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**Sunday Services, February 28, 2021**

Services in the Sanctuary & Multipurpose Room at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School classes at 9:30 a.m.

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**REGISTER**

AS YOU PLAN TO COME  
BACK TO CAMPUS FOR  
IN-PERSON WORSHIP



**Sunday Morning Worship Reminders**

1. Please register for which worship service you plan to attend. We update the new registration forms every Monday by noon. You can register by calling the church office or by registering online (<https://madisonumc.thersvpapp.com/>).
2. Please consider worshipping with friends or Sunday School class members in the Multi-Purpose Room services to make room for our guests and senior adults in our sanctuary.
3. We do ask that everyone please exit the sanctuary and the Multi-Purpose Room immediately at the end of every service. We have Sunday School classes that meet in both of those rooms after the 8:45 a.m. services, and we need to promptly clean those rooms for those classes. Also, we will not be able to open those rooms for the 10:45 a.m. services until 10:30 a.m. so that we can have time to clean them.
4. Parents and grandparents with children or youth in Sunday School can go to Room 127 or Room 208 to wait for them or to "ZOOM" with your Sunday School (for those classes meeting offsite.)

*Thank you for your continued patience with these requests as we try to meet the many needs of our church family, guests, and classes in this season.*

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**In-Person Holy Communion – Sunday, March 21**



We plan to have our first celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion at our in-person worship services on Sunday, March 21. Our ushers will lead you in this, and the communion elements will be distributed in a way that will not require contact with other people. We will have detailed directions for this in our next newsletter and in future emails and social media posts. We will postpone our Drive-Through Communion Service to March 21, too.

# MADISON UMC REOPENING PLANS AND GUIDELINES

*“Building Faithful Disciples, Serving Jesus Christ”*

Our Administrative Council has approved our church going back to Phase 2 guidelines. We will have in-person worship services, nursery, most Sunday School classes, and groups back on our campus.



## PHASE 2 GUIDELINES

Sanctuary and Multi-Purpose Room worship services (8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.)

- Masks are required. They must cover your **mouth and nose** and must be worn when you are on our campus.
- We will have live services at both locations. Please register for which service you plan to attend.

### Sunday School classes

- KIDS, Students, and some Adult Sunday School classes can now meet on campus. Several adult classes will meet via Zoom due to room size restrictions under our current safety protocols.

### On-Campus Groups

- Bible studies, groups, and committees can now meet on campus. Those groups will need to follow our current safety protocols. They must also reserve their room with our church office so that we can make sure to have your room ready for you and to insure that we can clean the room for the next group who has reserved it.

### Guidelines

- Time your arrival for 10 minutes prior to the start of the service.
- Family units may sit next to each other in worship, but everyone must practice social distancing.
- Offering baskets will be placed at the exits of each room.
- We will not use bulletins, pew Bibles, or hymnals during this stage.

### Reminders

- All doors will be opened for you by Greeters. Ushers will direct you to your seating. They will both be wearing face coverings.
- The sanctuary and MPR will be cleaned between services.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be readily available throughout the building.
- There will be no coffee stations or food available during this time. We also ask that you do not bring your own food or coffee to the campus.
- Please sneeze or cough into a tissue or the inside of your elbow.
- Congregational singing will not yet be part of our worship service due to safety concerns.
- The length of the services will be moderately abbreviated, so that Sunday School classes who are not meeting on our campus will be able to meet via Zoom from 9:40 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
- Individuals with serious underlying health conditions, including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune systems are compromised (such as chemotherapy and other conditions requiring such therapy) are encouraged to stay at home and join us online. The CDC has reported that older adults and people with these listed conditions “seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complication from COVID-19 illness.”
- Those who have a fever and/or feel sick should stay at home and join us for worship online.
- Any student or adult who has been under a quarantine should refrain from attending services on our campus and church activities that are off-campus.
- Please do not congregate in the parking lot before or after the worship services.

