

The View

Madison Presbyterian Church

June 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



I am reading an interesting book by Brian McLaren called “Life After Doom: Wisdom and Courage for a World Falling Apart”. The title intrigued me, especially after several of you confessed that you were feeling a “little” anxious with the state of things in the world. This summer we will focus on building our hope, courage, and resilience as we walk through new territory (which every year brings – but some years more than others).

One of the things McLaren talks about is accepting reality, because it’s really hard to do anything constructive to prepare for the inevitable if one is in denial. “The Inevitable” for us might mean hotter summers, social unrest with the approaching election, or the loss of forest because someone’s building storage units on Fishback, 😞 for example.

Accepting reality therefore also means accepting what we cannot control. As a pastor, I often notice that people disturbed over outside situations double down on controlling behavior inside the community. AA has a good saying for those hit by control anxiety: “What can I control? Everything I say and everything I do.” It’s helpful to reset to this awareness if you find yourself wrangling over the color of widgets or the placement of dust in the hopes that the world will turn differently.

McLaren does point out in accepting reality, we will invariably experience grief. (Be aware. Misbehavior is a way we stave off grief, for “Anger is the defender of Pain.”) Grieving means that we do mourn for “the way things used to be”. But it is then, staring reality in the face, that we begin to find a way forward, because then can we hear God’s calling to us, “Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? (Isaiah 43:19).” The cover of McLaren’s book shows a green sprout pushing up through a parched piece of land. We are a resurrection people, we should embrace being “born again”.

We then, as McLaren says, are brought to a “*path forward, a path of creative resilience... [At this stage] You realize that we are not the first ones to walk this path; we can be inspired by the courage and resilience of our biological and spiritual ancestors... You can see the power of gathering with two or three as seedbeds of love and energy...*”

Life is beautiful in the community of Madison Presbyterian Church. We are seedbeds of love and energy. (We will be living into that literally with the Green Team's new native plant field to be installed behind the church! See below for an article on that.) *Community* is one of the gifts that help build hope, courage, and resilience and equip us to bear that gift out. Thanks for being in community with me!



Blessings,

Pastor Karen

Pollinator Project

Proposal: To convert the area along Fishback Rd, south of the parking lot previously used for crops into native pollinator habitat. The objective of the project is multi-faceted: 1) to reduce maintenance requirements of the area (don't have to mow); 2) to create a distinct, yet appealing denotation of the property boundary; and 3) to promote native pollinators and wildlife.

Installation: Site preparation is important. Weeds and existing plants should be terminated and will require two applications spaced one month apart (Mid-July & Mid-August). Tim Woodward can provide the spray equipment and herbicide at no cost. The native wildflower seed is the only expense of the project, costing approximately \$700 to seed the 1.2 acre site. Seeding equipment provided by Tim Woodward.

Maintenance: Very little is needed to maintain the site. Bushhogging is done annually in late Winter. Some spot spraying to eliminate weeds is helpful but not necessary.



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.



In the Office 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



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.



