



Madison United Methodist Church
MESSENGER

“Building faithful disciples, serving Jesus Christ.”

No. 1

January 6, 2021

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



VIPs of Madison UMC
will have a drive-thru luncheon
at 12:00 noon
on Tuesday, January 12.

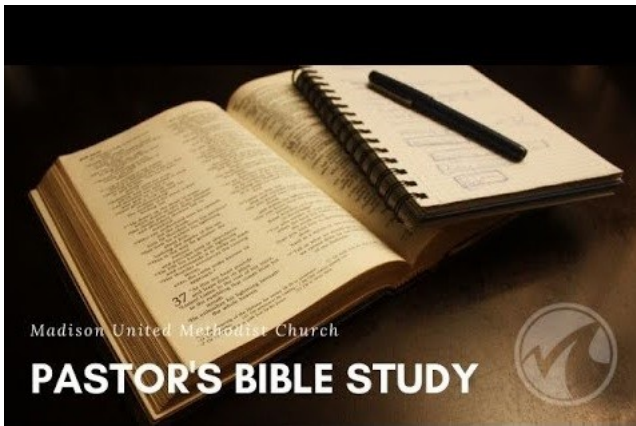
*Reservations MUST be made by
noon, Monday, January 11. Call the
church office at 601-856-6058 or
email jone@madisonumc.org
Cost of lunch is \$5 per person.
Please have exact cash or a check.*

To pick up your delicious lunch,
please enter the Fellowship Hall
parking lot from Main Street.

Menu: Corn chowder, vegetable beef soup, hot ham
rolls, broccoli salad, brownie trifle

MUMC TRUSTEES NEWS

Beginning in January, we will be 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. We had eight sanctuary lights actually go out in one day last month! For four Sundays in January, a small section of the sanctuary seating will be blocked off with scaffolding. Doing this will help us lower the costs and lessen the time for the project since we will not have to take the scaffolding down and build it back up each week. Thank you for your understanding with this minor inconvenience.



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.

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.



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.

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

Carol Ann Ables	Willie Moore
Margi Baley	James Morphis
Kasey Broussard	Robin Morris
Charles Coghlan	Dupree Petty
Bob Ellis	Betsy Potter
Dianne Harms	Susan Ross
J. D. Ingram	Elinor Rummel
Brenda Johnson	Trey Russell
Hershel Johnson	Billy Sansing
Mary Frances Kelly	Shauna Sansing
Judy McArthur	Courtney Tucker
Ben Mitchell	Dwayne Walley
The Moody Family	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
Agnes Gardner	Vanita McMullin's mother
Lee LaBan	Allen LaBan's brother
Keith Lindsey	Beth Lindsey's son
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

Jerrie Lynn Mitchell—12/17/20

Daughter of Rev. Jerry & Frankie Mitchell
Member of MUMC

Keith Walton—12/23/20

Husband of Martha Walton
Member of MUMC

Charles Arlin Carter—12/24/20

Father of David Carter

Mary Jo Lindsey—12/28/20

Mother of June Hightower

Rob Buckalew—12/30/20

Brother-in-law of Ric Stanfield

Royce Edward "Butch" Harms—1/3/21

Husband of Rev. Dianne Harms
Member of MUMC

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

New birth: Adaline Blair Thompson, daughter of Emily & Stephen Thompson and granddaughter of Kevin & Tracey Thompson, born December 29.

MUMC REPORT

	Offering		Year-To-Date
	Cash/Check	Electronic	All Giving
12/20/20	\$36,771.45	\$ 26,284.00	\$2,052,614.00
12/27/20	\$25,210.00	\$21,920.00	\$2,099,744.00
1/03/21	\$73,455.23	\$32,745.00	\$2,205,944.23

Education Building Cost: \$5,227,203.00

Education Building Mortgage

Balance (as of 1/4/21): \$2,117,557.69

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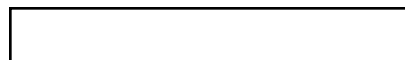
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Please deliver by: Saturday, January 9, 2021

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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



Sun., Jan. 3 – John 19
Mon., Jan. 4 – John 20
Tues., Jan. 5 – Ezra 6
Wed., Jan. 6 – Ezra 7
Thurs., Jan. 7 – Ezra 8
Fri., Jan. 8 – Ezra 9
Sat., Jan. 9 - Psalm 103

Sun., Jan. 17 – Revelation 2
Mon., Jan. 18 – Revelation 3
Tues., Jan. 19 – Nehemiah 4
Wed., Jan. 20 – Nehemiah 5
Thurs., Jan. 21 – Nehemiah 6
Fri., Jan. 22 – Nehemiah 7
Sat., Jan. 23 - Psalm 105

