

# The View

## Madison Presbyterian Church

April 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In a moment it will be Easter.

There's a "contemporary" Christian song (if we can call a song released 40 years ago "contemporary"!) Written by Jim Croegaert, it was released in 1986 by Sandi Pattie. (You can listen to it here:

<https://youtu.be/uL4KOKmwO2Y?si=Cv2Vn120fPmwbjmm>)

It starts off slow -

*Was it a morning like this  
When the Son still hid from Jerusalem?  
And Mary rose from her bed  
To tend the Lord she thought was dead*

*Was it a morning like this  
When Mary walked down from Jerusalem?  
And two angels stood at the tomb  
Bearers of news she would hear soon*

Then it erupts into a celebration of resurrection:

*Did the grass sing?  
Did the earth rejoice to feel You again?  
Over and over like a trumpet underground  
Did the earth seem to pound "He is risen!"  
Over and over in a never-ending round  
"He is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!"*

This – Christ's resurrection – is the high point of the Christian Year. It is the reason there is "church" – a gathering of people who trust in a Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We celebrate Jesus' birth - and that's a lot of fun – yet "Christ was born for this". We rejoice in the sending of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost – yet even that is because Jesus promised us "another" advocate to "help us and be with us forever." (John 15:16)

It's all part of God's wonderful plan to care for his mortal children forever.

"Jesus lives and so shall I! Death, your sting is gone forever!" As we come upon "Easter Time" let us rejoice and remember that despite everything, God has a plan, and we are part of it!

Easter Blessings,

*Pastor Karen*



# Madison Lenten Group Makes Blessing Bags For Distribution To Homeless

March 25, 2025

By Becky Thompson

The Lenten study group sponsored by the Madison Ministerial Association met on Sunday at Madison Presbyterian Church. After a lesson on Matthew 25:40, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me”, the group assembled “Blessing Bags” to keep in their cars and hand out to the homeless at street crossings. Special thanks to our community members for their donations: bandages from Madison Drug Store, socks from Madison Free Clinic, and tuna/cracker snack packs from Food Lion. Blessing Bags also include items such as toothbrush/ toothpaste packs, disposable wipes, nail clippers, lip balm, cough drops, and sunscreen. Information on how to make your own Blessing Bag can be [found here](#).

<https://pjrnews.com/articles/the-big-pic/madison-lenten-group-makes-blessing-bags-for-distribution-to-homeless/>



**Madison  
Minister's  
Lenten Bible Study at  
MPC March 23, 2025  
Thanks to John and Jill  
Quinley, Mary and  
Frank King, Bon  
Beatty and Dana  
Edelman**

# *Holy Week*

**Sunday, April 13**

Palm/Passion Sunday

Bring flowering branches to wave

Palm Crosses will be distributed

**Monday - Wednesday**

Continue Lenten devotionals in "Lent for Everyone"

**Thursday**

Maundy Thursday

Supper in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30

Please bring fruit, crackers, cheese, bread. anything light - we will share

Water will be provided

Communion and Remembrance of Christ's Death in the Sanctuary at 6:15.

