

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Tunes from the musical "Hamilton" make a good back drop for the 4th of July! A favorite is sung by King George as the Revolution starts. (https://youtu.be/ukfNXFgUEiU?si=mS2dXisUFfD\_Zz0Y) He sings:

You say

The price of my love's not a price that you're willing to pay

You cry

In your tea, which you hurl in the sea when you see me go by

Why so sad?

Remember, we made an arrangement when you went away

Now, you're making me mad

Remember, despite our estrangement, I'm your man

You'll be back, soon, you'll see

You'll remember you belong to me

You'll be back, time will tell

You'll remember that I served you well

Oceans rise, empires fall

We have seen each other through it all

And when push comes to shove

I will send a fully armed battalion to remind you of my love!



Our country was created by people with differences of opinion, our denomination was created by people with differences of opinion, heck – the Scots Irish came into the Blue Ridge and settled many little towns and churches with considerable differences of opinion. No wonder it's such a struggle to avoid "divide or die" mentality when it seems so absolutely natural to us.

Unfortunately, we aren't too far into the greatest story ever told when Cain slays Able. Jealousy, power, money... towers of Babel. You know. Then comes Jesus. Jesus continually calls us away from the kingdoms of this world to the Kingdom we pray that comes. Where things are done here as they are done in heaven. Where whoever has two coats shares one, widows are cared for, and the poor taken in. His disciples at

the crucial moment rise up to defend their leader, and Jesus tells them to put their swords up. "My kingdom is not of this world."

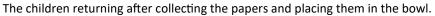
As we celebrate the gift of living in America – and particularly for us – living in such a beautiful part of the country, let us continue to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, that with gratitude and gentleness we continue to do all things for the good of His kingdom, first and always.

Blessings,

#### Pastor Karen

While Pastor Karen took some well deserved time off in June, Rev. Pat Nabors filled in. On June 9th, she asked the children and congregation to write their worst sin on a piece of paper and fold it in half. The children collected them and placed them in a bowl on the font. The paper and all the sins were washed away and dissolved in the waters of baptism.











#### **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.





### Madison Presbyterian Church

PIN: 22871 Presbytery: James (<u>150298</u>) Synod: Mid-Atlantic (<u>150</u>)

#### PASTOR BEAR'S VIEW

Did you figure out where I was last month? I was in the Narthex. It's a fancy word for the entrance to the Church. I do enjoy finding places in our Church building, what's your favorite place here?

Pastor Bear was sooo hot last week that he went looking for a swimming hole. He didn't find any place to swim but he found a really cool bowl and is trying to figure out what it is used for. Can you help him?

Do you know why this bowl is used?



Here is a hint: **B** \_ \_t \_ m

#### **Did you know:**

July 4th: Independence Day is a popular holiday for kids that celebrates the unification of the United States.

Third Sunday in July: National Ice Cream Day and our Church is having an ice cream social!

July 7th: World Chocolate Day

July 9th: Make a chalk masterpiece.

Sounds like the beginning of a fun month!!!

Why did the bicycle fall over?



Answer: It was two tired!

#### Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands



"Finally, it is time to get **Foster's Closet** off the ground! The construction of our warehouse is on hold, but we are ready to take your nice, clean clothing to distribute to those in need. You can bring it to the Children's Home or call us to pick it up. We could also use clothes hangers. We hope to gather enough clothing to start

distribution events in the late spring/early summer. We cannot wait to start giving back to the communities whose generous support gives us the opportunity to change children's lives."

This is part of a letter from Billy Rice, Director of the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands. We will collect your gently used, clean clothes from July 7<sup>th</sup> to July 21<sup>st</sup>. Boxes will be on the stage area in the Fellowship Hall. All sizes are accepted. These will be distributed by the kids in PCHH care as their part in giving back to others.

Thank You.



# Summer Worship Schedule at Madison Presbyterian Church

#### **JULY**

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





#### **AUGUST**

- August 4 Pastor Karen preaches; Sacrament of Communion; Sam Gentleway sings "You'll Never Walk Alone"
- August 11 Pastor Karen preaches; "Blessing of the Backpacks"; "Blessings" sung by Sam Gentleway
- August 18 Pastor Karen preaches; Sunday School Sunday Celebration



August 25 Pastor Karen preaches;
Gary Wilson & Austin Shiflett bring Roots/Bluegrass music







#### Breakfast Buzzzzzzz



#### Breakfast Buzz met Friday, June 21st 9:00 a.m.

Lesley Bell shared with us her expertise in:

Attracting Birds to your Garden.

It was a fun and informative morning.

Breakfast Buzz will resume on Friday, September 20th.

Have a wonderful Summer!





