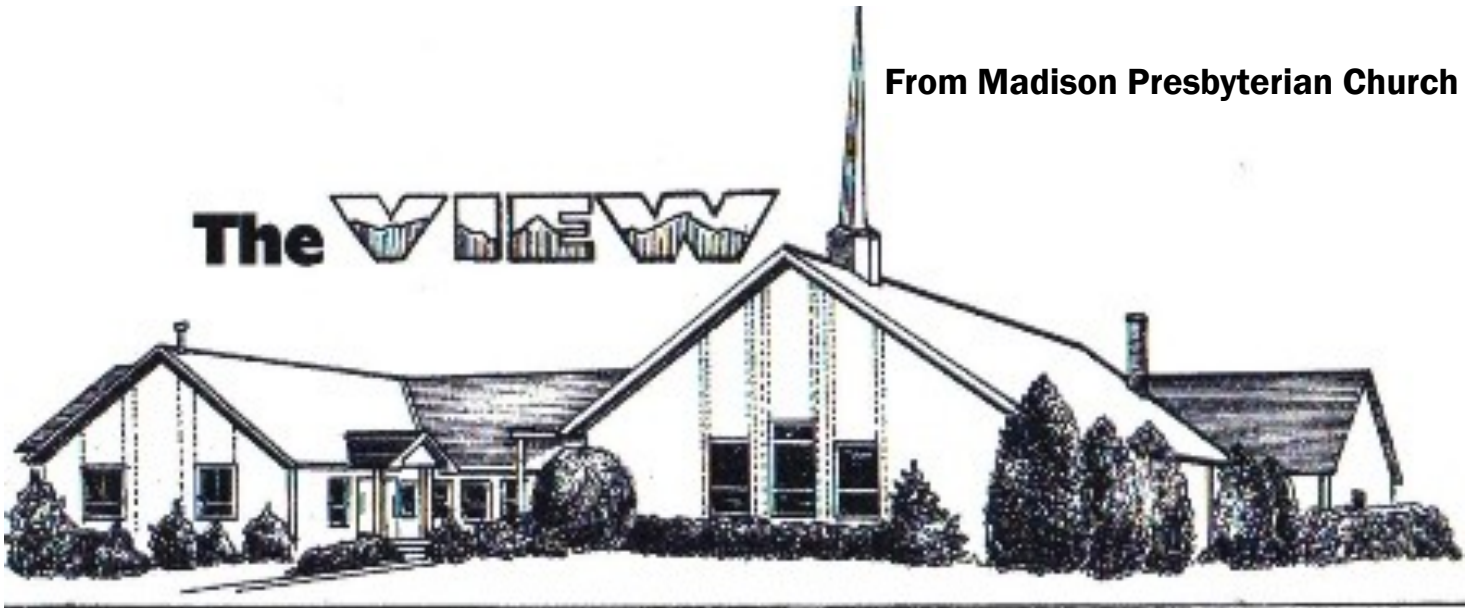


From Madison Presbyterian Church



From the Pastor

November 2017

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Mark your calendar now for our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. It will be held following Morning Worship on Sunday, November 26. The Fellowship Team will provide the turkey and fixings. The Congregation is asked to bring veggies and desserts. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP

The Madison Ministerial Association will host a Community Thanksgiving Worship at 10 am on Thursday, November 23. An offering will be received to support the work of MESA (Madison Emergency Services Association.) Details of place and preacher will be decided later and announced in the bulletin.

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION

Every household will be receiving a letter from the Stewardship Team soon. Please begin your consideration of a pledge to the budget for 2018. We will receive the pledges during worship on Sunday, November 19.

Madison Presbyterian Church

Pastor: John Storey

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

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Session Highlights

The Stated Meeting of the Session of Madison Presbyterian Church was held at 7:00 on Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

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

	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET
Income	\$103,841	\$85,347
Expenses	\$ 87,756	\$96,399

AREA REPORTS:

Congregational Life

CE: December 3rd-Advent wreath making

Fellowship: Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 19.

Witness: Loaves and Fishes Turkey Trot will be held on Thanksgiving morning.

Administration:

Finance- Need budget requests from teams.

Stewardship- Talent Show and Dinner on October 29th.

Personnel –Met on Oct. 8 to send letters to evaluators or church employees and review Personnel Notebook.

OLD BUSINESS-Pastor Review will be 10/18/2017 by Kim Barnes and Bill Pattie;

