

The View

Madison Presbyterian Church

April 2022



This April Means Easter - John Quinley, Elder

One of the earliest memories I have of Sunday School is Easter Sunday.

We boys and girls in the preschool were told that after Church we were going to Bullitt Park to hunt Easter eggs. You understand, I was only about three or four years old and I am not sure I even knew what Easter Eggs were. The older kids were very excited so I guessed it must be something good. The High Schoolers left ahead of all, charged with a solemn duty to hide the eggs. My group would be first to hunt.

When we arrived we were divided into teams of two each armed with a small paper Easter basket. My team mate was Janie. A girl! I had to hunt with a girl! Janie and I were teamed up because her mother and mine were old classmates from High school. If I had to team with a darn girl why not my older cousin? She was in third grade; therefore, very wise and obviously a champion egg hunter. No! Her group was next after ours. Mother advised they were too old I would have more fun with my group. So off Janie and I went. I was dubious about this girl deal; however, Janie took the higher ground and ignored me.

I found a green egg which an older boy had pointed out to me. Now I was an expert, Easter eggs are on the ground! Bring on the hidden eggs! I found a red one and two yellow ones! Boy this fun! I saw a blue one in the fork of a tree, but it was beyond my reach. Janie solved that problem by calling for help from her older brother. He was in high school so no problem getting that egg! She found three more and pointed out another one for a child who had none. I wanted to tell her not to do that! I guess I need to confess now as to why I didn't say anything to her. Her brother had taught her how to box, and she'd practice on you if she wanted to. Anyway, we where told to return to the picnic shelter for the counting. Maybe this girl deal ain't so bad, we have eight eggs plus a smashed egg which we decided to keep! We were all told to put our eggs on a table to be counted, except the stomped on one. To my total dismay, you ain't going to believe this! The eggs were divided by the number of children in our group. We each were give the same number of eggs, two. TWO each!! I protested, but Janie said it was ok as some of our group didn't find any eggs so we get to share. GET to share!? I ain't ever going Easter Egg hunting again!

Harvard MBA Robert Fulgram, wrote a book titled, "All I Really Needed to Know I learned In Kindergarten". Amen. All I really needed to know I learned on a Sunday School Easter afternoon at Bullitt Park. I learned: Share my time and talents. When I have a task, two is better than one. When I need help, find the best. When my help is needed, help. Don't hold on to things that can't be fixed. If I really don't need all I have, share. And when a knowledgeable person gives me good advice, take it.

Janie and I grew up together and graduated high school the same year. After college she married her high school sweetheart, moved west, and had a wonderful family. Her husband died early, but she raised and educated a fine brood. She passed away a few years ago, a "well loved and respected mother and grandmother". And, if I ever go Easter egg hunting again I hope I can find another Janie to be on my team.



Hello!!

Just a reminder that we would appreciate receiving your registration forms by the end of March so we can start matching jobs with volunteers. We will contact all volunteers next month with more information on your job sites
- we have 16 sites!

Besides construction help, we also need volunteers to work in the kitchen, for set-up and break-down, admin positions and runners. Please register to join us for another exciting day of putting LOVE into ACTION through SERVICE in Madison County on May 7th!

Go to the link above and you can register right from our website!

You can also email your registration form (you can get the form from the link below) to madisondayinfo@gmail.com or mail to Beth Car Baptist Church at [411 Mud Road, Madison.](#)

Be sure to invite your friends and family to join us!

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at 540-672-8757 (call or text) or email me at madisondayinfo@gmail.com if you would like more information or have any questions.

Karen Coppage
Madison Day Chairperson

One Great Hour of Sharing

Remember to feed your fish bank lots of change and bring it to church on Easter Sunday for The GREAT WEIGH-IN.





Hungry?

Submitted by Bobbie Carroll

What can you get for a nickel? Not much! However, if all Presbyterians give 5¢/meal, it can do a lot.

The Hunger Ministry of Presbytery of the James (POJ) (which we are part of) invites you to give 5¢ for each meal you enjoy to relieve hunger locally and globally.

In 2020 our combined congregations in POJ contributed \$48,037 to the Hunger Ministry through the Five Cents a Meal program. This was down \$20,000 from 2018.

This is where your contribution goes:

- Church emergency food banks
- School backpack programs...including Madison Presbyterian Loaves & Fishes
- County food pantries
- Supports efforts to eliminate the causes of hunger, such as agricultural training so that recipients can become self sufficient
- A small portion of the funds support advocacy groups
- Bread for the World, a faith based network which campaigns nationally for policy changes
- Virginia Hunger Solutions which works to improve food security through state programs and improved policies.

The Loaves and Fishes program that our Church is involved with has been a recipient of several food grants from the Hunger Ministry. As we have all heard from multiple sources, food insecurity is a great problem in our country today. I would like to challenge you to once again **contribute to the 5¢ a meal offering on the first Sunday of each month.**

Let's help bring those dollar amounts up and feed God's children.

