

The View

Madison Presbyterian Church
October 2023



WHAT'S SCARY? BAD INTERPRETATION!!!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ -

When asked to draw "Jesus flipping over the tables in the temple", Artificial intelligence produced this fine piece of art:



It is funny. But, as we discussed in Bible study the other day – interpretation does not happen in a vacuum. (Or, if it does, it is more likely to be mis-interpretation.) Our Presbyterian understanding of the authority of scripture has always been highly held. This is why we require a certain level of education and languages for our clergy. This is why Presbyterians built schools before they built churches – because protestants had fought for the right to read scripture – and not to merely hear it recited in Latin.

These days, driving up and down 29, I listen to Christian radio. The music lifts me up and keeps me focused on the Lord's work. Sometimes, when I spin the dial, there are sermons being preached. I listen. I often learn things. But I have found of sermons, like the little girl with the little curl right in the middle of her forehead – "when they are good they are very, very good and when they are bad they are horrid." What counts to me as "horrid" is when scripture is presented in a vacuum, like the picture above.

With today's AI, and algorithms dictating what comes up first on every search you perform on your computer, how will you judge whether what you are hearing is "the word of God rightly preached" (*from Calvin's Institutes*) or simply the "pleasing answer" to what scripture calls "itching ears" (*2 Timothy 2:3*)?

Just last week the world was predicted to end (again) on September 22 at midnight. As you know, because you are reading this, nobody got raptured. And if you read your Bible, you also know that nobody knows when that is going to happen. (*Matthew 24:36.*) Jesus says so. That's the most important part of scripture, what Jesus says. One good radio preacher applied that even to the letters of the New Testament. He said, "We should not interpret Jesus through the eyes of Paul, but interpret Paul through the eyes of Jesus." When we find what might be described as a "contradiction" in scripture – we allow scripture to critique scripture. Jesus, the Word en-fleshed, will always serve as the Way, the Truth, and the Light.

Your pastor hopes you are honing your ability to discern the truth of scripture by reading your bible, by attending bible studies, by exploring what you think and why when you hear a sermon, and by praying to the Holy Spirit, that you would hear no word but Christ's. "His word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path."

In his service –
Pastor Karen

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BOO!

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Friday October 27th, 2023

Time: 4-8PM
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Face painting from 4:30-6:30PM.
Balloons sponsored by *Gentiva Hospice.*

EVENT DETAILS:
FREE FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
Don't forget your costumes and join us for tricks, treat, food, and live music from *Made in the USA!*

Autumn Care of Madison
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Madison, VA 22727
p: (540) 948-3054

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Vivian (6 year old (granddaughter of Bill and Gail Pattie) wearing the apron given to her by the Fellowship Committee. Every week Vivian capably assists in clean up.

Good job!



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 Flower Calendar
is posted
in the Narthex

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

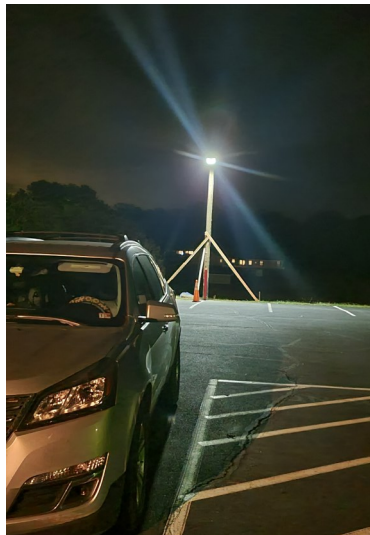


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PIN: 22871 Presbytery: James (150298) Synod: Mid-Atlantic (150)

Light Up The Night!

A special thank you to the team who made the new solar parking lot lights possible. Thanks to Gene Corbin and Nick Humphrey's efforts, the light and pole went up in a matter of days.



Building and Grounds wishes to thank the following individuals for their contributions:

- ◇ Chris Campbell, owner of "Landscapes Excavating", for donating the pole.
- ◇ Michael Davis, of "Clients Concept", and also Matthew Davis, for erecting the pole.
- ◇ Frank King, for the auger which was used to dig the holes.

The lighting of the parking lot has been a concern for some time and we are delighted with this solution.

Attention Women of the Church!

The Presbyterian Women have started the 2023-2024 bible study and 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!!



Counters October 2023—December 2023

October

Joan Corbin

Eli Johnson

November

Dana Edelman

Art Pearson

December

Joyce Humphrey

Nick Humphrey

The Card Group makes greeting cards for nursing home residents and church members that are home bound, and for other occasions. They meet Fridays, October 6, 13, and 27th in the Fellowship Hall at 10am. All are welcome to join!

The Brown Bag Book Study is currently reading, "The Grand Biocentric Design" by Robert Landza, M.D. The group meets the 1st (10/4) and 3rd (10/18) 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.

Breakfast Buzz meets the third Friday of every month at 9AM in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Bible Study resumed in September and meets Thursdays at 10am in the Tack Room and on Zoom. The focus is the Gospel of Matthew.

