

# The View

Madison Presbyterian Church

December 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The prophecy of a Messiah -

The advent of our Lord -

The coming of Christ -

The birth of Jesus -

The journey of the Wise Men -



The Christmas season contradicts the news and the "doom scrolling" that worldly messengers bring.

In contrast, the Christmas season proclaims a message from God, "Do Not Be Afraid". Do not be afraid EVEN in the "midst of"!

I will be doing a sermon series that was suggested by the website "1517" (The website is named after the year of the reformation). It is called "His Gospel is Peace: The Advent of Christ and the End of Fear."

It's such a good theme for the end of this year's dynamics and the welcome of Christ, once again, into our lives.

Many special things are coming along the way to help prepare our hearts and minds - a daily advent reflection on "His Gospel is Peace", the "Wandering Into Advent" supper, worship, and dessert put on by the Ministers' Alliance, a special song presentation from our choir, a mitten tree, the children lighting the advent candles and doing the bulletins. See elsewhere in this newsletter for more details.

If you "don't feel very Christmasy", well, that's where Advent begins. And God will lead us along as we come up to the celebration, the birth of Christ - and beyond. Take a moment out of the cacophony of the world's voices - just rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing.

*Adventalations! Pastor Karen*

## 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						
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**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



## MPC Office Hours

**Donna** is 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 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)**

Stump the Pastor  
November 24, 2024



*We celebrate our new acolytes,  
Vivian Peterson and Owen McLearen*



Madison Ministers' Association

**Wander Into Advent**

Join us for an evening of enlightenment as we prepare our spirits for Advent. We will begin with dinner at Piedmont Episcopal, followed by the Message at Madison UMC. We will conclude our wandering at Madison Presbyterian with dessert and a special activity.

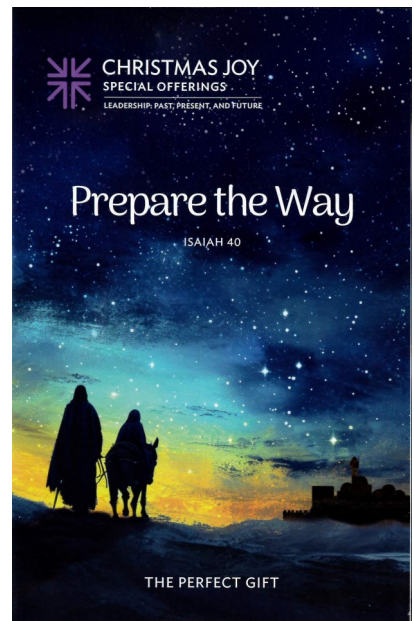
**DEC 3rd: 5:30-8:00 PM**



All Are Welcome

**MPC Wander Into Advent** will take place on Tuesday, December 3rd. The progressive celebration will begin at 5:30p.m. at the Piedmont Episcopal Church where dinner will be provided. Next, to Madison UMC for Worship and lastly, we will provide dessert and a craft. We are asking Outreach Team members to provide desserts (pies, cakes, cookies etc). Items can be dropped off beginning Sunday through Tuesday prior to the event. If you have questions please call Frank at 540-807-6854.

Thank you for your help



**Please recycle this holiday season! There is a great collection of books in the Tack Room to learn more about how to become a steward of our planet, and in keeping with being an Earth Care Congregation.**



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**SANTA'S WORKSHOP**

**SATURDAY**  
**DECEMBER 14 2024**

**12:00 - 3:00 P.M.**

Enjoy snacks & hot cocoa!  
 Take a picture with Santa!  
 Make Crafts for Christmas

Ho ho ho!

*Madison Presbyterian Church*  
 1236 Fishback Rd  
 Madison, VA 22727

Located off Route 29N  
 For more information call 540-948-6972

**FREE EVENT**  
**EVERYONE is welcome here!**

**BROWN BAG BOOK STUDY  
 CONTINUES**

**“Being Mortal: Medicine and  
 What Matters in the End”  
 By Atul Gawande  
 December 4th at 11am  
 Tack Room**

In his bestselling books, Atul Gawande, a practicing surgeon, has fearlessly revealed the struggles of his profession. Now he examines its ultimate limitations and failures – in his own practices as well as others’ – as life draws to a close. And he discovers how we can do better. He follows a hospice nurse on her rounds, a geriatrician in his clinic, and reformers turning nursing homes upside down. He finds people who show us how to have the hard conversations and how to ensure we never sacrifice what people really care about.

