

The View

Madison Presbyterian Church
September 2023



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Happy Anniversary! September 1, 2022
was our first day together.

I have to say, if you don't already know, how I continue to rejoice in God's calling to Madison Presbyterian Church. You are a wonderful church! My friends are always amazed by the qualities that makes Madison Pres Madison Pres: your warmth and true welcome, your sense of humor, the fact that EVERYONE has a ministry here – even the littlest can do a job, as we saw on Celebrate Sunday, and your commitment to the community.

My friend Pastor Annie wrote to us in her safety report about how outstanding you are as human beings. She felt at home and welcome. She also wrote how impressed she was by even the organization and cleanliness in the basement, which visitors can't see and can be a safety issue for churches.

I recently got an email from a former parishioner in Staunton, who had gotten a fake email alleging to be me. She said, "Karen, I know this isn't you. But it reminds me that I miss you and hope you are enjoying being on the morning side of the mountain."

The morning side of the mountain. How beautiful and apt. I was in the valley, and now I am on the morning side of the mountain. I think I have to write a hymn about that.

Thanks to each and every one of you for making my days so joyful. God has truly blessed me.

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.



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



Madison Presbyterian Church

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

Donate to PDA Wildfire Fund to Aid Hawai'i Victims

Fires have devastated the islands of Maui and Hawai'i (The Big Island), leading to multiple deaths and losses to property in the billions.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has been in touch with a pastor

on O'ahu and the Presbytery of the Pacific to discuss ways PDA can support those impacted by the fires. Help PDA's response by making a financial gift to DR000165: bit.ly/DR000165. Please join us in praying for the affected communities.



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



Attention Women of the Church!

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!!

CELEBRATE!

children's sunday



CELEBRATE!

children's sunday

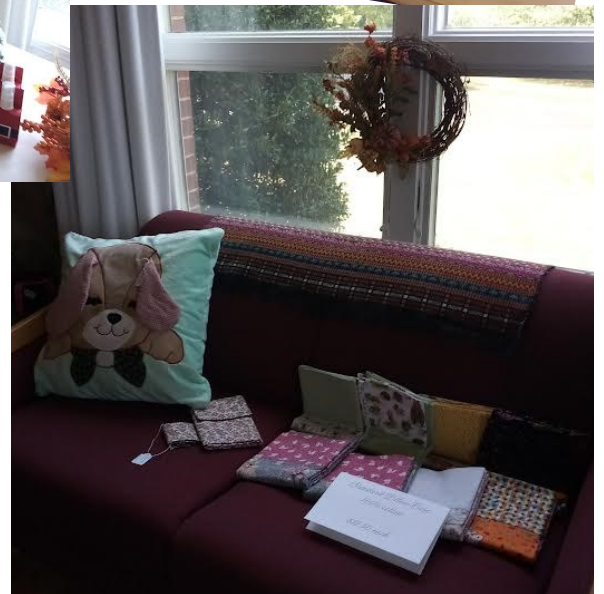




Fair



Thank you to all who
contributed to the Craft
Fair, benefiting the
Presbyterian Children's
Home of the Highlands!



Chelsea Turner's Baby Shower



Special Musicians July 23rd

Lisee and Leia Hutson

from Richmond, VA;

Sharon and Charles Carter's

great nieces



Counters September 2023—November 2023

SEPTEMBER

Sue Strahan
Sam Strahan

OCTOBER

Joan Corbin
Eli Johnson

November

Dana Edelman
Art Pearson

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, September 1st, 8th, 22nd and 29th in the Fellowship Hall at 10am. All are welcome to join!

The Brown Bag Book Study will resume September 6th reading, “The Grand Biocentric Design” by Robert Landza, M.D.

The group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 11AM. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Bobbie Carroll 540-948-9922.

Choir Practice every Wednesday at 7:00PM beginning August 30th

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

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

Bible Study will resume on September 21 and will meet Thursdays at 10AM in the Tack Room and on Zoom.

September Liturgists

September 3	Mary Anne Hankla
September 10	Jill Quinley
September 17	Ruth Miles
September 24	Bettie Berry

Communion Servers and Pew Guides September

Mary King	Heidi Sage
Dana Edelman	Dudley Pattie
Frank King	Bobbie Carroll



Social Services Needs for Families for September

“Foods” of the Month

Single serving size canned vegetables, fruits, meats or soups with pop-up lids, packs of pudding or Jello cups, crackers, small jars of peanut butter & jelly, or packs of raisins.

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.

Grounds maintenance suggestions for September: As the summer winds down into fall there is minimal work to do in the landscape. Weeding is the only task. Avoid heat and humidity if possible and stay hydrated, save pruning for October when we can bring trimmings to the Madison Transfer Station at no charge. Fall work days will be planned during October and announced closer to that time. The team of mowers and string trimmers have been doing a fine job on the lawns. Thank you Dana, Gene, Sam, Frank and Tim!



