



Sunday Services, August 15, 2021

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

Sunday School classes at 9:30 a.m.

MADISON UMC SAFETY PROTOCOL REMINDERS

As you are aware, COVID cases from the Delta variant are rising rapidly in our State and the Hinds, Rankin, and Madison Tri-County area. This variant is affecting children and vaccinated and unvaccinated adults. As we did during the previous spikes in Covid cases and hospitalization rates, we are making temporary changes to our safety protocols. We are returning to our Phase 2 policies.

WORSHIP

1. As we did last spring, we will change the locations for our worship services. The “mask optional” services will again be held in the MPR, and the “mask required” services will be in the sanctuary. Services in both locations will be at 8:30 a.m. and at 10:45 a.m. Feel free to sit close to friends and family but please leave adequate space between other people at the services.
2. We will temporarily suspend congregational singing, but we will continue to have Special Music at our services. Offering baskets are placed at the exits.

CLASSES AND GROUPS

1. Adult Sunday School classes, groups, and studies can determine if they will wear a mask for their meetings.
2. Students will maintain social distancing for their meetings and classes.
3. Since children cannot be vaccinated and due to the increasing infection and hospitalization rates from this new Delta variant among children, we are asking that children wear a mask for their classes for now. We will still have Bible Time for kids for all worship services.
4. We ask everyone to wear a mask while going to the services or to their classes.
5. We will suspend serving coffee and snacks for a short season.

Most United Methodist churches in Mississippi of comparable size and with similar infection rates in their city are making these changes as well. We will continue to regularly consider the latest Covid-19 data to make any needed adjustments. We will continue to monitor this pandemic and hopefully we will soon be able to take steps towards “normal” again.

The past 18 months have been a very difficult season on many levels for our church and community. In I Corinthians 1, Paul is ministering to a church whose membership had varying ideas about which apostle to follow. In II Corinthians 4 Paul reminds them of how God has reconciled them to Christ and with one another as a church family. It is improbable that we will be “like-minded” (II Cor. 13:11) about these protocols. But we believe that we will come together in this challenging season as a church family and that the “God of peace and love” (II Cor. 13:11) will work in us to serve Him, our community, and one another. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Please contact our pastors at the church office with any questions or concerns that you have.

WEDNESDAYS AT MADISON TO RESUME AUGUST 25

We are currently planning to resume our **Wednesdays at Madison** supper and studies on August 25. Since we may not pass out registration pads at church for a few more weeks, please register for the supper by calling (601.856.6058) or emailing (jone@madisonumc.org) us at the church. Please check our social media and email updates and listen to our church announcements for any updates for changes about Wednesdays at Madison. Here is a list of the studies that we plan to offer on August 25:

KIDS: 3's, 4's, K5, 1st-3rd graders, 4th-6th grader Bible studies - Multi-Purpose Room/KIDS Hall

STUDENTS: Devotional and Fellowship - Student Hall/Lounge

ADULTS

Madison UMC

The Names of God

This six-week study is continuing from our recent joint Sunday School class.

Led by Tracey Thompson in the Sanctuary

Books will be available for purchase

The poster features a circular image of hands resting on an open book, set against a background of blue and white circles and a cross.

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAYS FOR...

2021 FAMILY REUNION

Starts August 25 - 6 pm (after dinner in CLC)
Faith-building Videos
Laughter
Good Adult Conversation
Knowing & Growing with Your Family
Interested? Just show up, or email Ben Butler (ben@madisonumc.org)

The poster has a red and white geometric border and features a red fork icon at the top.

Join us on Wednesday, August 25, for a WAM Family Reunion! Welcome back to our Wednesday night fun! We will enjoy this meal and many others with COVID precautions in place for all our safety. In order to reduce gathering in long lines, for now, all plates will be served with a sampling of all the items -- no more spending time debating which delicious treat to eat! More details to come in the bulletin and newsletter.

August 25

Oven Fried Chicken; Bacon Ranch Potato Salad; Baked Beans Medley; Cajun Corn Pop; Super Salad Bar; Chocolate Peanut Butter Sheet Cake; Blueberry Lemon Pound Cake; Rustic Apple Pie; Flower Sugar Cookies

Kids' Meal: Oven Fried Chicken Strips; Potato Wedges; Corn on the Cob

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Ann & Henry Holifield became members of the MUMC church family on August 1.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Men of the Church,
Please join the Madison UMC Men's Club for our monthly meeting Sunday, August 15, 2021, in the CLC. We start at 7 a.m. with our usual great breakfast routine, followed by a short meeting and program. We expect to continue in our video series of *The Measure of a Man*, by Gene Getz. Please join us and bring a friend.

MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAL HELP NEEDED

Due to recent personnel changes, MUMC is looking for a PART-TIME maintenance and custodial person. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please contact Doug Owens at 601-856-6058 ext. 230 or email doug@madisonumc.org.

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.

We encourage you to turn in prayer requests for other special needs such as expectant mothers, new babies, job changes, relocations, etc.

The MUMC Prayer Ministry Team covenants to pray for these names for 30 days. Names may be resubmitted to jackie@madisonumc.org if prayer is still needed.

PRAYER REQUESTS – MUMC MEMBERS

Carol Ann Ables	Judy McArthur	Trey Russell
Ann Artmann	Barrie McArthur	Shauna Sansing
Leona Bishop	The Moody Family	Courtney Tucker
Larry Bourne	Willie Moore	Bryce Upshaw
Rod Coleman	James Morphis	Jim Wiseman
Betsy Cowden	Carlton O'Keefe	
Elbert Day	Phillip Perry	
Bob Ellis	Ray Phillips	
Janie Harris	Norma Richards	
Vernon Hull	Frank Riley	

PRAYER REQUESTS—FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Mike Blaine	Phil Hinton's friend
Kenneth Brown	Cindy Phillips' relative
Mary Margaret Case	Sara Reily's sister
Rankin Faler	Phil Hinton's relative
Jean Hawkins	Maritta Mullet's sister
Mac Holmes	Susan Hunt's brother-in-law
Blake Hutto	Billy/Debbie Hutto's son
Lauren Luter	Jim/Ruth Elam's granddaughter
Sandra Miller	Friend of MUMC
George Nasif	Brooke Hood's uncle
Trey & Mary Ann Odom	Elizabeth Carr's parents
Fran Sharp	Jim/Ruth Elam's relative
Aaron Sibley family	Diane LaBan's nephew
Max Skelton	Jone McCollum's father
Daisy Ann Stewart	Joyce Logue's friend
Sarah Weeks	Gina Holcomb's mother

In Memoriam

Walter Robinson —8/02/21
Father of Sharon Jernigan

We express our sympathy to the families.

Hospice/Assisted/Living/Nursing Homes

The Blake: Fabia Smith; Paul Haywood

Beau Ridge: Frankie Mitchell; Joyce Logue; Joan Winstead

St. Catherine's Village: Clara Derrington; Lou Jennings; Norma Richards; Cappy Paine; Rosalind Ross; Barbara Pittman; Mary Salvatore

Home Place: Margi Baley, Barbara Mapp

Expectant Parents: Beckie & Josh Lee

New Babies: MacNeil Richardson Wise, son of Julia & Clarke Wise, was born July 19.

MUMC REPORT

Worship Attendance		Sunday School
08/01/21	358	
08/08/21		
Offering		Year-To-Date
Cash/Check Electronic		All Giving
08/01/21	N/A	
08/08/21		

Education Building Cost:	\$5,227,203.00
Education Building Mortgage	
Balance (as of 7/03/21):	\$1,668,530.00

Can't join us this Sunday? Can't find your checkbook and don't have cash on Sunday morning? Join our members who are using online giving for automated giving to Madison UMC. It is secure, convenient, has no extra cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our church. Sign up today by visiting www.madisonumc.org/give. Contact our church office with any questions at info@madisonumc.org.



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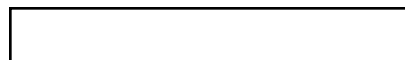
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MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP

Rev. James E. Swanson, Sr., Resident Bishop
Rev. Connie Shelton, District Superintendent
Rev. Barry Male, Senior Pastor
Rev. Ben Butler, Associate Pastor
Rev. Linda Rickman, Congregational Care

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**For the 1st Year of the Plan, go to
<http://www.readpraylovedaily.com/year-1-plan/>;
the 3rd Year plan is below

Sun., Aug. 15 – Luke 16
Mon., Aug. 16 – Luke 17
Tues., Aug. 17 – Isaiah 8
Wed., Aug. 18 – Isaiah 9
Thurs., Aug. 19 – Isaiah 10
Fri., Aug. 20 – Isaiah 11
Sat., Aug. 21 – Psalm 135

Sun., Aug. 22 – Luke 18
Mon., Aug. 23 – Luke 19
Tues., Aug. 24 – Isaiah 12
Wed., Aug. 25 – Isaiah 13
Thurs., Aug. 26 – Isaiah 14
Fri., Aug. 27 – Isaiah 15
Sat., Aug. 28 – Psalm 136

SEPTEMBER VIPs CANCELED

The September in-person VIP luncheon (originally scheduled for September 14) has been canceled. It will be rescheduled at a time when the threat from COVID-19 has lessened.

