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**Sunday Services, April 23, 2023**

Worship Services in the Sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School classes at 9:30 a.m.

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## DISAFFILIATION AND AFFILIATION UPDATES

Our Administrative Council met on April 17, and they want to share several updates with our church family:

- The Mississippi Annual Conference will vote on our request for disaffiliation at their annual meeting on June 28, 2023.
- Our cost for disaffiliation (two years of apportionments and any unfunded pension liability) follows the Book of Discipline’s guidelines and are dollars that we have covenanted to pay to the annual conference. Those funds will be paid to the Annual Conference on July 5.
  - ◊ We will have paid six months of apportionments by that time, so we will only owe \$405,000 in apportionments for the remaining 18 months.
  - ◊ The unfunded pension liability was set on April 1 and our church will find out that number on May 15. The estimate we received at our October 2 Exploration Meeting was \$658,301 and the current cost should be similar.
  - ◊ The Finance Committee has set aside funds to pay some portion of the costs for disaffiliation.
  - ◊ We plan to add the remaining portion of the Annual Conference costs to the new loan for the Education Building, since it is possible that we will have to refinance that note due to our disaffiliation.
- A sub-committee from our Administrative Council has been working since June 2022 to research denominations with which to potentially affiliate.
  - ◊ The sub-committee studied five denominations in the Wesleyan tradition and made a presentation to our Administrative Council this week. The Council voted to propose two of those denominations to our church family for potential affiliation – the Global Methodist Church and the Congregational Methodist Church. The other three denominations had many strengths, but they also had enough concerns, like trust clauses that bind a church’s property to the denomination, so our Council withdrew them from our consideration.
  - ◊ The Council is asking representatives from the two denominations to speak to our membership in the next few weeks. Details are forthcoming. Those meetings will also be recorded so you can watch them anytime on our YouTube channel.
  - ◊ Members from the sub-committee and our pastors will be available to meet with Sunday School classes, small groups, and individuals so please email the committee at [nextsteps@madisonumc.org](mailto:nextsteps@madisonumc.org) to set a date for that.
  - ◊ Lastly, the sub-committee will also produce a Resource Guide with comparison charts of the two denominations’ beliefs and structure. You can find that guide on our church website beginning April 27 at [www.madisonumc.org/nextsteps](http://www.madisonumc.org/nextsteps).
- The Administrative Council decided it would be advantageous for many reasons (loans, paperwork, emotional closure, continuous accountability, and more) to vote for our denominational affiliation prior to Memorial Day and the Council will set the date and procedure for that vote soon. As with our disaffiliation vote, only church members will vote on our future affiliation. The procedure of that vote will be forthcoming in the following days.
- It is our hope to make this a smooth transition so that we can continue to focus on the missions, ministries, and fellowship of our church family.

## WEDNESDAYS AT MADISON

- 5:15-6:00 p.m.—Supper  
5:45 p.m.—KIDS Choir & KIDS Play  
6:15 p.m.—KIDS Ministry activities (KIDS Check-in)  
6:15 p.m.—Student Ministry study (Lounge, Student Hall)  
6:00 p.m.—Small Groups (Fellowship Hall Rooms 204, 206, & 208)  
6:15 p.m.—Pastor's Bible Study—(Sanctuary)

Make sure to register for the meal **before TUESDAY** at noon by calling the church office or by filling out the online form at [www.madisonumc.org](http://www.madisonumc.org). We are excited to share the news that we will maintain our regular meal prices (\$7 adults & \$4 kids) for the fall!



