

No. 17

August 24, 2022

Sunday Services, August 28, 2022 Worship Services in the Sanctuary at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday School classes at 9:30 a.m.

## Guest preacher for Labor Day weekend: Dr. Matt Ayars



Dr. Ayars, president of Wesley Biblical Seminary, will preach at our worship services on Sunday, September 4. He is a gifted preacher, and you will want to be present to hear what God will share through him. If you are out of town that weekend, make sure to check our YouTube channel, subscribe to our weekly sermon podcast, or visit our website to hear his sermon.

Several of our church members have really enjoyed Dr. Ayars' teaching at the Wesley Institute and many of our members are auditing his current course on the book of Revelation. It is not too late to join that class so contact Wesley Biblical Seminary (www.wbs.edu; 601.366.8880) for information about that. Lastly, Dr. Ayars will teach a series on Spiritual Warfare at our church on October 16, 23, and 30 in the Multi-Purpose during the Sunday School hour, so please consider attending those sessions.

Methodist Children's Homes of MS was blown away by the response to MUMC's towel and bedding drive! Our church stepped up big time and provided new towels and bedding for the kids and staff living on campus, as well as the new MCH apartments and most likely some of the foster care homes. Due to overwhelming response from **Crossings Sunday School Class and our** church congregation, MCH's needs have been met! If you have purchased items and haven't yet brought them to the church, you can still leave them on the table in the fellowship hall through the end of August. Thank you for bringing joy and love to the kids and staff of MCH. They were in awe of your generosity.



## WEDNESDAYS AT MADISON HAS RESUMED!

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 (meets August 17 in Fellowship Hall Room 204)

6:15 p.m.—Pastor's Bible Study—The Gospel of Luke (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. We are excited to share the news that we will maintain our regular meal prices (\$7 adults & \$4 kids) for the fall!



#### Details about Wednesday night plans:

- SonShine Choir (1<sup>st</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> grades) will meet from 5:45 6:10 p.m. in the Choir Room. If your child wants to participate in choir, please email Lori at lori@madisonumc.org or fill out a registration card on August 17.
- SonBeams Choir (3 year olds K5) will meet as part of their class time.
- If your child is not participating in SonShine Choir, you can take your children to KIDS Play from 5:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m. (PreSchool-5K - west playground, 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders - east playground). If it is raining, children may be dropped off at the KIDS Ministry check-in in the Atrium to be taken to their KIDS Play options. Choir kiddos will be taken to their classrooms at 6:15 p.m.



#### <u>August 31 (Southern Favorites)</u> Adult Meal

Apple Cider Pork Baked Chicken Croquettes with Gravy

Red Skinned Mashed Potatoes Southern Cabbage with Onions & Bacon Baby Lima Beans Mini Corn Muffins Super Salad Bar

#### <u>Kids Meal</u>

BBQ Chicken Legs Corn on the Cob Fruit Kabob Mini Corn Muffin

#### **Desserts**

Chocolate Chip Cookies Carrot Cake Squares Apple Pie Bread Pudding with Caramel Sauce Sugar Free Chocolate Chip Cookie Bars

#### September 7 (Mexican Night)

#### Adult Meal

Adobo Chicken Thighs & Rice Tamale Pie Charro Beans Street Corn Salad Tortilla Chips & Salsa Super Salad Bar

#### Kids Meal

Mexican Happy Plate #5 Chicken Rice Tortilla Chips with Salsa & Queso

#### **Desserts**

Soft Serve Ice Cream & Toppings Bar Churro Bars Chocolate Tres Leche Cake Mexican Wedding Cookies Sugar Free Tres Leche Cake

# **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

#### PRAYER REQUESTS –MUMC MEMBERS

Carol Ann Ables Ann Artmann Vicki Blake Sandra Eilders Philips Godwin Rebecca Godwin David Goolsby Janie Harris Vernon Hull Margaret Mason Herb MaysCourtney TuckerJudy McArthurDonna WalleyBarrie McArthurWayne WebbPatsy McCartyThe Moody FamilyWillie MooreCathy NavarretteCarlton O'KeefeTrey RussellPaul SloneState State State