*Please know that our plans may change week to week based on the latest available information. We may be able to move quickly to Stage 3 or we may have to go back and suspend services at some point. Thank you for your patience as we continue to monitor those developments and to move as safely and as wisely as we can.*

# 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](mailto:jackie@madisonumc.org) if prayer is still needed.**

### Prayer Requests – MUMC Members

Carol Ann Ables	Ben Mitchell	Dwayne Walley
Mike Armstrong	The Moody Family	Janet Zoble
Ann Artmann	Willie Moore	
Margi Baley	James Morphis	
Bob Ellis	Dupree Petty	
Katherine Fowler	Norma Richards	
Dianne Harms	Susan Ross	
Brenda Johnson	Elinor Rummel	
Mary Frances Kelly	Trey Russell	
Tanner Knotts	Billy Sansing	
Barbara Martin	Shauna Sansing	
Judy McArthur	Beverly Sartor	
Patsy McCarty	Courtney Tucker	

### Prayer Requests—Family Members and Friends

Kate Box	Mary Blaylock's friend
Michal Ann Brown	Katie Moody's sister
Ivy Coleman	Vanita McMullin's uncle
Chuck Daniels	Gwyn Bourne's brother
Agnes Gardner	Vanita McMullin's mother
Karen Hacker	Diane Goolsby's friend
Keith Lindsey	Beth Lindsey's son
Sandra Miller	friend of MUMC
Troy Odom	Elizabeth Carr's father
Amanda Richards	John/Norma Richards' daughter
Robert Segraves	Cindy Phillips' brother
Carolyn Stringer	Ken Stringer's mother
Roger Vehorn	Barbara Martin's brother

### Pray for Our Deployed Troops

- Will Beggiani, Ann Beggiani's grandson, U. S. Army, Germany
- Zach Al-Azzawi, Bill & Gayle Cooper's grandson-in-law, Afghanistan

## *In Memoriam*

**Bill Thomas—2/2/21**

Father of Tamara Gammon  
Member of MUMC

**Betty Bailess—2/3/21**

Grandmother of Brooke Hood

**John Ford—2/8/21**

Father of Marty Ford  
Member of MUMC

**Ann Newman—2/3/21**

Mother of Matthew Newman

**J D Ingram—2/9/21**

Husband of Bettie Ingram  
Member of MUMC

**Vida Corley—2/22/21**

Grandmother of Melanie Bishop

*We express our sympathy to the families.*

### Hospice/Assisted/Living/Nursing Homes

**The Blake:** Fabia Smith

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

**St. Catherine's Village:** Clara Derrington; Lou Jennings; Barbara Pittman; Mary Salvatore

**Home Place:** Margi Baley, Barbara Mapp

**Expectant Parents:** Kayla & Chase Douglas

### New Babies:

- Josephine Grace "Josie" Vaughn, daughter of Jennifer & Jake Vaughn, granddaughter of Steve & Marcia Whatley, was born February 2.
- Jude Davis Hancock, son of Channing & Josh Hancock, and granddaughter of Neil & Heather Osborne and great granddaughter of Ronnie Googe, born February 8.

## **MUMC REPORT**

	Offering		Year-To-Date
	Cash/Check	Electronic	All Giving
2/14/21	\$38,509	\$12,720	\$316,210
2/21/21	\$31,541	\$12,225	\$359,976

Education Building Cost: \$5,227,203.00

Education Building Mortgage

Balance (as of 2/4/21): \$2,108,820.09

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Madison, MS 39110  
601-856-6058  
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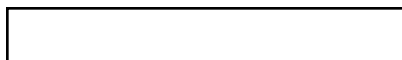
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**MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP**

Rev. James E. Swanson, Sr., Resident Bishop  
Rev. Connie Shelton, District Superintendent  
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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., Feb. 28 – Revelation 14  
Mon., Mar. 1 – Revelation 15  
Tues., Mar. 2 – Job 5  
Wed., Mar. 3 – Job 6  
Thurs., Mar. 4 – Job 7  
Fri., Mar. 5 – Job 8  
Sat., Mar. 6 - Psalm 111

Sun., Mar. 7 – Revelation 16  
Mon., Mar. 8 – Revelation 17  
Tues., Mar. 9 – Job 9  
Wed., Mar. 10 – Job 10  
Thurs., Mar. 11 – Job 11  
Fri., Mar. 12 – Job 12  
Sat., Mar. 13 - Psalm 112

**LENTEN GATHERINGS**

- Nightly 7:00-7:20 pm Zoom meetings; logon as early as 6:45 pm for extra fellowship; No prep required, come as often as you wish
- ZOOM ACCESS found at [www.madisonumc.org/lent2021](http://www.madisonumc.org/lent2021) (Click on **JOIN MEETING HERE** in 1st sentence)
- Reading, praying, reflecting on, singing, and discussing Psalms selected for Lent by J.D. Walt in his devotional **SOUNDTRACK**





## ADULT MINISTRY

Rev. Ben Butler 601-856-6058 or email [ben@madisonumc.org](mailto:ben@madisonumc.org)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Zack & Amanda Hamilton joined the MUMC church family on February 3.