### April 26

#### Adult Meal

Caprese Chicken Breast  
Ravioli Sausage Lasagna  
Zucchini & Onions  
Italian Roasted Sweet Potatoes  
Chopped Antipasto Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Super Salad Bar

#### Kids Meal

Chicken Parmesan Strips  
Buttered Pasta  
Applesauce Pouches  
Garlic Bread  
Neapolitan Cookies

#### Desserts

Soft Serve Ice Cream & Toppings Bar  
Italian Love Cake  
Cannoli Cake in a Cup  
Lemon Orange Pound Cake  
Sugar Free Chocolate Torte

### May 3

#### Adult Meal

Cheeseburger Meatloaf  
Sesame Pork Tenderloin  
Smashed Potatoes  
Rosemary Corn Pudding  
Green Beans with Horseradish Sauce  
Yeast Rolls  
Super Salad Bar

#### Kids Meal

Meatloaf Muffins  
Mac & Cheese  
Green Beans  
Yeast Roll  
Chocolate Chip Cookie Sandwich

#### Desserts

Soft Serve Ice Cream & Toppings Bar  
Chocolate Chip Cookie Cheesecake  
Donut Bread Pudding with Chocolate Sauce  
Coconut Buttermilk Pie  
Sugar Free Cheesecake

## MUMC GRIEF MINISTRY

**“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” Psa. 34:18**

God knows and loves those who grieve and feel so alone in their grief. To follow Christ's example, MUMC has formed a new ministry, **Life After Loss**. This ministry is for anyone who has lost a loved one and would benefit from a safe, caring, confidential place to meet others who have travelled this difficult, life changing road.



**Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 3, at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, room 118.**

For additional information, text or call Jackie Wilson at 601-953-7455 or Linda Barker 601-842-2971.

# Concerns of Our Church Family

## MADISON UMC PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM LIST

Please continue to turn in names and addresses of family/friends needing prayer for the MUMC Prayer Ministry Team.  
Please send all prayer requests to: [prayer@madisonumc.org](mailto:prayer@madisonumc.org)

### PRAYER REQUESTS—MUMC MEMBERS

Carol Ann Ables	The Moody Family
Vicki Blake	Willie Moore
Barbara Crews	Thames Pemberton
Janie Harris	Joan Phillips
Phil Hinton	Cary Rickman
Vernon Hull	Angela Robertson
Joanne Jones	Trey Russell
Elizabeth Manning	Keri Stotts
Barrie McArthur	Courtney Tucker
Judy McArthur	

### PRAYER REQUESTS—FAMILY MEMBERS/FRIENDS

Nelva Agnew	Mary Ann Stotts' sister
Betty Arinder	Amy Whittenton's mother
John Barker	Sue Lauderdale's friend
Jay Brantley	Kit Axtell's friend
Susan Duke	Patsy McCarty's sister
Brian Lowry	Lindsey Tindle's friend
O.J. Mabile	Marvel Allred's brother
Skip Martin	Tom Cain's friend
Mary Ann Odom	Elizabeth Carr's mother
Jim Ray	Allen LaBan's friend
Mary Angela South	Rosemary Taylor's daughter

### HOSPICE/ASSISTED LIVING/NURSING HOMES/ RETIREMENT HOMES

The Blake: Fabia Smith  
Beau Ridge: Frankie Mitchell; Joyce Logue; Joan Winstead; Tina Holliday; Ann Artmann  
St. Catherine's Village: Lou Jennings; Cappy Paine; Rosalind Ross; Mary Salvatore; James Potts; Jerry Zoble  
Home Place: Barbara Mapp; Evelyn Palmer; Peggy Maddox; Rosemary Taylor; Eddy Johnson; Phillip Perry  
The Orchard: Maggie Hart; Frances Williams; Beverly Harvey; Linda Howard  
Plain View: John Mason

### **MUMC REPORT**

Worship Attendance  
04/09/23 1644  
04/16/23 576

Finances  
2023 Budget: \$ 2,500,000  
Given to date: \$ 864,081

Education Building Mortgage  
Balance (as of 4/01/23):  
\$1,248,079.00

### *In Memoriam*

*Bucky Murphy—4/9/23*  
Brother-in-law of Paula Stubbs

*Jackie Trim—4/13/23*  
Sister of Regina Brock

*We express our sympathy to the families.*

## WAYS TO GIVE



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org/give



in-person



text  
601-255-1836



app  
Madison UMC



QR code



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Madison, MS 39110

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601-856-6058  
Website: [www.madisonumc.org](http://www.madisonumc.org)

