



Sunday Services, February 7, 2021
Services in the Sanctuary at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.



- What: MUMC Online Lenten Gatherings (Worship through God’s Soundtrack called “The Psalms” & Small Breakout Group Sharing/Prayer)
- When: Each Night in Lent at 7:00 P.M. (You can log-on starting 6:45; Wed., Feb. 17 thru Sun., Apr. 4; come as often as you can)
- How: Go to <http://www.madisonumc.org/lent2021> to access the Zoom Meeting Link (click on JOIN MEETING HERE in the first sentence).

We don't yet know when we will be able to gather safely without restrictions for large group worship and small group learning and fellowship. But Lent is almost here. Can we take a corporate journey together by listening to, praying, meditating on, and singing from God’s Soundtrack – the book of Psalms – to prepare us to celebrate again Christ’s sacrifice and victory that we remember in Holy Week? Consider committing (and inviting others) to LOG-ON each night during Lent (Ash Wednesday – Feb. 17 thru Easter – April 4) at 7:00 PM for a 15-20 minute time of worship and sharing guided by J.D. Walt’s Lenten Psalm selections and meditation. No homework or preparation required – just log-on, listen in, and worship! We are even going to try out singing (you can just listen if you’re not a singer!) these Psalms with the contemporary audio tracks Seedbed has prepared for this journey (found at <http://www.soundtrackforlent.com>) and spend a few moments sharing and praying in small break-out groups. The ZOOM MEETING LINK can be found at <http://www.madisonumc.org/lent2021> (Click where it says JOIN MEETING HERE in the first sentence). Feel free to log-on right after 6:45 PM for additional fellowship time until worship starts at 7:00 PM sharp (finishing no later than 7:20 PM). Join in as often as you can. Paperback copies of the devotional can be purchased for \$10 if you want one – but again, you don’t have to study anything in advance. You can just show up. Email Ben Butler (ben@madisonumc.org) to reserve a copy. If you need help getting set-up with Zoom, please do not hesitate to contact Ben Butler.

ASH WEDNESDAY PLANS



As we did with our Christmas Eve service due to several safety concerns, we will need to move our Ash Wednesday service outside. The liturgy for the service will be our website and we will also have it as a handout that day. As we do for our Drive-Through communion services, please enter by one of the west entrances. Stop at each designated sign, read aloud the particular reading, and then proceed to the next station. You will eventually pull under the covered drop-off to receive the imposition of ashes from one of our pastors and then you will exit our campus from that station. To accommodate those who do not want to drive at night, we will have two times for this drive-through service - 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Last fall we offered the online New Room Conference as a worship and discipleship opportunity for our church to enjoy. On Ash Wednesday the same group from Seedbed will offer another online experience from 6:00-8:00 p.m. There will be wonderful speakers, times for vibrant worship, a performance from Lo Alaman (who our students know well from Lake Junaluska), and a time for confession and repentance. Go to www.newroomconference.com for the event details and you can register for this free online experience at <https://my.seedbed.com/product/a-night-with-new-room-ash-wednesday/>.



ARE YOU TAKING ADVANTAGE OF YOUR FREE RIGHT NOW MEDIA ACCOUNT THROUGH MUMC?

Right Now Media is a streaming Bible study resource MUMC has secured for our members and guests. For some suggested studies, please periodically check www.madisonumc.org/rnm. If you want to receive an email invitation to access *RNM* please contact Ben Butler (ben@madisonumc.org).



2021 LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE LIST CORRECTION

An outdated roster of Altar Guild members was inadvertently listed in the last *Messenger*. Here is the corrected list: Sandra Grissom, chair; Robbie Barmer, Beth Brown, Linda Brunt, Theresa Buchanan, Connie Bush, Mary Hall Coon, Suzanne Dennery, Ronnie Googe, Gina Holcomb, Judy Honeycutt, Angela Ingram, Kathy Long, Mary Margaret Lowery, Margaret Lyons, Judy McNeil, Kathy Mowdy, Pam O'Keefe, Marsha Petty, Suzanne Sullivan, Ethel Taquino. Ex Officio: Rev. Barry Male

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

Prayer Requests—Family Members and Friends

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| Betty Bailess | Brooke Hood's grandmother |
| Kate Box | Mary Blaylock's friend |
| Michal Ann Brown | Katie Moody's sister |
| Ivy Coleman | Vanita McMullin's uncle |
| Vida Corley | Melanie Bishop's grandmother |
| Chuck Daniels | Gwyn Bourne's brother |
| Agnes Gardner | Vanita McMullin's mother |
| Keith Lindsey | Beth Lindsey's son |
| 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

J. S. "Brother" Harris—1/24/21

Husband of Janie Harris
Member of MUMC

Hershel Johnson—1/27/21

Husband of Wanda Johnson
Member of MUMC

DeSha Montgomery—1/30/21

Wife of Sam Montgomery
Member of MUMC

Robin Morris—1/31/21

Wife of Todd Morris, mother of Mary Grace, Addie and Sarah Love
Member of MUMC

Rosemary Steir—1/31/21

Mother of Linda Barker

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: Josh & Channing Hancock; Kayla & Chase Douglas

