

Sunday Services, July 19, 2020

Cancelled—watch the livestream of Sunday services on our YouTube channel.

Church Family,

Our Trustees Committee met last week, and the Administrative Council met this week. Those groups continue to seek God’s discernment about how and when we can reopen our church for worship, groups, and ministry. Our church office remains open but please follow our guidelines for that. Please sign up to be on our church email and on our church text lists so that we can keep you up to date with the latest plans. We also received this letter from our Bishop this past Friday afternoon and we wanted to share it with you:

Greetings my brothers and sisters in Christ,

As many of you are aware, top state health officials have expressed concerns about the critical impact that COVID-19 is having in Mississippi. Thursday morning, Dr. Thomas Dobbs, the state health officer declared that hospitals are running out of beds at an alarming rate and health care facilities are having to send people out of state for care. Gov. Reeves created an executive order that will go into effect next week including restrictions for no more than 10 people gathering indoors and no more than 20 gathering outdoors in the following counties: Hinds, DeSoto, Madison, Harrison, Rankin, Jackson, Washington, Sunflower, Grenada, Claiborne, Jefferson, Wayne and Quitman. Additionally, everyone must wear masks while shopping or at public gatherings in these counties.

Although the governor’s order does not apply to churches, as your episcopal leader, please adhere to this request for **all churches in the Mississippi Conference to cease and desist all in-person gatherings at church—including drive-in church services—until further notice.** As the body of Christ, it is incumbent upon us to rise to a higher standard and not to a lower one. What’s happening in our state, our nation and around the globe is a serious matter. Children of God, sheltering in place is not a new concept for the body of believers. Similar to a time when Moses told the Israelites that God said to stay in their homes under the cover of the blood of the lamb until the angel of death passed over—that is the reality of the times we are living in right now. There are several biblical references to quarantine, especially for persons exposed to illnesses like leprosy. They were told not to defile the “camp of those in whose midst I dwell” –Numbers 5:3, just to name one. Remember to love one another as you love yourself.

Praying your soul prospers as does your health,
Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr.



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

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE MUMC UPDATES BY TEXT OR EMAIL?

We have begun a church-wide texting service to share updates about schedules and announcements. Text "MUMCINFO" to the number 95577, and that will sign you up for these church-wide texts.



Please call the church office (601.856.6058) or email our Administrative Assistant Anne Ellison(anne@madisonumc.org) if you would like to be added to our church email list. You will also want to check your spam folder from time to time for church emails. Many church emails get placed there by your email server because we have a large amount of email addresses.

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

Due to COVID19 case numbers rising, the executive order and a mandate from our Bishop, ALL IN-PERSON STUDENT MINISTRY EVENTS ARE SUSPENDED until further notice. Please stay safe and check in regularly! Make sure you are on our text program to get updates.

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS AND PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

We need our college students new college emails! Please send them to me at cory@madisonumc.org. We want to stay connected and help them connect in this next phase of life!

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



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!



Don't forget that each week's Sunday School lesson is posted as a PDF on the KIDS Ministry at Madison UMC Facebook page and on the KIDS page on the church website (www.madisonumc.org/kids). Let me know if you need the Hands on Bible Sunday School lesson emailed to you!



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL (OR JUST FOR FUN) OPTIONS FOR KIDS

Don't forget that you have access to Madison UMC's RightNowMedia account! Below are some suggestions for fun (and educational) ways to experience the Bible with your family! I will continue to post the *Hands on Bible* Sunday School curriculum, but these resources might be a fun summer change!

You should have received an email invite with a login/access for that. Please contact Ben Butler (ben@madisonumc.org) if you did not receive an access invitation.

For 3 Year Olds – 8 Year Olds: **Awesome Bible Adventures**
Length: 22 – 30 minutes each

For 3 Year Olds – 10 Year Olds: ***Holy Moly!***
Length: 4 – 7 minutes each

For 1st-4th Graders: ***The Bible Made Easy!***
Length: Approximately 30 minutes each

For 8 year olds – 12 year olds: ***The Torchlighters Series - Stories of Heroes Who Live Out their Faith with Courage & Integrity***
Length: 30 minutes
Special Note: Torchlighters stories are true & contain some material that may not be appropriate (frightening or too mature) for younger children. Parents, you may to review the videos before showing to younger or more sensitive children.



We are making plans for when we can have ***Sunday School & Wednesday Nights*** on campus! BUT that means **we need you to volunteer!** Below are some of the most common reasons people don't volunteer to lead classes for our children as well as ways those concerns can be addressed!

