

Pastor's Letter June 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." Philippians 4:8

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Galatians 5:22

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ...'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:30-31

Having used a certain phrase over and over again with their boys, Luke and Ali designed a family crest and ordered t-shirts for everyone. On a background of red there is a shield. A sword splits the shield with a victor's wreath at the bottom. On each side of the split there is a chess piece: a knight and a bishop. Beneath the design is their new family motto in Latin: "Etiem Aspera"!

Does it mean Victory? Hope? Perseverance? No. Etiem Aspera means "Too Rough". They've said it so many times to the kids it's become the family motto!

It's hard to remember not to play "too rough" when winning seems like the only thing. But beloved, the *only* thing is love. Our society's pretty crazy right now. Has been for a few years. Might be for a few more. Add in AI and UFOs and the anxiety level is ratcheted so high everybody's first response can be Etiem Aspera!

Our direction, our mission, doesn't change. Now more than ever the Kingdom needs Christians who will pay attention to what Jesus said, and not to the latest culture war to choose sides. Now more than ever the Kingdom needs workers in the field dropping the seeds of love, because, as has been said, "Hate doesn't drive out hate. Only love can do that (MLK Jr)." Now more than ever our world needs love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. And the only way to cling to that is to be a fully invested servant of the God who IS love.

Beloved, let us serve the Lord.

Your Sister in Christ,

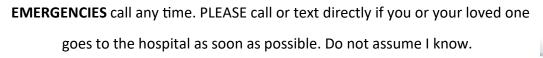
Pastor Karen



Pastor Karen Contact Information

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

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







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.



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FEEDING THE HUNGRY WITH A SMILE

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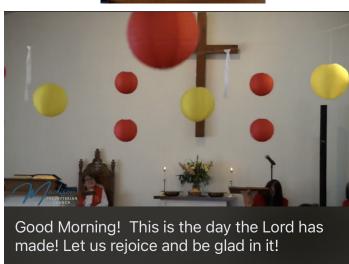




Joy and Celebration on Pentecost at Madison Presbyterian Church











Breakfast Buzz Friday June 16th 9:00AM

Virginia Cooperative Extension is working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to fight the increasing rates of type 2 diabetes (T2D) in Virginia by helping people prevent this chronic illness. Predia-

betes is a serious health condition where a person's blood sugar (glucose) level is higher than normal but not high enough to be diagnosed with diabetes. If you have prediabetes, you are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes, as well as heart disease and stroke.

"One out of three American adults has prediabetes, and most of them do not know it."

Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

We will discuss the risk factors associated with developing prediabetes, and the steps you can take to delay or prevent the onset of prediabetes, and Type 2 diabetes as well.

Clare Lillard will join us on **June 16th** to discuss this very important topic for those of us who are a certain age. You know who you are!

See you at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship.









Carter Rees, son of Tom and Heidi Rees has given the church his time and energies for three seasons of mowing the grounds. As a high school student, he began mowing under the supervision of his father until he was old enough to be on the zero turn unsupervised. Carter has faithfully tended the lawns - weed whacking as well as mowing with support from Bill Pattie.

Carter graduated from Madison County High School this May and is looking forward to attending VMI late summer. We will lose our reliable mower, but wish him well and congratulate him on a bright future.

Meanwhile, the zero turn Kubota is looking for new riders. See Bill Pattie if you are interested in helping this summer.

Counters June 2023-August 2023

JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Joan Corbin	Elizabeth Ann Storey	Heidi Sage
Eli Johnson	Nancy Preston	Allan McLearen

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, June 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th in the Fellowship Hall at 10am. All are welcome to join!

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

CHOIR practices every Wednesday at 7PM. Last practice for the summer is June 7th.

Breakfast Buzz will take a break after this months presentation on June 16th.

Bible Study 10am Thursdays (Thru 06/15) in the Tack Room studying the Book of Matthew. Let Pastor Karen know if you'd like a Zoom link.

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



Communion Servers and Pew Guides June 4th

Mary King Frank King
Mike Willis Allan McLearen
Dana Edelman Heidi Sage



June Foods of the Month - Infants and Children

Baby foods, diapers, finger foods, baby cookies, small cans of spaghetti or soup, packages of macaroni and cheese, instant oatmeal, cereal, cream of wheat, peanut butter and jelly, pudding, Jell-O cups, fruit cups, juices, instant dry milk

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.

