



Madison United Methodist Church

MESSENGER

“Building faithful disciples, serving Jesus Christ.”

No. 26

December 28, 2022

Sunday Services, January 1, 2023
One service in Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.
No Sunday School



MUMC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL: DISCERNMENT PROCESS UPDATES

Our Lay Leaders will share an update with our church family at our worship services on January 8. We will also produce a revised addition of our Resource Guide that day, online and printed.

Revision will include:

- Information from umc.org.
- Details about recent Jurisdictional Conferences
- Disaffiliation statistics of annual conferences from our region
- Information from recent annual conferences meeting in our area

Please read through the revised Resource Guide when it is published and watch the videos listed in it.

Please plan to attend a *Coffee & Conversation* event on either Sunday, January 8, or Sunday, January 15, if you have yet to do so. Those events will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 2:30 p.m.

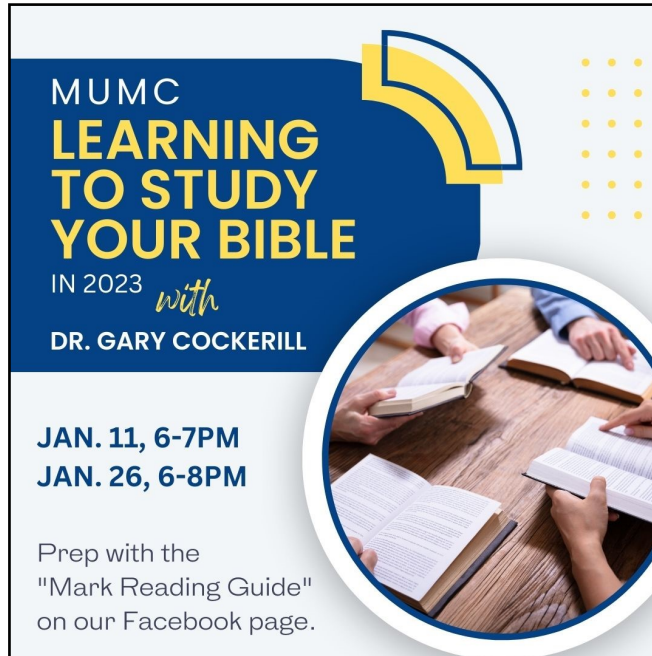
Lastly, in our January 11th newsletter we will share detailed information about how to participate in our upcoming Pulse email survey. This process will give our church members the opportunity to reveal their preference about disaffiliation from our denomination. The survey will be held from January 15th-22nd. If you have any questions or need more specific information before then, please email our Next Steps sub-committee at nextsteps@madisonumc.org.

NEW YEAR'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

We will have one worship service at 10:00 a.m. on New Year's Day. We will have a regular nursery for children, ages 4 and under. Feel free to dress casually for this service. Sunday School classes will not meet.

Wednesdays at Madison resumes January 11

WAM has concluded for 2022. Special thanks go to our those who have taught our classes, participated in studies, and provided our wonderful meals. We will resume WAM on January 11, and adults will have a combined meeting for a Bible study with Dr. Gary Cockerill to begin the new year.



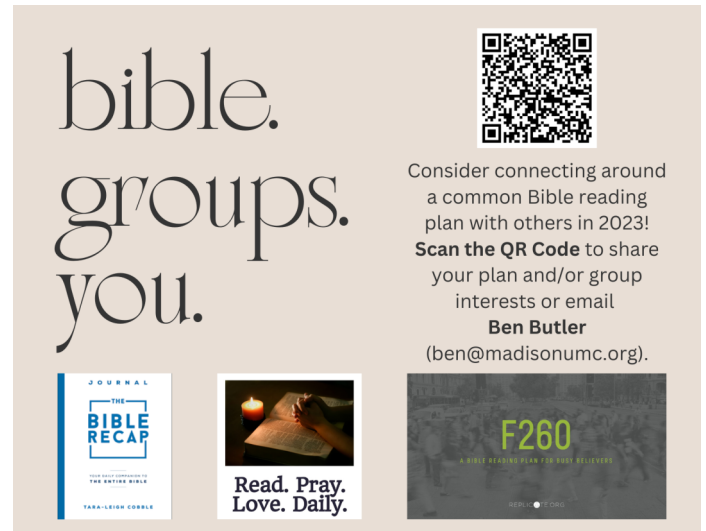
MUMC
**LEARNING
TO STUDY
YOUR BIBLE**
IN 2023 *with*
DR. GARY COCKERILL

