



July 2014

**THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED
TO THE DEACONS' YARD SALE**

Held June 20 and 21, the sale was extended to include Friday, June 25th. All proceeds are earmarked for the Deacons' Assistance Fund. Our church is helping so many in the community who were affected by the cold winter and high utility bills that came with it. Bless you all for your concern and care for the people of Madison!



CONGRATULATIONS

We are BLESSED by our youth here at MPC.

We wish all the best to our recent GRADUATES:



**Rian Andreasen,
Savannah Coffey,
Katie Mix,
Diana Reed,
and Samantha Zinnel.**

Proud Third Graders were presented Bibles this year:

**Charlie Vaughn
and
Katie Jacobs**



PLEASE NOTE:

Our worship service on the first Sunday in July—the 6th— will be held at 10:00 a.m., not an hour earlier as in previous years. We will celebrate communion on the second Sunday in July (the 13th).

Have you seen the new website?

Check it out at

www.madisonpresbyterianchurch.org

Please feel free to give me feedback or details on events or ministries that you would like to see included. I want to be sure you are receiving information about our activities, classes, events, and fellowship in ways that are helpful to you. Thanks for all the emails I've already received—please keep them coming.

One of my favorite features is on the CALENDAR page. If you would like a reminder of an event, choose the DAY option for that date. Under the title and/or details of the event, you'll see the option to "*Sign up to receive a reminder of this event by email or text.*" Click on this sentence and a box will appear, allowing you to choose TEXT or EMAIL—then enter your phone number or email address. You'll be asked to choose a time of day that you'd like to receive the reminder, too. It's a handy feature, don't you think?

Again, thanks for the feedback I've already received, and thanks, too, for the nice compliments. The software makes it easy. I hope your summer has started off well and that this site will keep you up-to-date on all that is going on at MPC.

Dee

NOTES OF INTEREST

MUSICAL NOTES

As I continue to sing through our new hymnal, *Glory to God*, I was struck this month by hymn #314, "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness." This hymn is composed mainly with a parallel structure. The opening of each stanza (save stanza 5) makes mention of various things for which people are longing (light, peace, food, shelter). The end of each stanza offers a prayer that we, believers, may somehow become those things that are lacking. The refrain follows each stanza with a continued prayer that Christ would shine in our hearts, in the darkness, and in the church.

Without getting too technical, the music reflects the text profoundly. This, perhaps, is what drew me to this hymn. The melody, as we sing of longed for light, peace, food and shelter, is in the key of e-minor. The following sections, prayers that we might be light, God's voice, bread, and walls of living stone, transition us away from the key of e-minor and prepare us for the strong arrival of the refrain. The refrain, a prayer for Christ to continue shining, is in the key of G-major. The shift of a minor tonality to a major tonality mirrors the mood shift in the text; longing becomes assurance. Certainly the youtube video (linked below) will make this more clear than any amount of prose.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r5Woe5kNg4>

You are in my prayers. Jonathan

Session Notes

The Session in its meeting Wednesday, June 18, 2014: Approved a motion to form a Board of Trustees that would review our endowment fund accounts, explore and implement sound investment strategies for those funds, provide education and information to the congregation about planned giving, write and implement policies for the memorial and endowment funds, review and sign legal contracts on behalf of the church recommended by session. A congregational meeting will be called to vote on this recommendation.

Approved a request from Shannon Glass for the use of Fellowship Hall or the Brown Room on September 6 for a baby shower for Alicia Ricketts.

Received information from Scott Hookey that he is serving as the moderator for Caledonia Presbyterian Church in Switzerland County.

Received information that a letter had been sent to Steinhart Enterprises seeking reimbursement of \$13,692 for the heat exchanger that had to be replaced. It was under warranty.

Voted to hold worship service on July 6 at our regular time of 10:00 a.m. rather than an hour earlier as has been the tradition on Regatta Sunday.