- But, I'm not qualified ... You do NOT have to be a Bible scholar to share Jesus with our children; you ONLY need a heart for Jesus and a desire to share His love!
- But I need to attend my own classes to grow in my personal faith ... the blessings you receive from sharing your love for Jesus and the relationships you develop with our children (and their parents) will help fuel your personal faith journey! *If you are part of a small group that meets on Wednesday nights, volunteer on Sunday mornings! If your Sunday School class is where you re-charge your batteries, volunteer on Wednesday nights!*
- But I don't want to teach every week ... we do ask for a school year commitment (a semester a minimum) because the same teacher(s) every week helps reassure the children, helps the children develop lasting relationships with Christian mentors, and helps improve the learning environment. You can always ask a friend to "team teach" with you; this allows you to work around vacations, ball games, etc.
- But ... if you have questions or concerns about teaching, the commitment, etc., please let me know (renee@madisonumc.org)!

Let me know what class you would like to lead!!

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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., July 19 – Matthew 18
Mon., July 20 – Matthew 19
Tues., July 21 – 1 Kings 22
Wed., July 22 – 2 Kings 1
Thurs., July 23 – 2 Kings 2
Fri., July 24 – 2 Kings 3
Sat., July 25 - Psalm 79

Sun., July 26 – Matthew 20
Mon., July 27 – Matthew 21
Tues., July 28 – 2 Kings 4
Wed., July 29 – 2 Kings 5
Thurs., July 30 -- 2 Kings 6
Fri., July 31 – 2 Kings 7
Sat., Aug. 1 - Psalm 80



Due to the uncertainty of current conditions, the annual FaithBuilders Sunday school class Rummage Sale has been cancelled for this year.



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

Even though we have to be creative and do things differently right now, I want to remind us all of the mission and vision we have for our church, for outreach and missions. MUMC's Mission is **“to build faithful disciples and to serve Jesus Christ”**. The Vision is **“to be a Family of believers in harmony with God's Word that glorifies God.”** Our church is one large family, made up of individual people and families who are following Jesus. As we follow Jesus, he leads us to reach out, meet the needs and share the gospel with those in **“Madison, the Metro, Mississippi, and More”**. Please ask God to show you a need that he has given you the time, talent, and/or resources to help.

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

There are a TON of great Christian-themed kids videos, video Bible studies (including study guides), and more.



A parent shared recently that they are doing one of the Bible study series with their teen and pre-teen children. What about trying one as a personal, couples, or family study -- like Dr. Tony Evans' study on John 1-12? It has 8-11 minute videos with an optional study guide. If you have not accessed your FREE account yet through MUMC, please email Ben Butler (ben@madisonumc.org) to get a new invitation email.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

We are continuing our weekly Wednesday Night Bible Study through the month of June and July. We are pleased to announce that different church members and staff will lead those Bible studies each week. We hope that these studies will encourage you in your faith and will be a way for us to stay connected as a church family. You can find these studies each Wednesday night at 6:15 p.m. on our YouTube channel, on our Facebook page, and on our website.

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

Gene Albrecht	James Morphis
Cathy Cauthen	Robin Morris
Betsy Cowden	Dupree Petty
Bob Ellis	Barbara Pittman
Amy Field	Elinor Rummel
J. D. Ingram	Trey Russell
Mary Frances Kelly	Mary Salvatore
Marc Lauderdale	Myra Talley
Jeff Long	Courtney Tucker
Margaret Mason	Bob Walters
Jerri Lynn Mitchell	Janet Zoble
The Moody Family	
Willie Moore	
Florence Morphis	

Prayer Requests—Family Members and Friends

Clint Bryant	Louisa Swindle's family member
Chris Clark	Gina Holcomb's son
Pam Johns	Emily Herron's mother
Bob Mason	Marsha Petty's father
Maxwell Skelton	Jone McCollum's father

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

In Memoriam

Mary Rose Drake—7/8/20
Mother of Jackie Wilson

We express our sympathy to the families.

Hospice/Assisted/Living/Nursing Homes

The Arbor: Leon Williams

The Blake: Fabia Smith

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

St. Catherine's Village: Bertyle Cochran, Clara Derrington

Home Place: Margi Baley, Barbara Mapp

Expectant Parents: Ben & Elizabeth Ford; Jordan & Haley Eargle

New Babies:

- * Hayes Henry, son of Will & Ashley Henry and grandson of Nita & Bobby Henry, born June 30
- * Grace Roberts Madison, daughter of Britney & Christopher Madison and baby sister of Sutton, born July 13

MUMC REPORT

	Offering		Year-To-Date
	Cash/Check	Electronic	All Giving
07/05/20	\$23,833.00	\$16,185.00	\$1,075,918.82
07/12/20	\$11,775.45	\$14,142.00	\$1,101,836.27

Education Building Cost: \$5,227,203.00
Education Building Mortgage
Balance (as of 7/06/2020): \$2,161,255.00