Ruth Bathe Memorial

Ruth Bathe's family is planning a memorial service and a gathering for friends at Ruth's former home, Dayspring Farm **in Etlan**. Her daughter, Ellen Bathe Peters, has invited anyone from the church family to come. The memorial is at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church on April 30 at 2 pm. The gathering at Dayspring Farm will be on May 2 at 11 am. There will be a light lunch and a chance to share memories. **Everyone is asked to bring their own lawn chair.**

If you plan to attend, please let Ellen know **by Easter, April 17th, at the latest**, by emailing ellenbpeters@gmail.com.



Update from the Building and Grounds Team

The Building portion of the team has had no major problems in a while. The purchase of an HVAC maintenance contract has been most helpful by having someone available if problems arise. There have been no problems with the alarm system since a wire was replaced from the control panel to a main pull station. We are still waiting to have the temporary wire run through the attic and connected. The smoke detectors in the Fellowship Hall will be replaced when the wire is re-run. All the fire extinguishers were checked and certified in February.

The Grounds portion of the team began as a group of over a dozen mowers. Now that Lee and Pattie Rees' son, Carter is doing the mowing with help from Bill Patty, the grounds team members have more time for pruning and clean up.

In March we do our annual pruning and take advantage of the offer by the Madison transfer station to bring brush at no charge.

Saturday April 9th will be our annual Family Mulching Morning. We begin at 9:00 and will need volunteers to bring mulch as well as to spread it. The rain date will be April 23rd.

We bring our own tools, gloves, pickups, trailers, wheel barrows; whatever you might use at home.

Looking forward to your help,

Nick & Joyce Humphrey and Heidi Sage



The Presbyterian Church of Rwanda, a partner of the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, has spent the last year distributing solar panels and electronic devices to families so children will have easier access to their classes in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

(photo: Presbyterian Church of Rwanda)



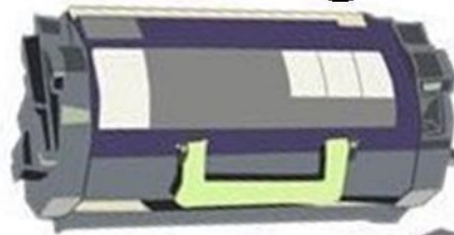
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Your gifts to **One Great Hour of Sharing** are shared with the ministries of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. To learn more about how your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference visit pcusa.org/oghs

**Don't know where to
recycle your printer and
toner cartridges?**



**Toner
Cartridges**



**Bring them to the
Literacy Council Office
110 North Main St., Suite A
Madison, VA**

(Between Drug Store and Tourism Office)

**If we are not open, place your
items in the labeled container
outside the door.**

**Help us continue to provide
education services
for adults in
Madison County!!**



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BIRTHDAYS

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| Billie Schantz | 2nd | Chelsea Colman | 16th |
| Paul Hankla | 3rd | Mary Linda McLearn | 17th |
| Bland Sadler | 6th | Art Pearson | 29th |
| Judy Willis | 7th | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| Bob & Mary Haight | 9th |
| Billy & Sandra Powell | 20th |
| John & Christine Haines | 24th |



Social Services Needs for April

Toiletries and Cleaning supplies

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| Deodorant | dish soap |
| bath soap | laundry detergent |
| toothbrushes | paper towels |
| toothpaste | toilet paper |
| shampoo | |
| feminine hygiene products | |

You may bring your donations to the Church Fellowship Hall and place them in the big red tub. Your donations are distributed to Madison Social Services.



Earth Day, April 22

Our planet is an amazing place, but it needs our help to thrive! That's why each year on April 22, more than a billion people celebrate Earth Day to protect the planet from things like pollution and deforestation. By taking part in activities like picking up litter and planting trees, we're making our world a happier, healthier place to live.

The first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970, when a United States senator from Wisconsin organized a national demonstration to raise awareness about environmental issues. Rallies took place across the country and, by the end of the year, the U.S. government had created the Environmental Protection Agency. By 1990, Earth Day was an event celebrated by more than 140 countries around the globe.






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| 3 10:00 Worship/ Communion/ 5 cents a meal 5:30 AA | 4 | 5 | 6 11:00 Book Club | 7 | 8 10:00 Card Party | 9 | |
| 10 PALM SUNDAY 10:00 Worship 5:30 AA | 11 | 12 7:00 Session | 13 10:00 Presbyterian Women | 14 | 15 10:00 Card Party | 16 | |
| 17 EASTER 10:00 Worship 5:30 AA | 18 | 19 | 20 11:00 Book Club 7:00 Madison Women's Club | 21 11:00 Garden Club | 22 EARTH DAY 10:00 Card Party | 23 | |
| 24 10:00 Worship 5:30 AA | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 10:00 Card Party | 30 | |

Lectionary

3rd: Isaiah 43: 16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3: 4b-14; John 12:1-8

10th: Luke 19: 28-40; Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29; Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 31: 9-16; Philippians 2: 5-11; Luke 22: 14-23: 56

17th: Acts 10: 34-43; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24; John 20: 1-18; Isaiah 25: 6-9; Psalm 114: 1-8; Luke 24: 13-29

24th: Acts 5: 27-32; Psalm 118: 14-29; Revelation 1: 4-8; John 20: 19-31