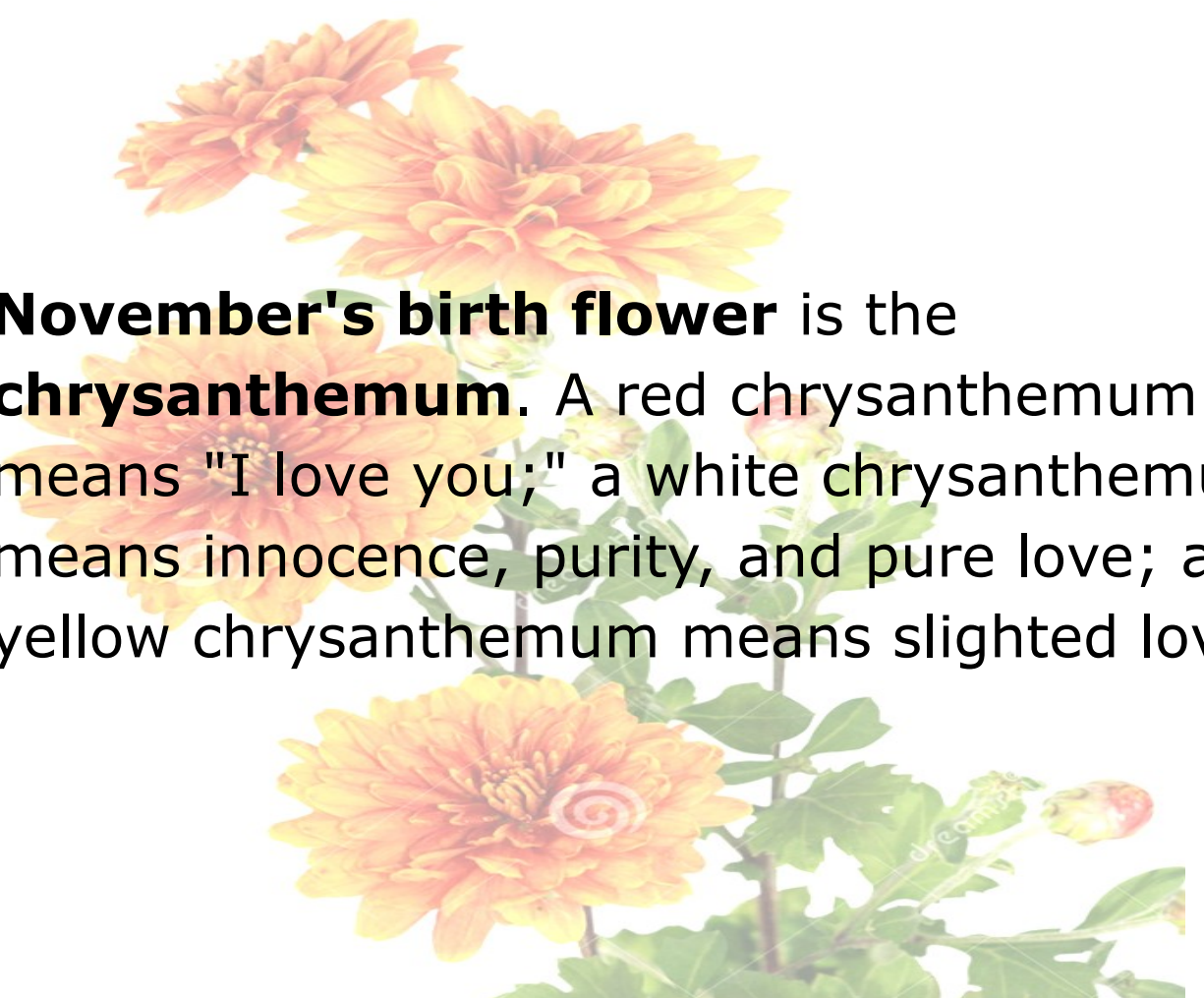
Need team requests to Finance Team for Budget.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14.

.November Foods of the Month

Families: Canned vegetables and fruit, soup, rice, dried beans, hot and cold cereals, packages of macaroni and cheese, crackers. 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!





November's birth flower is the **chrysanthemum**. A red chrysanthemum means "I love you;" a white chrysanthemum means innocence, purity, and pure love; a yellow chrysanthemum means slighted love.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Have something you want published in our Newsletter? Please contact me by email:
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or phone 540-948-9922.
George Carroll





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 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.

