



Madison Methodist Church

MESSENGER

“Building faithful disciples, serving Jesus Christ.”

No. 25

December 13, 2023

Sunday Services, December 17, 2023

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

Sunday School classes at 9:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent



December can get busy for everyone! Don't forget about year-end giving. You can mail a check to the church, drop a check in the offering plate, text, click on our QR code or give online. Online giving is secure, convenient and provides a great benefit to our church. Sign up today by visiting www.madisonmc.org/give. Contact our church office with any questions at info@madisonmc.org.

For those turning in **year-end giving**, please make sure your check is dated in 2023. You can mail it to the church or place it in an offering plate. You can also give through our online giving with the QR code at right.



Life after Loss/VIP
Holiday Trip to Cleveland



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY STARTS JANUARY 17

Learn how to take control of your money, crush debt, and build wealth God's way with Dave Ramsey's **Financial Peace University**.

The course will be facilitated by Wesley Blount who is a graduate of FPU.

Class will meet Wednesdays from 6:00 – 7:00 starting January 17 and ending March 20. (No class during Spring Break week)

The registration fee is \$20 per family and covers the cost of materials.

For more information contact Wesley at wesblount93@gmail.com or call the church at 601-856-6058 and ask to speak with Lori Blount. Scan the QR code below to sign up.

Find *freedom*
with your money.

RAMSEY
FinancialPeace
UNIVERSITY



Concerns of Our Church Family

MADISON MC PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM LIST

Please continue to turn in names and addresses of family/friends needing prayer for the MMC Prayer Ministry Team.
Please send all prayer requests to: prayer@madisonmc.org

PRAYER REQUESTS—MMC MEMBERS

Carol Ann Ables	Elizabeth Manning
Vicki Blake	Barrie McArthur
Cathy Burns	Judy McArthur
Connie Bush	Carrie McDill
Barbara Crews	The Moody Family
Vickie Graves	Willie Moore
Russ Hackman	Emily Morris
Janie Harris	Thames Pemberton
Elbert Hilliard	Trey Russell
Phil Hinton	Mollie Sims
Vernon Hull	Maris Stanard
Ann Kelly	Paul Verneuille
Allen LaBan	
Jana Manlove	

PRAYER REQUESTS—FAMILY MEMBERS/FRIENDS

Peezie Allred	Marvel Allred's daughter-in-law
Mike Blackwell	Jennie Vandevere's father
Roy Brookshire	Barbara Atkins' friend
Mike/Alexine Covington	Lindsey McClure's friends
Tim Curtis	Libby Gillenwater's friend
Kay Harrington	MMC regular visitor
Helen Martin	Sara Male's mother
Leo Metcalf	Laura Sue McClure's great nephew
Bob Mitchell	Dale Barnes' brother
Mary Ann Odum	Elizabeth Carr's mother
Troy Rhodes	Jimmy & Brenda Johnson's friend
Gaynell Roundtree	MUMC regular visitor
Trey Thomas	Matt Thames' friend
Tammy & Scott Trammel	Jimmy & Brenda Johnson's friends

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; Rosalind Ross;
Mary Salvatore; James Potts; Jerry Zoble
Home Place: Barbara Mapp; Evelyn Palmer;
Rosemary Taylor; Eddy Johnson; Phillip Perry
The Orchard: Maggie Hart; Beverly Harvey; Linda Howard
Plain View: John Mason
The Waterford: Margaret Mason
Sunnybrook: Jane Turnage; Alberta Tucker; Peggy Maddox;
Jim & Johnnie Miller

In Memoriam

Jane Sisson—11/29/23
Member of MMC

Catherine (Cappy) Paine
Member of MMC

Joy Wilson McCool—12/9/23
Grandmother of Cory Phillips

We express our sympathy to the families.

MMC REPORT

Worship Attendance
12/03/23 704
12/10/23 1069

Finances
2023 Budget: \$ 2,630,000
Given to date: \$ 2,565,316

Education Building Mortgage
Balance (as of 12/01/23):
\$1,206,077

End-of-the Year Reminders

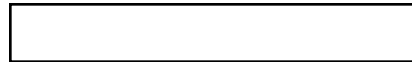
- Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, the next **Messenger** will not be published until January 10.
- Media update: Due to lack of demand, we will no longer offer CD and DVD recordings of the worship services. You can contact our Director of Communications, Chris Filippou, at chris@madisonmc.org for help with finding our YouTube channel or for other church media needs.

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Please deliver by: Saturday, December 16 2023

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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>)
December 17(I Samuel 10, Psalm 50); December 18 (I Samuel 11); December 19 (I Samuel 12); December 20 (I Samuel 13); December 21 (I Samuel 14); December 22(Galatians 2); December 23 (Galatians 3); December 24 (I Samuel 15, Psalm 51); December 25 (I Samuel 16); December 26 (I Samuel 17); December 27 (I Samuel 18); December 28 (I Samuel 19); December 29 (Galatians 4); December 30 (Galatians 5)

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

BIBLE READING PLANS FOR 2024

Beginning in January, the Reading Plans will no longer be listed in the *Messenger*. Visit our website (<https://madisonmc.org/node/5894>) to view various Bible reading plans for 2024.



**Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year**
*from the Clergy & Staff
of Madison Methodist Church*

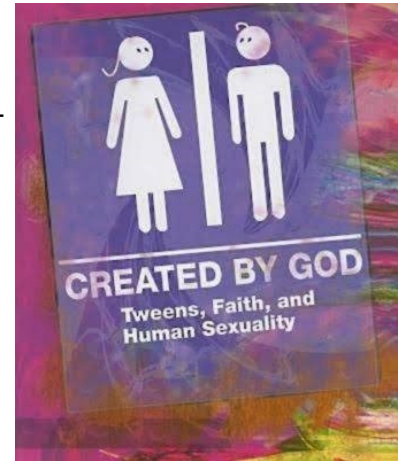
KIDS MINISTRY
Renee Scales 601-856-6058 or email renee@madisonmc.org

CREATED BY GOD IS JANUARY 25-27, 2024

All 5th-grade students & their parents are invited to participate in an upcoming event called *Created by God*. It is a study of human sexuality with a Christian foundation that was written by Rev. James H. Ritchie, Jr., a United Methodist minister and Christian educator.

Registration is limited to 20 students on a first-come-first-served basis, and members/regular attendees of Madison UMC will be given priority.

This is a time commitment on the part of parents/guardians, students, and volunteers, but the benefit is well worth the investment. In addition to being provided in an arena where accurate information and proper terminology can be gained and practiced, the students involved will better understand how their sexuality fits into God's plan for human relationships. Using a highly interactive approach to learning, *created by God* is a lot of fun for everyone involved.



The schedule is as follows:

Required Parents/Guardians Thurs. Jan. 25 – 6:00 p.m.
Students Fri. Jan. 26, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
Sat. Jan. 27, 8:30a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Students & Parents/Guardians Sat. Jan. 27, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

There is a **\$10.00 charge for the book**. Checks can be made payable to Madison MC. For your child to participate, you or another caregiver must attend the Parents Session as well as the Students/Parents Session.

To register, please scan the QR code.

The deadline for registration is Tuesday, Jan. 16. After the 16th, registration will be open to non-church members. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at the church office (601-856-6058) or e-mail me at renee@madisonmc.org.



Welcome to the MMC Church Family!

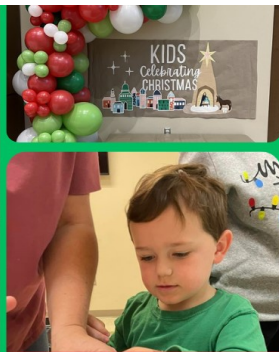
Will & Christine Selman and children
Claire & Winn joined the MMC
church family on December 3.



Kenny & Kathryn Nance and children
Eli & Claire joined the MMC
church family on December 3.



Our **SonBeams Choir** and our **KIDS Choir** shared a wonderful Christmas Music Program with us this past Wednesday. Special thanks go to their leaders and volunteers.



Merry Christmas!
 THE PRESCHOOLERS HAD THEIR MILK & COOKIES EVENT DECEMBER 9! SUCH A SWEET TIME MAKING ORNAMENTS, LISTENING TO A SPECIAL STORY, AND EATING THAT DELICIOUS SNACK.



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



DELTA GRACE

A group of boy scouts and church members from Madison Methodist Church went to Delta Grace Friday-Sunday, December 1st-3rd. They built a wheelchair ramp and did some interior painting. Delta Grace is a multi-denominational, faith-based organization that matches mission teams with those in need of home repairs. To find out more information about Delta Grace, visit <https://deltagrace.org>.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITY:

If you are interested in going to Delta Grace soon to help put on a new roof (a project that was rained out) please contact Matthew Thompson wmatthewt@gmail.com or Steve Potter steve@madisonmc.org

Methodist Children's Home

This quarter- Madison Methodist church members and SS classes have adopted 11 wish lists for youth of MCH. We will also send a group of church members to wrap gifts for more than 40 children and youth on Dec. 15 on the MCH campus. Our church has also purchased and will install 5 in-ground basketball goals and has provided a punching bag at group homes on campus. Sunday School classes have also raised significant funds for MCH's human trafficking recovery program. For more on MCH, contact Kristen Harwell - kris10harwell@gmail.com

MadCAAP Needs

MadCAAP is in need of children's underwear, socks, and new blankets for the elderly. Please place donations on or under the table in the Fellowship Hall. For more information on MadCAAP, contact Kathy Long kathrynlong1951@gmail.com

Save the Date for Rise Against Hunger

Our next Rise Against Hunger food packing event will be Sunday morning, February 11 (Super Bowl Sunday), in the CLC.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Cory Phillips 601-856-6058 or email cory@madisonmc.org

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



HOST HOMES STILL NEEDED



Host Homes are still needed for Friday & Saturday nights, February 2 & 3. If you can host a group of students to help them get the most out of this wonderful opportunity, contact Cory@madisonmc.org today!

(TOGETHER WEEKEND IS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-12)

PARENTS: Our Sunday Night Student Worship will kicked back off on January 7 with food, small groups, worship, games and fun from 6:00-8:15 p.m. Send your students and have them bring some friends!

An important part of our student ministry is a free meal we serve the students at 6:00 p.m. every Sunday before worship. We need your help to make this happen. We ask that parents help prepare and serve the meals for our students. If each set of parents did just one meal a year we would have them all covered.

If you are interested in helping us in this ministry area you can check out our sign ups here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aadae2ba3fac25-sunday#/> Thank you for prayerfully considering.