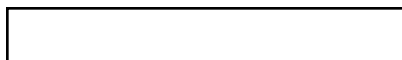
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**MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP**

**Rev. Sharma D. Lewis, Resident Bishop**  
**Rev. Dr. Stephen Cook, District Superintendent**  
**Rev. Barry Male, Senior Pastor**  
**Rev. Ben Butler, Associate Pastor**  
**Rev. Linda Rickman, Congregational Care**

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



Visit the **Read. Pray. Love. Daily. Facebook Group** (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/readpraylovedaily>) for daily postings of each plan's readings

\*Bible Recap - 1-Year Chronological (find the plan at <http://www.thebible Recap.com/start>)

\*3-Year - Read. Pray. Love. Daily. (subscribe online at [www.readpraylovedaily.com](http://www.readpraylovedaily.com)) - Apr. 23 (Psalm 17, Exodus 31), Apr. 24 (Exodus 32), Apr. 25 (Exodus 33), Apr. 26 (Exodus 34), Apr. 27 (Exodus 35), Apr. 28 (Acts 9), Apr. 29 (Acts 10), Apr. 30 (Psalm 18, Exodus 36), May 1 (Exodus 37), May 2 (Exodus 38), May 3 (Exodus 39), May 4 (Exodus 40), May 5 (Acts 11), May 6 (Acts 12)

\*Foundations 260 - 5 days a week, half the Bible in 1 year (find the plan at [https:// replicate.org/resourcing-disciple-makers/familyreading-plans/](https://replicate.org/resourcing-disciple-makers/familyreading-plans/))

## **FRANK WILSON SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Madison United Methodist Men (MUMM) are pleased to announce their 15th annual program for the award of the Frank Wilson college scholarships to two qualified young men who are members of our church. Applicants must graduate from high school no later than August 2023, with a grade point average of 3.0 or above, and have participated in church, school and community programs.

Applications are available in the church office. Application deadline is May 5, 2023. This year the scholarships will be for **\$3,000.00** payable over four years. All men of the Church are invited to participate in this project for our young men. Questions – call Scott Catington at 601-497-9995 or email [madisonummen@gmail.com](mailto:madisonummen@gmail.com).

**MISSION/OUTREACH MINISTRY**  
**Steve Potter 601-856-6058 or email [steve@madisonumc.org](mailto:steve@madisonumc.org)**

*Life Walk*

The Center for Pregnancy Choices is hosting their annual Life Walk on Saturday, May 6, 2023. The event will be held at Trustmark Park. Enjoy live music, food trucks, and family fun all while supporting a worthy cause! Every dollar raised is used to empower the choice for life in Mississippi.



Participants can register via the website: <https://www.cpcmetrofriends.org/lifewalk>. You can also reach out to Katie Williams at 601-540-3617 if you have additional questions.

## THE CONNECTION



Provide a meal or help drive a van for The Connection. The link to sign up for a meal is:

The Connection is a Ridgeland based-youth group. We meet the children where they are, creating a safe place for them to just be themselves-some have a home church, most of them do not. An average of 30-40 kids each Wednesday night have free time, eat a meal, have a Bible lesson and discuss the lesson in small groups.

For more information contact: Sarah Largen at [sarah@largendesign.com](mailto:sarah@largendesign.com) 601-506-5265 or Steve Potter [steve@madisonumc.org](mailto:steve@madisonumc.org)

MUMC will participate in building a new house with Habitat for Humanity during May and June. This project is named the "Faith Build" because it will be funded and built as a cooperative effort by the congregations of Methodist, Episcopal, Catholic, Presbyterian, Baptist, and non-denominational churches in the Mississippi Capitol area.



The home is being built for Latonia Blackmon and her five children and will have five bedrooms and two and a half bathrooms. It will be located at 4663 Estelle Drive in the Broadmoor neighborhood in Jackson. Workdays will be Thursday and Saturday of each week beginning April 29 and continuing to completion in late June.