**Sunday**

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day

10:00 Worship with Communion

Reception of New Members

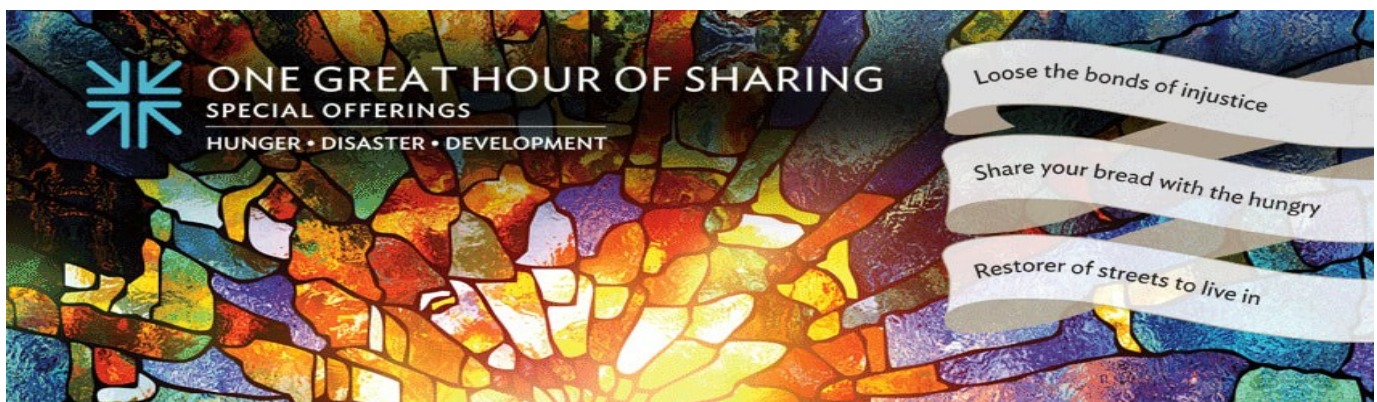
11:00 Easter Fellowship

12:00 Easter Egg Hunt, Crafts, and Games



## The Care & Support Team has been busy this year.

- We now have a *New Member Packet* with a variety of important church informational brochures and reports for future new members.
- We have provided 22 meals to church members.
- We made Valentine cards and treat bags for the residents of Countryside Assisted Living, and sent Valentine cards to our shut-ins.
- We handed out decorated Valentine pencils to the congregation the Sunday before Valentine's Day.
- Going Green! We purchased a refillable return address stamp and "Made Just for You" stamp for the cards we send throughout the year. We are no longer using labels and ink from printer cartridges



Received on Easter Sunday, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. We will collect this offering on Easter Sunday as part of our glorification and honor to the Risen Lord!

# 7 WEEK BIBLE STUDY ON REVELATION



Our newest Bible Study meets Thursdays in the Tack Room from 10:00am to 11:15am, and continues meeting on Thursdays up to Maundy Thursday, April 17.

Our curriculum will be in the form of videos, handouts and discussion.

Please let Pastor know if you will be attending so we have a correct count for handouts. If you work and would like an evening or Saturday opportunity, please let the Pastor know and we will make it happen!

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Pam Meares Tompkins receiving the flag honoring her parents, Dick and Portia Meares, during their service at Arlington National Cemetery March 19, 2025 .



**COME ONE, COME ALL!**

**It's the Stewardship Spring Dinner!**

Stewardship Team is having a Stewardship Spring Dinner (formerly known as the Stewardship Picnic) on **June 1st** right after church. Fried chicken will be provided. There will be a signup sheet for the number of people that are coming and a signup sheet for the side dish that you would like to bring, or a dessert. We ask that everyone that is coming to sign up for a side dish to go with the chicken. Also, please signup if you are coming and how many, so we will have a head count, we want to be able to set up enough tables for everyone. The Team will provide tea and lemonade. This picnic is to thank everyone for being good stewards. We hope to see you there!!!  
The Fellowship Team



Building and Grounds is looking for volunteers to cut the grass at the church each week.

Contact Heidi Sage to sign up.



Our new Office Administrator, Janice Conley, started Monday March 31st. She will be training with Donna during April. Janice is a mother of 3 and “Grandma” to 7, and lives in Ruckersville. Janice loves going to the beach with her family. She feels blessed to be a part of Madison Presbyterian Church.



## Counters April-June 2025

April	May	June
Dana Edelman	Nick Humphrey	Joan Corbin
Art Pearson	Joyce Humphrey	Eli Johnson

**The Card Group** makes greeting cards for nursing home residents and church members that are home bound, and for other occasions. They meet Fridays (April 4th, April 11th and April 25th) in the Fellowship Hall at 10am. All are welcome to join!

**Choir Practice** meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Please contact Elizabeth Anne Storey with any questions.

**Breakfast Buzz** meets at 9am on the third Friday of the month (but no meeting in April since it falls on Good Friday) in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Bobbie Carroll with any questions.

**Presbyterian Women** meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday (April 9th), at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.

**Men's Group** meets each Tuesday at 9am in the Tack Room. All men are welcome!

**Book Club** meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11am in the Tack Room.

### April Communion Servers

Sharon Weakley	Art Pearson
Guy Hargrave	Jean Pearson
Dorinda Grasty	



On Communion Sundays, the first Sunday of each month, **the cups contain only Juice.**

### April Liturgists and Greeters

Apr 6	Sharon Weakley	Harvey & Corrine Stanley
Apr 13	Heidi Sage	Ruth Miles
Apr 20	Guy Hargrave	Charles & Sharon Carter
Apr 27	George Carroll	Mike & Judy Willis

<b>Flowers April 2025</b>	04/06	Communion
	04/13	Bill & Ann Tidball
	04/20	Cindy & Dudley Pattie
	04/27	Mary King & Jane Lamar

### Social Services "Foods" of the Month for APRIL



#### Toiletries & Cleaning Supplies



**Dish soap, laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, cleanser, deodorant, bath soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo or feminine hygiene products.**

**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.**

## April Birthdays

04/01	William Lamar
04/04	Sam Gentleway
04/06	Carolyn Fletcher
04/07	Chris Dooley
04/07	Judith Willis
04/16	Chelsea Turner
04/17	Mary Linda McLearen
04/18	Joseph Titman
04/24	Christine Haines
04/24	Mike Willis
04/29	Art Pearson

## April Anniversaries

04/09	Bob and Mary Haught
04/24	John and Christine Haines

## Breakfast Buzzzzzzzz



No Breakfast Buzz in April.  
Please join us in May in the  
Fellowship Hall for breakfast and  
a speaker!