**SAVE THE DATE - 15 MINUTES WITH JESUS
BOOK LAUNCH**

One of our own church members, Mark Hikes, has just written a book based on his work with our Student Ministry during the pandemic. The book, *15 Minutes with Jesus*, features 12 weekly themes presented in a text conversation style. Each theme helps to build a consistent relationship with our Shepherd and shows readers how their life can be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit as it applies to everyday life.

Our church family is invited to the book launch event, which is scheduled for Saturday, August 28, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at our church. You can visit the webpage for the book (<https://www.greatamericanpublishers.com/media-kit-15-minutes-with-jesus/>) to learn more about the material and to sample several pages of the book.

STUDENT MINISTRY
Cory Phillips 601-856-6058 or email cory@madisonumc.org

Sunday Night Family Groups are back!

Dinner: 6:00—6:30 p.m.;

Games and Worship: 6:30 -7:15 p.m.

Small Groups/Family Groups: 7:15—8:00 p.m.

At 8:00 p.m. we close with a special time of prayer in the Chapel

We are excited to be back for this school year. Invite some friends and Come hangout tonight!

If you are interested in being part of our student led praise band, come to praise band practice at 5:00 p.m. and see what it is about.

2021-2022

STUDENT CALENDAR

FALL

SPRING

- August 8
 - Family Groups Resume
- September 19
 - Game Night @ MCHS
- October 8-11
 - Beach Retreat
- October 31
 - TBD
- November 22
 - Sr. High Paintball
 - Jr. High Escape Game
- December 12
 - Christmas Party

- January 9
 - Family Groups Resume
- January 14-17
 - Elevate
- February 25-27
 - DNOW/The Gathering
- April 1-3
 - Spring Retreat
- May 1
 - Baccalaureate
 - Senior Wisdom Night
- May 15
 - Last Family Groups

Stay up to date with events and changes by joining our text plan
Text "mumcstudent" to 955-77



KIDS MINISTRY

Renee Scales 601-856-6058 or email renee@madisonumc.org



In-Person Blessing of the Backpacks - Family Event for Kids Age 3 – 6th Grade & Their Parents

- Wednesday, August 18, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center & Sanctuary
- Dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. (Please RSVP for the meal to renee@madisonumc.org)
- A nursery will be available for younger siblings

Drive Thru Blessing of the Backpacks

- Sunday, August 22, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- Bring your backpack, your Chromebook, I-Pad, or other back-to-school bags & drive thru our parking lot for special school year blessing.

2021-22 KIDS Ministry Contact Form

This form has been emailed to families with children. You can also print a copy from our website (www.madisonumc.org). **It is important for us to know about allergies and have emergency contact information!** Completed forms can be returned to the Church Office, faxed to the Office at 601-856-6061, emailed to renee@madisonumc.org, or returned to the KIDS Check-in Center.



3rd Grade Bible Presentation

Our 3rd graders will receive their Bibles **Sunday, August 15**. Bibles will be presented both at **the 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. worship services**.

First Grade

Bible Presentation

Our 1st graders will receive their Bibles **Sunday, August 29**. Bibles will be presented both at **the 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. worship services**. **Please let me know no later than Tuesday, August 24 which service you prefer** (this is a firm deadline due to the time frame we have to get bulletin info to the printers).