MUMC will have a dedicated day on June 3, when we will be completing the walls by installing sheathing, top plates, and plumbing the walls in preparation to installing roof trusses. In addition, volunteers can sign up to work on Thursdays or Saturdays using the following signup application that indicates the planned work tasks for each day and number of volunteers:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AA4A829AAF5C61-faith>

Please consider signing up for multiple days if the tasks are what you feel most comfortable working on. Since we will be building a brand new house from the ground up, this should be a fun and fulfilling project.



We received a great report from missionaries our church supports in Azerbaijan. Part of their ministry is establishing an underground church in a country that is 97% Muslim. Here is what they shared on Easter Sunday - "Happy Easter! He is risen! We are so thankful for a great celebration. We had a total 32 people in our upper room." Several of their guests were not believers so please pray for the ministry of those missionaries, David and Kate O'Donnell, and for those who attended their Easter service.

## MISSIONS AND OUTREACH



Last week our church fed and hosted the first of four student mission teams from around the country who are coming to do missions in the Metro area. The teams are being sent through the Praying Pelican mission organization that we also use for our Student Ministry international mission trips. Special thanks go to Julie Tipton, Sunday School classes, and individuals who helped to feed these students.

**KIDS MINISTRY**  
Renee Scales 601-856-6058 or email [renee@madisonumc.org](mailto:renee@madisonumc.org)



### **SONBEAM CHOIR SINGS ON APRIL 30**

The **SonBeam** Choir (2 ½ - K5 Wednesday Night Classes) will sing at the beginning of each worship service on Sunday, April 30.

Please help us with the following –

1. On Sunday morning, April 30, have your children in the Fellowship Hall at 8:20 a.m. and 10:35 a.m.
2. Make every effort to have your child sing at **BOTH** services. They sing at the very beginning of each service so you will be able to slip out of the 10:45 a.m. service as soon as they are done!

**8:15**

Reminder – Nursery drop-off begins at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings. This gives us time to get ready to love on our little ones!



### **EXTRA HANDS, EXTRA LOVE**

**April & May dates are now available!** Come rock our younger babies & play with & read books to our crawler babies! **What are the requirements?** Be at least 21 years old & complete the KIDS Ministry volunteer paperwork (available at the Nursery Check-in). **What are the times?** 8:15 – 9:30 a.m. or 9:30 – 10:45. Scan the QR code below & sign up for a Sunday morning!



Please contact Paige Wright ([melpaigew@yahoo.com](mailto:melpaigew@yahoo.com) or 601-940-2491) if you have questions.



### **VBS 2023 – IS JUNE 19-23 FROM 8:30-11:30 A.M.**

If you would like to help plan decorations, please email [renee@madisonumc.org](mailto:renee@madisonumc.org). Participant and volunteer registration/sign-up coming soon!





**STUDENT MINISTRY**

**Cory Phillips 601-856-6058 or email [cory@madisonumc.org](mailto:cory@madisonumc.org)**

**Stay Connected with us! We post updates and changes regularly to our Instagram (@mumcstudents) and via our text plan (text "mumcstudent" to 866.998.3838). Don't miss out on events by not connecting!**

Graduate Sunday is May 7 and we would like to recognize and honor our College and High School graduates. Please email [jone@madisonumc.org](mailto:jone@madisonumc.org) with your graduate's details! May 1 is the deadline to insure your graduate's information is in the May 7 bulletin.

