



# The View

Madison Presbyterian Church

August 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

You know I have to write my monthly pastor letter a couple of weeks early, right? Well, July, so far, has been a really long year. How can I possibly address August? My colleagues have been talking about having to re-write their sermons weekly! What more can happen?! Lots! Or nothing. Or... something wonderful?

Some days we just have to say to ourselves breath in, breath out. Right foot. Left foot. Go up a mountain. Go wander the woods.

For our own sakes, we must “keep our peace”. Think about that in all its different layers. If we are anxious and worried, we have “misplaced” our inner peace. Not only can that actually affect our health, it’s hard to be an emissary for the Prince of Peace if we do not allow ourselves to be comforted and stilled by God’s nearness. Go sit by a stream. Go listen to the birds.

After that, for others’ sakes, and for the sake of the kingdom, we must “keep our peace”. Breath in, breath out. Others are entitled to their opinions, but as my dad used to say, “You don’t have to go to every fight you’re invited to.” Go walk in the park. Go find a dog to pet or a baby to hold.

It is through our closeness to God that we are blessed with the “peace that passes understanding” (*Philippians 4:7*). St. Paul says “I have learned to be content in all things” (*Philippians 4:11*). Even here, even now, we may experience that contentment, that peace, which is not “given as the world gives.” How do we do that? By always looking to God. “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee” (*Isaiah 26:3KJV*).

Therefore, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (*Philippians 4:6-7*).

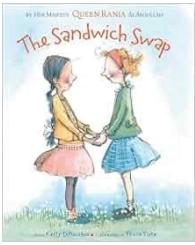
Now, “may the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (*Numbers 6:24-26*).

Blessings,

*Pastor Karen*

## Library News

We have two new books in the children's library.

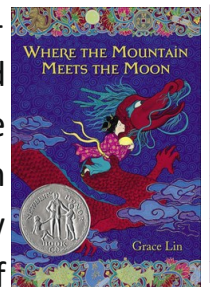


The first is *The Sandwich Swap* by Queen Rania Al Abdullah.

Lily and Salma are best Friends. They like doing the same things and they always eat lunch together. They don't eat the same lunch. Lily eats peanut butter and Salma eats hummus---but what's that between friends? Read this delightful story to learn about tolerance, understanding, and friendship.

The second book is a Newberry Honor Book entitled *Where The Mountain Meets The Moon* by Grace Lin.

In the valley of Fruitless mountain, a young girl named Minli lives in a ramshackle hut with her parents. In the evenings, her father regales her with old folktales of the Jade Dragon and the Old Man on the Moon, who knows the answers to all of life's questions. Inspired by these stories, Minli sets off on an extraordinary journey to find the Old Man on the Moon to ask him how she can change her family's fortune. She encounters an assorted cast of characters and magical creatures along the way, including a dragon who accompanies her on her quest for the ultimate answer.



Just in case you're wondering, I've read both of these books and highly recommend them.  
~ Bobbie Carroll

## PASTOR BEAR'S VIEW



Pastor bear has been thinking, and he has a new challenge for you. How would you like to meet the people that keep our Church going?

He will introduce you to someone new each month and tell you what they do for us.

So in September he will start sending pictures and information about everyone that it takes to keep the Church running....

## 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.



2024			
January	February	March	April
1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9
10	10	10	10
11	11	11	11
12	12	12	12
13	13	13	13
14	14	14	14
15	15	15	15
16	16	16	16
17	17	17	17
18	18	18	18
19	19	19	19
20	20	20	20
21	21	21	21
22	22	22	22
23	23	23	23
24	24	24	24
25	25	25	25
26	26	26	26
27	27	27	27
28	28	28	28
29	29	29	29
30	30	30	30
31	31	31	31

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



*2024 Flower Calendars  
are posted in the Narthex.*

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



## Madison Presbyterian Church

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



## Attention Women of the Church!

Join the Presbyterian Women for the 2024-2025 bible study, which meets on the second Wednesday of the month, from September to May, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall, The bible study this year is titled *Let Justice Roll Down – God’s Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*.

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, young and old, 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.

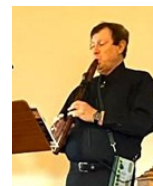
1. Our **worship** and discipleship will celebrate God’s grace and glory in creation and declare that God calls us to cherish, protect and restore this earth.
2. In **education**, we will seek learning and teaching opportunities to know and understand the threats to God’s creation and the damage already 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.