Riveting, honest, and humane, *Being Mortal* shows that the ultimate goal is not a good death but a good life – all the way to the very end.



**MITTEN TREE** We will have a mitten tree this year in the Fellowship Hall for the season. Please bring scarfs, mittens and hats for distribution to grade and middle school children in Madison. Please bring adult large white socks for distribution to the Culpeper Regional Jail.

# Modern Day Superheroes Found!

On Saturday, November 2, 2024, nine participants received training and certification in Basic First Aid, Automated External Defibrillator, and CPR for adults, children and infants (under one year old).

Our Superheroes are **Malcolm Davis, Mary King, Valerie McLearn, Heidi Sage, Audrey Sarate, Holly Thomas, Tom Thomas, and Tim Woodward.**

The instructors were Investigator Danny Clatterbuck from the Madison County Sheriff's Office and Daryl Preston from the Madison County EMS. They are both longtime instructors and very knowledgeable. They provided an extensive training series from the American Heart Association, along with the mannequins, personal protection equipment, and training AED's for demonstration purposes. We learned a great deal about the



# Baptism of Cooper Todd Early November 24, 2024



# MPC Thanksgiving Luncheon 2024



Giving  
Thanks



## Counters December 2024 - February 2025

December	January 2025	February 2025
Nick Humphrey	Elizabeth Anne Storey	Sue Strahan
Joyce Humphrey	Nancy Preston	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 (December 6th, 13th, and resume January 10th) 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, in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Bobbie Carroll with any questions. No Meeting in December.

**Presbyterian Women** meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday (December 11), at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.

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

### December

Communion Servers and Pew Guides

Tim Woodward      Art Pearson

Dorinda Grasty      Jean Pearson

Guy Hargrave



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

### December Liturgists and Greeters

Dec 1	Heidi Sage	Harvey & Corrine Stanley
Dec 8	Nan Coppedge	John & Jill Quinley
Dec 15	Frank King	Heidi Sage
Dec 22	Guy Hargrave	Dennis & Nan Coppedge
Dec 24	Christmas Eve	Charles & Sharon Carter
Dec 29	Jeanne Bruton	George & Bobbie Carroll



## Social Services Needs for Families

**Needs of the Month: DECEMBER**  
**"Foods" of the Month**



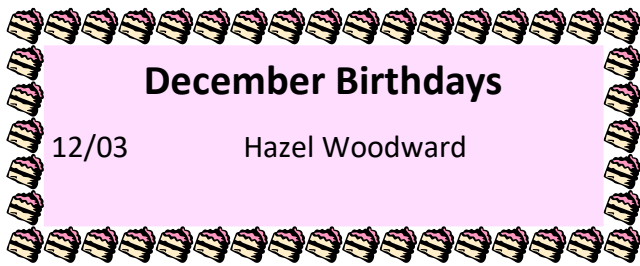
**Toiletries & Cleaning Supplies**

**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.**





## December Birthdays

12/03 Hazel Woodward



## Breakfast Buzzzzzzzzzz

No Breakfast Buzz in December



## December Anniversaries

- 12/10 John & Berta Storey
- 12/26 Mike & Judith Willis
- 12/28 Matthew & Valerie McLearn

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.



[www.pcusa.org/hunger](http://www.pcusa.org/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!**

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 January is December 21st**

**Thank you!**



**STEWARDSHIP**


Please remember to send in your pledge cards for the 2025 fiscal year. Pledge cards allow the Finance Committee to estimate the budget for the coming year.

Thank you for your contribution!

**Brown Bag Book Study**

We will meet Wednesday, December 4th at 11am in the Tack Room. Our new book is *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande. (Resume again Jan 8th)

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



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# December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Communion Worship 10am AA 5:30PM	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Men's Group 9am Wander into Advent 5:30-8pm 7:15pm @ MPC	<b>4</b> Brown Bag Book Study 11am Choir Practice 7pm	<b>5</b> Readiness Team 10am	<b>6</b> Card Group 10am	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Worship 10am AA 5:30PM	<b>9</b> Quilt Guild 1pm	<b>10</b> Men's Group 9am Session 6:30pm	<b>11</b> Pres Women 10am Choir Practice 7pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Card Group 10am	<b>14</b> Santa's Workshop 12-3pm
<b>15</b> Worship 10am AA 5:30PM	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Men's Group 9am	<b>18</b> Womans Club 6-8pm Choir Practice 7pm	<b>19</b> Garden Club 11-5pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Worship 10am AA 5:30PM	<b>23</b> Quilt Guild 6:30pm	<b>24</b> Men's Group 9am Christmas Eve Worship 5pm	<b>25</b>  Christmas PK Vacation	<b>26</b> PK Vacation	<b>27</b> PK Vacation	<b>28</b> PK Vacation
<b>29</b> Worship 10am AA 5:30PM  PK Vacation	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Men's Group 9am New Years Eve  	<b>1</b> New Years Day  	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

