

# The View

## Madison Presbyterian Church

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### In the Shadow of His Wings

Darkness-Shadows-Light

Submitted by Dana Edelman

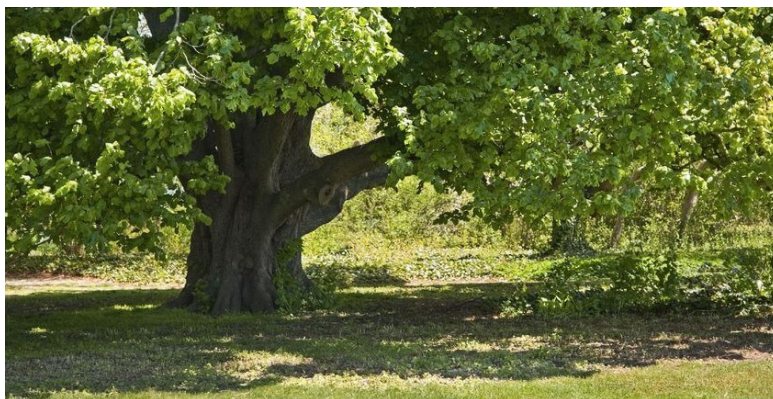
It is early March and hints of spring greet me as I open the blinds and peer out at a sun filled view of brown lawn and bare forest. The shadows of a giant sycamore tree generate radiating patterns on the ground. A tiny sparrow pecks at an invisible speck of nourishment, while executing a nervous dance. Curiously it confines this routine to the tree branch shadow! Not wanting to jump to any scientific conclusion, I waited to see if the bird continued feeding in the shadow. To my surprise two other sparrows appeared and followed suit, feeding in the shadow until I lost interest and turned away. While not observed again, this brief encounter may explain that the shadow offered a degree of camouflage and protection from predators.

What is your “first reaction” when thinking about shadows? The biblical use of shadow runs in different directions. We read Psalm 17:8 “Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings” ..... ; Psalm 57:1..... “Be merciful to me for in thee my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings, till the storms of destruction pass by.” Again in Psalms the familiar passage that gives a foreboding description: “Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.”

Without light there would be no shadows! If we were able to transport into the cosmos, into the vacuum of space, with a carbon black sky, we would see darkness pierced with dots of light, from distant stars and reflected light from our satellite moon. Planet earth receives natural light from our mother star the sun. Packets of energy are hurled in all directions, comprising a spectrum of electromagnetic photons, some that are visible to human eyes; other energies are invisible like Gamma and infrared. Unlike some distant stars emitting radio waves our sun provides visible white light in a narrow band observed in short and longer wave lengths from red to violet.

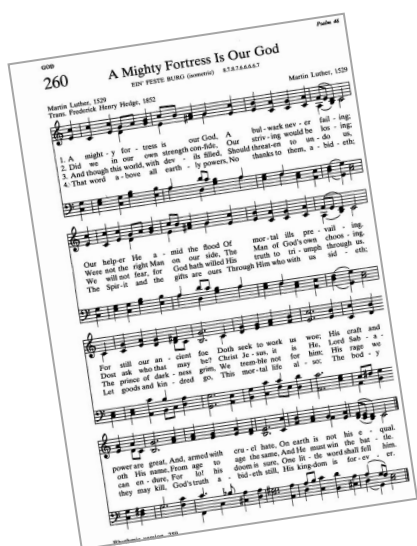
Light and darkness present different concepts in the Bible. Light takes on one full page in a bible concordance, over 230 references. Light might be defined as the influence, relevance and or the presence of God or Jesus. John's gospel and letters of the author employ light: John 8: 12..."I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. "; Romans 13:12 "The night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. In Ephesians Paul uses the symbols of light and darkness to encourage men to "walk as children in light, for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true." (Eph. 5: 8-9); in Isaiah 9-2 "The people who walked in darkness have seen a Great Light, those that dwell in the land of deep darkness, on them has light shined." While those verses following that line, give hope for a leader that will overcome Assyrian dominance, that person suggests David. But as you will recall these poetic verses also announce the coming of God's Son, Jesus the Christ.

Our challenge is to define and identify those symbols of darkness, shadows and light as they may have relevance in our life. Have we been the benefactor of being in someone's shadow? Are we cognizant of living in the shadow of God? As we have sung many times....Let that little light shine! May we be among those that radiate God's light.



## Our Favorite Hymns

Recently, our new pastor, Karen asked that the people she met tell her what their favorite hymns are. Here is the list. The numbers beside a title indicate how many people chose that one.



A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Amazing Grace (3)

Be Thou My Vision

Eye of the Sparrow

Great is Thy Faithfulness (2)

Here I am Lord (4)

How Can I Keep From Singing?(2)

How Great Thou Art (2)

I Danced in the Morning (2)

In the Garden (5)

Jesus Loves Me

John 3:16

Let There Be Peace on Earth (2)

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (4)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Matthew 25

Morning Has Broken

My Life Flows On

Old Rugged Cross

Onward, Christian Soldiers

Spirit

There is a Balm in Gilead

Up From the Grave He Arose

Victory in Jesus

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

## Fun With Family & Friends

August 7th 4:00 – 6:30.