# Summer Worship Schedule at Madison Presbyterian Church

## 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



## **Coming Up:**

- October 6 World Wide Communion Sunday
- October 27 Reformation Sunday
- November 3 All Saints Sunday (Daylight Saving Time Ends) Fall Back!
- November 10 Veterans Day Sunday
- November 24 Christ the King / Reign of Christ
- December 1 First Sunday of Advent

Wednesday, March 5 Ash Wednesday

Sunday, April 20 Easter

# DRIVE-THRU FOOD DISTRIBUTION ENDS AUGUST 6

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.**

**WHERE: WILLIAM WETSEL MIDDLE SCHOOL**

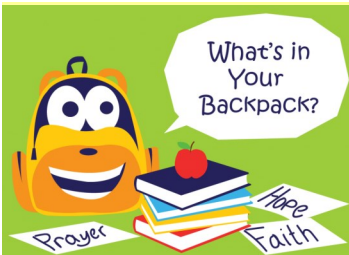
**TIME: 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.**



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

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

*Loaves & Fishes resumes this month!*



## Blessing of the Backpacks!

On **August 11** we will be blessing the backpacks of All students. We will pray for the safety, growth, and joy of the children as they start a new year.

Let us know **what grade** and **school** your student/s will be attending and **when it will begin**.

### First Day of School:

8/7 Culpeper County Public Schools

8/12 Banner Christian School

8/13 Madison County Public Schools - *Madison Primary, Waverly Yowell Elementary, William Wetzel Middle, Madison High*

Greene County Public Schools - *Nathanael Green Primary & Elementary Schools, Ruckersville Elementary, William Monroe Middle & High Schools, & Greene County Technical Education Center*

8/28 Grymes Memorial School

August / September - Homeschoolers

College Bound

LET'S HAVE A GREAT  
SCHOOL YEAR

MADISON PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH PRESENTS

# SUMMER SPLASH BASH

Prepare for an epic end-of-summer event with water fun, crafts, games and lunch. Bring a friend, swimsuit, towel & change of clothes. Everyone is welcome!

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH @ 11AM**



1236 FISHBACK RD  
MADISON, VA 22727



## 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.**

Share Your  
Faith in Christ



*No experience necessary.*

**A smiling face and helping hands are always appreciated.**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

# Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands

## Foster's Closet

Billy Rice, Director of the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands, asked for your gently used, clean clothes, and you did not disappoint! When Billy came to pick up the donations on July 25, he needed a box truck, and said that we had donated more than anyone else!

The clothing, shoes, and hangers will be distributed by the kids in PCHH care as their part in giving back to others.

Thank you to All who donated!



### Final Count:

- 14 boxes
- 32 bags
- Several bags & boxes of hangers



Dale Yontz (Development Director)  
Bobbie Carroll, and Billy Rice



The fully loaded box truck!





# VIRGINIA SALES TAX HOLIDAY RETURNING IN AUGUST

by: Will Gonzalez

Posted: Jul 9, 2024 / 09:11 PM EDT

RICHMOND, Va. (WRIC) — Virginia’s three-day sales tax holiday is returning this August, just in time for the parents of students across the state to be sent a long list of school supplies for the fall.

According to the Virginia Department of Taxation, this year’s sales tax holiday will begin at 12:01 a.m. on **Friday, Aug. 2** and end at 11:59 p.m. on **Sunday, Aug. 4**. The following items will be exempt from sales tax during the holiday:

- **School supplies, clothing, and footwear**
  - ◆ Qualified school supplies – \$20 or less per item
  - ◆ Qualified clothing and footwear – \$100 or less per item
  
- **Hurricane and emergency preparedness products**
  - ◆ Portable generators – \$1,000 or less per item
  - ◆ Gas-powered chainsaws – \$350 or less per item
  - ◆ Chainsaw accessories – \$60 or less per item
  - ◆ Other specified hurricane preparedness items – \$60 or less per item
  
- **Energy Star™ and WaterSense™ products**
  - ◆ Qualifying Energy Star™ or WaterSense™ products purchased for non-commercial home or personal use – \$2,500 or less per item

More information about what school supplies, clothing and appliances qualify for the sales tax holiday can be found on the department’s website ([www.tax.virginia.gov/virginia-sales-tax-holiday](http://www.tax.virginia.gov/virginia-sales-tax-holiday)).

The August sales tax holiday was not included in Virginia’s state budget for 2023, but legislators were able to move it to October of that year. In 2024, the House of Delegates unanimously passed a bill to bring back the sales tax holiday.