Sun., Jan. 10 – John 21
Mon., Jan. 11 – Revelation 1
Tues., Jan. 12 – Ezra 10
Wed., Jan. 13 – Nehemiah 1
Thurs., Jan. 14 – Nehemiah 2
Fri., Jan. 15 – Nehemiah 3
Sat., Jan. 16 - Psalm 104

MISSIONS MINISTRY

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

MISSION SUPPORT IN AZERBAIJAN



Our church stepped in to give missionary support to David and Kate O'Donnell for this past year. You may remember that they led our online Bible study on August 26, and they had earlier taught and shared in some of our Sunday School classes. The O'Donnell's work in Azerbaijan where only 1% of the population are Christians, where persecution is very real, and where there is currently a civil war. Part of our support helped to fund an outreach of 5,000 hygiene kits to families affected by the war! Thank you for your generosity to our church budget so that we can continue to support missions and to share the Gospel around the world.



MISSION/OUTREACH MINISTRY

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In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:15

REMEMBERING 2020:

In 2020, you, the people of Madison UMC, let God's light shine through you. We helped build a home for Habitat. We had people signed up and ready to go to Delta Grace, Honduras and more. We planned to pack a lot of meals for Rise Against Hunger and shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Many things had to be cancelled or changed, but you continued to let your light shine for God's glory through continuing to give your time, talents and resources. We were able to support many of our own people through our supply, handyman, and yard work teams. We had very successful food drives for MadCAAP. We provided meals for Crossroads, our homebound, Why Not Now and more. We were able to resume Celebrate Recovery. We were able to give financially to many ministries and missionaries to help them in this very difficult year. Thank you for letting your light shine before others!

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2021:

As we begin 2021, there will be many opportunities to shine the light of Christ to a world in need of hope, peace, joy, and love. I pray that we are all able to go to MadCAAP, Why Not Now, Habitat, Delta Grace, Honduras, Methodist Children's Home, to pack meals for Rise Against Hunger, and do even more together. I pray we are able to give high fives, shake hands and hug in celebration of what God is doing. No matter what, let's continue to pray and shine God's light any way that we can.

Please reach out to me with any questions, ideas or comments at steve@madisonumc.org.

ADULT MINISTRY

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

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



In January 2019, we encouraged our church family to join us in a 3 year journey through the Bible, praying and reading through a chapter a day (daily posts can be found at www.readpraylovedaily.com, where you can subscribe to a daily email; you can join the Facebook group “Read. Pray. Love. Daily.” which can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1450141658603952>; also, the plan is available in each newsletter as well as through our MUMC app for smartphones under the BIBLE tab at the bottom of the home screen).

For those who are continuing, we will continue our journey throughout this year into early next year to finish up.

For those who would like to “catch up,” or start at the beginning of the cycle, please go to <https://readpraylovedaily.com/year-1-plan/> to find both a “1 year” plan download as well as the 1st year of a 3 year plan, laid out with appropriate dates.

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).



END-OF-YEAR GIVING AND MISSIONS NEWS

Make sure that any end-of year check for the church is dated 12/31/20 or earlier if you want that credited for this year. You can give digitally through our church app or website, mail a check to the church (100 Post Oak Road Madison, MS 39110), set up a bank draft, or drop a check in an offering basket at one of our services. Thank you for your faithfulness! Because of your generosity, in the past two weeks we have been able to give greater support to both Salt & Light Ministry and to the Moody’s ministry, who are both ministering to Hondurans devastated by two hurricanes, to David and Kate O’Donnell who are missionaries in Azerbaijan, a country with only 1% Christians, and to our church’s local ministry for those in need!!

