



Madison United Methodist Church

MESSENGER

"Building faithful disciples, serving Jesus Christ."

No. 24

December 2, 2020

Sunday Services, December 6, 2020
Services in the Sanctuary at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

MISSIONARY KATIE MOODY TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP DECEMBER 6

Katie Moody, a missionary from our church, will be with us in our worship services this Sunday, December 6. She will share about their missionary work in Honduras and about their recovery efforts following the recent hurricanes there. Todd and Katie Moody have served in Honduras since 2015 with their sons Andrew, Conner, and Wesley, and their foster daughter, Anabella.



The Moodys work in children's ministries, community development, evangelism, discipleship, foster care, and family preservation through the Legacy Center El Pino and local churches in the La Ceiba area. They are also directors of a boys' transition program in Tegucigalpa, which provides opportunities to young men who grew up in children's homes or on the streets of Honduras.



DRIVE-THRU COMMUNION

Sunday, December 6
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Please enter through one of the
West (church office) entrances

WEDNESDAYS AT MADISON HAS RESUMED!

- Students will meet in the Chapel from 6-7 p.m.
- **The Pastor's Bible Study will now only meet online. The study will be uploaded every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and website. You can watch the study live or anytime later.**
- Discipleship Groups/Small Groups will not meet in-person for the remainder of the year on Wednesday nights. We will be checking with groups about meeting beginning again in January 2021.
- We will not be able to have our Wednesday Night Supper just yet.



DID YOU KNOW... SUNDAY BULLETINS ARE ONLINE!!!

If you watch the Sunday Morning Worship services online, you can follow the order of worship with an online bulletin. It also includes all the announcements and upcoming events.

Just look on the MUMC website (www.madisonumc.org) to find a link on the opening page or click the Media tab and go to "Bulletins."

A bulletin for the drive-thru Communion Services can also be found in the same two locations.

ADULT MINISTRY

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

ARE YOU TAKING ADVANTAGE OF YOUR FREE RIGHT NOW MEDIA AC- COUNT THROUGH MUMC?

Right Now Media is a streaming Bible study resource MUMC has secured for our members and guests. Our MUMC Bible Reading Plan is taking us into the Gospel of John on Sundays and Mondays (which you can find each day at www.readpraylovedaily.com). This might be a great opportunity to do a deep dive in John personally, as a family, and/or with your Discipleship Group or Sunday School class. *RNM* offers a 2-part series on the Gospel of John featuring respected Christian teacher Dr. Tony Evans that could enrich your reading and study. If you want to receive an email invitation to access *RNM*, please contact **Ben Butler** (ben@madisonumc.org).



"I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE???"

Have you ever wondered how you can find out about all the avenues of communication through MUMC and take advantage of them all? We now have a "one-stop-shopping" place to find out and help others be informed. Visit www.madisonumc.org/communications for a brief run-down of our communications "grapevine" so you can "hear it...through the grapevine"! Please let us know if we have missed anything that needs to be included or changed. THANKS!!!



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

| | | |
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| Margi Baley | Marc Lauderdale | Nancy Quinn |
| Charles Coghlan | Judy McArthur | Ervin Robertson |
| Betsy Cowden | Margaret Mason | Elinor Rummel |
| Bob Ellis | Bob Matthews | Trey Russell |
| Butch & Dianne Harms | Ben Mitchell | Mary Salvatore |
| J. D. Ingram | Jerri Lynn Mitchell | Shauna Sansing |
| Brenda Johnson | The Moody Family | Clay Sellers |
| Hershel Johnson | Willie Moore | Courtney Tucker |
| Jane Jordan | James Morphis | Dwayne Walley |
| Mary Frances Kelly | Robin Morris | Keith Walton |
| | Dupree Petty | Connie Wiseman |
| | Barbara Pittman | Janet Zoble |

Prayer Requests—Family Members and Friends

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| Kate Box | Mary Blaylock's friend |
| Michal Ann Brown | Katie Moody's sister |
| Lee LaBan | Allen LaBan's brother |
| Chaney Stubbs | Hugh /Paula Stubbs' granddaughter |
| Roger Vehorn | Barbara Martin's brother |
| Jacob Willis | Linda Barker's grandson |
| Lynn Yates | Joanne Jones' sister |

Pray for Our Deployed Troops

- Will Beggiani, Ann Beggiani's grandson, U. S. Army, Germany
- Mac Parker, Karen Harper's nephew, U.S. Air Force, Japan
- Zach Al-Azzawi, Bill & Gayle Cooper's grandson-in-law, Afghanistan

In Memorium

Bill Brame-11/25/20

Husband of Carol Brame
Member of MUMC

We express sympathy to the family.