JAN. 11, 6-7PM
JAN. 26, 6-8PM


Prep with the
"Mark Reading Guide"
on our Facebook page.

The poster features a blue and white color scheme with yellow accents. It includes a circular inset image showing hands holding open Bibles around a wooden table.




- **Bible Recap** (a 1-year chronological plan that covers the entire Bible; there is a companion podcast a person can listen to that "recaps" the day's reading and includes insights the host gleaned from her reading)
 - ◇ **BIBLE RECAP JOURNALS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR \$5!!!** Email Ben Butler (ben@madisonumc.org) to reserve a copy.
- **Read. Pray. Love. Daily.** (a 3-year plan to read through the entire Bible, a chapter a day; this will be posted daily at www.readpraylovedaily.com along with resources to encourage prayer)
- **Foundations 260/F260** (a 1-year, 5 day a week plan that guides readers through the main narrative of the Bible, reading approximately half the Bible)



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Consider connecting around a common Bible reading plan with others in 2023! Scan the QR Code to share your plan and/or group interests or email Ben Butler (ben@madisonumc.org).



The graphic features the text "bible. groups. you." in a serif font. It includes a QR code, a book cover for "Bible Recap", a book cover for "Read. Pray. Love. Daily.", and a book cover for "F260".

INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN A WEDNESDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP FOCUSED ON YOUR CHOSEN BIBLE READING PLAN?

If so, please scan the QR Code in the graphic above to fill-out the online survey, or email Ben Butler (ben@madisonumc.org) to let him know which Bible plan you would like to follow as well as if you would like to be in a group around that plan if possible.

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	John Mason	Dwayne Walley
Vicki Blake	Judy McArthur	
Barbara Crews	Barrie McArthur	
Sandra Eilders	Johnnie Miller	
David Goolsby	The Moody Family	
Janie Harris	Willie Moore	
Phil Hinton	Trey Russell	
Vernon Hull	Terry Smith	
Joanne Jones	Jeanne Tew	
Elizabeth Manning	Courtney Tucker	

PRAYER REQUESTS—FAMILY MEMBERS/FRIENDS

Peezie Allred	Marvel Allred's daughter-in-law
Betty Arinder	Amy Whittenton's mother
Buddy Dubose	Linda Barker's friend
Susan Duke	Patsy McCarty's sister
Ruthie Fahey	Jackie Wilson's sister
Nancy Fulce	Gayle Hart's mother
Bucky Murphy	Paula Stubbs' brother-in-law
Mary Ann Odom	Elizabeth Carr's mother
Thames Pemberton	MUMC regular attender
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
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; Eddy Johnson
The Orchard: Maggie Hart; Frances Williams
Ridgeland Place: Phillip Perry
Nichols Center: Bob Morgan

MUMC REPORT

Worship Attendance

12/18/22	631
12/25/22	224

Finances

2022 Budget: \$2,500,000
Given to Date: \$2,575,840

Education Building Mortgage
Balance (as of 12/01/22):
\$1,378,042.00

In Memoriam

Ruth Ann Tanner—12/23/22
Mother of Royce Amacker

We express our sympathy to the families.



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, has no extra cost to you, and 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.

For those turning in year-end giving, please make sure your check is dated in 2022. You can mail it to the church or place it in an offering plate.

