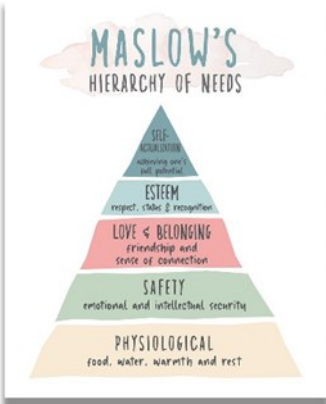


# The View

Madison Presbyterian Church  
JULY 2023

July 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



"Welp. Look's like it's gonna be a hot one."

Indeed.

Taking "Maslow's Hierarchy" as a model with which to dialogue, we know we need to take care of **Basic Needs** first, right? So, if it's gonna be a hot one, 1) Drink Water. (Uh. Duh. But as someone who will always go for any beverage but water, the preacher preaches to herself.) 2) Slather on the sun screen (remember when tans used to be "in"? That's before Melanoma was "in"); 3) Stay inside during the heat of the day. As we age

(not that any of us are doing THAT) we are less likely to be able to regulate our body's temperature or to "feel" how hot it really is. I don't want to visit you in the hospital for heat stroke. *Isaiah 4:6 "There will be a shelter to give shade from the heat by day, and refuge and protection from the storm and the rain."*

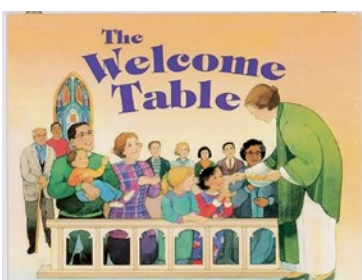
Level up to 2: **Safety**. Do you know the teachers in Madison are trained in ALICE? In August a colleague of mine from Princeton, Annie Pantoja, who has both an MDiv AND a career in law enforcement behind her will be visiting us and the session to formulate our own plan. Some might say "This never happens where we live." Hoyle's Fallacy. This is one reason church violence occurrences are so jarring. This never happens where we live. **1 Peter 1:13 "Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."**

A.L.I.C.E. Stands for...

- Alert
- Lockdown
- Inform
- Counter
- Evacuate



The third rise on Maslow's chart is "**Love and Belonging**". MPC is good at this!



One of the ways we are increasing our children's sense of belonging is by working to further integrate children into the worship service. Not only will we have our "Celebrate Sunday" worship led by our children (with lunch, games, and the mission craft sale to follow), but beginning this fall children will serve as acolytes, bulletin cover designers, occasional

readers AND will be taking communion with us. The first Sunday the children share communion with us (World Communion Sunday October 1), I will be sharing the history of how communion was removed from children. Did you know that practice started with removing it from the elderly?! Jesus would NOT approve. *"Let the little children come, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."* Mark 10:16.

The fourth platform is **Esteem**. This theory says that once our basic needs are met, and we are in a place of safety and love and belonging, our next developmental need is in terms of esteem – self-esteem, strength, recognition, respect, freedom. This reflects our inner security: that we are valued, that we have gifts, and that we are able to use our gifts. Esteem in itself is a gift we can give away without losing any of our own! This church does this pretty well on a macro level – contributing to the dignity of our community – whether those on the rung of having their basic needs met, or those working toward self esteem by, say, learning to read with the Madison Literacy Council. More than anything here, in our daily lives, we need to presume that each human being needs dignity as much as they need food, water, and shelter. Employing the “mother” rules goes a long way here: Say please and thank you. Refer to strangers as “Sir” or “Ma’am”. Look folks in the eye when you are talking to them. Assume the best. *"With an older man, speak to him as to a father, to younger men as brothers, to older women as mothers, to younger women as sisters – with absolute purity (1 Timothy 5: 1-2)."* Galatians 6:10 *"So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith."*



Finally, Maslow calls his highest rung "**Self-Actualization**," described as "being the best you can be." And here we need to depart to a wholly spiritual understanding. Maslow was a humanist. As Christians, we understand that our "highest rung" is answering our call and growing into the image of Christ. That when all those basic needs are met, then by the grace, and the prodding, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit – we continue to actualize what it means to be growing into the image of Christ, what it means to be walking in The Way of Christ, and what it means to be part of the body of Christ, all for the glory of Christ. Let's actualize that.

So we who are many are one Body in Christ, and individually members one of another.  
Rom. 12:5

Blessed July to you,  
Pastor Karen

### Pastor Karen Contact Information



**My cell** is 540-414-3193 Saturday through Thursday 9am-7pm.

**My Sabbath** is Friday. Emergencies only on Fridays, please.



**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.



**Office hours** M, W, Th from 9 to noon AND when you want to see me. I am HAPPY to make afternoon, evening or weekend appointments. My time will flex to accommodate you.

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.



### 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 updated information to [office@madisonpresbyterian.com](mailto:office@madisonpresbyterian.com).



