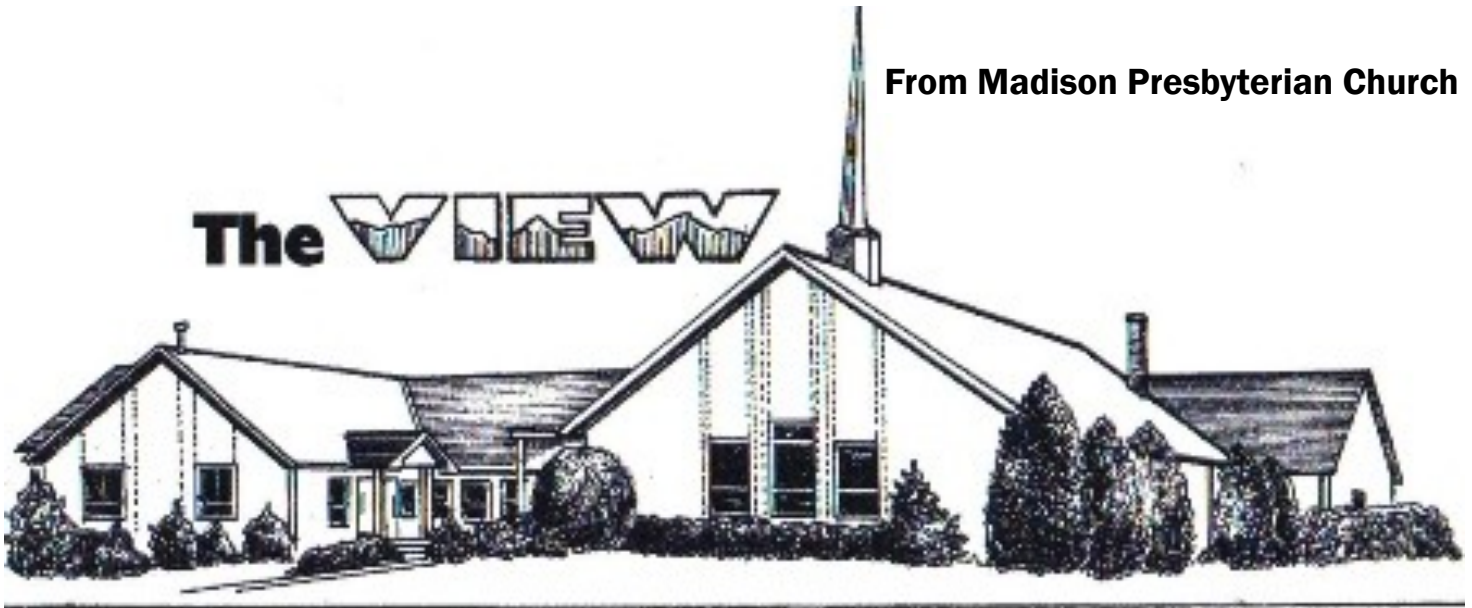


From Madison Presbyterian Church



From the Pastor

February 2017

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

On Sunday, January 22, we celebrated the Installation of Bettie Berry, Frank King and Bill Pattie to the office of Ruling Elder for Madison Presbyterian Church, Class of 2019. The congregation is encouraged to be in prayer with and for the new Elders as they begin their service on the Session. We also give God our deep appreciation for the loving and faithful leadership of Joan Corbin, Roy Eakins and Sue Strahan and wish for them a well-deserved rest.

Tuesday Bible Study

As of January 17, the Tuesday morning Bible Study has changed over 23 years of practice moving from a discussion of the weekly lectionary texts to a guided study of the whole Bible. We are using the book, *The Mighty Acts of God*, which was originally published in 1964 as part of the Covenant Life Curriculum. Don't let the date fool you! This study tool has been used many times in churches since that time and it always feels fresh and timely. We have found 7 copies in the church and private libraries. That is sufficient for the current members of the group, but we hope others may have a copy at home to lend, so that more folks can easily join in. Since this is a brand new study, it would be a great time for others who can gather at 10 am on Tuesdays to "come on down!"

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.

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Johnson

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February 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!

Bel Canto Vocal Ensemble

presents a winter concert:



Donations gratefully accepted

Friday, February 10, 2017

7:30 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church
143 West Main St | Orange, VA

Sunday, February 12, 2017

4:00 p.m.

