



The View

Madison Presbyterian Church

APRIL 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

SURREXIT DOMINUS! ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Finding ways to capture the freshness and the fight of Christ against the darkness as we move from Holy Week into Easter gives me great joy, even though it also embraces the sorrow of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. As it is said, “You have to go through the cross to get to the Resurrection.” On the way to the resurrection, one piece I found is by the medieval Scottish poet William Dunbar (1465-1530) who paints Christ as a crusading knight against a black dragon.

“Done is a Battell on the Dragon Blak”:

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Our campioun Chryst confoundit hes his force,

The yettis of hell ar brokin with a crak,

The signe trivmphall rasit is of the croce.

The diuillis trymmillis with hiddous voce,

The saulis ar borrowit and to the blis can go.

Chryst with his blud our ransonis dois indoce:

Surrexit dominus de sepulchro.

If you neither care to struggle through Old Scottish, nor read Latin, here is my translation of Dunbar’s work:

Done is a [the] battle on the dragon black,

Our champion Christ confounds him [by] his force,

The gates of hell are broken with a crack,

The sign triumphant raised is of the cross.

The devils tremble with hideous voice

The souls are reclaimed [borrowed back] and to bliss can go.

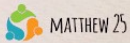
Christ with his blood our ransom does induce,

The Lord is risen from the grave!

This is just one stanza of Dunbar’s poem. It has more stanzas and is part of what is known as “Liturgical Poetry”. It was made into an anthem by Nigel Butterley (1935-2022) Called “Surrexit Dominus”. It is a joy to hear the creativity at play in the greatest celebration, and how Christians over the eons have given voice to the victory of The Word with their words. The resurrected Christ tells Mary to “go and tell”, and from that time forward disciples have done the same in numerous ways. What will be your way to “go and tell”?

Blessings,

Pastor Karen



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

02.22.23-
04.09.23

We are there

... with Presbyterians worldwide who are answering God's call.
This Lenten season, please give what you can.



One Great Hour of Sharing will be collected on **Sunday April 9th**. This is a 77 year old tradition that helps many people throughout the world. The offering is split three ways:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters.

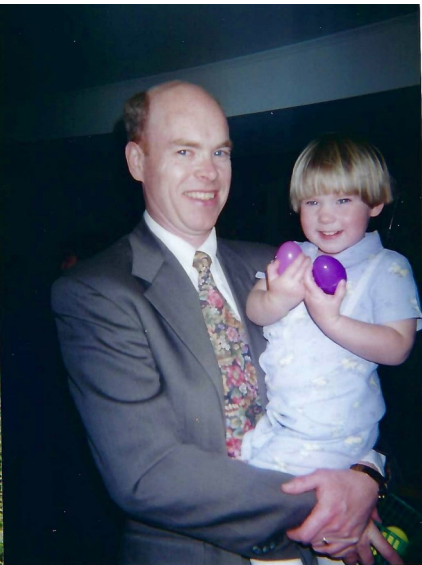
Presbyterian Hunger Program takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation and address the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.

Self-Development of People partners with communities responding to their experienc-

Please join with thousands across our Nation to help all those in need. You can help by writing a check and placing it in the envelope from the bulletin or join us in the Great Weigh-In by filling Gracie with your extra coins.

The Madison Woman's Club used the Fellowship Hall to pack 362 Boxed Lunches!