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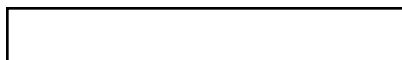
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Please deliver by: Saturday, December 31, 2022

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MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP

Rev. James E. Swanson, Sr., 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



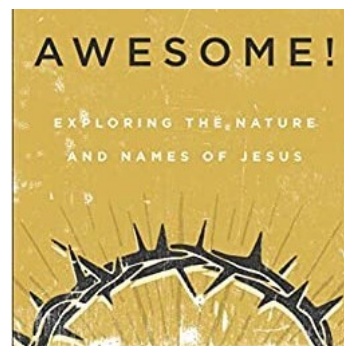
STARTS JANUARY 1ST!

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) - Jan. 1 (Psalm 1, Genesis 1), Jan. 2 (Genesis 2), Jan. 3 (Genesis 3), Jan. 4 (Genesis 4), Jan. 5 (Genesis 5), Jan. 6 (Luke 1), Jan. 7 (Luke 2), Jan. 8 (Psalm 2, Genesis 6), Jan. 9 (Genesis 7), Jan. 10 (Genesis 8), Jan. 11 (Genesis 9), Jan. 12 (Genesis 10), Jan. 13 (Luke 3), Jan. 14 (Luke 4)

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



We will have **regular worship service times (8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.)** next Sunday, January 8, and we will begin a new sermon series entitled “Awesome: Exploring the Nature and Names of Jesus.” You might consider picking up Dick Eastman’s **book** with the same title as a devotional resource for this January sermon series.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Cory Phillips 601-856-6058 or email 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!

Sunday Night student activities have ended for this semester. We will resume our regular Sunday night schedule on Sunday, January 8.

KIDS MINISTRY

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



Fourth and fifth grade students enjoyed a Christmas outing to El Ranchito, followed by games and fun in the Multi-Purpose Room at the church.

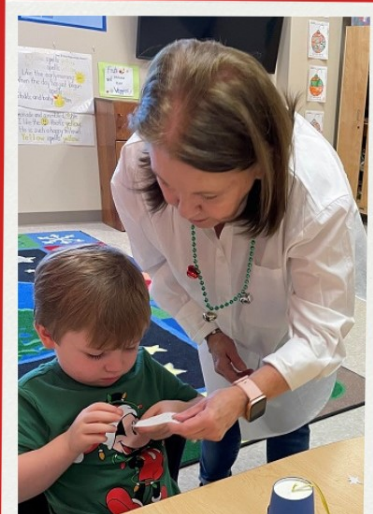
(Photos from other KIDS Ministries Christmas programs and activities can be found throughout the Messenger.)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS! PARTY

AGES 2 1/2 - K5



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Merry Christmas

FROM THE 6TH GRADERS

ADULT MINISTRY

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



Our church sponsors missionaries who serve in a country located in Eastern Europe/West Asia and which is over 90% Muslim. Here is a picture from last week of them hosting a Christmas celebration at their home. Their prayer request was that the Lord would prepare hearts to receive His Word, and they were blessed with a wonderful turnout.



FIVE-MINUTE FAMILY

EQUIPPING BUSY PARENTS FOR
INTENTIONAL FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

MUMC Parents of 3 year olds-3rd grade: You are invited to **REGISTER** (Scan QR code below) for our next **"Five-Minute Family" Family Discipleship Workshop - Saturday, January 21 (8 am-4 pm).**

- a time of encouragement & equipping for Intentional Family Discipleship that includes teaching, discussing and planning with others in groups, & resourcing
- an opportunity to continue in groups with other parent peers & have coaching conversations with Ben or Renee



Email **Ben Butler** (ben@madisonumc.org) with questions
Register with QR Code or at www.madisonumc.org/5MF

ADULT MINISTRY

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

2023

Happy New Year

JANUARY VIP LUNCHEON

Tuesday, January 10, 12:00 noon

*Reservations MUST be made by noon Thursday
January 5*

Call the church office at 601-856-6058

*Sign up on the pew pads or email
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, please.