The First Sunday of each month we collect a special offering for **5¢ a Meal**. Please consider contributing to this worthy cause in the effort to end hunger.



## Men's Group

Meets each Tuesday at 9:00am in the Tack Room. Bring your breakfast and enjoy some coffee and conversation.

**All men are welcome!**

## Brown Bag Book Study

We will meet Wednesday, April 2nd and 16th at 11am in the Tack Room.

Our book study is "Gratitude" by Oliver Sacks.

Contact Bobbie Carroll if you have any questions.

540-948-9922

All are Welcome.

Have something you would like to contribute to the Monthly Newsletter?

Send your articles, pictures, or information to the church office at:

[office@madisonpresbyterian.com](mailto:office@madisonpresbyterian.com)



**Deadline for May is**  
**Newsletter April 28th**



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## Pastor Karen



**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.



**In the Office** M, W, Th from 9 to Noon AND when you want to see me.

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



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.



## MPC Office Hours

**Donna and Janice** are in the Office Mon-Thurs 8:00am-1:00pm. Please stop by, leave a message on the phone or send an email if there's anything we can help with. If you have changes to your Address, Phone, or Email please send updated information to [office@madisonpresbyterian.com](mailto:office@madisonpresbyterian.com).



*2025 Flower Calendar  
Is posted in the Narthex.*

*Send flower dedications for the  
bulletin by Tuesday each week to  
[office@madisonpresbyterian.com](mailto:office@madisonpresbyterian.com)  
or call the office at (540)948-6972.*



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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Men's Group 9:00am	2 Book Study 11:00am Choir Practice 7:00pm	3 Bible Study 10:00am	4 Card Group 10:00am	5
6 Worship 10am AA 5:30pm	7	8 Men's Group 9:00am Session 6:30pm	9 Pres Women 10:00am Choir Practice 7:00pm	10 Bible Study 10:00am	11 Card Group 10:00am	12
13 Palm Sunday Worship 10am AA 5:30pm	14 Quilt Guild 1:00pm	15 Men's Group 9:00am	16 Book Study 11:00am Choir Practice 7:00pm	17 Bible Study 10:00am Garden Club 11:00-5:00 Maundy Thurs 5:30pm	18 Breakfast Buzz 9:00am	19
20 Easter Sunday Worship 10am Fellowship 11 Easter Egg Hunt 12:00 AA 5:30pm	21 Pastor Karen Off	22 Men's Group 9:00am Pastor Karen Off	23 Choir Practice 7:00pm Pastor Karen Off	24 Pastor Karen Off	25 Card Group 10:00am Pastor Karen Off	26 Pastor Karen Off
27 Pastor Karen Off Worship 10am AA 5:30pm	28 Quilt Guild 6:30pm	29 Men's Group 9:00am	30 Choir Practice 7:00pm	1	2 Card Group 10:00am	3 Madison Day

**Sunday, April 6** Fifth Sunday in Lent Isaiah 43:16–21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b–14 John 12:1–8

**Sunday, April 13** Passion/Palm Sunday / Sixth Sunday in Lent Liturgy of the Palms Luke 19:28–40 Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29 Liturgy of the Passion Isaiah 50:4–9a Psalm 31:9–16 Philippians 2:5–11 Luke 22:14–23:56 or Luke 23:1–49

**Thursday, April 17** Maundy Thursday Exodus 12:1–4 [5–10] 11–14 Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19 1 Corinthians 11:23–26 John 13:1–17, 31b–35

**Friday, April 18** Good Friday Isaiah 52:13–53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16–25 or Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9 John 18:1–19:42

**Sunday, April 20** Resurrection of the Lord / Easter Day Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 65:17–25 Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24 1 Corinthians 15:19–26 or Acts 10:34–43 John 20:1–18 or Luke 24:1–12

**Sunday, April 27** Second Sunday of Easter Acts 5:27–32 Psalm 118:14–29 or Psalm 150 Revelation 1:4–8 John 20:19–31