



Madison United Methodist Church

# MESSENGER

“Building faithful disciples, serving Jesus Christ.”

No. 2

January 20, 2021

**Sunday Services, January 24, 2021**  
Services in the Sanctuary at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

## Drive -Thru Communion

Sunday, February 7

Due to the Super Bowl game time that day, we will bump the starting time of Communion back an hour (2:00-3:00 p.m.).

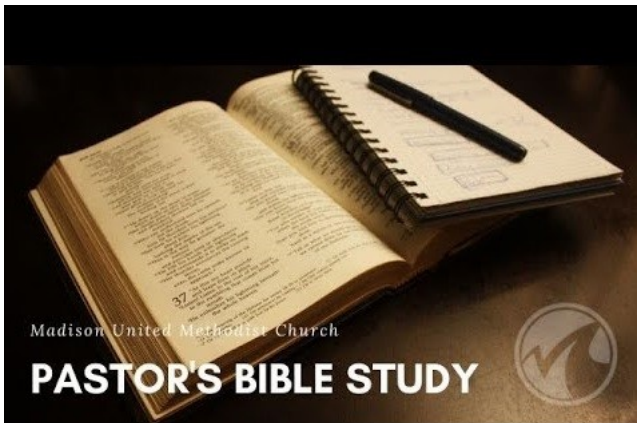
Please enter on the west side of our campus and then follow around to the east parking lot to receive Communion.

### NEW SANCTUARY LIGHTING

In January, we began replacing the sanctuary lighting with LED lights. This will give much better lighting for our pews and for the platform area, help us save on energy costs, and limit bulb replacement and other maintenance. Thank you for your understanding with this minor inconvenience.

The scaffolding will be down for this Sunday, January 24. It is our hope and plan that it will not be up for any future services. Special thanks go to our Trustees for addressing this important need.





## ***PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY***

The Pastor's Bible Study will resume on **Wednesday, January 20**. 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. We will not be able to have our Wednesday Night Supper just yet.

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## **HOW CAN I STAY INFORMED ABOUT MUMC COMMUNICATIONS?**

Please visit [www.madisonumc.org/communications](http://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.



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## **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](mailto:jackie@madisonumc.org) or Rev. Linda Rickman at [linda@madisonumc.org](mailto:linda@madisonumc.org) for the ZOOM information.

# 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	The Moody Family
Mike Armstrong	Willie Moore
Margi Baley	James Morphis
Bob Ellis	Robin Morris
Dianne Harms	Dupree Petty
Brother Harris	Susan Ross
J. D. Ingram	Elinor Rummel
Brenda Johnson	Trey Russell
Hershel Johnson	Billy Sansing
Mary Frances Kelly	Shauna Sansing
Tanner Knotts	Beverly Sartor
Barbara Martin	Courtney Tucker
Judy McArthur	Dwayne Walley
Ben Mitchell	Janet Zoble

### Prayer Requests—Family Members and Friends

Kate Box	Mary Blaylock's friend
Michal Ann Brown	Katie Moody's sister
Helen Ann Campbell	Cory & Abbey Phillips' friend
Ivy Coleman	Vanita McMullin's uncle
Vida Corley	Melanie Bishop's grandmother
Agnes Gardner	Vanita McMullin's mother
Keith Lindsey	Beth Lindsey's son
Troy Odom	Elizabeth Carr's father
Amanda Richards	John/Norma Richards' daughter
Carolyn Stringer	Ken Stringer's mother
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
- Zach Al-Azzawi, Bill & Gayle Cooper's grandson-in-law, Afghanistan

## *In Memoriam*

**Sonny Potts—12/30/20**

Brother of James Potts,  
Uncle of Steve Whatley

**John Dumas—1/8/21**

Father of Kelly Wood

**James Eddy—1/15/21**

Father of Scott Eddy

**Horace Brewer—1/15/21**

Friend of MUMC

**Charles Calhoun—1/19/21**

Father of Beth Haller

*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**

	Offering		Year-To-Date
	Cash/Check	Electronic	All Giving
1/10/21	N/A		
1/17/21	N/A		

Education Building Cost:	\$5,227,203.00
Education Building Mortgage	
Balance (as of 1/4/21):	\$2,117,557.69

