**MADISON Team Meeting March 23, 2022 via zoom**

**MISSION OF AGING TOGETHER** – *AGING TOGETHER THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS CONNECTS PEOPLE TO COMMUNITIES AND TO RESOURCES TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE AS WE AGE.*

**VISION** – AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES THAT ACTIVELY ENGAGE, VALUE AND SUPPORT OLDER ADULTS **Team role/charter:** Forum for local organizations/individuals to focus on support for older residents and to address needs/solutions that go beyond what any one organization can do on its own

MARCH re-cap (7 attended): Pastor Dan, UMC; Toni Browning, RRCS; Shirley Workman, Senior Center: Liesa Dodson, The Harbor at Renaissance; Rosella-Ann Leone, DSS; Anna Rogers & Ginny, Aging Together

Ginny announced she is retiring the end of April and introduced Anna Rogers as the new County Resource Specialist.

The Madison **5 Over 50 Watch Party** will behosted on **May 19** from **4 – 6pm** byPastor Dan andthe Madison United Methodist Church on Main St. \* The **Awardee** is Kevin McGee. Please RSVP on the AT website, to not only attend, but to help with set-up, clean-up and showing your support of AT & 5 Over 50. I’m sure our new staff, Sarah Gillespie, will be very appreciative on any help! Please be sure to take pictures while there and share them at info@agingtogether.org

April 12 = **Dementia Friends** @ noon. Register at agingtogether.org

April 21 = **What’s Normal / What’s Not** webinar with UVA Neurologist @ 2:30pm. Register on AT website.

The 2nd edition of the **Regional Resource Guide** for Older Adults is cranking up. If interested in advertising space, please visit online <https://www.agingtogether.org/purchase-ad-space-rg.html> for specs. Julie Johnston (AT Outreach) will be reaching out to agencies listed in the 1st book to check on any changes, but it will take a while to get through to everyone. Please email her at jjohnston@agingtogether.org as soon as possible if you have changes.

Member updates:

* Discussed logistics for the 5 Over 50 Watch Party. Church staff & Dan will set up; prepare the food and make sure the TV & facebook live presentation are on the big screen. Sarah Gillespie will represent Aging Together that evening, so please say hello and offer any assistance with set-up, clean-up, loading the cars, etc. Please send any pictures you take to info@agingtogether.org There will also be a guest book there to make congratulatory comments to Kevin.
* MUNCH hosted a successful in-person meeting recently and discussed ways to grow & get the word out about food access, including information i.e. transportation, mental health, social isolation, etc. \* Next meeting is 4/22 @ 9:30 am at the American Legion.
* The REACH program; REVA Food Panty & MESA continue with their food programs. Need to get latest USDA distribution flyer from Beth Car Baptist Church.
* Madison Ministers hosted their monthly meeting, which is slowly coming back to life! COVID rate is still high in Madison.
* 15 people attended the Senior Center Vaccine Clinicwith Genova Pharmacy. They will host another clinic for flu shots in the fall. Shirley is taking members on a bus trip to the Charlestown Slots, where they’ll get a $20 gift card to play and lunch. They are enrolling new people and Alan Rassmussen is doing a Gate Keeper (suicide prevention presentation) coming up.
* Madison Day is Saturday, May 7 with 15 -20 properties scheduled & 200 – 300 local volunteers making houses warmer, safer, dryer, while working in group teams and corporate groups. Register to volunteer at: <https://www.madisondayva.com/> or on Facebook. Everyone welcome (with or without skills).
* Renaissance Assisted Living Open House was good. April 1st is their First Friday which will have music & food.
* Liesa has her annual ‘Hope For Appalachia’ hope box collection & deliveries April 11 – 19. Nine teams travel to different school locations with over 12,000 Hope Boxes!
* Aging Services has a new program called “Healthy Ideas”. Staff will screen seniors, make follow-up phone calls & provide resources and look for signs of depression.
* DSS is working with the REACH program & the Madison Day.

**Next Meeting: IN-PERSON at UMC, April 27 @ 2:00pm**