Sunday Morning Worship

1st graders are growing and learning so fast, and we think you are ready to learn more about how we worship in the Methodist Church. One way you learn new things is to attend worship services on Sunday morning. **Beginning August 1, all of our 1st graders will remain in the Sanctuary for the entire worship service.** Come down for Children's Sermon and then go sit with your parents for the remainder of the service.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

August 18 – Blessing of the Backpack for KIDS ages 3 – 6th grade & their Parents

August 25 – First Wednesday Night for Fall 2021 - KIDS Choirs Start & 1st Night of Classes for our KIDS (2 ½ year olds – 6th graders). **Volunteers are needed!**

KIDS MINISTRY
Renee Scales 601-856-6058 or email renee@madisonumc.org

6TH GRADE

Confirmation

Our Kickoff Event is a supper & activities for you, your 6th grader, their mentors, & siblings. It will be **Sunday, September 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center (CLC)**. Parents, Kick-off Reservation Cards will be mailed the week of August 23.

To help in your future planning, we will meet each Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour (without mentors) & each Sunday night from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (with mentors). We will NOT have Sunday night class on October 10 or October 31. Confirmation Sunday is November 14. If you have any questions, please let me know.

MENTOR

Do You Want to be a Confirmation Mentor?

Sometimes we are asked to help a 6th grader select a mentor, and it is important to have a list of people who are interested in serving during Confirmation! What is a mentor? A mentor is someone who supports & encourages their Confirmand as they develop/continue a unique relationship with him/her. Being a mentor does not mean that you know all the answers. It does mean that you will share your faith in an authentic way & that you will be a good listener. If you are interested in serving or have questions, please let me know!

If you are interested in working in the Nursery on Sunday mornings, Wednesday nights, and other scheduled times, please contact Paige Wright (melpaigew@yahoo.com) for an application or for more information. Applicants must be at least 21 years old and will be required to obtain CPR/First Aid Certification as well as pass a background check.



ADULT MINISTRY
Rev. Ben Butler 601-856-6058 or email ben@madisonumc.org

RIGHT NOW MEDIA + GRACE MINISTRIES ONLINE **(Resources for Individuals, Families, Classes, & Groups).**

ARE YOU TAKING ADVANTAGE OF YOUR FREE RIGHT NOW MEDIA ACCOUNT THROUGH MUMC?



Right Now Media is a streaming Bible study resource MUMC has secured for our members and guests. For some suggested studies, please periodically check www.madisonumc.org/rnm. If you want to receive an email invitation to access RNM please contact Ben Butler (ben@madisonumc.org).

We also have an account with Grace Ministries Online with video resources for Christian marriage, family, grief, crisis, men, and kid friendly movies. Go to <https://www.grace101.org/> and use **madisonumc** as both the username and password.



Missions and Outreach News

MISSIONS FAIR POSTPONED

We will postpone the Missions Fair to later in the fall so that more volunteers and attendees can be present to celebrate all that we are doing through our mission efforts in Madison, throughout the Metro area, in Mississippi, and in More places around the world.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY:

Who is it for?

- Any person who has experienced a hurt, habit or hangup and would like support of God and other people to overcome in a structured, biblical setting.
- Examples of experiences: relationship issues, conflict resolution, nagging personality habits, health issues, grief from death, divorce as well as addiction. However, addiction is not the sole focus.

What is it?

- Large group worship and small group support.
- Visitors are welcome!
- Open sharing is not required but confidentiality and anonymity is expected.

When/where is it?

- Tuesday evenings in the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)
- Supper begins at 5:30 p.m. and worship begins at 6:15 p.m.
- Childcare is provided for children 4 years old and younger at 6:00p.m.

Mission Opportunities?

- Many volunteers are needed in many different areas
 - o Greeters to welcome participants to our ministry
 - o Volunteers to set-up (I don't know what this involves but I think we need to be specific)
 - o Groups to prepare/serve meals for roughly 30-40 people each week.
 - o Musicians and/or vocalist to serve on music worship team.
 - o Individuals with minimal computer skills to work the worship & teaching slides.



Celebrate Recovery[®]
A CHRIST-CENTERED Recovery Program

Contact Steve Potter (steve@madisonumc.org) for more information.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:

In August and September, we will join with several area Methodist churches to renovate a **Habitat for Humanity** house at 4623 Locksley Drive in Jackson.

Madison UMC has a dedicated day of Saturday, August 28, but you can also volunteer to work on August 14, 21 and September 11, and 25. You can volunteer for a morning (7:45 AM to noon) or afternoon (12:45 PM to 4:00 PM) shift or the entire day.

Any skills are appreciated, from demolition, carpentry, painting, to general clean up. To volunteer you may call the Habitat Volunteer Coordinator, Callie Ainsworth at 601-353-6060 or Dave Coon at 601-946-4951.