#### PRAYER REQUESTS—FAMILY MEMBERS/FRIENDS

Gilbert Abbe James Barnes Teri Douglas Bob Keenum Tommy Leach Ames & Parker Lee Matt Livingston Mary Ann Odom Thames Pemberton Neil Smith Mary Angela South Sophie Spence Rebecca Whatley Truman Abbe's father Kirk Barnes' brother Diane Goolsby's friend Lauren Younger's grandfather Ruth Elam's brother Christy Nettles' nephews Lib Sistrunk's son-in-law Elizabeth Carr's mother MUMC regular attender Leslie Ezelle's father Rosemary Taylor's daughter Bob/Debbie Merchant's granddaughter Steve/Marcia Whatley's daughter-in-law

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

<u>RETIREMENT HOMES</u>

<u>The Blake</u>: Fabia Smith <u>Beau Ridge</u>: Frankie Mitchell; Joyce Logue; Joan Winstead; Bonnie Hoy St. Catherine's Village: Lou Jennings; Cappy Paine; Rosalind

Ross; Barbara Pittman; Mary Salvatore; James Potts; Jerry Zoble

Home Place: Barbara Mapp; Evelyn Palmer; Peggy Maddox; Rosemary Taylor

<u>The Orchard</u>: Maggie Hart; Frances Williams <u>Ridgeland Place</u>: Phillip Perry

#### In Memoriam

*Gwyn Bourne—8/16/22* Wife of Larry Bourne Mother of Kate Colbert & Amanda Bourne Grandmother of Ella Bourne & Lawson Colbert Member of MUMC

> *Charles England*—8/17/22 Brother of Kay Dunangan

We express our sympathy to the families.

#### EXPECTANT PARENTS:

Lindsey & Chris Clarke; Elizabeth & Gerad Buffington

#### **MUMC REPORT**

Worship Attendance 08/14/22 721 08/21/22 634

Finances 2022 Budget: \$2,500,000 Given to Date: \$1,669,446

Education Building Mortgage Balance (as of 08/01/22): \$1,399,761.00



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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

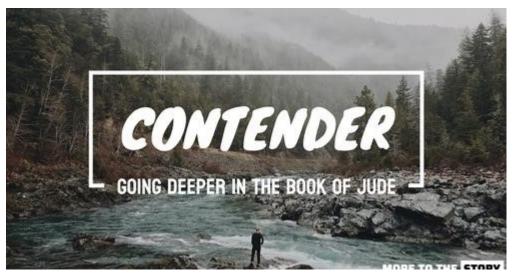
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Sun., Aug. 28 – Luke 1 Mon., Aug. 29 – Luke 2-3 Tues., Aug. 30 – Luke 4-5 Wed., Aug. 31 – Luke 6-7 Thurs., Sept. 1 – Luke 8-9 Fri., Sept. 2 – Luke 10-11 Sat., Sept. 3 – Luke 12-13

Sun., Sept. 4 – Luke 14-16 Mon., Sept. 5 – Luke 17-18 Tues., Sept. 6 – Luke 19-20 Wed., Sept. 7 – Luke 21-22 Thurs., Sept. 8 – Luke 23-24 Fri., Sept. 9 – Acts 1-2 Sat., Sept. 10 – Acts 3-5



<u>Open</u> Small Groups in Fellowship Hall Rooms 204, 206, & 208 (2nd Floor) for the 6-week <u>CONTENDER</u> Study on Wednesday nights! Contact Ben Butler (ben@madisonumc.org) for questions.

### Trading (Sunday School) Spaces! - This Sunday, Aug. 28

- Asbury Class (taught by Charlie Artmann) moving to <u>Edu. Bldg. Room 415</u>
- Journey of Faith moving to Edu. Bldg. Room 401
- Parents Class (led by Steve Potter) moving to <u>Edu. Bldg.</u> <u>Room 416</u>

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



#### 2022-23 KIDS MINISTRY CONTACT FORM

You may complete this form by clicking on this QR code. This form has been emailed to families with children. This info is also available on our website (www.madisonumc.org). It is important for us to know about allergies and have emergency contact information!





### CONFIRMATION

Our Kickoff Event is a supper & activities for you, your 6<sup>th</sup> grader, their mentors, & siblings. It will be **Sunday**, **September 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center (CLC)**. Parents, more details are coming soon!

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 9. Confirmation Sunday is November 13. If you have any questions, please let me know.