*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

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

PASTOR BEAR'S VIEW

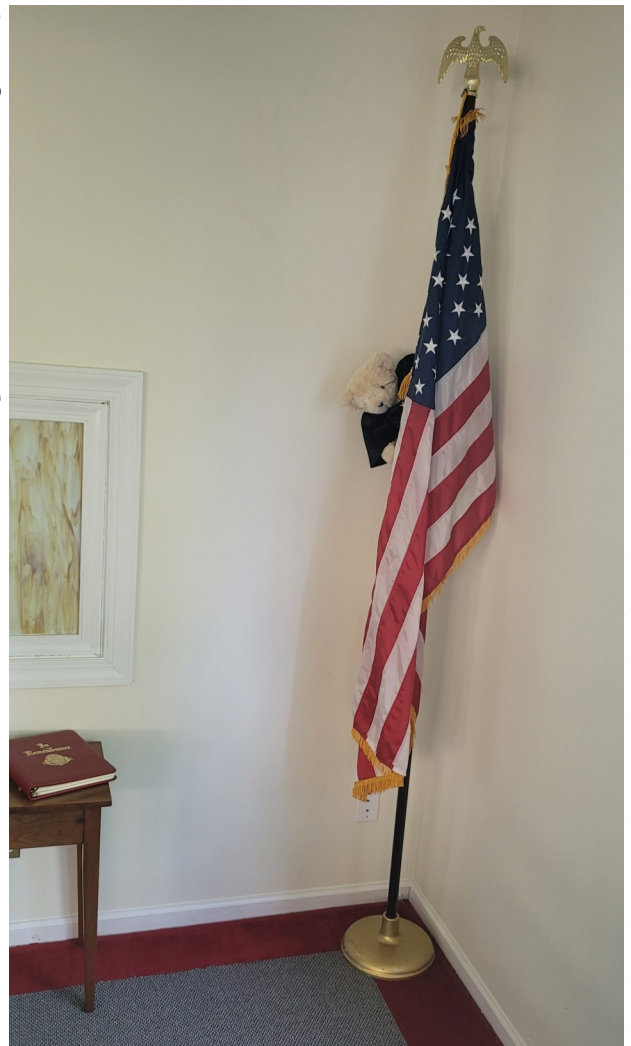
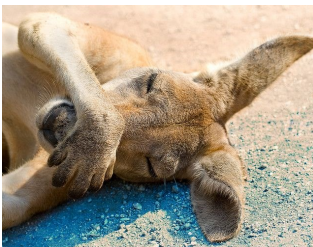
Pastor Bear is on the move. He wants to help you learn the words for different things and places in our Church. Last month PB was in the Sanctuary. It's a big word, but it's what we call the place where we worship. Do you know what that word means? It means *a safe place to be*; do you feel safe in our Sanctuary?

This month we are giving you a clue to the name of the room where PB is *hanging* out...

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PB hopes you figure out where he is and let him know by putting the answer in his mailbox.

What lazy do you call a kangaroo?



Answer: A pouch potato

MADISON DAY - MAY 11, 2024



Putting love into action through service ~ Matthew 25:35-40

This year Madison Day had 240 volunteers working 19 sites. Five of those volunteers were from our church - Sam, Sue, Jane, Berta, and Beth! Thank you Madison Missioners!






Summer Worship Schedule at Madison Presbyterian Church



JUNE

- June 2 Rev. Pat Nabers preaching, Sacrament of Communion
- June 9 Rev. Pat Nabers Preaching, Last Sunday for Choir
- June 16 PK preaching; Amy Armstrong singing 
- June 23 PK preaching; Scott Tiernan singing (Guitar) 
- June 30 PK preaching

JULY

- July 7 PK preaching; Sacrament of Communion
Sam Gentleway sings "American Anthem" 
- July 14 PK preaching;
Sam Gentleway sings "Safe in Your Arms"
- July 21 PK present
Old Fashioned Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social 
- July 28 PK present
Kairos and Keyboard - Andrew Johnson
(Pastor Karen gone mid week only until August 2) 

AUGUST

- August 4 PK preaches; Sacrament of Communion;
Sam Gentleway sings "You'll Never Walk Alone" 
- August 11 PK preaches; "Blessing of the Backpacks";
"Blessings" sung by Sam Gentleway
- August 18 PK preaches; Sunday School Sunday Celebration 
- August 25 PK preaches;
Gary Wilson & Austin Shiflett bring Roots/Bluegrass music



PENTECOST AND WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new members:

Johnny, Lucy, Graham, Joy,
Guy, and Dorinda!



Blessed are
the Children...



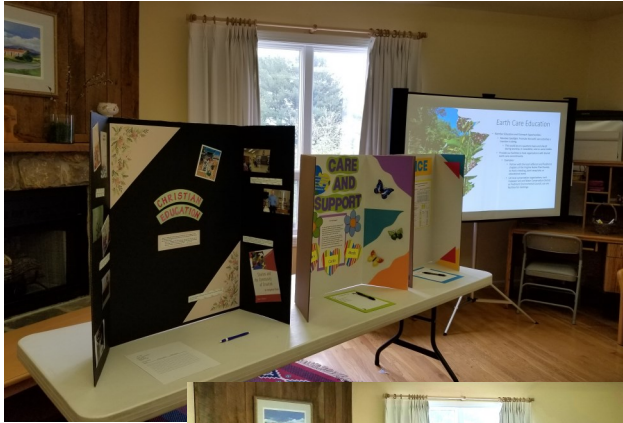
*Defend, O Lord, your servants
Joy, Dorinda, Guy, Johnny,
Lucy, and Graham, with your
heavenly grace, that they may
continue yours forever, and
daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until they come
at last to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.*



Thanks be to God for our devoted choir!