October Liturgists

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| October 1 | Kim Barnes |
| October 8 | Arthur Pearson |
| October 15 | Mary King |
| October 22 | Heidi Sage |
| October 29 | Beth Kloker |

Communion Servers and Pew Guides October

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| Sue Strahan | Mike Willis |
| Bill Pattie | Mary King |
| | Frank King |



Social Services Needs for Families for October

Needs 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 container below. They will be given to Madison Social Services and distributed to neighbors in need. **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.



October is the time to prune!

The transfer station does not charge for the branches and it should be great weather to work outdoors. Please plan

on **Saturday, October 21 at 9 a.m.** or if it is raining, Saturday, October 28.

Bring your gloves, tools, tarps, whatever you use at home. I will have my pickup, but we may need another one or two depending on how much we tackle.

Everyone is invited. If you are uncertain about how or where to prune, I am happy to show you. If your clippers or loppers are dull, bring them to the Library Lawn Yard Sale on Saturday, October 7, where the Madison Garden Club will have a booth. They will clean, oil, and sharpen your tools for a \$5 donation per tool.

Looking forward to making a difference in the landscape!

Thank you,

Heidi Sage

Stewardship Chili Dinner is back!!!

Come join us after church **October 15th** for the Stewardship Chili Dinner. This is a good way to celebrate our church and kick of the pledge season.

There are 2 signup sheets in the Fellowship Hall. One is for the type of chili, salad, or dessert you would like to bring to share. The other signup sheet is for the number planning to attend.

Hope to see you there!!!



Opportunity to share a Church Mission

Madison Presbyterian Church has a space at the Friends of the Library annual yard sale **October 7th** (8 a.m. to 12 Noon). We plan to use this space to teach the community about our goal to remain an **Earth Care Congregation**.

If you have a spare hour during this time, we need volunteers to just sit and hand out information and a goodie bag with environmentally friendly items.

Please contact Bobbie Carroll (540-948-9922) if you can help.



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.



October Birthdays

- Charles Carter 10/04
- Laura Coppedge DeBoer 10/11
- Nancy Preston 10/11
- Bill Tidball 10/11
- Marty McGetrick 10/13
- Bobbie Carroll 10/22
- Mary Haught 10/23
- Jose Cruz 10/25
- Elizabeth Anne Storey 10/25
- Ruth Miles 10/26
- Virginia Pearson 10/27
- Lee Rees 10/27



October Anniversaries

- Gene & Joan Corbin 10/2
- Emily & Joshua Herndon 10/06
- Joseph & Brett Titman 10/06



We Embrace Hope

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please reach out to an advocate today!
24-Hour Crisis Hotline: [800.825.8876](tel:800.825.8876)
Email: info@safejourneys.org

Our agency offers a variety of services designed to empower victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault by using a wide range of agency specific and community based support resources.

We provide services to the following areas:
 Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange, & Rappahannock, VA.



Breakfast Buzzzzzzzzzz

Join the Christian Education team for Breakfast and fellowship on Friday, October 20th at 9:00 am as they welcome Kerri Griffin, from Ambrose Aviary, to talk about bees.

How important they are, how to protect them, what plants help them, and what it takes to raise them.

Join us for breakfast and stay for the bzzzzzzzzzz!

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




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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 Session 6:30pm | 4 Readiness Team 9:30am Book Club 11am Choir 7pm | 5 Bible Study 10 am | 6 Card Group 10am | 7 Library Yard Sale 8am - Noon |
| 8 PK Study Leave Worship 10am AA 5:30pm | 9 PK Study Leave Columbus Day Quilt Guild 6:30pm | 10 PK Study Leave | 11 PK Study Leave Pres Women 10:00am Choir 7pm | 12 PK Study Leave | 13 Card Group 10am | 14 |
| 15 Worship 10am Stewardship Chili Dinner AA 5:30pm | 16 PK Presbytery | 17 PK Presbytery | 18 Book Club 11am Woman's Club 7pm Choir 7pm | 19 Bible Study 10 am Garden Club 11am | 20 Breakfast Buzz 9am | 21 Quilt Guild 9am - 3pm Grounds Clean- up - 9am |
| 22 Worship 10am AA 5:30pm | 23 Quilt Guild 6:30pm | 24 | 25 Choir 7pm | 26 Bible Study 10 am | 27 Card Group 10am | 28 Grounds Clean- up (Rain Date) 9am |
| 29 Worship 10am AA 5:30pm | 30 Quilt Guild 6:30pm | 31 Halloween  | 1 Book Club 11am Choir 7pm | 2 Bible Study 10 am | 3 Card Group 10am | 4 |

October 1 (Proper 21) Semicontinuous: Exodus 17:1-7 ; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32
Complementary: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

October 8 (Proper 22) Semicontinuous: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
Complementary: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

October 15 (Proper 23) Semicontinuous: Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
Complementary: Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

October 22 (Proper 24) Semicontinuous: Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22
Complementary: Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

October 29 (Proper 25) Semicontinuous: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8;
Matthew 22:34-46 /Complementary: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18; Psalm 1; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46