

From the Pastor

May 2018

Session Highlights

The Session held its Stated Meeting on April 10, 2018

Treasurer's Report

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

TD (actual) YTD (budget)

Income \$ 30,039 \$ 31,245

Expense \$ 29,943 \$ 32,319

Team Reports

Administration:

Building and Grounds: Bushes trimmed and lights fixed. Session approved the removal of downstairs urinal in the Fellowship Hall. Bids will be solicited for reroofing each building and brought to session. Bids will be solicited for 3 entry locks that need to be replaced and brought to session. Session approved that fellowship hall floor be cleaned and waxed at a cost of @\$1000. Session will begin to explore a security plan for the Sanctuary. Price for replacement of fluorescent bulbs will be secured from an electrician.

Congregational Life:

Green: Eco palms were used on Palm Sunday. April 22 is Earth Care Sunday, Green Team in charge. May 27th, team will have a Green Minute.

Madison Presbyterian Church

Pastor: John Storey

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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Session notes, continued . . .

Witness: Clarissa Berry is elder liaison.

One Great Hour of Sharing on Easter collected \$415.

Pentecost Offering

On Sunday, May 20, we will receive the annual Pentecost Offering. This offering is a denomination-wide special offering. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

For several years we have retained our portion to help fund the Loaves and Fishes program through which weekend and summer meal backpacks are given to young people who qualify for free or subsidized lunches at school. For further information, speak with Bobbie Carroll or Mary Haught.

"Camperships" from Madison Presbyterian Women

Again this year, PW is happy to help all children and youth of the church with the cost of attending a church-related camp or conference. Camp sponsorship (campership) applications are available in the fellowship hall, along with brochures from Camp Hanover and other camps or conferences, as they become available. Applications can be given on Sundays to Berta Storey, PW Treasurer, or to Carol Johnson, Church Administrator, during office hours. We can sponsor each camper for up to \$200. It's never too early to start planning for summer!

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.

The Session urges you to remember the existence of this meaningful and loving way to share life in our community. This is also a wonderful opportunity for community members to participate through special donations.

New Member

At a Called Meeting of the Session on Sunday, March 18, Emily Woodward was received into full membership in MPC by By Profession of Faith. Emily has been a part of our family since birth and is active with the Fellowship Team. She was publicly received during worship on Easter Sunday.



Madison Choral Society

Lauren Estes, director with The Rapidan Orchestra

Presents

FAURE REQUIEM

And other pieces

Friday, May 11, 2018, 7:00 pm Orange Baptist Church 123 W. Main St, Orange VA

Saturday May 12, 2018, 7:00 pm Culpeper Baptist Church 318 S West St. Culpeper, VA

Free admission, offerings appreciated

Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering Welcome to This Place

Join us at **6:00 p.m. on May 10th** for a potluck supper and a short program. As always spouses are welcome and we finish before choir practice.

This is the PW Birthday offering. In 2018 we will be helping support three projects that have a critical need for shelter and hospitality in the areas they serve.

Join us for good food, fellowship, and information.

Vacation Bible School

June 3rd—6th 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

A Very Blessed Summer

An Intergenerational time of eating, learning, and playing.

Join us once again for an evening of fun and learning for the whole family.

We have: exciting teachers for the adults
loving teachers for the younger set
an exciting teacher for the middle and high school
great crafts
a super mission project
and good food!!!
and yes, music

Join us each night....you're going to LOVE it!

Stewardship Team Bring-a-Friend Picnic

The Stewardship Team invites all to our annual church picnic. We will gather immediately following worship on Sunday May 20, to celebrate around our theme for the year, *Love One Another.*

The team is providing beverages, hot dogs and hamburgers with all the "fixin's". Everyone is asked to bring a "pot luck" side dish or dessert

Be sure to sign up in the Fellowship Hall so the team will know how many are planning to attend, and what you plan to bring.



And, bring a friend. As we read in John 13:34-35 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." As we gather around the table, this is a great opportunity to show our friends what it means to *Love One Another*.





Friday, May 18th 9:00 a.m.

Fay Smith will be with us to explain how archaeology at Montpelier helps tell the story of James Madison's family and the enslaved people and how they went about their daily lives.

Archaeological finds help give as complete a picture as possible.

Join us for breakfast and an interesting piece of history.

January Foods of the Month

Single Household—Single serving size canned vegetables, fruits, meats and soups with pop-up lids. Packs of pudding and jell-o cups, crackers, peanut butter & jelly and packs of raisins.

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!