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Website: [www.madisonumc.org](http://www.madisonumc.org)

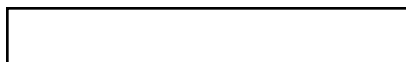
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**MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP**

**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., Jan. 24 – Revelation 4  
Mon., Jan. 25 – Revelation 5  
Tues., Jan. 26 – Nehemiah 7  
Wed., Jan. 27 – Nehemiah 8  
Thurs., Jan. 28 – Nehemiah 9  
Fri., Jan. 29 – Nehemiah 10  
Sat., Jan. 30 - Psalm 106

Sun., Jan. 31 – Revelation 6  
Mon., Feb. 1 – Revelation 7  
Tues., Feb. 2 – Nehemiah 11  
Wed., Feb. 3 – Nehemiah 12  
Thurs., Feb. 4 – Nehemiah 13  
Fri., Feb. 5 – Esther 1  
Sat., Feb. 6 - Psalm 107

**MUSIC MINISTRY**  
**Lori Blount 601-856-6058 or email [lori@madisonumc.org](mailto:lori@madisonumc.org)**

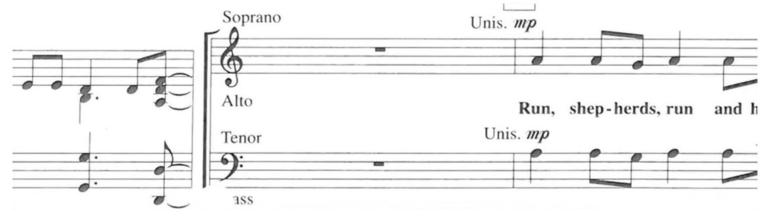
**CHANCEL CHOIR GOES VIRTUAL**

Singers from our Chancel Choir participated in several virtual choir performances last fall and during Advent. It was a new experience and well worth the effort so that we could appear all together.

Here's how we do it:

Lori selects a song and then Donna records the piano part. Lori then creates "lead tracks" for the various voice parts in the choir. She records herself singing the soprano part along with the piano track, and then does the same for the alto part. Male soloists record lead tracks for both the tenor and bass parts.

These recordings are sent to our video producer who takes each one and adds the words of the song so that they scroll along the top of the video. He then sends these four lead videos back to Lori who then sends them out to the choir. Each singer can then use the lead video to learn and rehearse his or her particular voice part.



Next, singers are scheduled to come to the church one at a time to record their part. Lori takes care of all the tech work, so all the singer has to do is....well...sing.

The singer stands in front of a light ring which has Lori's Ipad attached in the center. The Ipad camera is used to record the video. Also in front of each singer is a music stand on which there is a lap top computer just below the sightline of the camera. The lead track video is played on this computer. Ear bud headphones are plugged into the computer. The singer puts either one or both buds in their ears to hear the audio of the lead track. They will see the lead track video on the computer screen with the words and music scrolling at the top. After a quick volume and sound test, we are ready to record. Lori starts the video recording on the Ipad then presses "play" on the computer and....voila! The singer sings along with the lead video.



After all the individual recordings are made, Lori sends them to the video producer. As the project comes together, he sends Lori rough drafts to preview for further refinement. At last, the project is complete and ready to share with our church and community.

The beauty of a virtual choir is that no singer can do anything to mess it up! Can't hit all the high notes? No problem. Voice a little squeaky on recording day? No worries. The magic of video and audio editing makes everyone sound great! If there's a major flub while making an individual recording, we just do another recording.

**We plan to do several more virtual choir projects in the coming year.**  
**And now that you know how it all works....why not be a part of the miracle?**  
**Let me know if you'd like to be included in our next virtual choir project.**

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

**“READ. PRAY. LOVE. DAILY.”... WITH YOUR MUMC FAMILY**  
**– BEGINNING JANUARY 10, 2021**

- To start from the beginning (a new cycle began on January 10, 2021), please go to [www.readpraylovedaily.com/year-1-plan/](http://www.readpraylovedaily.com/year-1-plan/)
- To continue or dive-in with those starting the 3rd year, see each day’s post by going directly to [www.readpraylovedaily.com](http://www.readpraylovedaily.com), access it under the “BIBLE” tab in our smartphone app, or see the schedule printed on the back of this newsletter



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**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](http://www.madisonumc.org/rnm). If you want to receive an email invitation to access *RNM* please contact Ben Butler ([ben@madisonumc.org](mailto:ben@madisonumc.org)).