Please invite your friends to come!

Lawn Games for All Ages

Craft Fair - Get an early start on your Christmas shopping

Buy a gift for yourself. Browse, and buy to support

Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands

(Checks and Cash only)

Barbeque Supper starts at 5:30



These necklaces will be for sale. Made by Bobbie Carroll's granddaughter

## Brown Bag Book Study

Book study will resume the first Wednesday of September (9/7). We will meet the first and third Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. We have approximately an hour of discussion followed by lunch together. Bring your own lunch. The book study is open to all interested in a relaxed discussion (which occasionally wanders), but by wandering we learn more about each other.

The following list includes some titles we are contemplating.

*Practically Divine* by Becka Stevens

*The Value of Doubt* by William D Tammeus

*Words of Love* by Eugenia Anne Gamble

*The Origin of Satan* by Elaine Pagels

*Why Religion* by Elaine Pagels

Join us for lively discussion and fellowship.



## Missing Items

Christian Ed is still missing the beautiful wooden cross Eileen Moser made for us many years ago. If you have seen it or "put it in a safe place" please let us know where it is. Before we used it on the temporary Pulpit it had resided in a Sunday School room.

We have recently realized there is also a missing key to the AV cabinet. It is a small silver key (for a padlock) on a ring with a metal rectangle from a VBS program.

Thank you for all your help! Christian Education

## New Automated External Defibrillator

- submitted by John Quinley

The Madison Rescue Squad has provided us with an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), which will be placed in a prominent place in the Fellowship Hall.

The AED is a simple life saving device which will take the operator through a few simple steps to use it properly. We need a few members who would be willing to use it if needed. A member of the Squad will be happy to meet with our AED users for a very brief walk through with the device for Q & A and confidence purposes.

Also, The Rescue Squad has suggested that users may wish to become familiar with CPR, but that is absolutely not essential to us-



## New Book Study for Presbyterian Women

-submitted by Sharon Weakley

Attention Women of the Church!

The Presbyterian Women will start the 2022-2023 bible study on September 7th at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall. After the first meeting the bible study will be the second Wednesday of each month at 10am.

The bible study this year is titled Celebrating Sabbath (Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight). The study books will be on the table outside the church office in the Fellowship Hall on August 5th. Please pick up your book and either check your name off of the list or add your name to the list. This lets us know who to contact in case of any day or time changes.

All are welcome, whether or not you have participated before!

## We Need You!

The audio visual team does a great job with streaming and recording our Sunday services. They are a small, but mighty team, but they could use your help. If you could help out a Sunday or two a month, please talk to Dana, Sam, Valerie or Clarissa about what is involved. Anyone can learn it and you would give these four tireless "techies" some relief.

## Free Concert

Bel Canto will present a concert on August 21 at 4:30 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Parish Hall in Culpeper.

Admission is free.



## Stewardship

Faith, Hope, Love

Stewardship is looking for a few good people to join the team! We would love to have new faces and ideas.

Look for more details about the next meeting that will be in September in the September newsletter! Hope you will join us!!!

# AUGUST

## Birthdays

Kim Barnes	1st	Heidi Sage	20th
Sam Pattie	2nd	Nancy Demarest	24th
Valerie McLearn	7th	Berta Storey	29th
Matthew McLearn	11th	Jack McLearn	30th
Eli Johnson	19th		

## Anniversaries

Bill & Gail Pattie	4th
Dudley & Cindy Pattie	10th
Allan & Mary McLearn	12th
Art & Jean Pearson	15th
John & Jill Quinley	20th
Charles & Sharon Carter	30th



### Social Services Needs for August

- \* toiletries
- \* cleaning supplies
- \* dish soap
- \* bath soap
- \* laundry detergent
- \* toothbrushes
- \* paper towels
- \* toothpaste
- \* toilet paper
- \* shampoo
- \* deodorant
- \* 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.



GO OUTSIDE MAKE YOUR OWN FOOD RIDE YOUR BIKE OR WALK USE A REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE GO CAMPING EAT LOCAL & SEASONAL MONITOR YOUR AIR CONDITIONING GARDEN DON'T OVERWATER YOUR LAWN USE SAFE SUNSCREENS GO SWIMMING LINE DRY YOUR LAUNDRY PLAY OUTDOOR SPORTS MAKE A PICNIC



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	1 	2	3	4	5 Card Party 10am	6
7 Worship/ Communion/ 5 cents a meal 10am  Family Fun Day 4-6 pm  AA 5:30 pm	8	9 Session 7pm	10	11	12 Card Party 10am	13
14 Worship 10am  AA 5:30 pm	15	16	17	18 Garden Club 11am—4pm	19 Card Party 10am	20
21 Worship 10am  AA 5:30 pm	22 Quilters Guild 7pm	23	24	25	26 Card Party 10am	27
28 Worship 10am  AA 5:30 pm	29	30	31			

**Lectionary:**

7th: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16; Luke 12: 32-40

14th: Isaiah 5: 1-7; Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:20—12:2; Luke 12: 49-56

21st: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71: 1-6; Hebrews 12: 18-29; Luke 13: 10-17

28th: Jeremiah 2: 4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14