



The View

Madison Presbyterian Church
November 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It seems all over the world we have War. We have had war before. We will have war again, I suppose, if Jesus doesn't come first. It's a very hard time to hold the center of our faith: Love God with all your heart and soul and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself. All of them.

The side we choose is Jesus. It's a hard place to stand, with our hearts breaking and our dander up. But it's the side that bore the spears for all of humanity. We can say with absolute certainty that babies shouldn't be killed and women shouldn't be raped and hospitals shouldn't be bombed. We can also say with absolute certainty that this has been going on for a long, long time. Open your Bible, and see.

The Presbyterian Church (USA) has been deliberately involved in working for peace in the middle east through Peacemaking initiatives and the group Presbyterians for Middle East Peace. I am certain that Peacemaking efforts will continue.

What can we do? First, get educated. The place for us to be is at the side of Jesus, who says "Put up your sword". To become well versed in the full history of the middle east – especially since the time of British Colonialization. Read deep and wide.

And truly, we need to appreciate the conviction of "Whose Land is it Anyway?" I urge you to take the brave and bold look at "whose land" we ourselves are on. It is deeply uncomfortable. No, you didn't *personally* take land from the Native Americans. Defensiveness is what we feel when we get in trouble, and our first instinct is to say "not my fault".

There is an interactive land map (<https://native-land.ca/>) where you can enter your address and see who used to live where you are. And I don't mean who had the deed before you did. I entered the church's address. This land was the land of the Monacan, the Shawandasse Tula ("Shawnee"), and the Manahoac. I know nothing about these peoples. I'm going to start reading.

And this – scripture, history, and finding out about our own backyard should put each of us in a place of humility, as befits disciples who continue to learn all their lives.

What can we do? Become educated, work for peace in the way we conduct our lives in a fraught time, support the Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering, the Presbyterian Disaster Response for humanitarian aid (<https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000081/>), and pray. Perhaps this Prayer for Peace in the Middle East from the National Interreligious Leadership Initiative For Peace in the Middle East will help get you started:

*Sustain together in undiminished hope, O God of hope,
those who continue to labor with undiminished determination
to build peace in the land from which, of old,
out of brokenness, violence and destruction,
nevertheless hope emerged for so many of faith. . . .*

*Bless all the spiritual seed of Abraham together
with the light of your Presence.*

*For in the light of your Presence
we have found a way of justice and mercy
and a vision of Peace.*

*We praise you O God, Giver of Peace,
who commands us to Peace. Amen*

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all. (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

In his service –

Pastor Karen



Pastor Karen and the Congregation of MPC,
Thank you for the lovely parting
gifts for Frank and I. We have everything
in the RV, ready to leave on Tuesday
October 3rd.

Although my time at MPC was
shorter than expected, I got to know
so many of you, and will miss you.
You are a beautiful congregation!
Feel free to follow our journey on
Facebook ... Rambling Beast is our page.
Peace and joy!

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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.



Heidi Piper, 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 and 2024 Flower Calendars
are posted in the Narthex.*

*Send flower dedications for the
bulletin to
office@madisonpresbyterian.com
or call the office at (540)948-6972.*



Madison Presbyterian Church

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*From the grateful hearts of the Madison Learning Center children.,
made from love with their little finger prints.*

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME IS ENDING SOON



It's almost that time again to change your clocks for daylight saving time. (Or if you're stubborn and never change the time on your older devices, the good news is the clocks are about to be correct again!)

Every March and November we go through the daylight saving time tradition, at least in most states. It signifies the changing of the seasons, an adjustment to your sleep schedule and also **a reminder to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detector.**



When does the time change?

Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 5.

Our days will keep getting shorter from here, until the shortest day of the year, December 21.

When did daylight saving time start in the United States

DST started in the U.S. with the Standard Time Act of 1918, a wartime measure for seven months during World War I to add more daylight hours to conserve energy resources. Year-round DST, or "War Time," was implemented again during World War II.