**PRESCHOOL MINISTRY**  
Gayle Hart 601-856-6058 or email [preschool@madisonumc.org](mailto: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](mailto:Preschool@madisonumc.org). **There will be NO walk-in registration.** Spaces will be filled on a 1<sup>st</sup> in 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

For questions contact Gayle Hart at 601-853-7436 or [preschool@madisonumc.org](mailto:preschool@madisonumc.org).

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## 2021-22 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR RETURNING CHILDREN & THEIR SIBLINGS

Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, a registration survey was sent home in the school bags. This is your opportunity to make your 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class choice for your child.

### **January 20<sup>th</sup> Instruction**

- We will begin accepting the survey forms or all information contained on the form **BY EMAIL ONLY** at 8:00 a.m. on January 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The forms will not be accepted before 8:00 a.m.
- We will not be able to accept the forms through carpool.
- The class 1<sup>st</sup> choice is not guaranteed, as it will depend on the date and the time the form is submitted. Some classes such as 3's M-F and 2's MWF fill very quickly. The classes will be filled 1<sup>st</sup> in 1<sup>st</sup> served.



**Final deadline to submit your registration survey form is January 31<sup>st</sup>.**

# 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*

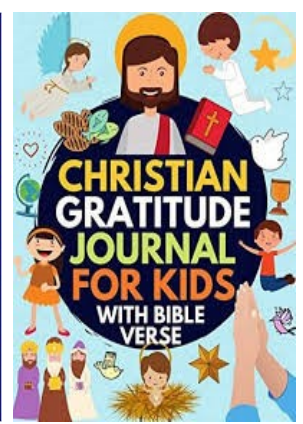
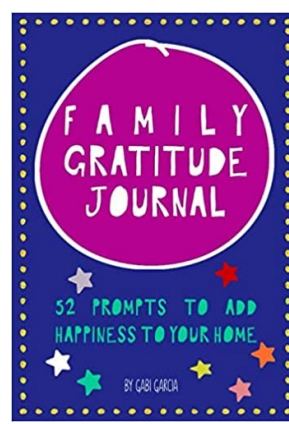
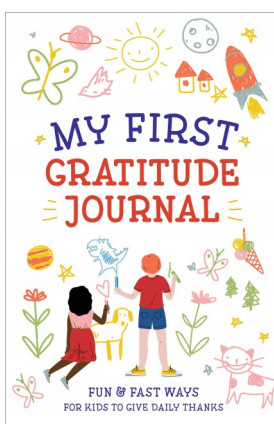
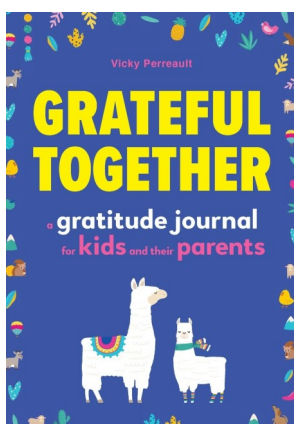
*Grateful Together – a gratitude journal for kids and their parents*

*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!



## **KIDS MINISTRIES LEADERSHIP TEAM (KMLT) MEETING**

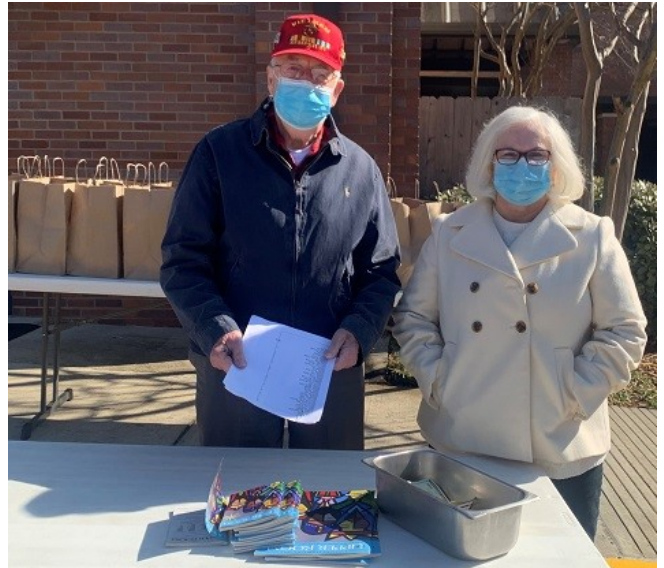
It is time to kick-off the new calendar year in KIDS Ministries! If you have an interest or heart for helping our children grow in their faith in meaningful & real ways, please join us! We will meet through ZOOM on **Monday, January 25 at 6:00 p.m.** Email Renee for the ZOOM link!