STUDENT MINISTRY

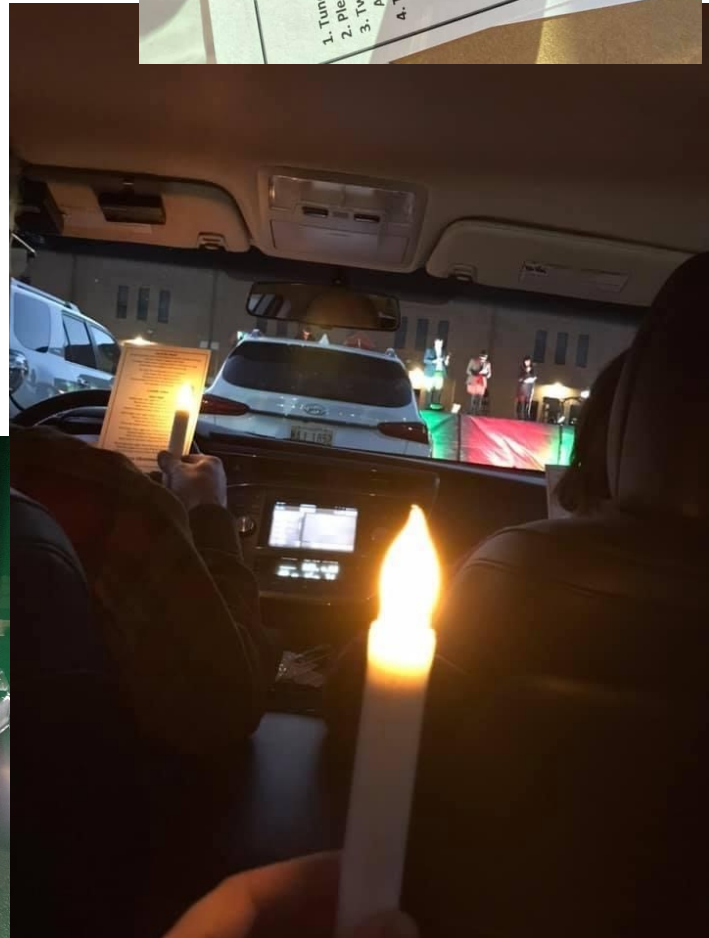
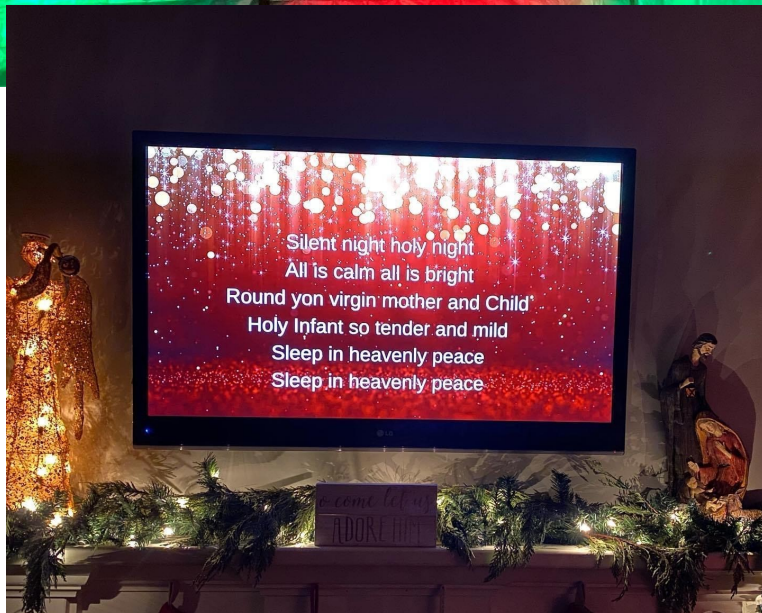
Rev. Cory Phillips 601-856-6058 or email cory@madisonumc.org

For the next few weeks (and possibly longer, depending on COVID) we will be having only Family Groups (grade level small groups) on Sunday nights 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Education Building. We would love for any students 7th – 12th grade to join us. We have a lesson and then discuss together how it applies to our lives. We hope to get back to our full Sunday night activities as soon as possible. Please make sure you are on our text plan by texting “mumcstudent” to the number 955-77. This is our primary means of communication for upcoming events or changes in scheduled events.



CHRISTMAS EVE 2020 at MUMC

At-Home Communion and Drive-In Services



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVE THANKS

Special thanks go to our Altar Guild for our sanctuary decorations throughout Advent and to many volunteers and staff and to our Director of Technology and Communications, Chris Filippou, for their wonderful work on the Christmas Eve video and the Christmas Eve Drive-In services.

CROSSROADS MINISTRIES

Our church delivered an incredible Christmas meal to the women at Crossroads Ministries Phase 2 House this week. Special thanks go to Julie Tipton for preparing the meal and to our Celebrate Recovery volunteers for delivering it.



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

CELEBRATING ADVENT AT HOME



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SHARING CHRISTMAS JOY EVENT

Several of our children participated in the KIDS Ministries Christmas event this past Sunday. They enjoyed hot chocolate and fellowship together and then they gave out cards, and sang carols, to many of our elderly families. Thanks go to our KIDS Ministry Team and to our Director of KIDS Ministries, Renee Scales, for holding this event.