Heidi Sage

Bee pollinating the dwarf crepe myrtle "Diamond Dazzle"

Farewell Reception for Donna Kulesza, Church Administrator

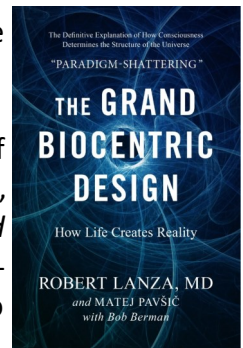


A message from Donna...

Thank you all so much for the past year. I have enjoyed every moment working at Madison Presbyterian Church, supporting such a warm and welcoming congregation. I will miss all of you and I'm sure we will cross paths again, as I'm sure I'll be in the pews again. Keeping you in my prayers, Peace & Joy, Donna

Brown Bag Book Study will resume September 6th at 11am in the Tack Room. We will be reading "The Grand Biocentric Design" by Robert Lanza, MD

What is consciousness? Why are we here? Where did it all come from—the laws of nature, the stars, the universe? Humans have been asking these questions forever, but science hasn't succeeded in providing many answers—until now. In *The Grand Biocentric Design*, Robert Lanza, one of Time Magazine's "100 Most Influential People," is joined by theoretical physicist Matej Pavšič and astronomer Bob Berman to shed light on the big picture that has long eluded philosophers and scientists alike.



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



Craft Fair 2023

Craft Fair purchases can be made by cash or checks payable to Madison Presbyterian Church with PCHH on the memo line.

Hello Church Family! Thank you for the incredibly warm Welcome! I am so excited to be at Madison Presbyterian Church! My name is Heidi Piper and I am the proud mother of two wonderful children, Grace (17) and Jack (13). We have lived in Culpeper since 2008 and have 2 cats and 2 tortoises. I am originally from the North, yes, I'm a Yankee, and have lived in New York, Connecticut, and Vermont. I have worked in administration for almost 30 years and come from a retail background. This is the third church I have worked for and I love being surrounded by the Word of God and His people!





September Birthdays

Corrine Stanley 9/1

Debby Eakins 9/4

Roy Eakins 9/5

Jilly Quinley 9/8

Audrey Sarate 9/21

Clarissa Berry 9/27

Toddy Early 9/27

Abigail McLearn 9/28

Dana Edelman 9/28

Anneston Rees 9/29



Madison Learning Center

Opened in August 2014, Madison Learning Center was created to fulfill the growing need for childcare and early childhood education in Madison and surrounding counties. We have made it our mission to provide the children in our care the social, emotional and academic tools they need to succeed going forward, while offering exceptional, quality care to families of all income levels. We participate with the Virginia Child Care Subsidy Program which provides financial assistance to eligible families, and we strive to offer tuition assistance through grants and donations to those that are not eligible for the Subsidy Program.



Breakfast Buzz

Join the Christian Education team for Breakfast and fellowship on Friday, September 15th at 9:00 am as they welcome Kelly Mallory from Madison Extension office as she speaks on 4H and her other community responsibilities as an extension agent.



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



Madison Presbyterian Church
1236 Fishback Road
Madison, VA 22727
540.948.6972
www.madisonpresbyterian.com

Church Administrator: Heidi Piper
office@madisonpresbyterian.com
Pastor: Karen Allamon
pastorkaren@madisonpresbyterian.com
Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 8:00 – 1:00



SEPTEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Card Group 10am	2
3 Worship 10am Craft Fair Ends AA 5:30pm	4 Labor Day Church Of- fice Closed	5 Session 6:30pm	6 Readiness Team 9:30am Book Club 11am Choir 7pm	7	8 Card Group 10am	9 The Big Event 8:30am – 3:30pm Massanetta Springs Conf. Center
10 Worship 10am AA 5:30pm	11 Quilt Guild 6:30pm	12	13 Pres Women 10:00am Choir 7pm	14	15 Breakfast Buzz 9am	16
17 Worship 10am AA 5:30pm	18	19 Steward- ship 6:30pm	20 Book club 11am Woman’s Club 7pm Choir 7pm	21 Bible Study 10 am Garden Club 11am—5pm	22 Card Group 10am	23
24 Worship 10am AA 5:30pm	25 Quilt Guild 6:30pm	26	27 Choir 7pm	28 Bible Study 10 am	29 Card Group 10am	30

Sunday, September 3 (Proper 17) Semicontinuous: Exodus 3:1–15 and Psalm 105:1–6, 23–26, 45b;
Complementary: Jeremiah 15:15–21 and Psalm 26:1–8; Romans 12:9–21; Matthew 16:21–28

Sunday, September 10 (Proper 18) Semicontinuous: Exodus 12:1–14 and Psalm 149;
Complementary: Ezekiel 33:7–11 and Psalm 119:33–40; Romans 13:8–14; Matthew 18:15–20

Sunday, September 17 (Proper 19) Semicontinuous: Exodus 14:19–31 and Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b–11, 20–21;
Complementary Genesis 50:15–21 and Psalm 103:[1–7] 8–13; Romans 14:1–12; Matthew 18:21–35

Sunday, September 24 (Proper 20) Semicontinuous: Exodus 16:2–15 and Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45;
Complementary Jonah 3:10–4:11 and Psalm 145:1–8; Philippians 1:21–30; Matthew 20:1–16