MINISTRY UPDATES

ACES

(Adult Christian Education Subgroup)

Thursday Evenings Potluck 6:00

Discussion 6:30

Deacons' Report

Assistance for June: Sixteen families, a total of 38 people, received financial assistance.



All Things Presbyterian

Do you know how Presbyterians experience race in their congregations?

The breakdown is as follows: 31% heard a sermon preached on racial justice; 12% joined a study group or class about race; 18% worshiped with a congregation of another racial-ethnic background; and 20% worshiped in a style or language different from the congregation's dominant culture. Seventy-seven percent of Presbyterians think the church should be at the forefront of our society's efforts against racism. However, 45% of members prefer to worship in a congregation where most people who attend share their race or ethnicity. Fifty-five percent of Presbyterian members believe that attracting more people of color is essential for the PC(USA) to stop membership losses and help the church grow. Only 16% of members think that predominantly white congregations should have pastors of other racial-ethnic groups. Presbyterians overwhelmingly (97%) are most comfortable with a white man serving as pastor of their congregation. (Condensed from "Race relations" by Deborah Coe in Presbyterians Today, June 2014)

Do you know about the Outreach Foundation that is connected with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)? The Outreach Foundation — a validated mission support group that's in covenant partnership with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) — has reported passing \$100 million in funds distributed to programs it supports. The foundation, based in Franklin, Tennessee, also has reached 35 years of service, focusing on evangelistic mission — working with more than 130 missionaries, church partners and projects around the globe.

It took the foundation 27 years to raise its first \$50 million but only eight years for the next \$50 million. In 2013, the foundation received gifts from more than 1,200 individuals, churches and organizations — with less than 12 percent going to administration and fundraising, the foundation states, and with donations being used to support projects around the world, including building relationships with Christians in China, supporting church leaders in Mozambique and working in evangelism and community development in the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico. ("Outreach Foundation celebrates milestones" by Leslie Scanlon in The Presbyterian Outlook, June 9, 2014)

WHAT A HISTORY!

(Madison Presbyterian Church has a rich, interesting and sometimes surprising past. What follows was researched mainly by Frank Miles and the 175th Anniversary Committee, as well as from the minutes of early Session meetings. Pam Newhouse)

The Rev. Lorenz Huenemann became the minister at Madison Presbyterian Church in 1955. These were boom times for the church; membership climbed above 400 for the first time in the church's history. Sunday school enrollment reached 210, and there was a teaching staff of 35. A two-story educational wing was added on the north side of the building to provide additional classrooms, a choir room, and office space. It was dedicated on June 23, 1957. 1955 was the year that women were finally allowed to serve on church boards, including elders and deacons. (One of these new elders, Mrs. J. G. Ross, was also the first woman ever elected to the Madison City Council.)

A newsletter, called "Trumpet Notes," was started in 1956. A column dedicated to church member news was called "Squeaks from the Church Mouse."

Rev. Huenemann was asked to conduct a funeral for a member of the Episcopal Church; that church was, at that time, without a clergyman. The Reverend replied that he would have to check with a "higher Presbyterian authority." The next day, with a twinkle in his eye he reported, "Yes, I was told to bury all the Episcopalians I possibly could!"

Rev. Huenemann left the church in 1959 and was replaced by the Rev. John DeVries in 1960. He stayed for five years, and Dr. Robert Clark came to serve in 1966. During part of the next seven years the church was also led by the Rev. Malcolm Shields who participated in a program under which the rural Jefferson and Smyrna-Monroe United Presbyterian Churches received administrative and pastoral help from Madison Presbyterian Church.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAFFS will go to Stream Cliff Herb Farm at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 2nd. Contact Dee in the office by Monday, June 30th, if you plan to attend.

July Hymn Fest: Mark your calendars now for a gospel hymn fest to be held on Sunday, July 27, at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Come and join others in singing cherished spiritual songs. Afterward, light refreshments will be served in fellowship hall.