# **MISSION TRIPS FOR SUMMER 2023 REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN NOW!**

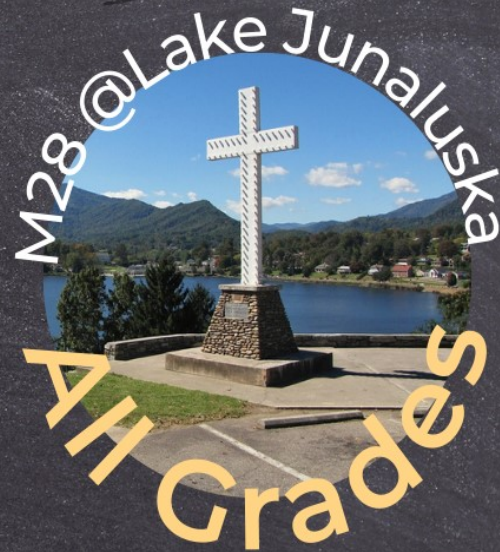
## **Summer 2023**



### **Trip Dates**

- Whiteville - June 9-16 (\$475)
- M28 - July 3-6 (\$340)
- Branson - July 23-26 (\$150)

Register @ [Madisonumc.org/students](https://Madisonumc.org/students)  
Registration Deadline: May 14, 2023



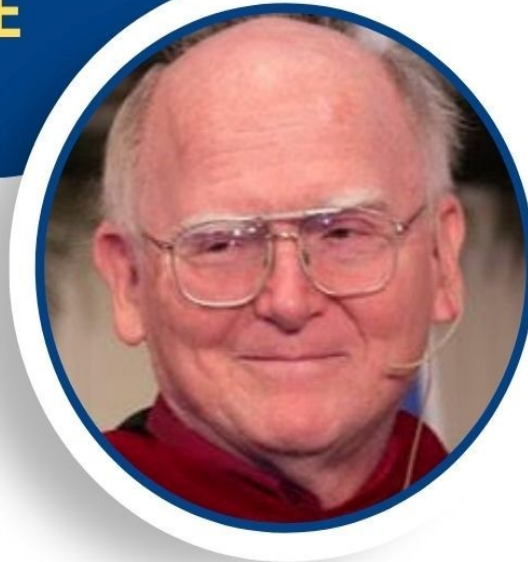


## THE WHOLE BIBLE FOR THE WHOLE WORLD

WED, APRIL 26  
6-7 PM IN THE MPR

*taught by* DR. GARY COCKERILL

Come hear how God's purpose is unveiled and restored through the whole of God's Word!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE  
UPCOMING WEDNESDAY EVENTS!

## CHURCH PICNIC

Wednesday, May 10 \* 5:15-7:00pm \* Liberty Park

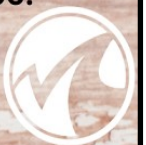
**BURGERS AND BLUES** (Chicken Strips or Burgers, chips, and a drink)  
**LOST PIZZA** (Pizza slice and a drink).

RSVP on our website for which food truck(s) you plan to use.  
You will pay for your meal at the food truck.

You can bring your own supper or visit the food trucks  
(\$8 adult & students, \$5 children)

We will have inflatables, playground, & face painting for children.  
Bring a chair or blankets with you. We will have tents, too.

We will have FREE snocones from the KONA ICE Truck  
and plenty of free bottled waters available!



**ADULT MINISTRY**

**Cory Phillips 601-856-6058 or email [cory@madisonumc.org](mailto:cory@madisonumc.org)**

# **MUMC MAY VIP LUNCHEON**

**Tuesday, May 2, 12:00 noon**

Reservations **MUST** be made by noon Thursday, 4/27  
Call the church office at 601-856-6058, sign up on the  
pew pads or email [jone@madisonumc.org](mailto:jone@madisonumc.org)

Cost of lunch is \$5.00 per person-  
please have exact cash or check

One lunch per VIP, please. **NO** take outs.

**MENU:** Beef Brisket, Ranch Potatoes, Broccoli with  
Cheese Sauce, Tomato & Cucumber Salad, Sour  
Cream Rolls, Strawberry Shortcake

**Guest Speaker: Emily Grohovsky  
of Cedar Hill Garden Consulting**



We had a wonderful worship service, incredible attendance, and great fellowship on Easter Sunday. Special thanks go to everyone who invited someone to attend and to our Altar Guild, Chancel Choir, musicians, greeters, ushers, and staff for their efforts. Special thanks go to these wonderful volunteers for making over 1,000 Cross Cookies for Easter Sunday!!



# easter sunday at mumc

