE: Cindy will be elder liaison. Members are Mary Linda McLearen, Linda Sadler, Bobbie Carroll and Clarissa Berry. Bobbie Carroll spoke about upcoming plans. Vacation Bible school will need help from folks outside CE and is tentatively planned for four evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 with a light supper early to mid-June. The first Sunday of Advent CE will sponsor a wreath making session with a soup lunch. There are 8 children of an age to have a communicants class. John will contact parents.

Fellowship: Frank is elder liaison. He has a new calendar ready for distribution.

PW: going well- Frank King is elder liaison.

Green: Roadside pickup was success. Plans are underway for Earth Day Service April 23rd.

Tom is elder liaison.

Care and support: going well—Kim is elder liaison.

Outreach-Kim Barnes will get this team restarted and determine its direction.

Witness: OGHS on Easter is next offering.

Administration:

Finance- Art is elder liaison. He was absent.

Stewardship-Kim is elder liaison. Going well.

Personnel- Tom Rees brought a contract amendment from the Personnel Team for Carol's contract. Tom Rees moved that a portion of the contract be amended with new wording. He moved and Clarissa seconded that the new wording be changed to read "Carol accepts and agrees to such employment subject to the general supervision advice and direction of the minister of the church."

NEW BUSINESS:

Matters from session retreat—John, Tom and Frank will form a team to develop a questionnaire to poll congregation. We aim to get at the question of why Madison Presbyterian is your church. Tom will put an article in the April newsletter.

Elders dinner will be on April 11, 2017 at 6:00. Session members will bring a side or a dessert. Fellowship with to the rest.

Next Session Meeting will be April 11, following the Elders' Dinner.

MPC Requests your input

At its March planning retreat, the Session decided to provide opportunities for the MPC community to share thoughts and ideas. A detailed effort will be planned for this, but as a first step you are invited to share your responses to the following questions:

Why is MPC your church?

Why are you happy, content, or dissatisfied here?

You may respond at any time during the month of April by writing down your thoughts and placing them in the offering plate during worship. Paper and pens will be provided each Sunday. If you would prefer, you may send responses to MPC, Box 297, Madison, VA 22733.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Sharing resources, changing lives

This special offering will be received during worship on **Easter Sunday, April 16.**

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 \$746 to the offering. What will we give this year?

Springtime at Massanetta Springs Conference Center....

is beautiful AND it's time for the ADULT RETREAT. This year the retreat will be April 27th.

The speaker is **Rev. Nancy Crow Summerlin** and the theme for the day is

Let's Talk (& Listen): Biblical Hope for Today



Breakfast Buzz

Join us at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast.

Our speaker will be

Brad Jarvis, Extension Agent.

We live in a beautiful agricultural area.

***Come and learn what is involved in keeping it
that way.***

MADISON CHORAL SOCIETY SPRING CONCERT

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By Schubert

Orange Baptist Church, Orange, VA April 28 at 7:30 pm
Mount Carmel in Haywood, VA Sunday, April 30 at 4:30 pm

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
Phone Number: 540-948-6972
E-mail: madisonpresb@verizon.net
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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!



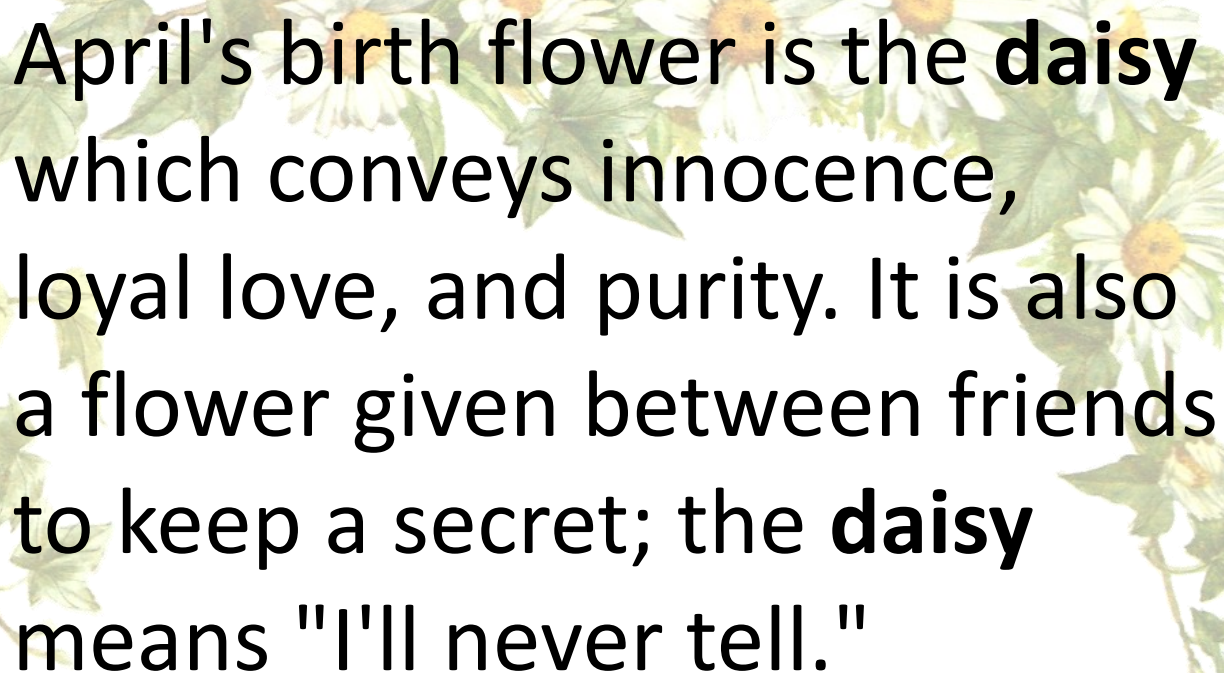
Green Team News

The Green team had a roadside clean-up on, Wednesday, March 1. It took Joyce & Nick Humphrey, Tom Rees, Bettie Berry and Mary & Frank King about an hour and a half to complete the task.

The team plans to help the congregation celebrate Earth Day at the April 23rd worship service. Our songs, scriptures, and prayers will all have messages to help us consider God's creation. Look for our "green" refreshments during fellowship.

The Team plans to host a **Native Landscape Trail Walk** on Saturday, May 13th. This NLTW will be led by Jeanne Bruton from 10:00AM-Noon. Jeanne re-landscaped her mountaintop after the 1995 flood. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. We will also need all-wheel or 4-wheel drive vehicles to transport walkers to the trail. We plan to leave the church at 9:30AM and will probably return around 12:30PM. For answers to questions or more information, please talk to a member of the team: Tom Rees, Bettie Berry, Jill Quinley, Berta Storey or Frank & Mary King.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



April's birth flower is the **daisy** which conveys innocence, loyal love, and purity. It is also a flower given between friends to keep a secret; the **daisy** means "I'll never tell."

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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