Can You Serve? Jennifer Saroka needs a few members to serve on the church's Finance and Budget Committee to oversee the operating budget of the church, as well as to administer the annual budget planning and stewardship planning. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please approach Jenn at church, by email jennsaro@gmail.com, or by phone [812 599-7915](tel:8125997915).

Taizé Service: A Taizé service this month will be offered at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 18th, at Hanover Presbyterian Church. There will be no service at MPC this month due to the July 4th holiday.

Session: Session members are reminded of their next meeting on Wednesday, July 16th, at 7:00 p.m.

Calling all women: The women's Bible study group will meet in July for a pitch-in supper at Desna Ratcliff's home, 395 North Lakeside Drive, on Wednesday, July 2nd, at 6:00 p.m. Meat will be provided, so please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Ladies, even if you are not a regular attendee of our Bible study, please join us for this evening of food, fun, and fellowship. Also, bring any ideas you might have regarding the subject for our next Bible study.

Our Condolences: On June 22nd, Betty Eckert passed away peacefully in her home with family at her side. Please keep family, caregivers, and friends in your prayers. Betty will be missed! She was a lifelong member of our church where she served in a variety of roles. A private memorial service was held.

Host a Student from HC: Hanover College is renewing its Host Family Program for International Students this fall. The program links families in our

communities with interested new and existing international students so that the students can experience a "home away from home" while at college. In mid-to late- July, interested host families will be invited to an information session at which we will discuss this program in more detail. Call Dee in the church office, and she will forward your contact information to Cameron Graca, International Student Program Coordinator.



Adult Sunday School Class

MPC has a Sunday School class underway. Each week "The Wired Word" takes a headline from the news which challenges the class to think more deeply and, sometimes, differently about faith in our current culture. Please come join us each Sunday morning at 8:30.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

July 6	8:30 A.M.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 A.M.	Worship Service Children's Sunday School
	11:00 A.M.	Fellowship Hour
	5:00 P.M.	The Gathering at F.B.C.
July 13	8:30 A.M.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 A.M.	Worship Service/Communion <i>Deacons' Offering</i> Children's Sunday School
	11:00 A.M.	Fellowship Hour Deacons' Meeting
	5:00 P.M.	The Gathering at F.B.C.
July 20	8:30 A.M.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 A.M.	Worship Service Children's Sunday School
	11:00 A.M.	Fellowship Hour
	5:00 P.M.	The Gathering at F.B.C.
July 27	8:30 A.M.	Adult Sunday School
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MINISTERING IN JULY

GATHERING MUSIC

- 6. Open
- 13. Gregg Mayberry
- 20. Jean Beaver
- 27. Open

LITURGISTS

- 6. Carole Hanson
- 13. Don Wiest
- 20. Gregg Mayberry
- 27. Desna Ratcliff

USHERS

- 6. Jennifer Saroka and Bill Ohlendorf
- 13. Tim Busching and Mike Dorsey
- 20. Jean Beaver and Amanda Corbin
- 27. Marshall Havens and Carole Hanson

GREETERS

- 6. Carole Hanson and Eric Newman
- 13. Mary E Goldsmith and Bill Ohlendorf
- 20. Christie Busching and Louise Kant
- 27. Sheila Self and Staci Ryan-Torres

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS

- 6. Hosts needed
- 13. Hosts needed
- 20. Hosts needed
- 27. Hosts needed

MPC ROTATING PRAYER CALENDAR

Week of July 6

Gregg Mayberry
William and Susan Ohlendorf

Week of July 13

Don and Jill Wiest
Mark and Mary Ann Porter
Mike and Jean Beaver

Week of July 20

Gregory Ziesemer and
Kriss Luckett-Ziesemer
Jack
Michael and Catherine LeSaux
Daniel Terrell

Week of July 27

MPC Youth
Richard and Cindy Armstrong
Brett and Amanda Corbin

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1. Amanda Cotton
- 7. Lee Ann Cart
- 12. Mary Louise Grimes
- 15. Janet Hostettler
- 17. Linda laCour
- 18. Ed Orrill, Percy Snyder
- 19. Elliott Grier
- 23. Greg Dashiell
- 25. Stacy Adams




PRAYER LIST

Congregation: Mary Clapham (Thornton Terrace), the family of Betty Eckert, Jane Jacobs, Bill Mayberry, Janet Ryan, Staci Ryan-Torres, Sheila Self, Lillian Smith (The Waters of Clifty Falls), Nancy Strandmark.

