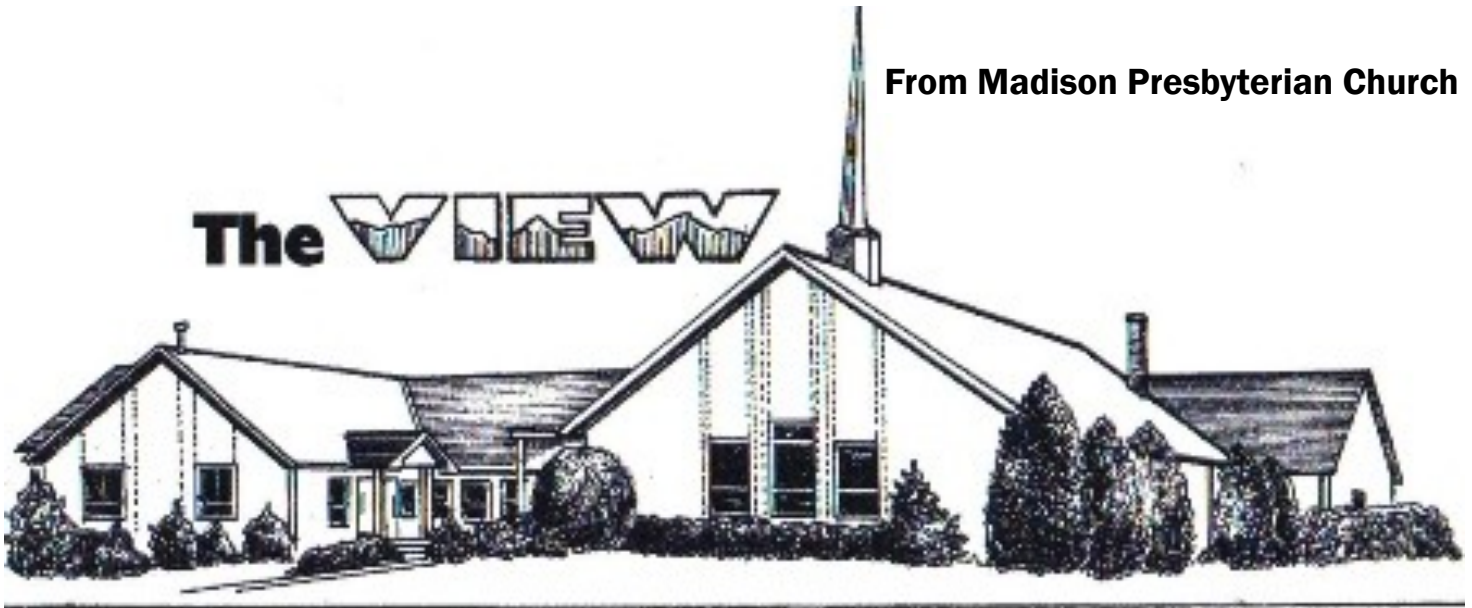


From Madison Presbyterian Church



From the Pastor

November 2016

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Mark your calendar now for our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. It will be held following Morning Worship on Sunday, November 20. 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 a.m. on Thursday, November 28. This year the service will be at Beth Car Baptist Church on Mud Road in Madison. Our preacher will be Frank Lewis, pastor of Antioch Baptist Church. An offering will be received to support the work of MESA (Madison Emergency Services Association.) Make plans to join your neighbors in this special time of worship!

ADVENT

Although it may be hard to believe, the Season of Advent will begin the last Sunday of this month, November 27. We will be entering once again into the time of anticipation as we turn our hearts toward the message of the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love which are given by God in Jesus Christ.

BARBARA'S HOUSE

The Session has approved the collection of a special offering to benefit Barbara's House. We will join our efforts with other Madison churches by receiving the offering on Sunday, November 13. Barbara's House is a 5 apartment building used by Madison Emergency Services Association (MESA) to provide short and long term housing for families in crisis. After a number of years, the apartments are being completely renovated to make them more comfortable and up-to-date. Support of this ministry is especially dear to MPC because the House is named after Barbara Sherman, our long-time accompanist and beloved member.

Session Highlights

The Session held its Stated Meeting on October 11, 2016.

Treasurer's Report

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

	YTD (actual)	YTD (budget)
Income	\$108,508	\$115,119
Expense	\$116,610	\$116,145

Witness – Peace and Global Witness offering was \$422. Our next offering is the Christmas Joy offering, December 18. Loaves and Fishes fund raising will be the annual “Turkey Trot” fun run on Thanksgiving morning.

