

The View

Madison Presbyterian Church

JANUARY 2023



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

And then it was 2023. According to the Gregorian Calendar. According to this particular man-made division of time. It is interesting that changes were made from the Julian calendar because time began “drifting”.

I don’t know about you, but time is doing a bit of drifting for me too, even with the Gregorian Calendar and daylight savings time and clocks and phone alarms. Part of that is the post-Christmas rest for pastors and others. But I think part of the sense of the drifting of time is that Normal has become Undependable. We were “getting back to normal”, and then the triple wave of flu, rsv, and covid set us back on our heels. Elizabeth Ann and I had *just literally used the word “normal” in discussing how the church offering should be collected, how communion might be served.*

Ok. It appears, as the saying goes, that normal is just a setting on the washing machine. Waiting for things to stop drifting doesn’t make a dent in how time “like an ever-rolling stream” bears all our days away. There’s a beautiful statement in the Bible from Ephesians 5 that says, “Redeem the time...” ἐξαγοράζω. This is the same word that is used for Christ redeeming us.

How does one “save” time from evil the way that Christ claimed us? To avoid the 2023 “drifts” we must all listen to God. God has chosen us for a time such as this, in a place such as this, or we wouldn’t be here. Listen to God. Intentionally make time to ask and listen for his plan for you, for your church, for your community. Live your whole life before him. God, like Pope Gregory, may change our time keeping so that our time is used in keeping focused on the kingdom that is already and not yet. Pope Gregory changed time keeping so that Easter could “properly” and always fall on the spring equinox. God changed time forever by giving us eternity through the work on the cross by Jesus Christ our Lord.

How will you redeem the time this year?

Listening with you,

Pastor 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.

Donna Kulesza, Church Administrator

I am in the office 8:00am-1:00pm Monday through Thursday. Please leave me a message on the phone or send an email if there's anything I can help with. If you have changes to your Address, Phone, or Email please send me updated information to office@madisonpresbyterian.com.

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* 2023 Flower Calendar *
* has been posted *
* in the Narthex *
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* Send flower dedications for bulletin to *
* office@madisonpresbyterian.com *
* or call the office at (540)948-6972 *
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Breakfast Buzz



presents Alive Inside



This stirring documentary follows social worker Dan Cohen, founder of the nonprofit organization Music & Memory, as he fights against a broken healthcare system to demonstrate music's ability to combat memory loss and restore a deep sense of self to those suffering from it. Rossato-Bennett visits family members who have witnessed the miraculous effects of personalized music on their loved ones, and offers illuminating interviews with experts including renowned neurologist and best-selling author Oliver Sacks (*Musicophilia: Tales of Music and the Brain*) and musician Bobby McFerrin ("Don't Worry, Be Happy"). An uplifting cinematic exploration of music and the mind, *ALIVE INSIDE*'s inspirational and emotional story left audiences humming, clapping and cheering at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival, where it won the Audience Award.

We will be showing this film while we enjoy our breakfast. It is longer than our usual program but we feel very strongly that it is relevant and important for us to consider as a mission. This is coming to you from Christian Education and Care & Support.

Please join us at 9:00 a.m. Friday January 20th

THE PERFECT GIFT.

Through the Christmas Joy Offering,
we come together to support past, present and future leaders,
embodying God's perfect gift to us, Jesus Christ.

When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Offering to be collected on

Sunday, January 8th



CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 18

Sunday January 8th, as we celebrate the coming of the Wise Men to the Baby Jesus, we will also collect our Joy Gift for the PCUSA. This Offering addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for communities of color, and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need.

Counters January-March 2023

January 2023

Elizabeth Ann Storey
Nancy Preston

February 2023

Sue Strahan
Sam Strahan

March 2023

Heidi Sage
Allan McLearn

The Card Group makes greeting cards for nursing home residents and church members that are home bound, and for other occasions. They will meet Friday, January 6th, 13th, and 27th at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join!

Here's a note from a recipient of their efforts:

"Visited my Aunt today at Countryside. She went on and on about the card she received from you. I want to thank you on her behalf and her family's behalf. Too many like her are forgotten by family and friends and the church they attended and supported for years. God Bless the hand that did this."

