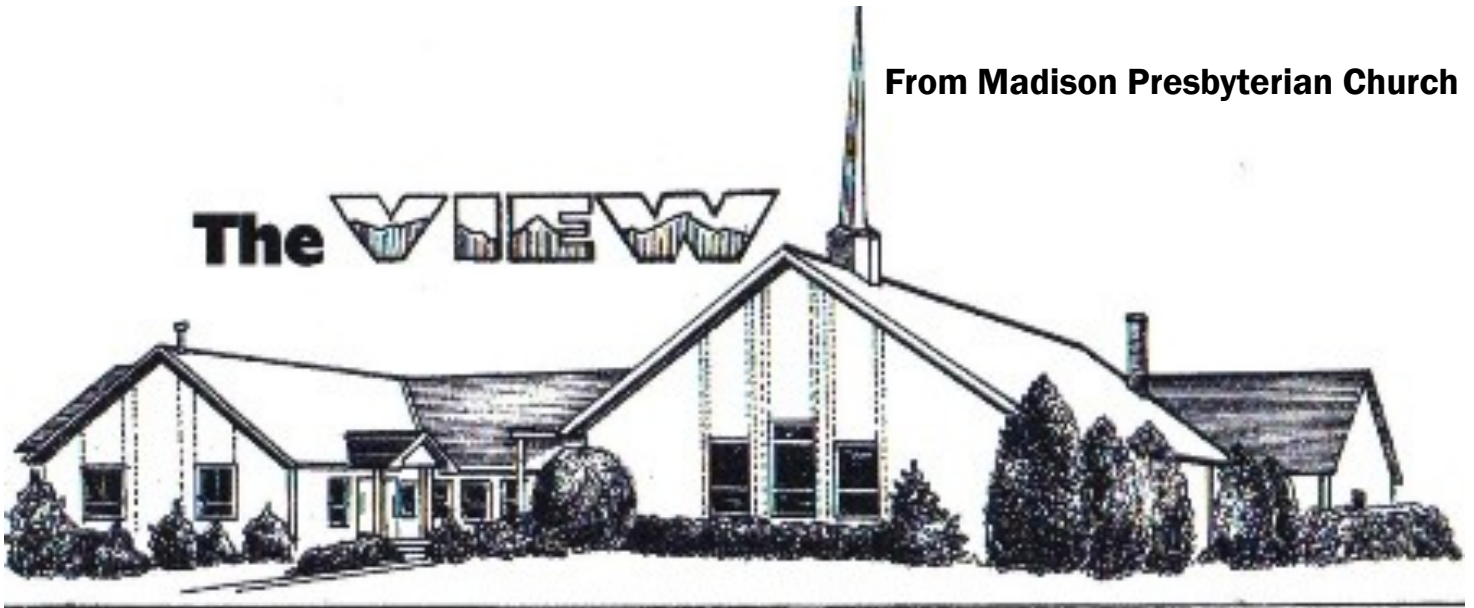


From Madison Presbyterian Church



From the Pastor

July 2017

### July is MESA Month!!

July is our month to give particular support to the ministry of the Madison Emergency Services Association (**MESA**). MESA is the primary Non-governmental, non-profit agency serving the needs of the poor in our county. Through its volunteers, MESA provides food, clothing, financial assistance and counseling to hundreds of our neighbors. MESA also offers more intensive help in the form of personal mentoring and safe, comfortable housing for selected families in *Barbara's House*, named for long time MESA Treasurer and Madison Presbyterian accompanist and member, Barbara Sherman. MESA is always seeking volunteers to staff the shop, sort donations, and be a friendly presence with customers. It can be a fun and fulfilling time and many of our members have volunteered year-round because of the joy they receive from helping others. The process for volunteering has changed. Please call Thelma Lewis at 948-6330 to set up a time to volunteer.

Our congregation has a long tradition of receiving a special offering during July for MESA. This is in addition to our budgeted line item for this support. This year the Session has designated Sunday, July 23 for this offering and we hope that each household will give prayerful consideration to making a significant gift. We all know how the national and local economy are affecting our own lives. The impact is particularly hard on our neighbors who live on fixed or minimum incomes.

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### Vacation

John will be on vacation June 25 - July 9. Filling our pulpit on July 2 will be Gordon Lindsey, Retired Presbyterian pastor from Charlottesville. On Jul 9 we welcome back Allan McConnell, retired Baptist pastor from Culpeper.



## Summer Reading Opportunities From Presbyterian Women

Before you head off on a vacation, or set aside some time for relaxation at home, be sure to check out the lending library in the PW room in the Sanctuary building. Over the years many of us have donated our used books to be passed along and shared. There is no sign-out system. You may return the books you have read, or give them away to other interested readers, so there will be room for new donations.

Another opportunity is to pick up your copy of the PW Horizons Bible Study book for 2017-18. PW circle meets from September through May on the second Wednesday of each month at 10 AM in the Tack Room. This year's study will be "Cloud of Witnesses : The Community of Christ in Hebrews". The study books have been ordered and will be available soon, free of charge, in the PW Room of the sanctuary building. Sign your name on the sheet provided so we will know who has received their study book. Please consider joining PW Circle when we begin meeting again in September, if you are not already involved. We will order additional study books if the supply runs low.

Berta Storey, PW Treasurer

There are three open months in the schedule for counters of the weekly offering. If you would be willing to help with this important task for one of these months, please contact Sam Strahan at church. Open slots are for August (with Elizabeth Storey), October (with Heidi Sage) and March (with Ann Patterson). Training provided!



## "Son Day Supper"

Please join the Outreach Team for a summer Sunday supper with Christ centered conversation across the supper table. Then some going outside to play! Old traditions mixed with new ideas! 6:30 to 8:00 pm

on July 16.

Debby Woodward

## Madison Presbyterian Church

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## Vacation Bible School

Once again we want to thank all of you who participated and all who helped make Vacation Bible School a success. I believe we all had a good time and may have even learned a few new things about each other's talents.





# Green Team News



On June 3rd nine members of the church and community attended a Native Landscaped Trail Walk at the mountainside home of Jeanne Bruton, pictured second from the left. An informative time was enjoyed by all.

Let the Green Team know your thoughts for a future trip into the great outdoors.



## July Foods of the Month

Canned vegetables and fruit, soup, rice, dried beans, hot and cold cereals, packages of Macaroni and cheese, and 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!

## July Mowing Schedule

**July 6-8 George Carroll**  
**July 13-15 Tom Dorrier**  
**July 20-22 Sharon Weakley**  
**July 27-29 John Haines**



July's Birth flower is **larkspur**. Each color variation of larkspur has a different meaning: pink means fickleness, white conveys a happy nature, and purple normally represents a first love. Generally, larkspur indicates strong bonds of love. The other July flower is the **water lily**, which signifies purity and majesty.

### NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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