Family and Friends: Betsy Adler, Mike Baker (Mary Davee's brother), Lloyd Bell, Carol Blasdel, Kaitlyn Boehm, Conny Bowman and family, Donna Bowman, Todd Bredenkamp, Connie Brink, Richard and Martha Brown, Mark Busching, Michael Busching, Becky Chase, Sherry Craddock, Mary Lawrence Davis, Susan DeLapp, Dave Dionne, Dan Dunn, Phillip Eades, Eric, Kim Gardner, Jessica Garvey and family, Peter Glycer, Pat Goley, Hilary Goodman, Shirley Griffith, Chuck Hale, Tom Hale, Millie Harness, Brittany Henry, Norma Huffman, Bill Hughes, James Jackson, Brittney Johnson and family, Ruth Johnson, Anne Jones, Kaya Kabota, Andy Kacheago, Candy Kahn and family, Albert Lanham, Tracey Leach, James Leveille, Paul Limato, Jeff Lineburg (Janet Castor's brother), Steve Livingston, Mary Louise Lohrig, Mahoney Family, Mary McClure, David Meese, Jr., Tabatha Melton, Helen Miller (Hanover Health & Rehab Center), Eric Mitchell (Jean Beaver's son), Gaye Moll, Bob Morton, Doris Moss, Pam, Ron Parton, Wanda Payton, Frank Pearson, Nak Phok, Reese Powling, Darrell Ralston, Residents and Staff of Madison Correctional Facility and Juvenile Correctional Facility, Roberto, Susan Schafer and family, Elizabeth Shupperd, Jessica Smith, Laryssa Smith, Therese Spence, Athlene Stewart, Dan Stockdale, Tiana Stockton and family, Roy Stone, Denver Taylor, Trey Taylor, Leslie Thompson, Rhonda Tunny, Doug Vaughn, Peggy Voris and family, Jaye Weaver, Tom Weber, Laurel Lyn Wiest, Sue Williams, Nick Wyne.

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6 <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Adult Sunday School <u>10:00 a.m.</u> Worship Children's Sunday School <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Fellowship Hour	7
13 <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Adult Sunday School <u>10:00 a.m.</u> Worship/ Communion Service DEACONS' OFFERING Children's Sunday School <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Fellowship Hour Deacons' Meeting	14
20 <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Adult Sunday School <u>10:00 a.m.</u> Worship Children's Sunday School <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Fellowship Hour Worship Ministry Meeting	21
27 <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Adult Sunday School <u>10:00 a.m.</u> Worship Children's Sunday School <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Fellowship Hour <u>3:00 p.m.</u> Hymn Fest	28

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 7:00 p.m. Madison Men's Bible Study	2 11:00 a.m. LAFFS at Stream Cliff Herb Farm 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study—pitch-in at Desna Ratcliff's house	3 6:00 p.m. ACES' potluck	4  NO Taizé OFFICE CLOSED	5
8 	9 4:00 p.m. ACES	10 6:00 p.m. ACES' potluck	11 	12
15 7:00 p.m. Madison Men's Bible Study	16 7:00 p.m. Session	17 6:00 p.m. ACES' potluck	18 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 p.m. Taizé at Hanover Presbyterian	19 6:30 p.m. Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility Worship Service
22 	23 	24 6:00 p.m. ACES' potluck	25 	26 4:30 p.m. Cart Wedding
29 	30 	31 6:00 p.m. ACES' potluck		