Bible Studies

Morning Bible Study

Thursdays at 10AM in the Tack Room beginning January 19th

Evening Bible Study

Tuesdays at 6PM on Zoom beginning January 17th

We are studying the Gospel of Matthew

All are welcome

Communion Servers and Pew Guide January-March 2023

January 1st

Bettie Berry
Clarissa Berry
Allan McLearn

February 5th

Sue Strahan
Mike Willis
Dana Edelman

March 5th

Heidi Sage
John Quinley
Bobbie Carroll

NOTE: There was no Session meeting in December.

New Officers will be installed Sunday, January 15th in Worship

Advent Happenings around Madison Presbyterian Church

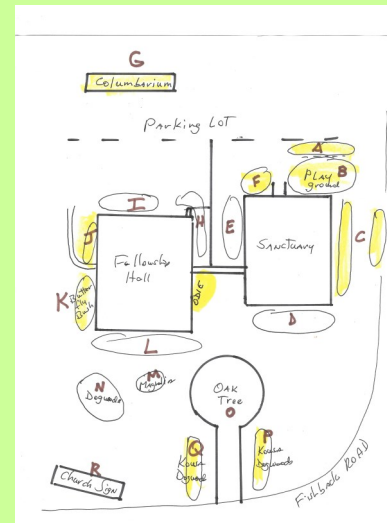


Updates to Address, Email or Phone Number? Want to see your Birthday or Anniversary in The View? Call or send an email to update our database.
office@madisonpresbyterian.com

Building and Grounds, from Heidi Sage

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 mornings, or other times if requested. Please ask me about available spaces.

Thank you,
Heidi Sage



The Woman’s Club of Madison meets in the Fellowship Hall each month, and some of our congregation are members of the Woman’s Club. Here’s some of their work in the community.

The Woman’s Club of Madison has been making soft blankets for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at UVA Hospital since 2016. We usually work on the blankets during our November meeting and some members get them started ahead of time. This year we completed 71 blankets. It’s quite a group effort, but so rewarding to offer these to the tiny babies who get to take them home when they leave. Pictured below is Cindy Dean, a NICU nurse, showing the blankets in use !



Birthdays
 Mary Helen Pearson 01/01
 Elizabeth Kloker 01/05
 Elizabeth Haines 01/28
 Judith Carter 01/31

Anniversaries
 Tommy & Bettie Berry 01/25
 Harvey & Corrine Stanley 01/27

On Communion Sundays, the first Sunday of each month, the outside ring is Wine, the inside is Juice






Social Services Needs

January Foods of the Month

Single serving size canned vegetables, fruits, meats or soups with pop-up lids, packs of pudding or Jell-o cups, crackers, small jars of peanut butter & jelly, or packs of raisins.

Please place your donations in the big red container in the Fellowship Hall.

They will be given to Madison Social Services and distributed to neighbors in need.



6 Simple New Year's Resolutions

- Recycle and Upcycle
- Use a reusable water bottle
- Turn off lights and devices when not in use
- Reduce Winter thermostat setting
- Shop local and bring your own bag
- Adjust water heater to 120*


Here's an EPA link with resources on donating and upcycling old batteries and cellphones

<https://www.epa.gov/recycle/electronics-donation-and-recycling#where>

Where to Donate or Recycle

Manufacturers and retailers offer several options to donate or recycle electronics. You can search for options on the following organizations' websites:

[Call2Recycle](#)
[Earth911](#)
[GreenerGadgets](#)

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 New Year's Day Worship 10AM Communion AA 5:30	2	3	4 Book Club 11AM	5 State Garden Club 8:30-5	6 Card Group 10AM	7
8 Worship 10AM Joy Offering AA 5:30	9	10 Session	11 Pres Women 9:45 State Garden Club 8:30-5 (Snow Make Up only)	12	13 Card Group 10AM Quilt Guild 1PM	14 Officer Training 9-1
15 Worship 10AM AA 5:30	16 ML King Day	17 Zoom Bible Study 6:00PM	18 Book Club 11am	19 Bible Study 10am Madison Garden Club 11-4:30	20 Breakfast Buzz 9AM	21
22 Worship 10AM AA 5:30	23	24 Zoom Bible Study 6:00PM	25	26 Bible Study 10AM	27 Card Group 10AM Quilt Guild 1PM	28
29 Worship 10AM AA 5:30	30	31 Zoom Bible Study 6:00PM				

Sunday, January 1 Isaiah 63:7-9 Psalm 148 Hebrews 2:10-18 Matthew 2:13-23

Epiphany of the Lord—January 6 Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, January 8 Baptism of the Lord Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday, January 15 Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42

Sunday, January 22 Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23

Sunday, January 29 Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12