*Menu: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes,
Creole Cabbage, Mexican Cornbread,
Kumback Salad, Coconut or Key Lime Pie*

INFANT BAPTISM



Duncan Marshall Graham, son of Aaron & Allison Graham and baby brother of Lamar, was baptized on December 28. Grandparents are Les & Sheila Jones.

WINTER/SPRING 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: TBD
- Resumes Jan. 8, 2023

FAITHFUL FRIENDS: Approximate Ages (60+)

- Mondays at 6:00 p.m.
- Location: A member's home
- Contact: Vickie Graves (601)942-7023
- Study: TBD
- Resumes: Jan. 16, 2023

REDEEMED: All Ages

- Tuesdays at 9:30-11:00 a.m.
- Location: Multi-Purpose Room
- Contact: Tracey Thompson (601)906-1744
- Study: *COVENANT*
- Resumes: Jan. 10, 2023

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: Where the Joy Is (a study of the Trinity by Tara-Leigh Cobble of Bible ReCap)
- Resumes: Jan. 18, 2023

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: TBD
- Resumes: Jan. 12, 2023

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (Formerly called UMW)

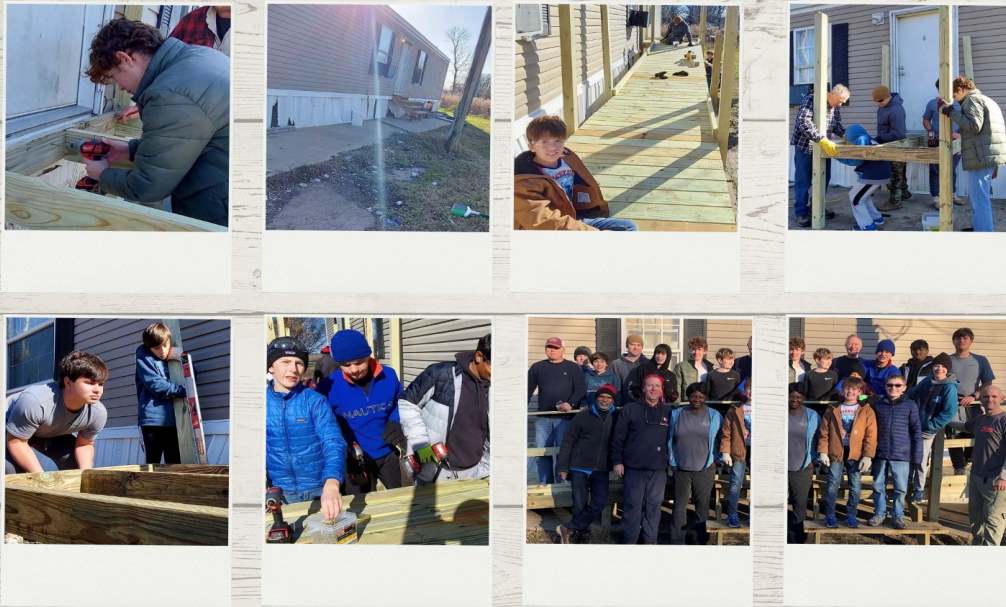
The Naomi-Ruth Circle invites you to join us for some very interesting and informative discussions of mission work, both locally and internationally.

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

MADISON COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

- Tuesdays at 10-11:30 a.m.
- Location: Room 204 (Fellowship Hall)
- Contact: Amanda Sullivan (662)822-7296
- Study: Engaging God's Word / I & II Peter
- Resumes: Jan. 10, 2023

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



On Saturday, December 17th, Scout Troop 15 and church members went to **Delta Grace**. With their time, effort and materials paid for by MUMC, they were able to replace front steps for one resident in Cleveland and construct a 30' wheelchair ramp for a disabled youth in Pace. The families were very grateful.



On December 14, Madison United Methodist Church members wrapped Christmas gifts for the youth of the Methodist Children's Home. The wrapping supplies were donated by Journey of Faith Sunday School class. Also, an annual donation was given from the MUMC budget to support the ministry of Methodist Children's Home.