Easter 2001



**Palm
Sunday
2014**

**Who are
these
adorable
Children?**



Sharing and Caring around MPC

Breakfast Buzz March 17th



Jim Lamar at The Harbor on St. Patrick's Day



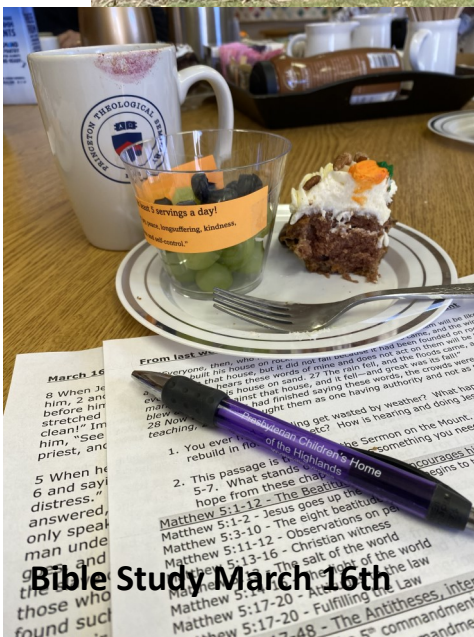
A windy Clean-Up Day March 11th



Fellowship after Worship



Bible Study March 16th



Counters April-June 2023

April 2023

Dana Edelman
Art Pearson

May 2023

Nick Humphrey
Joyce Humphrey

June 2023

Joan Corbin
Eli Johnson

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, April 7th, 14th and 28th in the Fellowship Hall at 10am. All are welcome to join!

The Brown Bag Book Study meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Tack Room at 11:00am for lively discussions and follow with our brown bag (or whatever color you like) lunch. They are starting *Low Anthropology by David Zahl* on April 5th. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Bobbie Carroll 540-948-9922.

CHOIR practices every Wednesday at 7PM

Presbyterian Women meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10am

The Green Team is meeting Sunday April 2nd after Worship.

Bible Studies

Morning Bible Study

Thursdays at 10AM in the Tack Room

Evening Bible Study

Tuesdays at 6:30PM on Zoom

We are studying the Gospel of Matthew
All are welcome

Breakfast Buzz meets the 3rd Friday of each month at 9am

Session April 18th, 6:30PM, Fellowship Hall

Communion Servers and Pew Guide

April 2nd	May 7th	June 4th
Bill Pattie	Cindy Pattie	Jean Pearson
Kim Barnes	Dudley Pattie	Frank King
Bobbie Carroll	Allan McLearn	Art Pearson

Stewardship Team

The main function of the Stewardship Team is to make the congregation aware of the importance of stewardship. To explain that stewardship is not just about money, it is also time and talent. Another function of the team is to conduct an annual pledge drive. The team composes a letter to be mailed to the church family with pledge cards. The returned pledge cards allow the finance team to plan for the budget for the following year.

Stewardship Team meets 3 to 5 times a year. We decide on a theme at the beginning of the year for that year. There are quarterly or month announcements at church based on our theme, we call these: A Minute for Stewardship. There is a function planned for late spring early summer. In the past we have had a picnic in the fellowship hall with grilled hamburgers and hotdogs and members of the congregation bringing a dish. We have also planned a function in the fall to kick off the annual pledge season. At one time it was a chili dinner and talent show.

There is always room on the team for more members and new ideas on how to inspire the congregation. Any questions you can ask Sharon Weakley, Kim Barnes, Bill Pattie or Mary King.

Come join us!!

Easter at MPC....but what Year?

And who are these precious children?



Social Services Needs

April Needs of the Month

Toiletries & Cleaning Supplies

Dish soap, laundry detergent, paper towels,

toilet paper, cleanser, deodorant, bath soap, toothbrushes,

toothpaste, or shampoo

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

Items will be taken to Madison Social Services to help neighbors in need.



FOOD PANTRY

Wanted.....

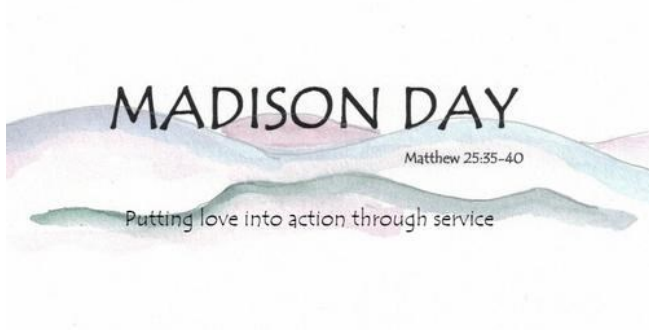
People willing to be a part of the

Loaves and Fishes team.

