



The View

Madison Presbyterian Church AUGUST 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Chase Tobin writes on Emergency Management from a Biblical Perspective, “From the Bible we are charged by the LORD God to be ready at all times. Not just for the returning of the Son of Man (Matthew 24:44), but to be watchful, steadfast, full of courage, steadfast, and strong (I Corinthians 16:13).

Preparedness is defined by DHS/FEMA as "a continuous cycle of planning, organizing, training, equipping, exercising, evaluating, and taking corrective action in an effort to ensure effective coordination during incident response." (DHS 2018) A community can do as much as they can to mitigate and attempt to prevent emergencies, but they are GOING to happen. Preparedness effectively enables a community to be ready with a plan and a contingency for whatever happens. It also enables them to be able to survive until the other phases of the cycle are able to be restored.”

You have heard that your session has two Emergency Management initiatives underway to insure – as best as we are able – that our church will be a safe space, truly a “sanctuary”. One of these feels difficult to say out loud: we are developing an Active Shooter plan. One of my friends from Seminary - who has developed plans for churches in New Jersey where she lives - is coming here and developing a plan for us FOR FREE. Rev. Annie Pantoja will be in worship with us on August 6, and will be meeting with the session on August 8. We will be joined at that meeting by our Presbyter, Rev. Dr. Flo Barbee Watkins.

The other initiative is a Readiness Task Force that will be working with the Red Cross to develop our readiness checklist for the kind of emergencies in which our community needs us. Serving on that team are Audrey Davis, Nick Humphrey, Valerie McLearn and John Quinley,. They will receive the orientation, fill out the readiness check list, and then report to session and ministry teams action that needs to be taken.

How about you? Are you ready for an emergency? I am not a “Prepper” as the common vernacular understands it, but I am a preparer. I just bought my kiddos water purification tablets, potassium iodide, and emergency meal rations. The kits have a 25 year shelf life so if the power grid doesn’t fail until 2047 my grandchildren can still feed my great-grandchildren. There’s a good list here: <https://www.cdc.gov/childrenindisasters/checklists/kids-and-families.html> for what you can do to help your family be ready for whatever comes. The site also has specific preparation for chemical, radiation, and biological threats as well as severe weather. I am trained and certified by the Church of the Brethren for Childrens Disaster Services. I am happy to come and talk to you and your family in a positive way about getting ready.

And beloved, if you can, prepare for two families. We should always be ready to share with our neighbors, professing the love of Christ in and out of season. (And don’t forget the toilet paper. Remember early Covid!)

Preparing for the worst – yearning for the best – trusting God in all of it.

Blessings,

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.



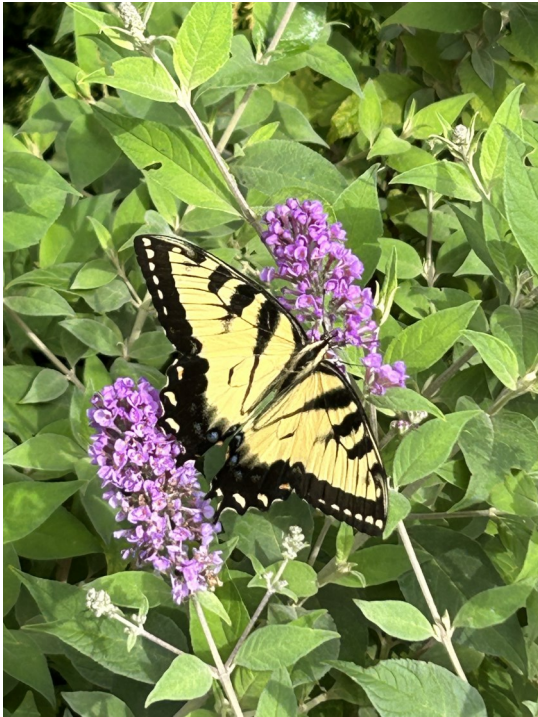
2023 Flower Calendar
is posted
in the Narthex

Send flower dedications for the bulletin to
office@madisonpresbyterian.com



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



Beautiful church garden picture
from Heidi Sage

A Butterfly on a
“Low and Behold” Butterfly Bush
on the church grounds

Attention Women of the Church!