Piedmont Episcopal Church
214 Church St | Madison, VA

*Inclement weather date: Friday,
February 17, 2017*

*Inclement weather date: Sunday,
February 19, 2017*

Green Team Announces Plans for 2017

Welcome to a new year in the life of our congregation. The Green Team is planning several events:

- Earth Day worship service on April 23rd.
- Spring Roadside Clean-up in May
- A nature walk outing in beautiful Madison County
- We may also have a hand (or a Green thumb) in planning for Breakfast Buzz and other events, to be determined.

Look for updates in the newsletter and on our bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Your Green Team:

Frank and Mary King, Jill Quinley, Bettie Berry, Berta Storey and Tom Rees



Breakfast Buzz

Join us at 9: a.m. for Breakfast.

Friday February 17th

***Tracey Gardiner will present a program about places to visit
in Madison County. Come and learn some secret spots to
visit and enjoy in our beautiful area.***



Author and retired journalist, Bob Haight, delivered tips on writing and getting published for fun and (sometimes) profit at our January Breakfast Buzz.

Madison Presbyterian Church Mission Team 2016 Distribution

The Madison Presbyterian Church is pleased to announce the 2016 mission distribution. We would like to express our deep gratitude for your contributions and ideas. We are excited to support the following organizations and causes:

Boys and Girls Club of Madison County

- Contribution: \$200
- Purpose: Provides a safe place and engaging activities to help children achieve their fullest potential. The Madison Boys and Girls Club is an important venue for children's after school activities.

Literacy Council of Madison County

- Contribution: \$500
- Purpose: Works to improve literacy levels in Madison County.

Madison Free Clinic

- Contribution: \$500
- Purpose: Provides medical, dental, and optical care to uninsured residents in Madison County.

Madison Rescue Squad

- Contribution: \$500
- Purpose: A volunteer organization of local community members who provide emergency services to the citizens of Madison County. Our contribution will support the squad's efforts to build and relocate to a new facility.

Madison County Volunteer Fire Department

- Contribution: \$500
- Purpose: A volunteer organization of local community members who provide fire services to the citizens of Madison County.

Salvation Army, Madison Chapter

- Contribution: \$500
- Purpose: A volunteer organization of local community members who provide support to people in crisis.

Cooper House

- Contribution: \$500
- Purpose: To sponsor Ginny Pearson's mission trip to Guatemala.

MESA

- Contribution: \$2,049 (\$1000 donation and \$1,019 from two collections (July and November).

- Purpose: Provides emergency financial assistance, transitional housing, and mentoring for families and individuals in Madison County experiencing unexpected hardships.

Presbytery of the James

- Contribution: \$6,000
- Purpose: Our congregation's participation in supporting the worldwide mission of the PC(USA).
- Special Offerings throughout the year:
 - Joy Offering: \$735.00
 - One Great Hour of Sharing: \$746.00
 - Peace and Global Witness: \$316.50
 - 5 Cents a Meal: \$2,662.32
 - Pentecost Fund: \$379.80
 - Theo Ed Fund: \$600.00