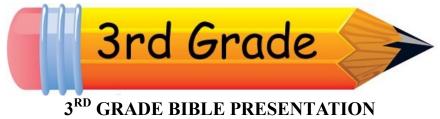


#### **DO YOU WANT TO BE A CONFIRMATION MENTOR?**

Sometimes we are asked to help a 6<sup>th</sup> 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!

#### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

1<sup>st</sup> 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 7, all of our 1<sup>st</sup> graders will remain in the Sanctuary for the entire worship service. Come down for KIDS Time and then go sit with your parents for the remainder of the service.



Our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will receive their Bibles Sunday, August 28. Bibles will be presented both at the 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. worship services. Please let me know no later than Tuesday, August 23 which service you prefer (this is a firm deadline due to the time frame we have to get bulletin info to the printers).

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



## AND BIBLE JAMBOREE

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

#### FAMILY GROUPS ARE BACK!

We are back to normal schedule for our Sunday nights! 6:00 -6:30 pm Free dinner 6:30 -7:15 pm Large group games and worship 7:15 -8:00 pm Family groups 8:00 -8:15 pm Closing prayer in chapel.

#### WE NEED PARENTS' HELP!

We feed our students every Sunday night that they meet and we need parents to help us make that possible. We ask for parents to help pay for a meal and serve a meal throughout the year, if each set of parents signed up for ONE Sunday we would have it covered! If you would like to help us out, contact 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 955-77). Don't miss out on events by not connecting!



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



Again this year, the New Spirit Sunday School Class is sponsoring a Fall Crafts Sale to benefit the Moody Family Ministry in Honduras.

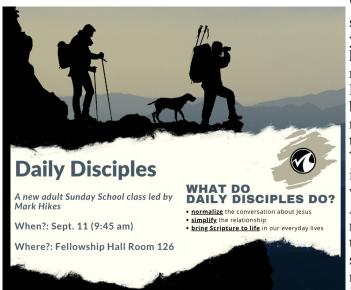
The sale will take place **Sunday, October 30.** We are looking for crafters who would like to donate **handmade** items such as **woodworking, sewing, jewelry making, painting, pottery, needlework, etc.** to help raise funds for the work this family does for the cause of Christ.

There will also be a **bake sale**, and we would happily accept baked goods!

Please contact Patricia Stanfield (601-259-0480, pgs50@comcast.net) or Laura Isbell (601-942-9817, lauraisbell25@yahoo.com) for more information.

#### DAILY DISCIPLES -A NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS STARTING SEPTEMBER 11

Not in a Sunday School Class? Join Mark Hikes in Fellowship Hall Room 126 on Sunday, September 11 @ 9:45 am. See if what he shares below speaks to where you are:



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"My question for you is..... How complicated is your relationship with Jesus? If someone would have asked me several years ago, what my relationship with Jesus looked like, I might have answered, "Well, it's complicated." There were parts of my Christian life that I felt like I had buttoned up, but also felt like I had several loose ends. The small groups that I have been involved in over the years here at MUMC, have helped me grow in my relationship with Jesus. Many times people in those small groups have helped me tie up those loose ends. Trying to live our lives in a Christ like manner can be a daunting task. I fear that too many people today crumble under the weight of the expectations of what it means to be a Christian. As I've grown closer to Him, I now realize that although the relationship is critical, He doesn't want it to be complicated. In the past year or so, Ben and I have talked about me leading a small group. I wasn't on board at first, but I've decided that now was the time for me to go ahead and do it. I prayed about it a lot and had several people in a few different small groups

that I am part of encourage me to do it. My hope honestly would be that every person that attends worship with us here on Sundays would get plugged into a small group. They are the backbone of any church. So often I think we focus on the things we **SHOULD DO, OR HAVE TO DO** as Christians. Today I realize that all of those things are things we **GET TO DO** because of our relationship with Him. My purpose for wanting to teach a class is to help other people shift the focus of our relationship with Jesus from **PRESSURE** that we may feel that the relationship brings to the **PROMISE** that we get to live in because we know Him."