## SENIORS MINISTRY

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

Our staff and volunteers served meals yesterday to over 100 of our VIP's!  
Special thanks go to Cynthia Lauderdale for organizing the team to prepare the meal.





## **2021 Leadership at Madison UMC**

As a new year of ministry begins at Madison UMC, it is important that you be aware of the leadership of your church. Listed below are the members of the committees and work areas that support the ministerial staff of MUMC.

**Administrative Council:** John Smith, chair; Paul Young & Olivia Martin, Lay Leaders; Cary Breedlove, Rodger Wasson, Bob Hughes, Vickie Graves, Bob Atkins, Janice Stevens, Maren Hutto, Kathy Mowdy, Shad Pope, Frank Riley, Josh Woodward, Emily Herron, Will Whittenton, Laura Beth Guynes, Connie Moore, Jim Grissom, Bridgett Chisolm, Cathy Cauthen, George Taylor, Sue Lauderdale, Greg Weber, Tanya Brieger, Bobby Henry, Nita Henry, Dave Coon, Ron Bailey, Leon Stewart, Elbert Hilliard, Diane Goolsby, Steve Potter, Tracey Thompson, Bob McElroy, Rev. Barry Male, Rev. Ben Butler, Rev. Cory Phillips, Rev. Linda Rickman, Trustees Chair (TBA), Financial Secretary (TBA), Discipleship Groups Team (TBA)

**Staff Parish Relations Committee:** Vickie Graves, chair; Mandy Woodward, Allison DeWeese, Donna Peyton, Becke Bounds, Jenny Caudell, Wes Dean, Matt Smith, Ronnie McGehee Ex Officio: Olivia Martin, Paul Young, Rodger Wasson; Rev. Barry Male

**Board of Trustees:** Clark Moore, Jay Fowler, Neil Osborne, Amy Green, Eddie Eargle, Bo Weems, Cathy Martin, Mike Scales, Amy Taylor (Chair will be selected at first meeting). Ex Officio: Rev. Barry Male, Doug Owens

**Finance Committee:** Bob Atkins, chair; Natalie Hikes, David Ellis, Thomas McElroy, Cindy Keller, Lloyd McRae, Sam Gray, Chris Madison, Leslie Ezell, John Smith, Paul Young, Olivia Martin, Cary Breedlove, Ron Bailey, Vickie Graves, Greg Weber, Leon Stewart, Dave Robinson, Barry Male, Ben Butler, Janice Stevens, Trustees chair (TBA), Financial Secretary (TBA)

**Lay Leadership/Nominations:** Barry Male, chair; Carole Armstrong, Michelle Guy, Cody Chew, Heather Osborne, Dawn Parrow, Bob Morgan, George Taylor, Hugh Stubbs, Patsy McCarty. Ex Officio: Paul Young, Olivia Martin

**Altar Guild:** Sandra Grissom, chair; Robbie Barmer, Beth Brown, Theresa Buchanan, Connie Bush, Mary Hall Coon, Ronnie Gooze, Judy Honeycutt, Angela Ingram, Margaret Lyons, Barbara Martin, Darrell Martin, Judy McNeil, Kathy Mowdy, Pam O'Keefe, Marsha Petty, Suzanne Sullivan. Ex Officio: Rev. Barry Male

**Lord's Acre Committee:** Greg Weber, co-chair; Leon Stewart, co-chair; Elbert Hilliard, Marc Lauderdale, Olivia Martin, Ray Phillips, Dorothy Terry, Janice Stevens. Ex Officio: Rev. Barry Male