Are you looking for something important to do 1 or 2 times a month? We would like to add delivery people. These people need to be able to lift and carry approximately 30 lbs. from the basement to their vehicle (an SUV is helpful). And then deliver to the Boys and Girls Club. We would also like to add people with a Sam's, BJ's, or Costco membership. Again, there is lifting and carrying involved. If you'd like more info please talk to Mary Haught or Bobbie Carroll.

The Christian Education Team is in need of Sunday school teachers. Assistance and curriculum will be provided. If you can only serve 1 or 2 Sundays every month or every other month that's fine. Please prayerfully consider serving. If you are interested, contact Bobbie Carroll, Jane Lamar, Mary Linda McLearn, or Cindy Pattie.





Save the Date! May 6, 2023

Register by March 31st

Friends, it is that time of year again! Dust off your work gloves and join your church family in service to our community at Madison Day 2023 on May 6, 2023. We have participated as a church for the past several years cleaning up the outside at MESA and helping landscape a local house. Who knows what adventures await this year?! New this year, they will offer special projects and activities for children so the entire family can put love into action through service! Children ages 4-10 will have the opportunity to be part of Madison Day 2023. It's never too early to show your children the joy of volunteering.

Sign up online at <https://www.madisondayva.com/get-involved> (scroll all the way down!) and make sure to note your team as "Madison Presbyterian Church". Also, please email Donna (office@madisonpresbyterian.com) and Clarissa (clarissa.berry@gmail.com) to make sure we have you on our list, too!

On average, MESA's Food Pantry serves around 6,385 individuals and 2,830 households a year. MESA provides additional emergency services to assist those in need .





April Birthdays

- Paul Hankla 04/03**
- Sam Gentleway 04/04**
- Bland Sadler 04/06**
- Carolyn Fletcher 04/06**
- Judith Willis 04/07**
- Chelsea Colvin 04/16**
- Mary Linda McLearn 04/17**
- Mike Willis 04/24**
- Art Pearson 04/29**



April Anniversaries


- Bob & Mary Haught 04/09**
- Billy & Sandra Powell 04/20**
- John & Christine Haines 04/24**



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



There are brochures in the Fellowship Hall with more information on Camp Hanover summer camps. Or visit their website at www.camphanover.org. The Presbytery of the James is offering \$30 towards tuition.

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April 2023

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2 Palm Sunday Worship 10am AA 5:30	3	4 Zoom Bible Study 6:30pm	5 Book Club 11am Choir Practice 7pm	6 Bible Study 10am Maundy Thursday	7 Good Friday Card Group 10am	8
9 Easter Sunday Worship 10am AA 5:30	10 Quilt Guild 6:30pm	11	12 Pres Women 10am Choir Practice 7pm	13	14 Card Group 10am	15
16 Worship 10am AA 5:30	17	18 Session 6:30pm	19 Book Club 11am MC Woman's Club 7pm Choir Practice 7pm	20 Bible Study 10am MC Garden Club 11-4:30	21 Breakfast Buzz 9am	22 Earth Day
23 Worship 10am AA 5:30	24 Quilt Guild 6:30pm	25 Zoom Bible Study 6:30pm	26 Choir Practice 7pm	27 Bible Study 10am	28 Card Group 10am	29
30 Worship 10am AA 5:30						

April 2nd Matthew 21:1–11 Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29 Isaiah 50:4–9a Psalm 31:9–16 Philippians 2:5–11 Matthew 26:14–27:66 or Matthew 27:11–54

April 9 Acts 10:34–43 or Jeremiah 31:1–6 Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24 Colossians 3:1–4 or Acts 10:34–43 John 20:1–18 or Matthew 28:1–10

April 16 Acts 2:14a, 22–32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3–9 John 20:19–31

April 23 Acts 2:14a, 36–41 Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19 1 Peter 1:17–23 Luke 24:13–35

April 30 Fourth Sunday of Easter—Acts 2:42–47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19–25 John 10:1–10