

The View

Madison Presbyterian Church

May 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What an interesting Lent we had! A little more scattered than usual, a little more cold than usual, a little more troubling than usual. Lent is the season of the church year that deliberately brings us closer to all that Jesus went through on our behalf. It is necessary, because you don't get to Easter without going through the cross and the grave.



But we have gone through it and are on the other side! Halleluia! He is Risen! Halleluia! He is Risen Indeed!

We know we can't switch our emotions off and on, but our faith points us to the reality of NEW LIFE: "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?" *Isaiah 43:18*

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us because WE have been called "to bestow on others a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. *Isaiah 61:3*

"One thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." *Philippians 3:13*

Whatever else is going on in the world, brothers and sisters, as "Lenty" as it may be, we know it is not the all nor the end. Only Jesus is the Alpha and Omega, and we have this: Christ is Risen! O Death where is your sting?! Let us be the one who brings others a crown of beauty and the oil of joy, because we were called for a time such as this, and we know how the story ends!

Thanks be to God
Pastor Karen



HALLELUJAH! HE IS RISEN! EASTER 2025





Outreach Team hosts Easter Egg hunt for the Community



Our children take communion



Easter Fellowship



Our children decorate the Easter Cross



Easter Sunday School



New Member Gavin Helme



Gavin & Becca Helme

Care & Support Team Update

The Card Group decorated crosses and made Easter cards for our church staff and the residents of Countryside Assisted Living. We also sent Easter cards to our shut-ins and special friends.

Please join us for card making this month from 10 a.m. to Noon in the Fellowship Hall on May 2, May 9, May 23 and May 30. We make birthday cards for our MPC family and Countryside Assisted Living residents and get-well, sympathy and thinking of you cards for those in need.

We gave our first New Member Welcome Packet to Gavin Helme on Easter Sunday.

For ease of communicating with our team, we have our own email address: careandsupport@madisonpresbyterian.com

April 25, 2025

BUILDING TEAM

The 3 sanctuary upstairs toilets were replaced on 4/24/25 by L & D Coates, Inc. The fellowship hall water fountain which has been in need of repair before COVID pandemic was also removed on 4/24. If there is no plan to replace it, the water supply pipe and the drain pipe will eventually be cut off behind the wall and repairs made to the wall. Last fall, Gene Corbin power washed all the exterior brickwork, steps, ramps, and walkways. We have plans to resurface some of the walkways this year. The sanctuary blinds are currently being evaluated for replacement with a similar updated blind. There are always things that need to be done around the church and I would encourage anyone who has time to take on or help with a planned project to please contact our team. A to-do list follows. The current Building Team members are Nick Humphrey, Gene Corbin, Joyce Humphrey and Bill Pattie (Session).

BUILDINGS TO-DO LIST

- Repair walls exposed by urinal and water fountain removal
- Investigate the replacement of sanctuary blinds (on current budget)
- Dispose of used surplus equipment, i.e. printers, copier, etc.
- Repair floor and wall in FH chair storage room Reverse Sanctuary crawl space door to provide better access for use as a safe space if needed. Add electrical switch to communion kitchen hot water heater
- Remove unused wiring in sanctuary crawl space
- Replace and repair insulation in sanctuary crawl space
- Replace FH basement thermostat
- Evaluate and plan the installation of a handicap ramp at sanctuary side door
- Add new church sign light at front of property
- Add dusk to dawn sensor at FH front door
- Resurface concrete walkways and repair handicap ramp
- Convert florescent lights to LED as needed
- Replace interior emergency lights as needed with LED
- Clean and Seal Columbarium masonry
- Check steeple for needed repairs
- Evaluate parking area lighting solutions
- Keep outdoor cameras charged and monitored
- Replace ceiling tiles as needed in FH as needed
- Evaluate stage and altar for step railing
- Prep and paint exterior doors as needed
- Cleaning gutters and downspouts
- Window cleaning as needed
- Extra cleaning not covered by janitor as needed
- Replace light bulbs as needed
- Adjust doors as needed

This is a big thank you to the following folks for helping ready the church grounds the Saturday before Easter.