Loaves and Fishes Pantry

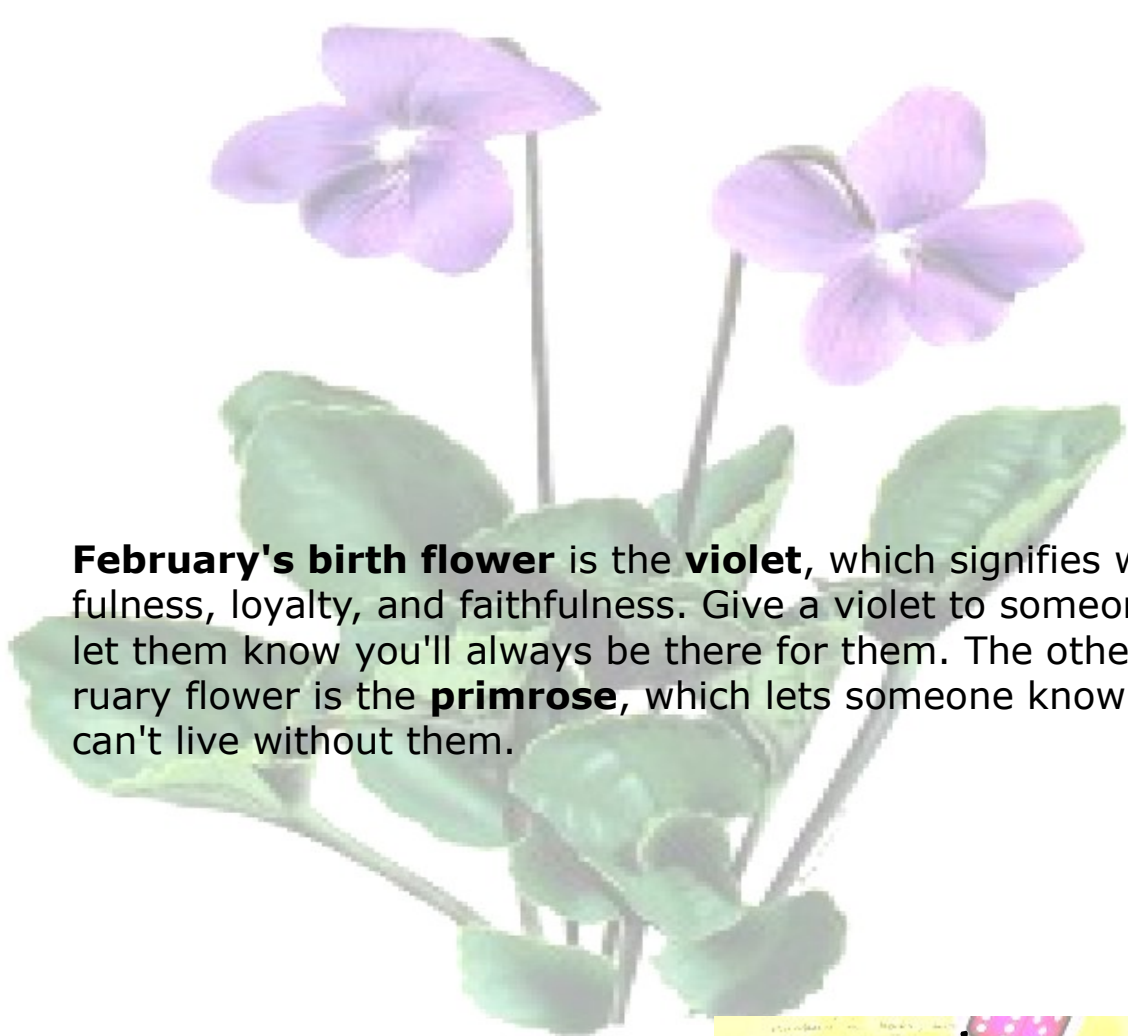
- Contribution: \$2,181.70 (\$500 year end distribution)
- Purpose: To provide weekend meals to children enrolled at the Boys and Girls Club of Madison who qualify for the lunch program at school. \$243.20 from our share of the Pentecost collection, \$5.50 from leftover Peace and Global Witness, other donations and special collections \$1,433.00.

Help Fund

- Contribution: \$9,505
- Purpose: To provide no-interest loans to those in need. These monies are available at this time.

Total contributions collected and distributions for 2016:

- \$28,349.35



February's birth flower is the **violet**, which signifies watchfulness, loyalty, and faithfulness. Give a violet to someone to let them know you'll always be there for them. The other February flower is the **primrose**, which lets someone know you can't live without them.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

(**Newsletter** in subject line)

gcbc3.carroll@gmail.com
or phone 540-948-9922.

George Carroll



hosting
Game Night
Jane Lamar
Friday, Feb. 10
7:00 pm

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Session held its Stated Meeting on January 10, 2017

Treasurer's Report

The 2016 year-end financial report totals for income and spending were as follows:

	<u>YTD (actual)</u>	<u>YTD (budget)</u>
Income	\$143,162	\$153,500
Expense	\$156,009	\$154,854

difference <\$ 12,828> reserve funds were approved to cover the deficit

Witness- The Joy offering was \$735.00. The next special offering will be One Great Hour of Sharing on Easter Sunday, April 16. A report of all 2016 mission giving has been produced and will be placed on our website as well as in the February newsletter.

Finance – Sam Strahan, Team Leader, presented a revamped version of the 2017 Budget. We have \$77,000 in pledges. Estimated income is anticipated to be \$113,800. Our estimated expenses are \$128,529. The finance team challenges all committees to pay close attention to spending. A request was made to differentiate between what monies in Gifts and Memorials are designated vs those which are not designated. Clarissa expressed concern over adopting a budget before we allow the Congregation to see and comment on it. It was agreed to present the proposed budget to the Church on 1/22. The final review will be discussed in February.

New Business: Bettie Berry was elected as Clerk for 2017. Election of a Treasurer for 2017 is awaiting a response from a candidate. Elder installation was set for 1/22/17. We adopted the 2017 Calendar. A Corporation Board meeting was postponed to February.

The next Stated Session Meeting will be held at 7 pm, Tuesday, February 14, 2017.