First Sunday of Advent—Dec 1 Jeremiah 33:14–16 Psalm 25:1–10 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13 Luke 21:25–36

Second Sunday of Advent—Dec 8 Malachi 3:1–4 Luke 1:68–79 Philippians 1:3–11 Luke 3:1–6

Third Sunday of Advent—Dec 15 Zephaniah 3:14–20 Isaiah 12:2–6 Philippians 4:4–7 Luke 3:7–18

Fourth Sunday of Advent—Dec 22 Micah 5:2–5a Luke 1:46–55 or Psalm 80:1–7 Hebrews 10:5–10 Luke 1:39–45 (46–55)

Nativity of the Lord / Christmas—Dec 24 Christmas Eve Isaiah 9:2–7 Psalm 96:1–13 Titus 2:11–14 Luke 2:1–14 (15–20)

First Sunday of Christmas— Dec 29 1 Samuel 2:18–20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3:12–17 Luke 2:41–52

# Jesus Born and Born Again

Presented by  
*The Madison Choral Society*  
Directed by Ethan Wagner

Friday, December 6  
7:30 P.M.  
St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
Orange, VA

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Sunday, December 8  
4:30 P.M.  
Mt. Carmel Church  
Haywood, VA



## The Greene County Singers

Directed by Grace Cangialosi  
Accompanied by Liz Petry

Present

## The 50th Anniversary Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 8, 2024

3:00 PM  
&  
\*7:00 PM

at the

Stanardsville United Methodist Church  
25 Court St., Stanardsville, VA 22973

\*Reception following the 7:00 Performance  
Seating is limited- arrive early!

Free Admission! Donations appreciated to help the choir purchase new music.

## Celebrate the Season with The Friends of the Library

You are invited!

Members of the Madison County High School  
Forensics Team will perform  
competition pieces!

Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>  
2:30 P.M.

Madison County Library  
402 N. Main Street  
Madison, VA

Free Admission  
Donation will be accepted for the  
Forensics Team Travel Fund



## Hanover Christmas

FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
DEC 13 & DEC 14

6 - 9 p.m.

Mechanicsville, VA



LEARN MORE AT

[camphanover.org/hanover-christmas](http://camphanover.org/hanover-christmas)



## Winter Camp

SATURDAY MONDAY  
DEC 28 - DEC 30

For youth in grades 5-12

Mechanicsville, VA



LEARN MORE AT

[camphanover.org/winter-camp](http://camphanover.org/winter-camp)



Come and bring your friends to

### St. Thomas Episcopal Church

119 Caroline Street  
Orange, VA

22nd Annual

## 'Messiah' Sing-Along

Part One

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

7:30 pm

Conducted by

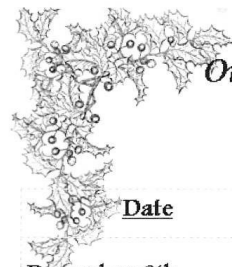
**Alan Miller**

accompanied by strings and organ

scores available

Reception to follow

- Donations appreciated



### Orange/Madison Community December 2024 Concerts

All Concerts are FREE!

Date	Time	Organization/Place
December 6th	7:30pm	Madison Choral Society St. Thomas Episcopal Church
December 8th	4:30pm	Madison Choral Society Mt. Carmel Church, Haywood
December 9th	7:30pm	Rapidan Orchestra The Music Room in Orange
December 13th	7:30pm	Orange Community Chorus Orange Presbyterian Church
December 14th & 15th	5:00pm 7:30pm	Singing Christmas Tree Orange Baptist Church
December 15th	3:30pm	Orange Community Band Orange County High School
December 17th	7:30pm	Messiah Sing-a-Long St. Thomas Episcopal Church
December 19th	6:30	BRAVO Concert The Music Room in Orange

#### Services of Lessons and Carols

December 13th	6:30pm	Walker's Chapel, Madison Co.
December 19th	7:00pm	Woodberry Forest School