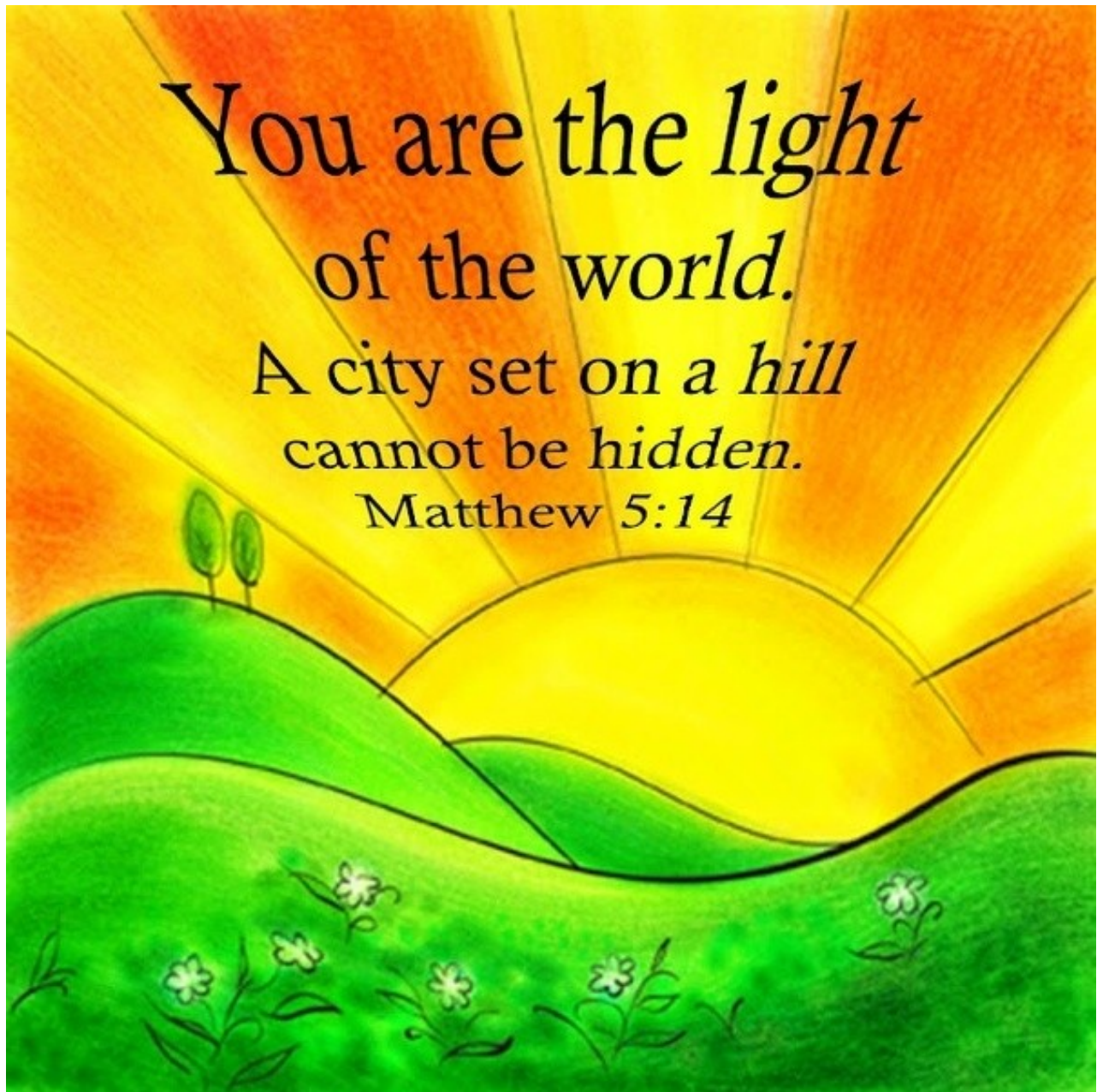
Please use the Operation Christmas Child boxes which will be available in the Fellowship Hall from October 15th through November 18th. You will find a brochure with packing instructions and an envelope for postage attached to the box. Bring your gift boxes to the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, November 19th. 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 489 shoe boxes from the community. Our church prepared 34 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 the relay center will be receiving shoe boxes November 13 – November 20.



If you are interested in volunteering at the relay center, please contact Mary Linda McLearn.





Let Your Light Shine

A Reminder From the Stewardship Team

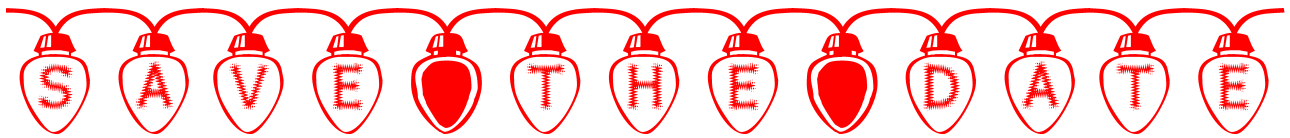
A good time was had by all at the Chili Dinner and Talent show on Sunday October 29. The light of Christ's love was shining brightly as we gathered to share food, fellowship, and fun. Look for photos of the day in next month's newsletter.

Lest we forget the reason for this annual event, we also gathered to remind each other of the importance of sharing our financial resources. Letters and pledge cards were distributed at the dinner, or mailed to those who were unable to join us. As Dedication Sunday approaches on November 19, the Stewardship Team asks you to please give prayerful consideration to your church pledge for the coming year.



BREAKFAST BUZZ

NOV. 17th @ 9:00 a.m. Join us for a yummy breakfast and then we'll work it off! Karen Coppage, Personal Trainer, at Anytime Fitness will be here to help us exercise even if we don't want to get up from that cozy chair. She will give us helpful hints on how to keep us steady, as we go about our daily routines. Join us for a fun morning!



SUNDAY, DEC 3rd

First Sunday of Advent

All are invited to a soup lunch and Advent wreath making. More details to follow.

Landscaping

In the fading light of Monday evening Oct. 2nd Boy Scouts Ashton Leach, JR Lovan, Sam Haynes, John Smith, Brian Metz, Roman Pfaff, Marcus Poisel, from Troop 45 led by Ben Haynes cleared the space on the back of the sanctuary to make room for new shrubs to be planted later this fall. This Service Project is similar to the work they did last year, clearing the area between the sidewalk and the sanctuary. The ripping out of old shrubs is not easy and the help and efforts of the young men is most appreciated by members of the grounds team.



Drones flown at September Breakfast Buzz. More pictures on the bulletin board.