**Montgomery Cemetery:** Diane Goolsby, Leon Stewart, chairs; Barbara Atkins, Jim McCarty, Patsy McCarty, Cindy Phillips, Ray Phillips, Dorothy Terry, Jackie Wilson. Ex Officio: Rev. Barry Male, Janice Stevens, Trustees Chair (TBA)

### **KIDS Ministry Team**

Bridgett Chisolm, Chair; Sarah Ann Ellis (Weekday Ministries Subcommittee), Christy Nettles (Weekday Ministries Subcommittee), Angie Owens (Weekday Ministries Subcommittee, Chair), Jennifer Mayo, Allison Weems, Martha Grace Gray. Ex Officio: Reneé Scales (KIDS Ministry Director), Gayle Hart (Weekday Ministries Director), Paige Wright (Nursery Coordinator)

### **Madison UMC Offering Counting Team**

Members: Ron Bailey, Gary Brown, Vicki Graves, Cecil Harper, Billy Hill, Bob Hughes, Brad Hutto, Ed Jones, John Kirk, Stacey Lindley, Guy Martin, Mike McNeese, Pat McNulty, Jeff Purvis, Frank Quinn, Katye Reece, David Stotts, John Tucker, Wayne Webb

### **Congregational Care Ministry**

Nita & Bobby Henry, Co-chairs; Sandra Grissom, Cori Holaday, John Kirk, Elizabeth Ramsey, Wendy McNulty, Paula Stubbs, Ethel Taquino, Amy Archer, Taylor Archer. Staff: Rev. Linda Rickman

### **Prayer Ministry**

Jackie Wilson, Chair; Mary Blaylock, Steve Brown, Gwyn Bourne, Nita Henry, Les Jones, Cynthia Lauderdale, Patsy McCarty, Vanita McMullin, John Smith, Allen LaBan, Ric Stanfield, Paula Stubbs. Staff: Rev. Linda Rickman

### **Women's Ministry**

Any Archer & Rachel Chew, Co-Chairs; Tanya Brieger, Lindsey Briscoe, Ann Cullen Catington, Kaitlin Godfrey, Mary Margaret Lowery, Jana Manlove, Heather Ward. Staff: Rev. Linda Rickman

### **VIPs Ministry**

Tanya Brieger, Chair; Linda Barker, Sandra Grissom, Wanda Johnson, Cynthia Lauderdale, Sue Lauderdale, Ed Jones, Mary Margaret Lowery. Staff: Rev. Linda Rickman

### **Student Ministry Team**

Cathy Cauthen, George Taylor, Co-Chairs

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### **MUMC Budget Updates**

We are very excited to announce that we met our 2020 budget and expenses! Thank you!! Several of our regular expenses were obviously down due to the pandemic but we also found several new missions and ministry opportunities in this season to share the light and love of Christ with our community and world.

Our committees have worked hard to keep our 2021 budget at our 2020 levels for the coming year. Here is the breakdown for our 2021 budget of \$2,500,000:

Salaries - \$1,019,259  
Missions - \$322,459  
Ministries - \$292,440  
Facility Maintenance - \$685,660  
Mortgage - \$180,182

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### **2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN SENT OUT**

Contribution statements were sent out **via email** last week. If you did not receive your statement, please check the spam or junk folder of your email account. If you do not have a valid email address, your statement was mailed to you. To avoid any problems in the future, please make sure that the church has your current updated email address. For more information, please contact Janice Stevens at the Church Office at Janice@madisonumc.org or 601-856-6058.

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**Special thanks go to Wayne Webb...**

who has just finished up his many years of service to our church as our Financial Secretary. This position is a weekly commitment to our church of properly counting and depositing all of the offerings each week. So, you can imagine how many hours and how many days that Wayne has gifted to our church family. Thank you, Wayne!!

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# VIPs

## DRIVE-THRU LUNCHEON

**Tuesday, February 9, 12:00 noon**

Reservations **MUST** be made by  
noon on Thursday, February 6.

No reservations can be accepted  
after that time.

**One lunch per VIP please.**

**\$5.00 each.**

**Call the church office at 856-6058 or  
email [jone@madisonumc.org](mailto:jone@madisonumc.org).**

Menu: Sirloin shepherd's pie; French onion green beans;  
baked fruit; rainbow salad; roll; chocolate pecan pie.