Finance Its budget time. Session members were asked to contact Team leaders to make budget requests for 2017.

Stewardship- Met to plan the Chili dinner and Talent Show on Oct 23rd. 4 weeks of Minutes for Stewardship will start in October. Stewardship dedication Sunday is Nov 20.

Grounds – New landscaping plan has been completed outside the Sanctuary.

PW- Fall Gathering was held last week. Offering was \$110 which will go to programs for women in crisis.

Green Team Still looking at becoming an Earth Care congregation. Fall road side clean-up be Nov. 5 with a rain date of Nov. 12.

The next Stated Session Meeting will be held at 7 pm, Tuesday, November 15, 2014 (one week delay due to national elections on November 8.)

November Foods of the Month

Families: Canned vegetables and fruit, soup, rice, dried beans, 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!



Madison Social Services Offering (Foods of the month)

Thank You to all who are participating in the Social Services monthly offering of food and goods. They are extremely happy each month when we deliver our offering to them.

HOWEVER:

Please remember to check the “sell by” dates on the food items and **never** send an opened container. They cannot dispense items if the date is past due or the container has been opened. Thank You again for helping our struggling families in Madison County.



Breakfast Buzz

November 18th 9:00 a.m.

Heidi Rees has lived in the Netherlands and will give us a view of how the Dutch celebrate the Christmas Season



October's Breakfast Buzz featured Pat Valentine with a presentation on Santon figures, their history and relationship to the Christmas Story

Madison Presbyterian Church

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Operation Christmas Child “The Power of a Simple Gift”

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 9th 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 20th. Additional envelopes will be available if you choose to give a donation. Checks should be made payable to Samaritan’s Purse.

Green Tip

The Green tip from the Green Team for November is: There will be a Roadside Cleanup on Saturday November 5th, beginning at 9:00 AM, please join us if you can. (Rain date November 12th.)



NEW LANDSCAPING

The congregation is enjoying the rejuvenated beauty at the entrance to the Sanctuary! Our thanks are extended to Heidi Sage, Tom Dorrier, Barbara Kell, Nick and Joyce Humphrey and Bobbie Carroll for the planning and hard work they undertook. Also to Allan and Mary Linda McLearen for the inspiration which began the effort in loving memory of Genevieve McLearen.



Turkey Trot 5K Run / Walk

And new this year-

Gobble Wobble Obstacle Course for children 12 and under

**Thursday, Nov. 24, 2016
8am, Hoover Ridge Park, Madison. VA**

To Benefit Loaves and Fishes, A shared Ministry of Hebron Lutheran Church
& Madison Presbyterian Church, providing supplemental weekend nutrition for children who receive free and reduced meals at school.

**Entry Fees : Turkey Trot: \$25 adults \$15 children 12 & under (for 5K)
Gobble Wobble \$5**

Name: _____ Gender: M/F Age on event day _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact name and Phone number _____



Dogs on leash are welcome.

Shirt Size: (Circle one) (adult) S M L XL XXL (child's) S M L

Please return this form to Hebron Lutheran Church (P.O. Box 1009, Madison, VA 22727) or Madison Presbyterian Church (P.O. Box 297, Madison, VA 22727) registration fees, donations and sponsorship funds must be received by November 7, 2016 to be assured a t-shirt.

Waiver: I understand that participating in the 5K run/walk may pose a risk to my health including but limited to falls, contact with other participants, environmental effects such as heat, humidity, rain, trail conditions and other risks. I accept all risks associated with participating in this run/walk and waive all claims for myself, my children, and anyone acting on my behalf against Hebron Lutheran Church and/or Madison Presbyterian Church, Madison County, all sponsors, all officers, all members and all volunteers of said organizations. I attest that I am in proper physical condition to participate in this run/walk. I understand that if the run/walk is cancelled due to circumstances beyond the control of the organizers, my entry fee will not be returned.

Participant's signature (or parent/guardian if the participant is under the age of 18)

Date

Move your feet so children can eat!

Before your Thanksgiving feast, help us stamp out childhood hunger in our community by participating in the Turkey Trot. All funds collected stay in the Madison community.



Abby Johnson on Sax

The Gifts of God for the People of God A Reminder From the Stewardship Team

A good time was had by all at the Chili Dinner and Talent show on Sunday October 23. We, the people of God, gathered to share the good gifts of food, fellowship, talent and laughter. Shown here is just a sampling of the day's activities.



Sisters of the
Sea



Sam and Ruth



Frank, the emcee



Paul on his trumpet

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 20, the Stewardship Team asks you to please give prayerful consideration to your church pledge for the coming year.