The Uniform Time Act of 1966 established a system of uniform daylight saving time throughout the nation, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Do we gain an hour when the time changes?

Yep! We gain an hour this time. Remember, spring forward and fall back.

When is daylight saving time going to start in 2024?

Daylight saving time starts again at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 10.

When does daylight saving time end permanently?

There's been more talk in recent years of doing away with daylight saving time and clock changes. Florida Rep. Sen. Marco Rubio's Sunshine Protection Act of 2021 proposed an end to the practice. However, there's nothing definitive to stop daylight saving time so we'll have to keep changing our clocks until any future change.

Federal law does allow states to pass laws that exempt themselves from daylight saving time, but does not allow states to permanently observe daylight saving time, the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) says.

"Almost all of the states have considered legislation over the last several years that would place the state permanently on either standard time or daylight saving time," the NCSL says. "Since 2015, at least 450 bills and resolutions have been introduced in virtually every state, but none of significance passed until 2018, when Florida became the first state to enact legislation to permanently observe DST, pending amendment of federal law to permit such action."

Arizona and Hawaii, plus the U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, do not observe daylight saving time. Standard time, which typically runs between November and March nationwide, is observed year-round in these states and territories.

Since there has been no movement on federal legislation ending the nationwide practice of changing the clocks twice a year, everyone outside of those states and territories should expect the clock changes to continue into 2024.

Acolytes, Abigail McLearn, Logan Lamar, Charlotte Woodward, and Avery Hughes receiving certificate and acolyte cross for completing acolyte training.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication!



Pastor Karen, Abigail, and Logan.



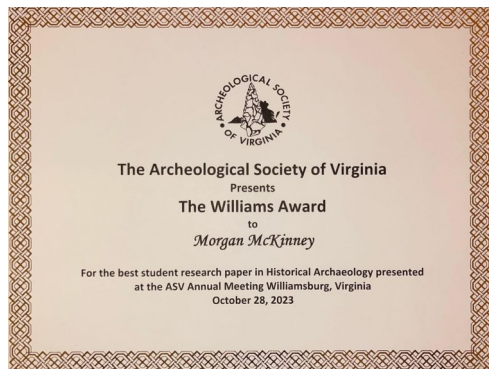
Pastor Karen and Avery.



Pastor Karen and Charlotte.

CONGRATULATIONS to Morgan McKinney

on winning The Williams Award
for the best student research paper
in Historical Archaeology from
The Archeological Society of Virginia!



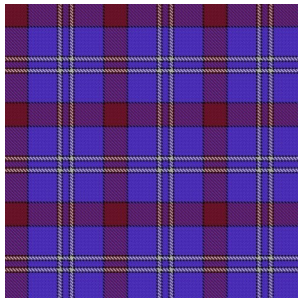


Reformation Sunday at the Kirk!

Thank you to Bag Piper,
J.R. Arthur, for coming to
play for us and sharing
his stories!



Telling stories and
enjoying some
biadh (food)!



Reformation Sunday was October 29th, and
this year we went to SCOTLAND.

The worship service is taken from Scottish
Sources and the Scot's Confession - which is
part of our own Book of Confessions.

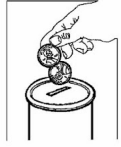
After worship, in addition to our regular
goodies, we had the opportunity to try
Hagis on Oat Cracker, and of course, short-
bread!!!

Thank you to everyone who attended!

Blessings, Pastor Karen




Two Cents
A Meal



Do you remember 2¢/meal?

That was the beginning of our offering to help feed the hungry in 1976.

Many years later it went to 5¢/meal and we are there still. I believe it has probably been at least 15 years since it was changed to 5¢/meal; and  we know for certain that the price of food HAS changed.