2023 Flower Calendar  
is posted  
in the Narthex

Send flower dedications for the bulletin to  
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## Madison Presbyterian Church

**PIN: 22871    Presbytery: James (150298)    Synod: Mid-Atlantic (150)**



# Drum Circle Invitation

You are invited to join Sam Gentleway and Ruth Harbin Miles in a Drum Circle. We will meet at Hoover Ridge Park in Madison, Virginia on July 14 at the covered Carpenter Main Pavilion from 9:30-10:30 a.m. (Carpenter is the first large pavilion as you enter the park.)

- A drum circle is a group of people playing hand drums and percussion together in a circle. We introduce several rhythms to play together to focus on the heartbeat of the spirit. Vibrations connect people to each while we offer praise with affirmations. Drum circles are known to lower blood pressure and reduce stress. Drum rhythms can be powerful tools to permeate the entire brain.
- We hope you can join us! Let us know if you plan to attend by emailing Ruth by 8 p.m. on July 12<sup>th</sup> at [rhmiles314@gmail.com](mailto:rhmiles314@gmail.com) or call or text 913-5308249.
- Bring a drum or anything you have you could use to make a rhythmic sound. We do have a few drums you can use along with some rattles.
- There are picnic tables in the pavilion and there is an outdoor bathroom. The picnic tables are limited so you may want to bring your own chair. Also consider bringing a bottle of water with you!

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**What:** Drum Circle with Sam and Ruth

**When:** July 14<sup>th</sup> 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

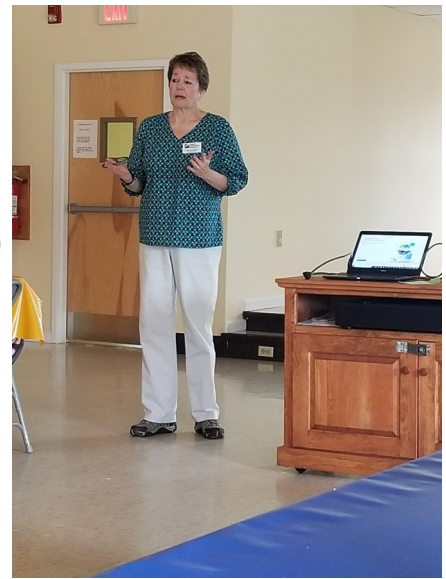
**Where:** Hoover Ridge Park Madison, VA Carpenter Pavilion (the large, covered pavilion when you first enter the park)

**Bring:** chair, water, rhythmic instrument (could be plastic bucket or pan)

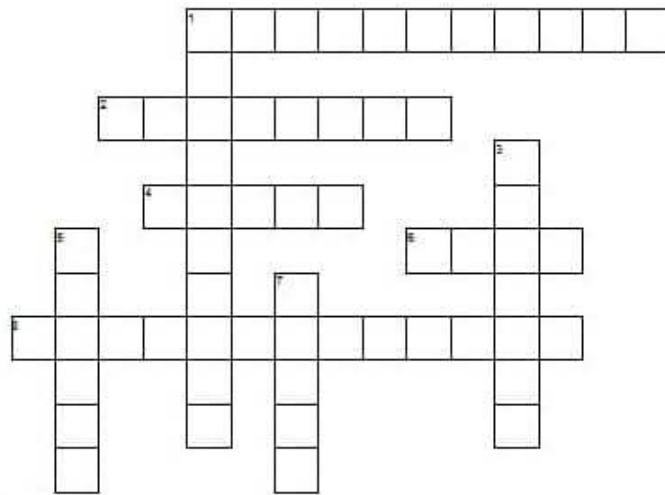
**RSVP:** to Ruth H. Miles [rhmiles314@gmail.com](mailto:rhmiles314@gmail.com) by 8 p.m. July 12<sup>th</sup>

An informative Breakfast  
 Buzz on June 16th  
 About Diabetes

Breakfast BUZZ



Beatitudes



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ACROSS

- 1 Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_: for they shall be called the children of God
- 2 Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_: for they shall obtain mercy
- 4 Blessed are the pure in \_\_\_\_\_: for they shall see God
- 6 Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_: for they shall inherit the earth
- 8 Blessed are those that hunger and thirst after \_\_\_\_\_: for they shall be filled

DOWN

- 1 Blessed are they which are \_\_\_\_\_ for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
- 5 Blessed are the poor in \_\_\_\_\_: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
- 7 Blessed are they that \_\_\_\_\_: for they shall be comforted



# Stewardship "Picnic" Lunch June 25, 2023 with wonderful Food and Fellowship!



## Counters July 2023—September 2023

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Elizabeth Ann Storey	Heidi Sage	Sue Strahan
Nancy Preston	Allan McLearn	Sam Strahan

**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, July 7th, July 14th, July 21st and July 28th in the Fellowship Hall at 10am. All are welcome to join!

**The Brown Bag Book Study** will resume in September, meeting the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 11AM. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Bobbie Carroll 540-948-9922.

