

# The View

Madison Presbyterian Church

November 2022



Thankful for YOU!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I do not find being thankful a difficult practice at ALL since God brought me to Madison. I told my friend Janet, a retired pastor, that I found myself singing on the way to work. She was surprised, to say the least. "Singing?! She said, "I want those pills!"

It's not a pill. It's being with y'all. All of you helping me to find my feet and get in the flow of the mission and ministry of Madison, it's a lovely thing. You're a lovely people. This is a wonderful church (ekkllesia, the assembly itself). When we are all together on Sunday morning, I can feel the Holy Spirit there with us.

And the gratitude is doubled and the ministry increased by the addition of Donna in the office and Andrew at the keyboard. Boy oh boy, does God love us!

Loving every minute, looking forward to the future,

Blessings,

Karen



## Pastor Karen Contact Information

1. My Sabbath is Friday. I will not pick up calls or answer texts or emails on Fridays unless it's an emergency. Please do leave a message so I will know if your concern is urgent.
2. My cell is **540-414-3193**. Please do call or text anytime Sunday through Thursday between 9am and 7pm. If I am not available, I will call you back as soon as I am.
3. EMERGENCIES call **any time**. PLEASE call or text directly if you or your loved one goes to the hospital as soon as possible. Do not assume I know.
4. It is my intent to usually be in the office M, T, W from 9 to noon as we get started, do out visits in the afternoon, and have Thursday as a writing day – but this is not set in stone. I am HAPPY to make evening or weekend appointments for all of you who work! **My time will flex to accommodate you.**
5. If you want to drop by to see me instead of making an appointment, I will always be glad to see you. Just know you may have to wait if someone else has scheduled time with me.

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## Donna Kulesza, Church Administrator

I am thankful to be here at Madison Presbyterian Church to support Pastor Karen, Session members, and all of the congregation and visitors. Now that I'm getting settled in, we will get a Focus out each week and the View out the end of each month. Please send in your items for submission each week by Monday for that week's Focus, and by the 25th for the View.

My office hours are 8:00-1:00 Monday through Thursday. If you do not see my car in the parking lot, I'm probably here and my husband has taken the car to run errands or trout fish the lovely streams and rivers of Madison County!

My email is [Office@MadisonPresbyterian.com](mailto:Office@MadisonPresbyterian.com). (add my name as a new Contact to your email)

I look forward to working with all of you!

Peace and Joy!

Donna

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Coming up....

November 18th Breakfast Buzz, Speaker Betty Mallory

November 20th Thanksgiving Meal following Worship

November 27th Annual Congregational Meeting

Advent Wreath Making



Stated Session Meeting Agenda

October 11, 7:00 – 8:30pm

The Stated Meeting of the Session of Madison Presbyterian Church was held at 7:00 on October 11, 2022 in the Fellowship Hall. Those present were Elders; Sue Strahan, Dana Edelman, Jean Pearson, Allan McLearn, Clarrisa Berry and Moderator; Karen Allamon. Elders Bill Pattie and John Quinley were excused. A quorum was present.

1. Gather with Scripture and Prayer:
  
2. Review and Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was approved. Jean made the motion, Sue seconded.
  
3. Pastor’s Report: Karen provided a written report of her activities for the month.
  - a. Karen asked to be added as a user on the church credit card account. Sue made the motion and Dana seconded the motion. The motion passed.
  - b. Karen proposed her installation Service be conducted 11/13/22 at 3:30pm with the recommendation that there be no morning service that day. Approved.
  - c. Karen submitted a request for a new copier. Clarissa moved that we allow the purchase of a HP OfficeJet Pro 9025e wireless Color, All in One printer with 6 months instant ink for \$399.99. Jean seconded the motion. The motion passed.
  
4. ***The Post Quarantine Church: Chapter One.*** We did some brain storming on how we can do things differently.
  - a. How do we say “Yes”. Consider redrawing our building use policies to make them more welcoming and accountable. Ideas: Create Event Rooms/Spaces. Provide a laundromat. Karen challenged us to find out what it will take to set up a laundromat and/or Event room. We discussed security, damage control and liability. Clarissa brought up that volunteers can be difficult to find, at times. She shared that this is the reason MESA has limited hours. Sue will talk to Nick about his research on re-keying the church.
  - b. Think of days/times when the Church can meet – alternative worship services ?Spring/Lent? Karen mentioned “The Kirking of the Talents” held annually by some congregations, traditionally in the Fall
  - c. Are there ways that the local gov’t or schools or Parks and Rec can make use of our facilities. Jerry/ Lindsay?
  
5. Clerk’s Report and Communications: The Minutes from Sept were reviewed and approved. Clarissa asked to have her name spelled correctly.

6. Treasurer’s Report

Sept 2022	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	\$7,225	\$10,458	\$93,050	\$ 94,122
Expenses	\$7,755	\$13,419	\$57,124	\$120,771
Difference	\$ (425)	\$(2,836)	\$37,143	\$(25,524)

7. Area & Team Reports

**a. Administration:**

**Personnel:** Reviewed the contract for a remote musician for the Church. Clarissa made some edits to the contract. Sue will retype it and submit it to Cindy, on Personnel, to send to the musician. The agreement to hire Jacob had been completed by evote prior to the meeting.