#### Calling all youth!

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 bulletin board sheet in the Fellowship

Hall for a Sunday you are available.

No experience necessary.

Share Your

Faith in Christ



A smiling face and helping hands are always appreciated.



# 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, MAY 28 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

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Loaves & Fishes will resume in August.

#### **Counters July - September 2024**

July	August	September
Elizabeth Ann Storey	Heidi Sage	Sue Strahan
Nancy Preston	Allan McLearen	Sam Strahan

The Card Group makes greeting cards for nursing home residents and church members that are home bound, and for other occasions. They meet Fridays (July 5, 12, 21 and 28) in the Fellowship Hall at 10am. All are welcome to join!

**The Brown Bag Book Study** is breaking for the summer and will resume in September. If you have any questions, please contact Bobbie Carroll at 540-948-9922.

**Choir Practice** is on break for the summer and will resume every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Please contact Elizabeth Anne Storey with any questions.

**Breakfast Buzz** will resume meeting in September on the third Friday of the month at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

**Presbyterian Women** will resume in September on the 2nd Wednesday 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** 

### July Communion Servers and Pew Guides

Art Pearson Dana Edelman

Jean Pearson Frank King

Mary King



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

July	Liturgists an	d Greeters
July 7	Heidi Sage	Harvey & Corrine Stanley
July 14	Pastor Karen & the Children	Nick & Joyce Humphrey
July 21	Frank King	John & Jill Quinley
July 28	Bettie Berry	Charles & Sharon Carter



#### **Social Services Needs for Families**

**Needs of the Month: JULY** 



Families: Canned vegetables and fruit, soup, rice, dried beans, hot and cold cereals, packages of macaroni, and cheese or crackers.

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.

#### 499999999999 **July Birthdays** John Quinley 7/8 John Storey 7/10 Charlotte Woodward 7/12 7/17 Vivian Peterson Peggy Place 7/17 Linda Sadler 7/17 **Beverly Bartczak** 7/19 Malcolm Davis 7/22 Karen Weaver 7/24 Gene Corbin 7/27 199999999999

#### **July Anniversaries**

Alan & Peggy Place 7/3 (25 years)

Tom & Heidi Rees 7/28

Sam & Karen Pattie 7/30 (47 years)

#### Breakfast Buzzzzzzz

Breakfast Buzz will resume on Friday, September 20th.



Have a wonderful Summer!

The First Sunday of each month we collect a special offering for

5<sup>¢</sup> a Meal.

Please consider contributing to this worthy cause in the effort to end hunger.



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

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Send your articles, pictures, or information to Heidi in the church office at: office@madisonpresbyterian.com

Deadline for August is July 25.

Thank you! Jews[ etter

#### 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!

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## **JULY 2024**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>30</b> Worship 10am AA 5:30pm	July 1	2	3	4 Office Closed  HAPPY  JUN  july	<b>5</b> Office Closed Card Group 10am	6
7 Communion Worship 10am AA 5:30pm	8 Quilt Guild 1pm	9 Men's Group 9am	10	11	12 Card Group 10am	13
<b>14</b> Worship 10am AA 5:30pm	15	16 Heidi Off Men's Group 9am	17	18 Garden Club 11am	19 Card Group 10am	20
<b>21</b> Worship 10am AA 5:30pm	22 Quilt Guild 6:30pm	23 Men's Group 9am	24	25 Madison Woman's Club 1-6:30pm	26 Madison Woman's Club 8am-1pm Card Group 10am	27
<b>28</b> Worship 10am AA 5:30pm	29	30 Men's Group 9am	31 PK Off	August 1 PK Off Pastor Karen Birthday!	2 Card Group 10am	

**Sunday, July 7** (Proper 9) Semicontinuous: 2 Samuel 5:1–5, 9–10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2–10; Mark 6:1–13 Complementary: Ezekiel 2:1–5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2–10; Mark 6:1–13

**Sunday, July 14** (Proper 10) Semicontinuous: 2 Samuel 6:1–5, 12b–19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3–14; Mark 6:14–29 Complementary: Amos 7:7–15; Psalm 85:8–13; Ephesians 1:3–14; Mark 6:14–29

**Sunday, July 21** (Proper 11) Semicontinuous: 2 Samuel 7:1–14a; Psalm 89:20–37; Ephesians 2:11–22; Mark 6:30–34, 53–56 Complementary: Jeremiah 23:1–6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11–22; Mark 6:30–34, 53–56

**Sunday, July 28** (Proper 12) Semicontinuous: 2 Samuel 11:1–15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14–21; John 6:1–21 Complementary: 2 Kings 4:42–44; Psalm 145:10–18; Ephesians 3:14–21; John 6:1–21