

"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." Philippians 4:8

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Christ,

I am so glad that we are of one mind concerning the call of God bringing us together! It is a fine thing for believers to be of "one heart and soul" (Acts 4:39) as we begin this journey, and may God ever keep us so!

Just think of how many times you've had to enter into agreement to get to this point, and how many years it's taken. I have been so eager to move "over the mountain" that my Executive Presbyter in Shenandoah practically had to tie me down!

A week after writing this, I will be home from Princeton and will notify my current church that I have accepted your call. July 31 will be the last day at Staunton, with a congregational meeting thrown in between.

When I get to my new home in Culpeper the first of August, it is my intention to center and humble myself before God to make sure I am ready to hit the ground running September 1st. Part of that will be in unpacking, I have to know where my shoes are. Part of that will be in setting up my workspace at home and at church. Part of that will be in meditating and praying. Part of that will be some intensive reading to prepare for this new call in this new place in this new time, beginning with "The Post Quarantine Church" by Thom S. Rainer.



Pastor Karen



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And.... part of that will be getting my 8 year old very good boy/hound/ Bernese/Heinz mix Odie accustomed to his new digs. (He is very good with people being seated. If you are standing, he thinks you might need to be herded.)

Above all, as we turn this page, please know I am honored and humbled to be called to be your next pastor. I promise you that with God's help and the guidance of the Holy Spirit I will continually work to help us all focus on serving our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as indeed you have been doing.

Blessings of Grace and Peace be with us all,

Pastor Karen



Pastor Karen before the Sunday service



The children look pretty excited about the cake Pastor Karen is serving.

Session Highlights

The Stated Meeting of the Session of Madison Presbyterian Church was held at 7:00 on June 14, 2022 in the Fellowship Hall. Those present were Moderator; Gay Einstein and Elders; Sue Strahan, Bill Pattie, Dana Edelman, John Quinley, Allan McLearen Jean Pearson and Clarrisa Berry. A quorum was present.

Pastor's Report: Calendar review -Aug 7 fundraiser for PCH of Highlands. Gay agreed to extend her contract with us until Aug 31.

Treasurer's Report

May 2022	Actual	Budget	dget YTD Actual YTD Budget		<u>ıdget</u>
Income	\$11	,470 \$3	10,583	\$57,096	\$52,915
Expenses	\$ 8,	432 \$3	12,419	\$30,957	\$67,095
Difference	\$ 3,	038 \$((1.836)	\$26,139	\$(14,180)

The finance team reminded us that we haven't been paying a full time minister. Once we are again, we need to be prepared to run in the red

Security review- Sue recommended we discuss security on our Church campus. Building and Grounds will investigate adding security cameras and lights for the exterior. Clarissa will contact Troy Estes about conducting a Safety preparedness program for us. Jean suggested we create a resource list so we know who to contact for different types of needs or security breaches. Lynn will be asked to keep the Fellowship door locked during the day to ensure her safety and others. Nick will be asked to have the doorbell repaired.

Area & Team Reports:

Administration—no report. Sue will update our covenant agreement with Gay.

Congregational Life- Plans for meeting our candidate for minister include a dinner with Session on Friday 6/17, a reception in the Fellowship Hall from 12-2 on Saturday 6/18 with the Candidate preaching on 6/19. A Congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship to receive the PNC's nomination. Clarissa will set up a Zoom link to allow home bound members to participate.

Gay suggested that we send the candidate our calendar and invite her to attend events as she is able.

Communications- Dana is investigating the pros and cons of solar panels but has no report at this time. Sue will contact visitors that sign our guest registry.

Worship – Gay asked that a uniform plan for the offering plates be established. EA will be asked to let the greeters know to bring the offering to the front of the sanctuary for the prayer.

Old Business- Jean presented a report of the Called and Stated POJ meetings she attended. She reported that she wouldn't mind being our representative at POJ meetings as long as she can participate remotely.

New Business – Gay suggested that Lynn set up a new email address for the Candidate once she is confirmed by the congregation.

Next Stated Session Meeting, Aug 9.

Fun with Family and Friends Sunday August 7th

4 - 6:30

Supper served at 5:30

Fun in the sun with games for all ages
Supper provided by Christian Education Team!

Craft Sale to benefit

Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands
Crafts from our many talented Church members
along with several theme baskets.

CASH AND CHECKS ONLY.

Join us for an afternoon of fun

Get ready for breakfast...Breakfast Buzz, that is

We hope to resume our monthly Breakfast Buzz on Friday, September 16

So save the date: September 16 at 9:00 am

Coffee will be hot!



Attention All Crafters!

Christian Ed is sponsoring an event in August that will include a craft sale to benefit the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands.

There will be a few days we will get together to craft, so watch for announcements of dates. And, we would love to have donations of your crafts to help raise money for this cause.

Contact Bobbie Carroll for more details.





Would you like to donate flowers?

We still have open dates for flower donations in July and August. If you would like to give flowers for a Sunday, please sign up on the poster in the narthex or contact Lynn in the church office at 540-948-6972 or office@madisonpresbyterian.com.

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BIRTHDAYS

John Quinley 8th John Storey 10th
Peggy Place 17th Linda Sadler 17th
Malcolm Davis 22nd Pattie Rees 24th
Gene Corbin 27th Karen Weaver 24th



Alan & Peggy Place 3rd

Tom & Heidi Rees 28th





Social Services Needs for July

This month the need is for Families

* soup * rice

* beans * cereals

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.



Get a Reusable Water bottle

Reusable water bottles save you money while keeping you hydrated and healthy. On average, Americans spend \$5 a week on water bottles or \$260 per year. One easy money-saving solution is to buy one reusable bottle and get back its value with one week of use. There are many readily available choices in almost any retail store. You can find reusable neoprene, glass or stainless steel bottles easily.

Americans use on average 50 billion water bottles a year and recycle only 23%

Wasted water bottles lined up would wrap around the earth 190 times.

A water bottle takes up to 1000 years to biodegrade.



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10th: Amos 7: 7-1 17th: Amos 8: 1-1 24th: Hosea 1: 2-2	.4; Psalm 30: 1-12; .7; Psalm 82: 1-8; C .2; Psalm 52; Colos 10; Psalm 85: 1-13; -11; Psalm 107: 1-9	1 10am Card Party	2			
3 10 am Worship/ Communion/ 5 cents a meal 5:30 pm AA	4	5	6	7	8 10am Card Party	9
10 10 am Worship 5:30 pm AA	11	12 7pm Session	13	14	15 10am Card Party	16
17 10 am Worship 5:30 pm AA	18	19	20	21	22 10am Card Party	23
24 10 am Worship 5:30 pm AA	25 7pm Quilters Guild	26	27	28 Madison Wom	29 en's Club 10am Card Party	30
31 10 am Worship 5:30 pm AA						