#### MISSION/OUTREACH MINISTRY Steve Potter 601-856-6058 or email steve@madisonumc.org

#### MadCAAP MINISTRY

MadCAAP has been providing for the physical and emotional needs of those living in poverty in Madison County, MS for over 35 years. We are collecting **<u>18 OUNCE JARS OF PEANUT BUTTER</u>** for the food pantry at Mad-CAAP. You can put them on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

## **PROVIDE A MEAL FOR THE CONNECTION**



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 601-506-5265 or Steve Potter at steve@madisonumc.org.



We had a great crew come out and serve at the Methodist Recycle house for Habitat for Humanity. We started and nearly finished a deck and put a couple coats of paint on the inside. We were also able to spend time with Miss Sally, the future owner of the house, and her son as they worked alongside us.

#### WOMEN'S MINISTRY Rev. Linda Rickman 601-856-6058 or email linda@madisonumc.org

# Fall 2022 Women's Bible Studies

#### SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: ALL AGES

- Sundays from 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- Location: Administrative Conference Room
- Contact: Camie Young (601) 622-2904
- Study: ROMANS
- Resumes Oct 2.

#### FAITHFUL FRIENDS: APPROXIMATE AGES (60+)

- Mondays at 6:00 p.m.
- Location: Room 204 (Fellowship Hall)
- Contact: Vickie Graves (601) 942-7023
- Resumes September 19

#### **REDEEMED: ALL AGES**

- Tuesdays at 9:30-11:00 a.m.
- Location: Multi-Purpose Room
- Contact: Tracey Thompson (601) 906-1744
- Study: COVENANT
- Resumes Aug 23.

#### FRIENDS IN FAITH: ALL AGES

- Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
- Multi-Purpose Room (second floor, Education Building)
- Contact: Rev. Linda Rickman (601) 856-6058 / linda@madisonumc.org
- Study: ISAIAH
- Resumes Aug. 31

#### SISTERS: APPROXIMATE AGES (60+)

- Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
- Location: Room 204 (Fellowship Hall)
- Contact: Patricia Stanfield (601) 259-0480
- Study: I Peter
- Resumes September 8

#### MADISON COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

- Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
- Location: Room 204 (Fellowship Hall)
- Contact: Amanda Sullivan (662) 822-7295
- Study: Philippians

#### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (FORMERLY CALLED UMW)

The Naomi-Ruth Circle invites you to join us for some very interesting and informative discussions of mission work, both locally and internationally.

- First Monday of each month at 9:45 a.m.
- Fellowship Hall or Zoom
- Contact: Sue Lauderdale (601) 674-2996

#### MUSIC MINISTRY Lori Blount 601-856-6058 or email lori@madisonumc.org





The Chancel Choir kicked off the new music season with a dinner catered by Amerigo followed by an incredibly FUN rehearsal. Come help us fill the loft with grateful voices praising the Lord! We meet on Wednesdays at 7:05. This is the perfect time to give choir a try. Contact Lori Blount if you would like more info. Lori@madiserreft.or







FUN AT THE FALL OPENING OF WEDNESDAYS AT MADISON

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



#### WOMEN OF OUR CHURCH SERVE IN KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

The mission of the Kairos Prison Ministry (KPM) is to "share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women, youth and their families" to become loving and productive citizens.

Since we were unable to have our 2020 retreat due to Covid, we will be blessed to go into the prison in October. During the Oct.6-9<sup>th</sup> weekend several of our church women will demonstrate God's love and forgiveness to some women residents at CMCF.

The incarcerated women participate in activities designed to move them closer to Jesus, the acceptance of his unconditional love and forgiveness.

A strength of KPM is involvement of volunteers. Our goal is to help them build a supportive Christian community which prepares them to continue their spiritual journey inside or outside the prison. Leader Connie Starkey will be assisted by MUMC volunteers Diana Boring, Wren Gregory, Laura Isbell, Sharon Kirk, Ann Dow Shurden, Terry Smith, Patricia Stanfield, Ethel Taquino, Martha Walton and others from many Christian denominations.

Your prayers are sought! Prayers are one type of agape or unconditional love. "Green agape" can help us finance our mission. Your "green agape" may be your deductible donation toward our \$10 meal tickets for the participants. At each meal, the ladies can see the community's Christian love and encouragement on their spiritual journeys.

We are grateful to our church and the Missions committee for the support we have received in the past. Help us to bring the light of Christ into the prison!

Thank you, Connie Starkey





MUMC Student Ministry hosted the GATHERING TOUR on Sunday night (August 21)