MUMC REPORT

| Thru | Offering | | Year-To-Date All Giving |
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| | Cash/Check | Electronic | |
| 1/31/21 | \$87,685.45 | \$56,979.00 | \$144,664.45 |

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| Education Building Cost: | \$5,227,203.00 |
| Education Building Mortgage | |
| Balance (as of 1/4/21): | \$2,108,820.09 |

Madison United Methodist Church
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Website: www.madisonumc.org

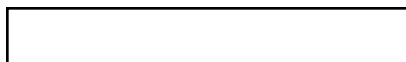
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Please deliver by: Saturday, February 6, 2021

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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



**For the 1st Year of the Plan, go to <http://www.readpraylovedaily.com/year-1-plan/>;
the 3rd Year plan is below

Sun., Feb. 7 – Revelation 8
Mon., Feb. 8 – Revelation 9
Tues., Feb. 9 – Esther 2
Wed., Feb. 10 – Esther 3
Thurs., Feb. 11 – Esther 4
Fri., Feb. 12 – Esther 5
Sat., Feb. 13 - Psalm 108

Sun., Feb. 14 – Revelation 10
Mon., Feb. 15 – Revelation 11
Tues., Feb. 16 – Esther 6
Wed., Feb. 17 – Esther 7
Thurs., Feb. 18 – Esther 8
Fri., Feb. 19 – Esther 9
Sat., Feb. 20 - Psalm 109



PRESCHOOL MINISTRY
Gayle Hart 601-856-6058 or email preschool@madisonumc.org

**2021-22 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR
NEW CHILDREN**



Begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. (can't be accepted before 8:00) by email only - Preschool@madisonumc.org. **There will be NO walk-in registration.** Spaces will be filled on a 1st in 1st served basis.

Church Members- Monday, February 22, 2021
Open to the Community- Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Once you've been contacted that a spot is available, you will need to do the following:

- Download and complete the [2021-22 Madison UMC Preschool Registration Form](#).
- The non-refundable \$150.00 Registration Fee is due.
- Download and complete the [Bank Draft Form](#) that will be necessary for tuition payments. Also, you will need to include a voided check.

You will need to set up a time to drop off the above information. There will be a drop off box set up at the Preschool doors.

2021-22 AFTER-SCHOOL CARE REGISTRATION



Returning Children & Siblings

February 25th-March 5th

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 5th

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 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 22nd

Open to the Community-March 23rd until all vans are full

GRATITUDE

“Does it ever feel like you’re *constantly* telling your kids to stop complaining? As a Christian parent, *do you share Bible verses with them in the hopes that they will see how important it is to always be thankful and grateful and never grumble again....* but it doesn’t seem to work?”

I think sometimes we can get caught up in saying the same thing over and over and get frustrated when it seems that our parenting in this area isn’t making a difference.

Truly, though, we need to know that it **is** having an impact—more than we think! But sometimes we need some fresh ways to talk about being grateful with our kids that can help turn their thoughts away from themselves and call to mind their blessings.”

An attitude of gratitude also turns what we already have into enough. When we are always looking for more or something else, we forget what we do have.

Experts offer this four step process to help us develop an attitude of gratitude:

What we **NOTICE** in our lives for which we can be grateful
How we **THINK** about why we have been given those things
How we **FEEL** about the things we have been given
What we **DO** to express appreciation in turn

Below are some inexpensive gratitude journals that a parent and/or families can do together as a devotion or family (or one-on-one) activity that help us notice, think, feel, & do. They are simple and take 3 minutes or less! These books are available on Amazon & there are plenty more to choose from!