MINISTRY FAIR AND STEWARDSHIP LUNCHEON



Just some of the Team displays for the Ministry Fair! Check them out and sign up in the Fellowship Hall!



Lucy & Dorinda

Good Food and Great Fellowship

Thank you to all who helped with this event!



Many Hands Make Light Work!
Thank you, Children!





Breakfast Buzzzzzzzzzz

ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

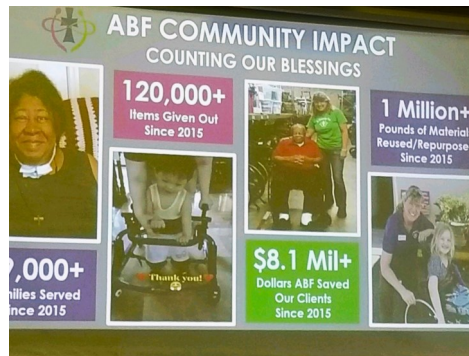


About 20 of us gathered for an informative Breakfast Buzz on May 17th, presented by Annie and Doug Dodd, Founders and Directors of All Blessings Flow. Many of us are already familiar with this faith-based, non profit medical mission in Charlottesville, having either donated our used medical equipment and supplies, or received items there for ourselves or to deliver to others in need. Even though I'm a weekly volunteer at ABF, the statistics that Annie and Doug have compiled continue to amaze me. For example, since the program began in 2015, over 29,000 families in Charlottesville and surrounding counties have been served. This year alone, the number of clients served per month grew from 753 in February, to 762 in March, to 851 in April.

As a member of an Earth Care Congregation, I am grateful that ABF is re-purposing equipment that might otherwise end up in the landfill. Furthermore, ABF partners with overseas missions programs, to send excess items to areas in need. And, all broken electronics and scrap metals are recycled.

Our Mission and Outreach Team sent a donation on our behalf to All Blessings Flow in 2023. In addition to church and individual monetary support, there are lots of ways to become involved as a volunteer. You can pick up a brochure at church and call or email Annie. And I'm happy to answer any questions.

Berta Storey



The next Breakfast Buzz will meet Friday, June 21st 9:00 a.m.

Join us for a potluck breakfast in the fellowship hall. Lesley Bell will share with us her expertise in: Attracting Birds to your Garden.

It promises to be a fun and informative morning.

Calling all youth!

Share Your
Faith in Christ

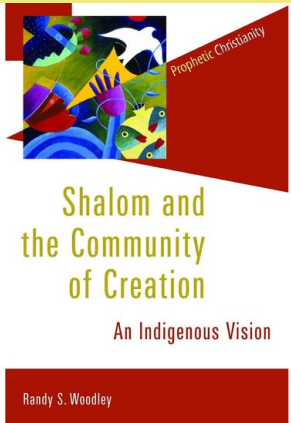


If you are 13 or older, we have an opportunity for you. The Sunday school classes are increasing in numbers (YAY). With the increasing numbers it means more hands on assistance is needed. If you are interested in assisting in the Sunday school class room, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for a Sunday you are available. No experience necessary.



A smiling face and helping hands are always appreciated.

Brown Bag Book Study



We meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 11am in the Tack Room. Our current book is *Shalom and the Community of Creation* (An Indigenous Vision) by Randy S. Woodley. (We began discussions on February 21 and will continue through June.)

We welcome any and all who would like to join us!

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

CAUTION



Beginning in the afternoon of Friday, June 14, the Fellowship Hall (including Kitchen and restrooms) will be closed for floor stripping and resealing. As the floors will need 48 hours to dry, the Fellowship Hall will be unavailable until the morning of Monday, June 17.

If you would like to assist with clearing or resetting the Fellowship Hall, please contact Nick or Joyce Humphrey.

Thank you.

DRIVE-THRU FOOD DISTRIBUTION IS BACK THIS SUMMER!!!!!!

CHILDREN 18 AND UNDER WILL RECEIVE 7
COMPLETE BREAKFASTS AND 7 COMPLETE
LUNCHES EACH WEEK.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! PARENT/GUARDIAN MAY DRIVE-THRU AND
PICK UP MEALS, CHILDREN DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT.
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.