Jeanne Bruton, Bobbie and George Carroll, Gene Corbin, Paul Hankla, Nick and Joyce Humphrey, Mary and Frank King, Beth Kloker, Allan McLearn, Sam Strahan and Sharon Weakley.

Once the daffodil foliage has died back, we will mulch any remaining areas as needed.

Heidi Sage
Grounds Committee



Attached is the schedule for mowing for this spring. There will be another schedule for the summer months - still working on it.

MAY

May 1 - 3 Paul Hankla 540-407-1196

8 - 10 Bill Pattie 540-718-1008

15 - 17 Sam Strahan 540-717-6487

22- 24 Gene Corbin 540-229-4363

May 29 - 31 Bill Pattie 540-718-1008

JUNE

June 5 - 7 Paul Hankla 540-407-1196

12 - 14 Sam Strahan - 540-717-6487

19 - 21 Gene Corbin - 540-229-4363

26 - 28 Bill Pattie 540-718-1008

Contact Gene Corbin or Bill Pattie if unable to mow as scheduled

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Grounds Committee

Brown Bag Book Study

We will meet Wednesday, May 7 and May 21
at 11am in the Tack Room. We will start the book on May 7.

Appreciate These Things by Jill Duffield

You can find the book on any number of sites so order from the one you are most comfortable with.

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

All are Welcome.



You are invited to a banquet honoring

Heidi Sage

For Madison County Lions Club 2025

“Madison Award”!



Tuesday, May 20, 2025 - 6:00 P.M. - Social Hour

7:00 P.M. - Program & Dinner

Graves Mountain Lodge, Syria, VA

\$32.00 per person

Send reservation to: Bud Kreh

PO Box 556, Madison, VA or budkreh@gmail.com

Payment will be accepted at the door.



ARE WE GREEN ENOUGH

Sir David Attenborough

We are at a unique stage in our history. Never before have we had such an awareness of what we are doing to the planet, and never before have we had the power to do something about that. Surely, we all have a responsibility to care for our blue planet. The future of humanity, and indeed, all life on earth, now depends on us.

The truth is: The natural world is changing. And we are totally dependent on the world. It provides our food, water and air. It is the most precious thing we have and we need to defend it.

I would like to thank all the congregation of MPC for being such a welcoming place during my time working here, with open arms and so many prayers. Our family appreciated all the prayers and kind words during my mother's transition to Heaven. Frank and I had set a date last Fall of May 1st for our next big adventure. We're taking a plane trip first to Seattle to see our grandson Jake play in the "Dawgs After Dark" University of Washington Spring football game on May 2nd . Go Dawgs and #78! We'll be back in Virginia Sunday evening and hope to hit the road on Thursday May 8th . We're travelling northwest to Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota. If you would like to follow our journey we have a page on Facebook, Rambling Beast.



Follow along with us!
Donna and Frank Kulesza

The Madison Choral Society presents
HYMNS TRIUMPHANT
Volume II

The Triumph of the Christian Life
A Symphonic Choral Suite Based on
Traditional Hymns Arranged by Lee Holdridge
Ethan Wagner, Director

Friday, May 2, 2025 7:30 P.M. Orange Baptist Church Orange, VA	Sunday, May 4, 2025 4:30 P.M. Mt. Carmel Church Haywood, VA
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FREE Summer Camp
June 10th – 12th will be
summer camp at Madison
Presbyterian Church.
Mark your calendar NOW
for a fun filled look into
our Biblical roots.

Details to Follow

The Pentecost Offering
supports our ministries
with children
and youth.

Join Us
April 21-June 8!

When we all do a little,
it adds up to a lot!

PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

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.



Breakfast Buzz



Breakfast Buzz Friday May 16th at 9:00 a.m.
Shirley Fleischman, Director of the Madison Senior Center will join us in the Fellowship hall. She will bring us news about the Senior Center and information regarding the SCAMS that are targeting Seniors. Join us for potluck breakfast and invite a friend!