The 3 Minute Gratitude Journal for Kids

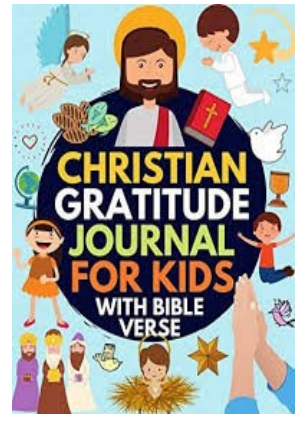
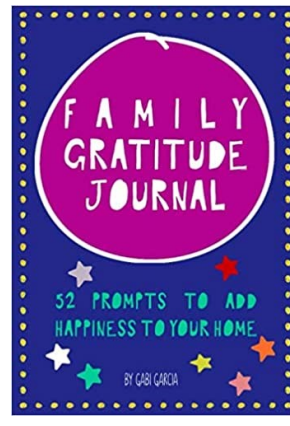
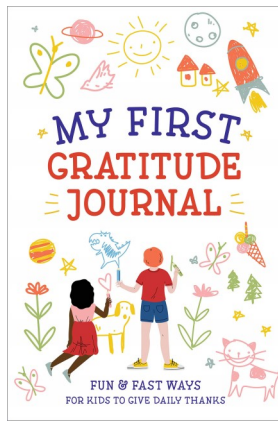
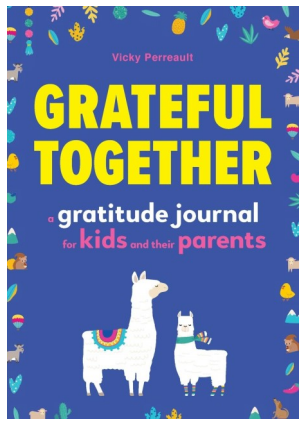
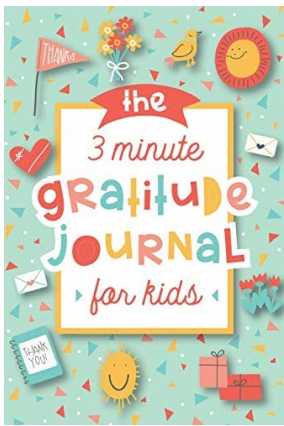
Grateful Together – a gratitude journal for kids and their parents

My First Gratitude Journal – Fun & Fast Ways for Kids to Give Daily Thanks

Christian Gratitude Journal for Kids with Bible Verse

Family Gratitude Journal – 52 Prompts to Add Happiness to Your Home

Let me know how you & your family are working on gratitude in 2021!

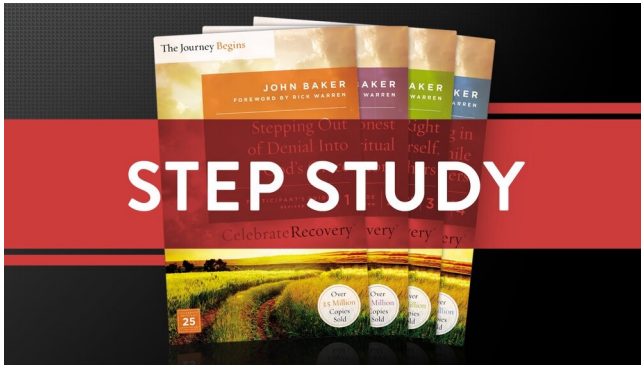


Don't forget that each week's Sunday School lessons are posted on the church's website - www.madisonumc.org. Go to the Ministries tab & select KIDS. Each week's lessons for Younger 2's - 6th grade are posted.

On January 31 we began a new module – for the next 3 weeks our Older 2's, 3's, & 4's will focus on *Jesus Loves Us*, K5, 1st grade, & 2nd grade will focus on *Families*, 3rd & 4th graders will focus on *Jesus' Parables*, & our 5th & 6th graders will focus on *Money & Time*.

ADULT MINISTRY

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



NEW STEP STUDY

New 12 Step Studies for men and women will be starting Tuesday, March 9th, at 6:30. If you are interested in being in a step study, training to be a leader for Celebrate Recovery or would like more information on Step Studies or Celebrate Recovery, please contact the church office at 601-856-6058 or email steve@madisonumc.org

Do you miss the beautiful altar flower arrangements on Sunday mornings?



The Altar Guild would like to give church members the opportunity to once again grace the Sanctuary with arrangements in honor or in memory of loved ones. The first available Sunday will be February 14.

You may sign up for one or both arrangements at \$65 each by calling the church office at 601-856-6058. While Covid protocols are still in place and no printed bulletins are being used, the donors will be acknowledged in the on-line bulletin.

HOW CAN I STAY INFORMED ABOUT MUMC COMMUNICATIONS?

Please visit www.madisonumc.org/communications for a comprehensive list of our MUMC communications avenues such as:

- ⇒ how to receive the newsletter,
- ⇒ how to sign up for church emails
- ⇒ how to receive our text messaging service
- ⇒ how to access our social media accounts
- ⇒ and more.



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



**Missions Opportunity - let's go and
be the **Salt and Light** in the
World this summer in **Honduras**.**

Our annual mission trip has been scheduled for **June 17th - 24th, 2021. We will have many opportunities to be the “Hands and Feet” of Christ while serving the less fortunate. Activities will include - construction, vacation Bible school, medical, dental, Bible studies, and door to door evangelism.**

Great accommodations. Our team will stay at Hotel Finca Las Glorias overlooking the beautiful Lake De Yojoa, near Pena Blanca, Honduras.

MUMC will again partner with St. Mark's and Fannin Baptist. Our first team meeting will be by Zoom on Saturday, February 6, at 2:00 p.m.

If you are interested in going or just learning more about this trip and missions Opportunity please feel free to contact: Phil Hinton 601-940-9033



PLEASE REACH OUT SOON if you are at all interested or have any questions about this mission opportunity. This will help with planning and logistics which are already underway, and you do not want to miss it.