Hospice/Assisted/Living/Nursing Homes

The Blake: Fabia Smith

Beau Ridge: Keith Walton; Jerry & Frankie Mitchell; Joyce Logue; Joan Winstead

St. Catherine's Village: Clara Derrington; Lou Jennings

Home Place: Margi Baley, Barbara Mapp

Expectant Parents: Hannah Rachel & Conner Smith; Jessica & Adam Dilley

New Births:

- Jamison Neil Rawson, son of Jennifer & Chad Rawson, baby brother of Patrick, born November 10
- Smith Crawley Chamblee, son of Casey & Brantley Chamblee, grandson of Ron & Dorothy Terry, born November 19.

MUMC REPORT

| | Offering | | Year-To-Date |
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| | Cash/Check | Electronic | All Giving |
| 11/22/20 | \$18,326.00 | \$15,959.00 | \$1,874,705.31 |
| 11/29/20 | \$19,405.00 | \$ 8250.00 | \$1,902,360.31 |

Education Building Cost: \$5,227,203.00

Education Building Mortgage

Balance (as of 11/05/2020): \$2,126,410.49

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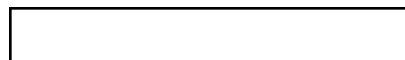
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MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP

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



Sun., Dec. 6 – John 11
Mon., Dec. 7 – John 12
Tues., Dec. 8 – 2 Chronicles 26
Wed., Dec. 9 – 2 Chronicles 27
Thurs., Dec. 10 – 2 Chronicles 28
Fri., Dec. 11 – 2 Chronicles 29
Sat., Dec. 12 - Psalm 99

Sun., Dec. 13 – John 13
Mon., Dec. 14 – John 14
Tues., Dec. 15 – 2 Chronicles 30
Wed., Dec. 16 – 2 Chronicles 31
Thurs., Dec. 17 – 2 Chronicles 32
Fri., Dec. 18 – 2 Chronicles 33
Sat., Dec. 19 - Psalm 100

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MEETINGS

The Intercessory Prayer group is now meeting on Zoom. We meet every Tuesday morning at 11:15 to pray for those on our prayer list. New participants are welcome to join us. If you would like to join us in this time of prayer, please contact Jackie Wilson at jackie@madisonumc.org or Rev. Linda Rickman at linda@madisonumc.org for the ZOOM information.

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



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS PRAYERS TO SHARE WITH OUR CHILDREN

Teaching children the value of prayer, especially during Advent & on Christmas, is a great way to help our children learn what is what is important about the holiday - the birth of Jesus Christ & being thankful every day for the all the things we have. Below are some simple prayers that we can use throughout the Advent & Christmas to remind us all!

The following can be taught as an action prayer. Make a cross with two pointer fingers at the word 'Christ'. Then point to the body part indicated, and make a motion which signifies looking, listening, making etc.

Christ be in our eyes and in our looking,
Christ be in our ears and in our listening,
Christ be in our hands and in our making,
Christ be in our minds and in our understanding,
Christ be in hearts and in our loving.

Dear God, thank you that you are always with us. Thank you that even at our worst moments, you never leave us. Instead, you offer us gentle mercy and grace for every moment of life. Thank you that during Advent we get to celebrate the Lord's coming. Help us look forward to Him coming again with hope and joy. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Dear God, thank you that you love me. Thank you for your Son and the gift of Christmas- his long awaited birth! He is the hero of our lives- help us make him the hero of our days. Thank you that you promise a personal relationship with us. Thank you that you're always with us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Dear God, thank You for giving us the gift of Jesus, the greatest Christmas gift of all. Please help me to remember why we celebrate, even as we eat Christmas cookies & open presents. I am very thankful for the real reason for the season &, without Jesus, we wouldn't have Christmas! I love You & thank You for giving us this day! Amen.

Dear God, thank You for all the gifts You have given us this year. I am very grateful for all the blessings that you gave us to celebrate Christmas happily; our home, my toys, my family, our food on the table, my clothes, everything. I know that all of these gifts came from You & I am very grateful for these & Your love for me. Amen.