## Counters August - October 2024

August	September	October
Heidi Sage	Sue Strahan	Joan Corbin
Allan McLearn	Sam Strahan	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 (August 9, 23, 30) 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 resuming in September 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

### August Communion Servers and Pew Guides

Audrey Sarate	Dorinda Grasty
Beth Kloker	Berta Storey
Allan McLearn	



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

### August Liturgists and Greeters

August 4	Elizabeth Anne Storey	Harvey & Corrine Stanley
August 11	Frank King	Ruth Miles & Sam Gentleway
August 18	Beth Kloker	George & Bobbie Carroll
August 25	Bettie Berry	Sharon & Charles Carter



## Social Services Needs for Families



### Needs of the Month: **AUGUST** Toiletries & Cleaning Supplies

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

**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.**

## August Birthdays

Pastor Karen Allamon 8/01  
Valerie Cruz 8/02  
Sam Pattie 8/02  
Valerie McLearn 8/07  
Matthew McLearn 8/11  
Emily Davidson 8/12  
Eli Johnson 8/19  
Heidi Sage 8/20  
Jessica Davidson 8/24  
Nancy Demarest 8/24  
Tim Woodward 8/28  
Berta Storey 8/29  
Jack McLearn 8/30



## 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!**

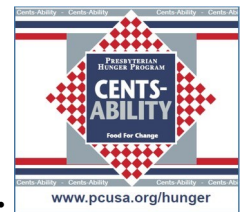
## August Anniversaries

Bill & Gail Pattie (8/04)  
Dudley & Cindy Pattie (8/10) *50 years*  
Allan & Mary Linda McLearn (8/12) *52 years*  
Art & Jean Pearson (8/15)  
John & Jill Quinley (8/20) *58 years*  
Sharon & Charles Carter (8/30) *57 years*

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.



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

Send your articles, pictures, or infor-  
mation to Heidi in the church office at:

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

**Deadline for August is July 25.**

**Thank you!**



Newsletter

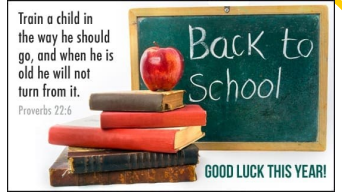


Madison Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 297, 1236 Fishback Road  
Madison, VA 22727  
540.948.6972  
[www.madisonpresbyterian.com](http://www.madisonpresbyterian.com)

Pastor: Karen Allamon Church  
[pastorkaren@madisonpresbyterian.com](mailto:pastorkaren@madisonpresbyterian.com)  
Administrator: Heidi Piper  
[office@madisonpresbyterian.com](mailto:office@madisonpresbyterian.com)  
Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a – 1:00p



# AUGUST



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>July 28</b> Worship 10am  AA 5:30pm	29	PK Off 30  Men's Group 9am	PK Off 31	<b>August 1</b> PK Off	2	3
<b>4 Communion</b> Worship 10am Sam Gentleway  AA 5:30pm	5	6 Men's Group 9am	7 Culpeper County 1st day of school  Worship Mtg 10am	8	9 Card Group 10am	10
<b>11 Blessing of the Backpacks</b> Worship 10am AA 5:30pm	12 Banner Christian 1st day of school  Quilt Guild 1pm	13 Madison & Greene Counties 1st day of school  Men's Group 9am  Session mtg 6:30 pm	14	15 Garden Club 11am	16 Card Group 10am	17
<b>18 Youth Sunday</b> Worship 10am Summer Splash Bash 11am  AA 5:30pm	19	20 Men's Group 9am	21	22 Heidi Off  	23 Card Group 10am	24
<b>25</b> Worship 10am Bluegrass music  Blue Ridge Speakers	26 Quilt Guild 6:30pm	27 Men's Group 9am	28 Grymes Memorial 1st day of school	29	30 Card Group 10am	31

**August 4** (Proper 13) Semicontinuous: 2 Samuel 11:26–12:13a; Psalm 51:1–12; Ephesians 4:1–16; John 6:24–35  
 Complementary: Exodus 16:2–4, 9–15; Psalm 78:23–29; Ephesians 4:1–16; John 6:24–35

**August 11** (Proper 14) Semicontinuous: 2 Samuel 18:5–9, 15, 31–33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25–5:2; John 6:35, 41–51  
 Complementary: 1 Kings 19:4–8; Psalm 34:1–8; Ephesians 4:25–5:2; John 6:35, 41–51

**August 18** (Proper 15) Semicontinuous: 1 Kings 2:10–12; 3:3–14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15–20; John 6:51–58  
 Complementary: Proverbs 9:1–6; Psalm 34:9–14; Ephesians 5:15–20; John 6:51–58

**August 25** (Proper 16) Semicontinuous: 1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10–11) 22–30, 41–43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10–20; John 6:56–69  
 Complementary: Joshua 24:1–2a, 14–18; Psalm 34:15–22; Ephesians 6:10–20; John 6:56–69