WHEN: EVERY TUESDAY BEGINNING MAY 28, 2024 &
ENDING AUGUST 6, 2024

WHERE: WILLIAM WETSEL MIDDLE SCHOOL
TIME: 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: PATTY SEALE, 540-948-3780 EXT. 5114

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Attention Women of the Church!



Join the Presbyterian Women for the 2023-2024 bible study, which meets 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!!

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.



Counters June - August 2024

June	July	August
Joan Corbin	Elizabeth Ann Storey	Heidi Sage
Eli Johnson	Nancy Preston	Allan McLearen

The Card Group makes greeting cards for nursing home residents and church members that are home bound, and for other occasions. They meet Fridays (June 7, 14, 21 and 28) in the Fellowship Hall at 10am. All are welcome to join!

The Brown Bag Book Study meets the 1st (6/5) and 3rd (6/19) Wednesdays at 11AM. If you have any questions, please contact Bobbie Carroll at 540-948-9922.

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

Breakfast Buzz meets on the third Friday, June 21, at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

Presbyterian Women meet the 2nd Wednesday (6/12) each month at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Bible Study TBD

June Communion Servers and Pew Guides

Tim Woodward	Clarissa Berry
Allan McLearen	Berta Storey
Bettie Berry	



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

June Liturgists and Greeters

June 2	Dinna Allen	Harvey & Corrine Stanley
June 9	Children	Mike & Judy Willis
June 16	Nan Coppedge	Malcolm Davis & Audrey Sarate-Davis
June 23	Bill Pattie	Tom & Holly Thomas
June 30	Sharon Weakley	Elizabeth Anne Storey



Social Services Needs for Families for June

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

June Birthdays

Avery Bartczak 6/3
 Nan Coppedge 6/14
 Jean Pearson 6/14
 Tom Rees 6/16
 Linda Braun 6/17
 Ann Tidball 6/17
 Matthew Bartczak 6/29
 Nick Humphrey 6/30
 Owen McLearn 6/30


June Anniversaries

Todd & Sarah Early (2 years) 6/4
 Bland & Linda Sadler (60 years) 6/13

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.



Breakfast Buzzzzzzzzzz

Join the Christian Education team for a pot luck Breakfast and Fellowship on Friday, June 21 at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall, as they welcome Lesley Bell who will share her expertise in 'Attracting Birds to your Garden'. It promises to be a fun and informative morning. All are Welcome and encouraged to attend.



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!

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

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

office@madisonpresbyterian.com

Deadline for July is June 24.




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JUNE 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MAY 26 Worship 10am AA 5:30pm	27 Memorial Day Office closed <i>God bless</i> 	28 Men's Group 9am	29 Choir 7pm	30	31	JUNE 1
2 Communion Worship 10am AA 5:30pm	3	4 Men's Group 9am	5 Book Club 11am	6	7 Card Group 10am	8 Private Meeting 2pm-4pm
←————— Pastor Karen on Vacation —————→						
9 Choir Practice Worship 10am Last Sunday for Choir AA 5:30pm	10 Quilt Guild 1pm	11 Men's Group 9am	12 Pres Women 10am	13	14 Card Group 10am	15 Fellowship Hall Closed
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16 Father's Day Worship 10am Fellowship Hall Closed AA 5:30pm	17	18 Donna in office Men's Group 9am	19 Donna in office	20 Garden Club 11am	21 Breakfast Buzz 9am	22
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23 Worship 10am AA 5:30pm	24 Donna in office	25 Men's Group 9am	26	27	28 Card Group 10am	29
←————— Heidi on Vacation —————→						
30 Worship 10am AA 5:30pm	July 1	2	3	4 Office Closed	5 Office Closed	6
						

June 2 (Proper 4) - *Semicontinuous* - 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2:23-3:6
Complementary - Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Psalm 81:1-10; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6

June 9 (Proper 5) - *Semicontinuous* - 1 Samuel 8:4-11 (12-15) 16-20 (11:14-15); Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35
Complementary - Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

June 16 (Proper 6) - *Semicontinuous* - 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 4:26-34
Complementary - Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

June 23 (Proper 7) - *Semicontinuous* - 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49; Psalm 9:9-20; or 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16; Psalm 133;
2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41 / *Complementary* - Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

June 30 (Proper 8) - *Semicontinuous* - 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43
Complementary - Lamentations 3:22-33; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43