Madison Presbyterian Church Rummage Sale May 24, 2025

Items you can Donate to the Rummage Sale:

Furniture (things that can be refinished or repurposed)	Tools (power tools, hand tools, gardening equipment)
Hard Cover Books	Costume Jewelry, vintage, unique pieces, pins, broaches
Toys (complete)	Home Decor
Musical Instruments	Small appliances (microwave, coffee maker, blender, toaster)
Antiques, Art Deco items	Exercise Equipment
Camping Equipment	Equine Equipment (English, Western, bits, bridles, pads, boots)

Items you can Donate for Blessing Bags:

Chapstick, deodorant, body spray	Feminine Care Products
Snacks in individual packages (crackers, goldfish etc.)	

Collectors May—June 2025

May

Nick Humphrey
Joyce Humphrey

June

Joan Corbin
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 (**May 2, May 9, May 23**, 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

Breakfast Buzz Friday May 16th at 9:00 a.m. Shirley Fleischman, of the Madison Senior Center will join us in the Fellowship hall.

Presbyterian Women meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday (May 14), 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. Please join us.

May Communion Servers

Tim Woodward	Cindy Pattie
Mike Willis	Dudley Pattie
Sue Strahan	

No Communion in May

May Liturgists and Greeters

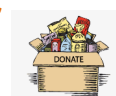
May 4	Jeanne Bruton	Corrine & Harvey Stanley
May 11	Frank King	Sharon & Charles Carter
May 18	Dorinda Grasty	John & Jill Quinley
May 25	Bobbie Carroll	Dorinda Grasty & Guy Hargrave

Flowers May 2025

05/4	The Kuleszas
05/11	The Corbins
05/18	The Strahans
05/25	The Carrolls

Social Services "Foods" of the Month for May

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 red container in the Fellowship Hall. Items will be taken to Madison Social Services to help neighbors in need.

May Birthdays

05/02	Andrea Sarate
05/04	Joan Corbin
05/15	Sarah (Strahan) Early
05/20	Bob Haught
05/20	Mary King
05/20	Jane Lamar
05/22	Karen Pattie
05/23	Gail Pattie
05/25	Kyle Dooley
05/25	David Demarest

May Anniversaries

05/25	Frank & Mary King
05/31	Sam & Sue Strahan

Breakfast Buzz

Will meet at 9:00 AM in the fellowship hall. Please join us for a light 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

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Appreciate These Things by Jill Duffield

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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



Deadline for June is May 27th.



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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

Janice will be 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.



*2025 Flower Calendar
Is posted in the Narthex.*

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



Madison Presbyterian Church

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

May 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Card Group 10:am	3 Madison Day 8:30-2:00pm
4 Pastor Karen Off Worship 10am AA 5:30pm	5	6 Men's Group 9:00 am	7 Book Study 11:00am Choir Practice 7:00pm	8	9 Card Group 10:am	10
11 Mother's Day Worship 10am AA 5:30pm	12 Quilt Guild 1:00pm	13 Men's Group 9:00 am Session 7:00pm	14 Pres. Women 10:00am Book Study 11:00am	15	16 Breakfast Buzz 9:00AM	17
18 Worship 10am AA 5:30pm	19 Worship Team Meeting 10am	20 Men's Group 9:00 am	21 Book Study 11:00am Choir Practice 7:00pm	22	23 Card Group 10:am	24 Church Rummage Sale
25 Worship 10am AA 5:30pm	26 Memorial Day Church Office Closed Quilt Guild 6:30pm	27 Men's Group 9:00 am	28 Book Study 11:00am Choir Practice 7:00pm	29	30 Card Group 10:am	31

Sunday, May 4 Third Sunday of Easter Acts 9:1–6 [7–20] Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11–14 John 21:1–19

Sunday, May 11 Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 9:36–43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9–17 John 10:22–30

Sunday, May 18 Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 11:1–18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1–6 John 13:31–35

Sunday, May 25 Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 16:9–15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22–22:5 John 14:23–29 or John 5:1–9

Thursday, May 29 Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1–11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 Ephesians 1:15–23 Luke 24:44–53