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

The Presbyterian Women will start the 2023-2024 bible study on September 13th at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. It will be the second Wednesday of each month at 10am. The bible study this year is titled Sacred Encounters-The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts. The study books are on the table outside the church office in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick up your book and either check your name off of the list or add your name to the list. This lets us know who to contact in case of any day or time changes. All are welcome, whether or not you have participated before!! Any questions contact Sharon Weakley.

Thank you!!

Drum Circle Hoover Ridge Park July 14, 2023



Counters August 2023—October 2023

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Heidi Sage	Sue Strahan	Joan Corbin
Allan McLearn	Sam Strahan	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 Fridays, August 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th 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 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 August 6th

Jean Pearson	Art Pearson
John Quinley	Clarissa Berry
Bill Pattie	Bettie Berry

Social Services Needs for Families for AUGUST



“Foods” of the Month

Toiletries and 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.

Thank you for all of your kind words and encouragement as Frank and I start our next journey. I have enjoyed working with all of you and will miss Madison Presbyterian Church. I have thoroughly enjoyed working here and appreciate the opportunity given to me to support the Church! We are looking forward to traveling across the US and spending more time with our West Coast family (Son, daughter-in-law and 2 grandkids), and will have a landing pad (a little cottage) with our East Coast family (Son, daughter-in-law and 2 grandkids) in Rixeyville. Peace and Joy to all!



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From the Green Team:

Please take a look at the Climate Reality Project web page. It's past time for each of us to do what needs doing!

<https://www.climaterealityproject.org/>



Craft Fair 2023

I'm sure you are all crafting, baking and creating like mad since it's too hot to go outside!

Please bring all crafts and baked goods to the fellowship hall by noon on August 19th .



A baby shower was held in the Fellowship Hall for MPC member Chelsea Turner! Best wishes as she and Jamie grow their family!



August Birthdays

Pastor Allamon	08/01
Kim Barnes	08/01
Sam Pattie	08/02
Valerie Cruz	08/02
Valerie McLearen	08/07
Matthew McLearen	08/11
Eli Johnson	08/19
Heidi Sage	08/20
Nancy Demarest	08/24
Timothy Woodward	08/28
Berta Storey	08/29
Jack Mclearen	08/30



August Anniversaries

Bill & Gail Pattie	08/04
Dudley & Cindy Pattie	08/10
Allan & Mary Linda McLearen	08/12
Art & Jean Pearson	08/15
John & Jill Quinley	08/20
Charles & Sharon Carter	08/30

CELEBRATE!

Sunday August 20th

**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 3rd.**

**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
		1	2	3	4 Card Group 10AM	5
6 Worship 10AM AA 5:30PM	7	8 Session 6:30PM	9	10	11 Card Group 10AM	12
13 Worship 10AM AA 5:30PM	14 Quilt Guild 6:30PM	15	16	17 Garden Club 11:00-5:00	18 Card Group 10AM	19
20 Worship 10AM Children's Church & Lunch AA 5:30PM	21	22	23	24	25 Card Group 10AM	26
27 Worship 10AM AA 5:30PM	28 Quilt Guild 6:30PM	29	30	31		

Sunday, August 6 (Proper 13) Semicontinuous: Genesis 32:22–31 and Psalm 17:1–7, 15; Complementary: Isaiah 55:1–5 and Psalm 145:8–9, 14–21; Romans 9:1–5 ; Matthew 14:13–21

Sunday, August 13 (Proper 14) Semicontinuous: Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28 and Psalm 105:1–6, 16–22, 45b; Complementary: 1 Kings 19:9–18 and Psalm 85:8–13; Romans 10:5–15; Matthew 14:22–33

Sunday, August 20 (Proper 15) Semicontinuous: Genesis 45:1–15 and Psalm 133; Complementary: Isaiah 56:1, 6–8 and Psalm 67; Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32; Matthew 15:[10–20] 21–28

Sunday, August 27 (Proper 16) Semicontinuous: Exodus 1:8—2:10 and Psalm 124; Complementary: Isaiah 51:1–6 and Psalm 138; Romans 12:1–8; Matthew 16:13–20