10 CENTS A MEAL

I would challenge each of you to bring the amount up to at least 10¢/meal and let's see if we can make a difference in the offering of our Church to the greater good. We (the Loaves and Fishes program) have used Grants from this offering in the past and we need to pay it forward.

Please join me each first Sunday to offer what we can to help feed the hungry here and across the world.

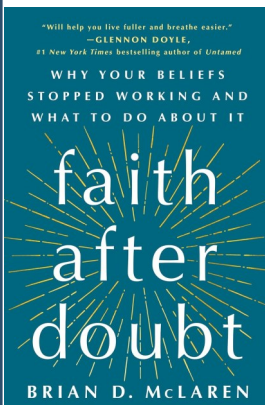
Thank You, Bobbie Carroll

Brown Bag Book study

We meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 11 am in the Tack Room. Our new book is *faith after doubt* by Brian McLaren.

We have just started, but this is an easy read and you'll catch up fast. The discussion is always good, if not somewhat rambling, given the people involved ;). We'd love for you to join us with your lunch in hand. We plan to be finished by Advent.

Contact Bobbie Carroll if you have any questions. 540-948-9922



Sixty-five million adults in the U.S. have dropped out of active church attendance and about 2.7 million more are leaving every year. *Faith After Doubt* is for the millions of people around the world who feel that their faith is falling apart.

Using his own story and the stories of a diverse group of struggling believers, Brian D. McLaren, a former pastor and now an author, speaker, and activist shows how old assumptions are being challenged in nearly every area of human life, not just theology and spirituality. He proposes a four-stage model of faith development in which questions and doubt are not the enemy of faith, but rather a portal to a more mature and fruitful kind of faith. The four stages—Simplicity, Complexity, Perplexity, and Harmony—offer a path forward that can help sincere and thoughtful people leave behind unnecessary baggage and intensify their commitment to what matters most.

October Pruning Party

Saturday, October 21st was the perfect weather day for having FUN while working outdoors - sunny and cool. Fourteen of us pruned, raked, blew and mowed leaves. It required three well loaded pick up trucks to haul away all of the debris.

Folks who participated were: Jeanne Bruton, Bobbie and George Carroll, Jose and Valerie Cruz, Nick and Joyce Humphrey, Frank and Mary King, Mary Linda and Allan McLearn, Audrey Sarate and Malcolm Davis, and Heidi Sage.

Thank you to all who came out!

Heidi Sage

Pictured: Heidi Sage, Joyce Humphrey, Jeanne Bruton, Nick Humphrey, Mary and Frank King



Earth Care Pledge

Peace and justice is God's plan for all creation. The earth and all creation are God's. God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this earth, and to protect and restore it for its own sake, and for the future use and enjoyment of the human family. As God offers all people the special gift of peace through Jesus Christ, and through Christ reconciles all to God, we are called to deal justly with one another and the earth.

1. Our **worship** and discipleship will celebrate God's grace and glory in creation and declare that God calls us to cherish, protect and restore this earth.

2. In **education**, we will seek learning and teaching opportunities to know and understand the threats to God's creation and the damage already inflicted. We will encourage and support each other in finding ways of keeping and healing the creation in response to God's call to earth-keeping, justice and community.

3. Our **facilities** will be managed, maintained and upgraded in a manner that respects and cherishes all creation, human and non-human, while meeting equitably the needs of all people. In our buildings and on our grounds we will use energy efficiently, conserve resources, and share what we have in abundance so that God's holy creation will be sustainable for all life and future generations.

4. Our **outreach** will encourage public policy and community involvement that protects and restores the vulnerable and degraded earth as well as oppressed and neglected people. We will be mindful that our personal and collective actions can positively or negatively affect our neighborhood, region, nation and world. We will seek to achieve environmental justice through coalitions and ecumenical partnerships.



SANTA'S WORKSHOP



Saturday, December 9th from 1 - 4 PM

Easy crafts to make & take for children of all ages
Hot Chocolate & Cookies and a visit from SANTA!