Sing: *Happy birthday to You! Happy birthday to You! Happy birthday, dear Jesus! Happy birthday to You!*
Today, we celebrate the birth of the most important person ever. Thank You for sharing this day with us & for giving us the greatest Christmas gift, You! Amen.

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

STUDENT SUNDAY SCHOOL: TACKLING THE TOUGH QUESTIONS!

You can submit your own question, and it can be about anything! "Were there Dinosaurs on the ark?" "Do Dogs go to heaven?" "Why do bad things happen?"... you can ask absolutely anything by texting your question to 601-691-2155. Questions are anonymous, and we will pick one each week to discuss during the Sunday school hour at 9:45am on Sunday mornings!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE DELIVERY OF THANKSGIVING MEALS TO OUR HOMEBOUND SENIOR ADULTS

On Monday afternoon, November 23, a team of volunteers gathered to deliver homemade Thanksgiving meals to eleven homes of our homebound senior adults. Two additional meals were delivered on Tuesday of that week. The meals were prepared by Cynthia Lauderdale, Susie Johnson, and Julie Tipton and frozen so that they could be eaten on Thanksgiving Day or another day of that week. The colorful delivery bags, which were packed by Marvel Allred and Cynthia, included a full meal, a menu sheet and a devotional booklet. The homebound seniors who received these lovely bags were so grateful for the food and other items as well as to be remembered by their church at this special time of year.

Thanks to the following who delivered these meals: Nita & Bobby Henry, Paula Stubbs, Mary Blaylock, Sue Lauderdale, Cynthia & Marc Lauderdale, and Revs. Linda & Cary Rickman and their grandson Griffin Paine.

Shown are pictures of some of those who delivered the meal bags and some of our grateful seniors.



ADULT MINISTRY

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Two weeks ago in our sermon we looked at how the early church in Acts was committed to fellowship and to group-ing. Those continual practices greatly blessed them. Our church has many opportunities for you to connect with other believers so that you can grow in your faith. We hope that you will be a part of at least one of these several groups.

Sunday School classes: You can find information about the many classes that have on our church website (<http://www.madisonumc.org/adult-sunday-school>). Contact Rev. Ben Butler (ben@madisonumc.org) if you need help joining a class.



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Discipleship Groups: Please consider joining or leading a small group. Discipleship Groups can meet at our church on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., which also includes child-care, or at any other location and time that suits your group. We are always wanting to start new small groups in our church, and we also need people to lead those groups. Fill out the form on our website to let us know of your interest (<http://www.madisonumc.org/discipleship-groups>).

Fellowship Partners (NEW): These persons pray for, connect with, and are available to our new church members for a season of several months to build relationship & help them get plugged in. Contact Rev. Ben Butler (ben@madisonumc.org) for information about this.

FELLOWSHIP PARTNERS

Helping you feel at home
in the MUMC family of believers



discipleship bands

Bands (NEW): These small groups of 3-4 people of the same gender meet together to talk about their spiritual lives and to offer encouragement and accountability to one another. Contact Rev. Butler (ben@madisonumc.org) for information about this new ministry.

Bible Studies: We have several Bible studies in our church which will give you the opportunity to learn but to also connect with other people. We have several men's studies meeting currently and here is a link for the current women's studies (<http://www.madisonumc.org/women>).



Fight Club (For Men): There are opportunities we are exploring (including Bands, large events, and studies) to enrich the spiritual brotherhood & growth of our church's men. Please visit <http://www.madisonumc.org/fightclub> for information and to indicate how you want to get involved.

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



WE EXCEEDED OUR GOAL FOR THE MADCAAP FOOD DRIVE

The people of Madison UMC continue to go above and beyond. We had a lofty goal of 1400 boxes of Macaroni and Cheese for the MadCAAP Thanksgiving food drive. You responded in a big way and we received and delivered 1584 boxes.



PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR HONDURAS

As the Madison UMC family, we support two ministries in Honduras, Legacy Mission and Salt and Light. Honduras has just been hit recently by hurricane Eta and Lota. This is on top of the issues they were already facing with Covid-19. We support these ministries with our prayers, our finances and by sending people each year to go and be hands and feet on the ground. We were not able to go this past summer, but were able to provide more financial help than in past years. Please pray with us as we discern the ways God is leading us to care for them now.