Karen asked for permission to enhance our offering and advertising for a Church Administrator, allowing PTO accrual in the form of an "hour bank" for up to 6 hours per month. She wants to offer \$16-\$18/hour, provide a \$25 Gas card/month as a bonus. The motion was made by Sue and seconded by Allan. After discussion, the motion passed.

Sue reported the email request and evote from the personnel team to give Susan Apel a 6% raise. This is an increase from \$628 to \$665 per month. Approved.

**Building:** No Building report

**Finance:** Allan reported that the Finance Team will be meeting and plan to have a Budget proposal for the next meeting. The final Budget is then presented to the Congregation at the Annual Congregational meeting.

- b. **Congregational Life:** No report (see 3b for Installation Service plans). Clarissa reported a Walking Nativity is planned in Madison on the same night as the Parade. She suggested we shared this information with the Congregation.
- c. **Witness:** Jean reported that the Loaves and Fishes team would like to be able to use the Church credit card to purchase what they need to conduct the program. Jean asked when receipts for reimbursement need to be submitted. Clarissa clarified that receipts need to be submitted within 30 days of the expenditure. The Mission Team, Green Team and Outreach Team are submitting their budget requests.
- d. **Communications:** No report.

9. Continued Business: Clarissa reported that Susan Broyles wants to store 40 totes with us until Spring. Sue moved that we allow her to use an empty space. Clarissa seconded. The motion passed. Her phone number is 434-566-2645. Clarissa will follow up with her.

10. New Business We need a representative to attend the POJ meeting in person or on zoom. Jean agreed to attend and report back.

11. Next Stated Session Meeting: November 8th

12. Prayer and Adjournment: The meeting was closed with prayer.

## Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, November 27th. New officers will be elected and nominations taken from the floor for a member of the nominating committee. The Budget will be presented to the congregation and the corporation will meet to affirm that there is no corporate business to be discussed.

## Building and Grounds, from Heidi Sage

The Building and Grounds Committee had two very successful work days in October, pruning and hauling away three over-flowing pickup truck loads of branches. I would like to thank the following for their help: Bob Bernard, Jeanne Bruton, Bobbie and George Carroll, Dana Edelman, Nick and Joyce Humphrey, Mary Linda and Allan McLearn, Bill Pattie, Sam Strahan, Pastor Karen Allamon and Odie.

Please pay particular attention to the children's playground and the clean brick steps next time you visit the church.

Various areas of the grounds have been "adopted" by families to help me with maintenance of the landscape. There are still several places available, if you would like to learn to care for a portion of the church landscape. You may work independently or I am happy to work with you. I am often there Saturday morning, or other times if requested. Please ask me about available spaces.

From Sharon Weakley, Stewardship

## Faith-Hope-Love



As you have heard several times over the last year, this is the Stewardship theme for 2022. We are relying on Faith, Hope and Love during this pledge season. Faith that everyone will fill out their pledge card and return it to the church, Hope that we will meet our budget for 2023, and Love is what our pledges show for our church.

So please, be in prayerful consideration when filling out your pledge card. This is a beautiful way to show our church Faith, Hope and Love.

And the Word  
became flesh  
and lived  
among us...

—JOHN 1:14



CHRISTMAS JOY  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 18

## Birthdays

Tommy Berry	11/06
George Carroll Jr	11/08
Dianna Albrecht Allen	11/12
Alan Place	11/23
Brett Titman	11/25

On Communion Sundays, the outside ring is Wine, the inside is Juice



## Social Services Needs for November

This month, we are collecting items for Families for Madison Social Services.

Canned vegetables and fruit, soup, rice, dried beans, hot and cold cereals, packages of macaroni and cheese, crackers

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.

From the Green Team and Mary King,

Check out the Kiss the Ground documentary on Netflix, YouTube, and Facebook. Kiss the Ground is a full-length documentary narrated by Woody Harrelson that sheds light on an “*new, old approach*” to farming called “[regenerative agriculture](#)” that has the potential to balance our climate, replenish our vast water supplies, and feed the world.



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# NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
			Book Club 11am		Card Group 10am	
6 All Saints Day Communion/ Worship 10am	7	8 Election Day S 	9 Pres. Women 10am	10	11  Veterans Day Card Group 10am	12
13 Worship/ Installation 3:30 Reception Follows	14 Madison Quilt Guild 7:00	15	16 Book Club 11am Madison Women's Club 7:00	17 Garden Club 11-4	18 Card Group 10am	19
20 Worship 10AM Thanksgiving Meal Follows	21	22	23	24  Thanksgiving	25	26
27 Advent Week 1 Worship 10am Congregational Mtg Wreath Making	28	29	30	Congrega- tional Meetings		

November 5 Joshua 3: 7-17; Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37; Thessalonians 2: 9-13; Matthew 23: 1-12

November 12 Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78: 1-7; Thessalonians 4: 13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13

November 19 Judges 4: 1-7; Psalm 123; Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30

November 26 Ezekial 34: 11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1: 15-23; Matthew 25: 31-46