If you would like to help out - Contact Kim Barnes

Lyonhart38@aol.com (434)962-0916



STEWARDSHIP

Please remember to send in your pledge cards for the 2024 fiscal year. Pledge cards allow the Finance Committee to estimate the budget for the coming year.

Thank you for your contribution!

<p style="text-align: right;">NO. _____</p> <p>NAME(S) _____</p> <p>ADDRESS _____</p> <p>CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Financial Stewardship Commitment for 20_____</p> <p>Grateful for God's love in Jesus Christ, I (we) make the following commitment to support the mission of the church through our congregation.</p> <p>\$ _____ per <input type="checkbox"/> week <input type="checkbox"/> month <input type="checkbox"/> other _____</p> <p><small>(This commitment may be increased or decreased due to changing circumstances)</small></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I (we) wish to receive information about giving through Estate Planning</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Keep this portion as a record of your financial stewardship commitment for the year 20 _____.</p> <p>My (our) financial stewardship commitment</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$ _____</p> <p>per <input type="checkbox"/> week <input type="checkbox"/> month <input type="checkbox"/> other _____</p> <p><small>(This commitment may be increased or decreased due to changing circumstances)</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. (Eph. 4:7)</i></p>																
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Attention Women of the Church!

Join the Presbyterian Women for the 2023-2024 bible study, which meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. 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!!



PRAY FOR THE FIREFIGHTERS BATTLING THE QUAKER RUN WILDFIRE



More than 100 firefighters and other workers are on the scene at the Quaker Run wildfire in Madison County near Shenandoah National Park working to contain the still-growing blaze.

Local emergency management staff thanked Madison County residents for their support as crews battle the blaze.

“Our Madison County citizens, not surprisingly, have continued to step up their game and have so generously brought water and Gatorade to our brave firefighters. For that we say, THANK YOU! Please bring all future donations directly to the Madison County Department of EMS at 1494 N. Main Street. We will ensure your donation is brought to our people in the most efficient manner,” the Madison County Department of Emergency Management said in a statement. “We are making headway and we can all be proud of those who are serving our county.”

“While we encourage you to get out there and enjoy the foliage, please be mindful that there is an ongoing wildfire in Madison County, with smoke impacting air quality in several adjacent counties,” the state Department of Forestry said in a statement.



Counters November 2023 - January 2024

November

Dana Edelman
Art Pearson

December

Joyce Humphrey
Nick Humphrey

January

Elizabeth Anne Storey
Nancy Preston

The Card Group makes greeting cards for nursing home residents and church members that are home bound, and for other occasions. They meet Fridays, November 3, 10, and 24th in the Fellowship Hall at 10am. All are welcome to join!

The Brown Bag Book Study is currently reading, *“faith after doubt”* by Brian McLaren. The group meets the 1st (11/1) and 3rd (11/15) Wednesdays at 11AM. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bobbie Carroll at 540-948-9922.

Choir Practice meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Choir Room.

Breakfast Buzz meets the third Friday (11/17) of every month at 9AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Presbyterian Women meet the 2nd Wednesday each month at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.

Dudley Pattie	Bobbie Carroll	November Communion Servers and Pew Guides
Cindy Pattie	Clarissa Berry	
	Kim Barnes	



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

November Liturgists and Greeters

November 5	Diana Allen	Kim Barnes
November 12	Bobbie Carroll	Diana Allen
November 19	Sam Strahan	Sue Strahan
November 26	Jeanne Bruton	Mike & Judy Willis

Bible Study meets Thursdays at 10am in the Tack Room and on Zoom. We will break for the holidays from Thanksgiving through New Year.