ELDERS SERVING COMMUNION: June - December 2023

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- 1 Mary King 540-948-3702
- 2 Mike Willis 540-229-2626
- 3 Dana Edelman 434/985-8567

- 1 Cindy Pattie 540-948-4002
- 2 Sue Strahan 540-718-4156
- 3 Berta Storey 540-718-0787

August 6

- 1 Jean Pearson 434-825-2355
- 2 John Quinley 540-948-4303
- 3 Bill Pattie 540-547-2725

September 3

- 1 Mary King 540-948-3702
- 2 Dana Edelman 434/985-8567
- 3 Frank King 948-3702669

October 1

- 1 Sue Strahan 540-718-4156
- 2 Bill Pattie 540-547-2725
- 3 Allan McLearen 540-672-4998

November 5

- 1 Art Pearson 434/985-7669
- 2 Cindy Pattie 540-948-4002
- 3 Dudley Pattie 540-948-4002

- December 3
- 1 Berta Storey 540-718-0787 2 John Quinley 540-948-4303
- 3 Bill Pattie 540-547-2725

- 4 Frank King 540-948-3702
- 5 Allan McLearen 540-672-4998
- 6 Heidi Sage 540-948-3778

July 2

- 4 Bettie Berry 270/625-3731
- 5 Kim Barnes 434/962-0916
- 6 Dudley Pattie 540-948-4002
- 4 Art Pearson 434/985-7669
- 5 Clarissa Berry 540-718-0000
- 6 Bettle Berry 540-948-4656
- 4 Heidi Sage 540-948-3778
- 5 Dudley Pattie 540-948-4002
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IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE YOUR DESIGNATED SUNDAY PLEASE FIND A SUBSTITUTE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE FROM ←----THIS LIST

Elders will arrange themselves around the tables as shown here:

Minister

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(#1 & #4 remove and replace tablecloth if needed)

(Top two trays are grape juice for 1 & 4)

#2 & #3 serve right side

#5 & #6 serve left side

#1 serves nursery THEN narthex (DO NOT GO TO **FELLOWSHIP HALL)**

#4 serves choir

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Volunteers Needed

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another."

Charles Dickens



Can you spare 3-4 hours each week?

The Madison Emergency Services Food Pantry is looking for dedicated volunteers to join our team.

- -Help needed packing and unpacking groceries, sorting food, and stocking shelves
- -Drivers with truck/large SUV needed for food pickup.
- -Must be friendly, compassionate and reliable.
- -Walking and light lifting required.

Join a fun and energetic team, helping us make a difference to hundreds of Madison County families.

For more information and/or an application: email: volunteer@mesamadisonva.org or call 540-948-4427



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 McLearen, Jane Lamar, Cindy Pattie, **Bobbie Carroll**





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EARTH CARE CONGREGATION

for its environmental stewardship achievements in worship, education, facilities and outreach actions in the life of the church.

Madison Learning Center is having a Fundraiser—
Madison Parks and Rec is offering the main stage area at Hoover Ridge for all to enjoy a picnic dinner with their families. Fabulous Foods food truck will be onsite to sell pizza and ice cream. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to MLC!





Enjoying the playground on a beautiful day at MPC!



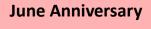




There is going to be a Picnic Style Lunch right after Church on June 25th brought to you by the Stewardship Team. The Stewardship Team will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, the buns, condiments and drinks and are asking everyone to bring a side dish or dessert.

There are 2 signup sheets on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. One signup sheet is for the number of people who are planning to attend, the other signup sheet is for what you would like to bring.

Please sign up by June 18th so we will know how many hamburgers and hot dogs to purchase. This is a way for the Stewardship Team to celebrate the church and summer. We hope everyone can join us for the food and fellowship.



Todd & Sarah Early 6/4

Bland & Linda Sadler 6/13



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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 8:00 – 1:00



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				Bible Study 10am	Harold Pearcy Funeral 11am Culpeper Nat'l Reception at Four Seasons Card Group 10am	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship 10am			Book Club	Bible Study	Card Group	
Communion			11am	10am	10am	
AA 5:30pm			Choir Practice 7pm			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Worship 10am	CE Mtg			Bible Study	Breakfast	
AA 5:30pm	10am			10am	Buzz 9am	
	Quilt Guild 6:30pm			Garden Club 11-5		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Worship 10am			Book Club		Card Group	King
Father's Day			11am		10am	FH Usage 2-3
AA 5:30pm						
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Worship 10am	Quilt Guild				Card Group	
AA 5:30pm	6:30pm				10am	

Trinity Sunday—June 4 Genesis 1:1—2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11–13; Matthew 28:16–20

Sunday, June 11 (Proper 5) Semicontinuous Genesis 12:1–9 Psalm 33:1–12;Complementary Hosea 5:15–6:6 Psalm 50:7–15; Romans 4:13–25; Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

Sunday, June 18 (Proper 6) Semicontinuous Genesis 18:1–15 (21:1–7); Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19; Complementary Exodus 19:2–8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1–8; Matthew 9:35—10:8 (9–23)

Sunday, June 25 (Proper 7) Semicontinuous Genesis 21:8–21; Psalm 86:1–10, 16–17; Complementary Jeremiah 20:7–13; Psalm 69:7–10 [11–15] 16–18; Romans 6:1b–11; Matthew 10:24–39