**VIP's of Madison United Methodist Church  
will have a drive-thru luncheon  
At 12:00 noon Tuesday March 9**

**Reservations MUST be made by noon Thursday March 4**

**Call the church office at 601-856-6058**

**Or email [jone@madisonumc.org](mailto:jone@madisonumc.org)**

**Cost of lunch is \$5.00 per person-please have exact cash or check  
One lunch per VIP, please**

To pick up your delicious lunch  
Please enter the Fellowship Hall  
parking lot from Main Street

Menu:

Poppyseed Chicken

Green rice

Carrots

Blueberry & gorgonzola salad

Sour cream roll

Fresh strawberry cake



## TRUSTEES NEWS

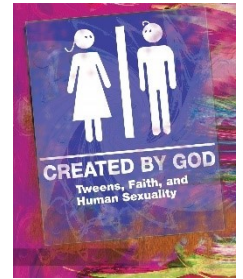
We recently installed ionization devices in our central air systems. As air passes over the system, millions of positively and negatively charged ions are formed. These bipolar ions disperse into the occupied space through the duct system, proactively attacking airborne contaminants where they cause the most problems for occupants. This new system is low maintenance, energy efficient, and highly effective on pollutants such as particulate matter, bacteria, viruses, mold spores, odors, and VOCs. Special thanks go to our Trustees as they continue to work to improve the safety of our campus and to wonderfully maintain it.

Many thanks are due to the team that worked on the lighting project for the sanctuary. In the last newsletter, Pastor Barry noted the leadership of the Board of Trustees. I would like to add that much thanks goes to Bobby Tickner. For over eight years, Bobby worked hard on several proposals working out the details of conversion of the old incandescent lighting to LEDs. Bobby was consulted, knowing that it was going to be very difficult to change the lighting. With the old system, when we had the sanctuary lights on, we were using about 20,000 watts. With the new LEDs, we will be using only about 7,000 watts. At the end of 2019, the Board of Trustees felt it was financially prudent to include sanctuary lighting in their budget request for 2020. The Finance Committee agreed that it was time to make this improvement and approved the necessary funding. AND it is because of your continuing financial support during this pandemic, the work is completed. The vendors involved in this project were Chris Haynes Electric Supply, Magnolia Electric Company, McGuffie Painting and Waterproofing, and mostly Bobby Tickner with Hartwell Cook & Associates. All of these vendors have been skillfully coordinated by Doug Owens. I trust that all of you will see an improvement in the sanctuary lighting. Thank You, Ric Stanfield

**KIDS MINISTRY**  
**Renee Scales 601-856-6058 or email [renee@madisonumc.org](mailto:renee@madisonumc.org)**

**CREATED BY GOD IS MARCH 25-27, 2021**

All 5<sup>th</sup> 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 in fact written by Rev. James H. Ritchie, Jr., a United Methodist minister and Christian educator.



Registration is limited to 25 students on a first-come-first-served basis, and members/regular attendees of Madison UMC will be given first priority.

This is a major time commitment on the part of parents/grandparents, 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/Grandparents**    **Thurs., March 25 – Time to be Determined**  
**Students**                                    **Fri., March 26, 6:30-9:00 p.m.**  
    **Sat., March 27, 8:30a.m.-2:00 p.m.**  
**Students & Parents/Grandparents** **Sat., March 27, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**

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

**Let me know if you need a registration form. The deadline for registration is Thursday, March 11.** After the 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 send me an e-mail.



Our Confirmation Kickoff Event for our 6<sup>th</sup> graders is Sunday, March 21 at 6 p.m. and is an event for you, your student, & their mentors. Watch for details about location and whether food will be served. Also to help with 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 April 4 or May 9](#). Confirmation Sunday is [May 23](#).

Information cards have been emailed to 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents. If you did not receive one, please let me know. Completed cards need to be returned no later than March 5. The completed cards can be emailed to [renee@madisonumc.org](mailto:renee@madisonumc.org) or mailed to the church office (100 Post Oak Rd – Madison, MS 39110).