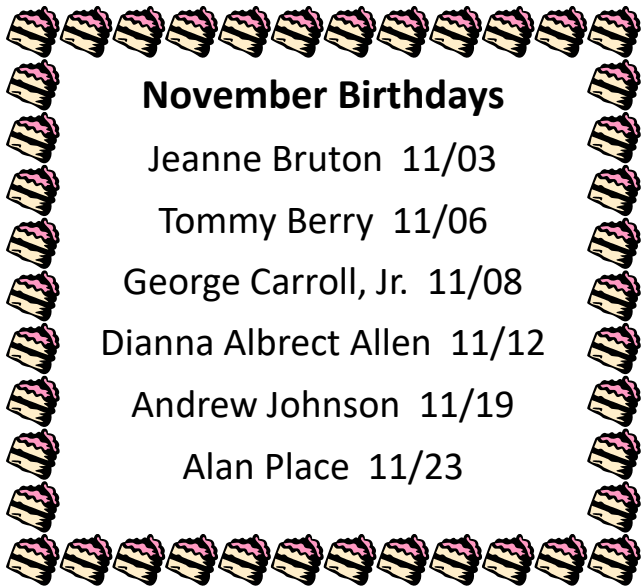
Social Services Needs for Families for November



Needs of the Month:

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.**



November Birthdays

Jeanne Bruton 11/03

Tommy Berry 11/06

George Carroll, Jr. 11/08

Dianna Albrect Allen 11/12

Andrew Johnson 11/19

Alan Place 11/23



November Anniversaries

Nan & Dennis Coppedge

11/20 47 years



Hoover Ridge Scholarship Program

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ASK.

We believe that no child should be excluded from play based on an inability to pay program fees. We offer two ways to provide assistance, and even have some donated equipment available free of charge.

Social Services

Any participant whose family is part of a Social Services program that provides benefits qualifies for scholarships in our youth programs.

Financial Aid

We receive many generous donations through the year. Last year, we created the Hoover Ridge Scholarship Fund to allow families facing any type of hardship the ability to have some or all of their child's program fees covered. In most cases, a parent or guardian can pay some of the fees, but not all, or some have multiple children playing sports and cannot afford to pay fees for all of them. This program allows for parents/guardians to choose a contribution level (if any), even if they do not receive benefits through Social Services. This scholarship is completely funded by community donors and will remain as long as funds are available. The Hoover Ridge Scholarship Form can be found at www.hooveridge.com/financialaid.html

Equipment

Need cleats? Need helmets? We often have families donate equipment or cleats. Chances are, we have something that was donated that you could use! Our most common items include soccer cleats and baseball equipment.

If you have gently used equipment you'd like to donate, please contact us.



Breakfast Buzzzzzzzzzz

Join the Christian Education team for Breakfast and fellowship on Friday, November 17 at 9:00 am as they welcome Mary Margaret Tourond and Mike Wilson, who will present:

We're Still Here

A reflection on their life journey from white privilege to learning and honoring their heritage. Noting topics of population pre-contact, doctrine of discovery, eugenics and impact on Virginia Indians, and current lives in support of Native issues.

Mary Margaret is of the Lakota Nation and Mike is of the Pamunkey Nation.

Lots to learn about our neighbors!








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NOVEMBER 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 American Indian Heritage Month Book Club 11am Choir 7pm	2 Bible Study 10 am Woman's Club 1-8pm	3 Woman's Club 8a-1:30p Card Group 10am	4
5  Communion Worship 10am AA 5:30pm	6	7 	8 Pres Women 10:00am Choir 7pm	9 Bible Study 10 am	10 Card Group 10am	11 
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November 1 - All Saints' Day - Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

November 5 (Proper 26)-Semicontinuous: Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; 1Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12
Complementary: Micah 3:5-12; Psalm 43; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

November 12 (Proper 27) - Semicontinuous: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
Complementary: Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 or Amos 5:18-24; Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 or Psalm 70;
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

November 19 (Proper 28) - Semicontinuous: Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30
Complementary: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

November 26 - Reign of Christ/Christ the King - Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100 or Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23;
Matthew 25:31-46