**CHOIR** practice will resume in September. We are enjoying our Special Music for the summer.

**Breakfast Buzz** will take a break for July and August and resume the 3rd Friday in September at 9AM.

**Bible Study** will resume in September and will meet Thursdays at 10AM in the Tack Room.

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



### Communion Servers and Pew Guides July 2nd

Cindy Pattie	Bettie Berry
Sue Strahan	Kim Barnes
Mary King	Dudley Pattie



### Social Services Needs for Families:

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

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.



**Persimmon Tree  
given by Pastor Karen  
to the Children of MPC  
on Earth Day Sunday**

**Thank you Nick, Bobbie,  
George and Tim for  
planting the new tree!**



#### **Summertime ...Saving the Planet and Money**

1. Eat locally...“pick your own vegetables and fruits” farms and Farmer’s Markets are abundant in this area.
2. Unplug those devices and explore the area. Madison County has so much to see and do...do a Google search, then unplug the TV and Phone Chargers and get out there!
3. Carry and use a reusable water bottle.
4. Close blinds and shades to reduce the inside temperature; have ceiling fans rotate counterclockwise saving on electricity. Keep the thermostat set no more than 10-15 degrees below the outside temperature.
5. Run appliances like washers, dryers, dishwashers early in the day when demand for energy is lower.
6. Plan your errands. So many of us live “a ways” from the store, bank, gas station, library, church...plan to complete as many errands as possible in one outing.



#### **Craft Fair 2023**

The craft fair that was held last year is making a comeback. It will be held starting **August 20th**. We have had time to evaluate how the crafts did last year and would like to talk to you about how we want to proceed. If you have a thought for a specific craft or if you have suggestions; please talk to someone on the Christian Education

team:

Mary Linda McLearn,  
Jane Lamar, Cindy Pattie,  
Bobbie Carroll





**July Birthdays**

- John Quinley 07/08
- John Storey 07/10
- Graham Hughes 07/11
- Charlotte Rose Woodward 07/12
- Vivian Peterson 07/15
- Linda Sadler 07/17
- Peggy Place 07/17
- Malcolm Davis 07/22
- Karen Weaver 07/24
- Pattie Rees 07/24
- Gene Corbin 07/27

**July Anniversary**

- Alan & Peggy Place 07/03
- Tom & Heidi Rees 07/28
- Sam & Karen Pattie 07/30

**CELEBRATE!**

**Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Christian Education is inviting you to come and Celebrate: our children, each other, and our Church.**

It all begins with the morning worship; which will be followed by lunch for all.

After lunch there will be games, social time, and the Craft Fair.

The Craft Fair will once again be in the Tack Room. Hopefully, we will have more great items from the hands and minds of you! We are extending the options so that everyone can participate. Not everyone likes to sew or craft, but maybe will have plants and creations from your kitchen. The plants and kitchen items will only be on sale for the one day because we have no one to maintain the plants and produce.

All items that do not sell will be given back to the person who made them.

**The Craft Fair will be open until September 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Proceeds From the Craft Fair will go to Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands.**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship 10AM Communion AA 5:30PM	3	4 	5	6	7 Card Group 10AM	8
9 Worship 10AM AA 5:30PM	10 Quilt Guild 6:30PM	11	12	13	14 Card Group 10AM Drum Circle 9:30AM Hoover Ridge	15
16 Worship 10AM AA 5:30PM	17	18	19	20 Garden Club 11-5	21 Card Group 10AM	22
23 Worship 10AM AA 5:30PM	24 Quilt Guild 6:30PM	25	26	27 Woman's Club 4-8	28 Card Group 10AM Woman's Club 8-1PM FH in Use 2-9PM	29 FH in Use 8-6PM
30 Worship 10AM AA 5:30PM	31					

**Sunday, July 2** (Proper 8) Semicontinuous: Genesis 22:1–14 and Psalm 13; Complementary: Jeremiah 28:5–9 and Psalm 89:1–4, 15–18; Romans 6:12–23; Matthew 10:40–42

**Sunday, July 9** (Proper 9) Semicontinuous: Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67 and Psalm 45:10–17 or Song of Solomon 2:8–13; Complementary: Zechariah 9:9–12 and Psalm 145:8–14; Romans 7:15–25a; Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

**Sunday, July 16** (Proper 10) Semicontinuous: Genesis 25:19–34 and Psalm 119:105–112; Complementary: Isaiah 55:10–13 and Psalm 65:[1–8] 9–13; Romans 8:1–11; Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

**Sunday, July 23** (Proper 11) Semicontinuous: Genesis 28:10–19a and Psalm 139:1–12, 23–24; Complementary: Isaiah 44:6–8 and Psalm 86:11–17; Romans 8:12–25; Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

**Sunday, July 30** (Proper 12) Semicontinuous: Genesis 29:15–28 and Psalm 105:1–11, 45b or Psalm 128; Complementary: 1 Kings 3:5–12 and Psalm 119:129–136; Romans 8:26–39; Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52