**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!

## KIDS MINISTRY

Renee Scales 601-856-6058 or email [renee@madisonumc.org](mailto:renee@madisonumc.org)

**WELCOME**  
**BABY**

### ARE YOU EXPECTING A NEW LITTLE ONE?

If you and your family are expecting a new baby, please let me know. We would like to pray for you during this special time!

### CALENDAR DATES

Vacation Bible School

June 28 – July 2



## AFTER-SCHOOL CARE MINISTRY

Gayle Hart 601-856-6058 or email [preschool@madisonumc.org](mailto:preschool@madisonumc.org)

### 2021-22 AFTER-SCHOOL CARE REGISTRATION



#### Returning Children & Siblings

February 25<sup>th</sup>-March 5<sup>th</sup>

Registration Instructions:

2021-22 Registration Forms will be sent home with your child the week of registration.

Complete and submit the Registration Form.

Pay the \$150.00 Registration Fee. *Checks should be made out to Madison UMC ASC.*

**Deadline to submit the Registration Form & Fee is March 5<sup>th</sup>**

### 2021-22 ASC Registration for New Children

Registration Instructions:

Call the ASC Office to check for availability.

Go to our website at [www.madisonumc.org](http://www.madisonumc.org) to download the 2021-22 Registration Form & the Draft Form.

Complete the Registration & Draft Forms.

Drop off the completed Registration & Draft Form along with a voided check. **All information can be dropped off in the drop box outside the Preschool door. The Registration Fee for \$150.00 will need to be included.** *Checks should be made out to Madison UMC ASC.*

#### **Registration Dates are below:**

Church Members Only-March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Open to the Community-March 23<sup>rd</sup> until all vans are full



**MISSION MINISTRY**  
Steve Potter 601-856-6058 or email [steve@madisonumc.org](mailto:steve@madisonumc.org)



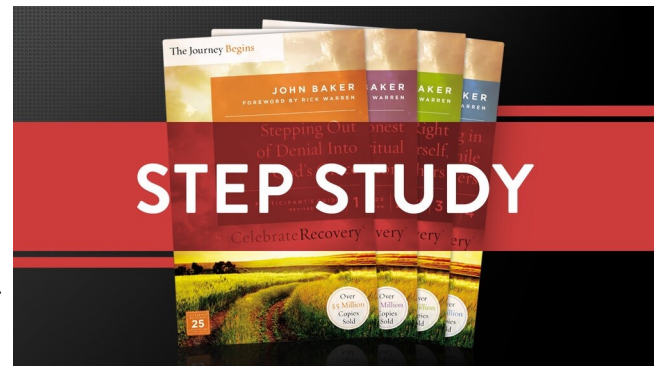
## SALT & LIGHT MISSION TRIP TO HONDURAS

Reach out for more info ASAP, as plans for the mission team will be complete soon. The dates for the trip are June 17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. We will be participating in construction, vacation Bible school, medical, dental, Bible studies, and evangelism. Please contact Phil Hinton 601-940-9033 for more information or to fill out an application.

## NEW STEP STUDY

Tuesday nights at 6:30, starting March 9<sup>th</sup>

Step studies are for anyone dealing with hurts, habits or hang-ups and those who would like training to be a group leader at Celebrate Recovery. Celebrate Recovery is a much needed ministry to our members and our community. For more information, please contact the church office at 601-856-6058 or email [steve@madisonumc.org](mailto:steve@madisonumc.org)



**WOMEN'S MINISTRY**  
Rev. Linda Rickman 601-856-6058 or email [linda@madisonumc.org](mailto:linda@madisonumc.org)

## JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL IF:MUMC ON MARCH 5-6!

This year, instead of gathering together at the church, we will be gathering in our individual homes to watch the live-stream IF:Gathering event the weekend of March 5-6. Based on your comfort level, you can gather with a few friends or watch it independently. Regardless, we want you to be a part of this world-wide event for women to come together and learn more about Jesus.

To register, please follow the following steps:

1. Go to [www.watch.if2021.com](http://www.watch.if2021.com).
2. Click on "join a group"
3. Enter Group Name: IF:MUMC
4. Enter Access Code: IFMUMC21
5. Your Basic Pass is already included \*\*NO REGISTRATION FEE
6. Scroll to the bottom and select NEXT
7. Enter your information
8. You are all set!

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Archer, (502) 303-1614, or Rachel Chew, (662) 769-0763), or by email at [ifmumc@gmail.com](mailto:ifmumc@gmail.com).

