



Madison United Methodist Church

MESSENGER

"Building faithful disciples, serving Jesus Christ."

No. 15

July 27, 2022

Sunday Services, July 31, 2022

Worship Services in the Sanctuary at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School classes at 9:30 a.m.



Fall '22 New Member Class @ MUMC

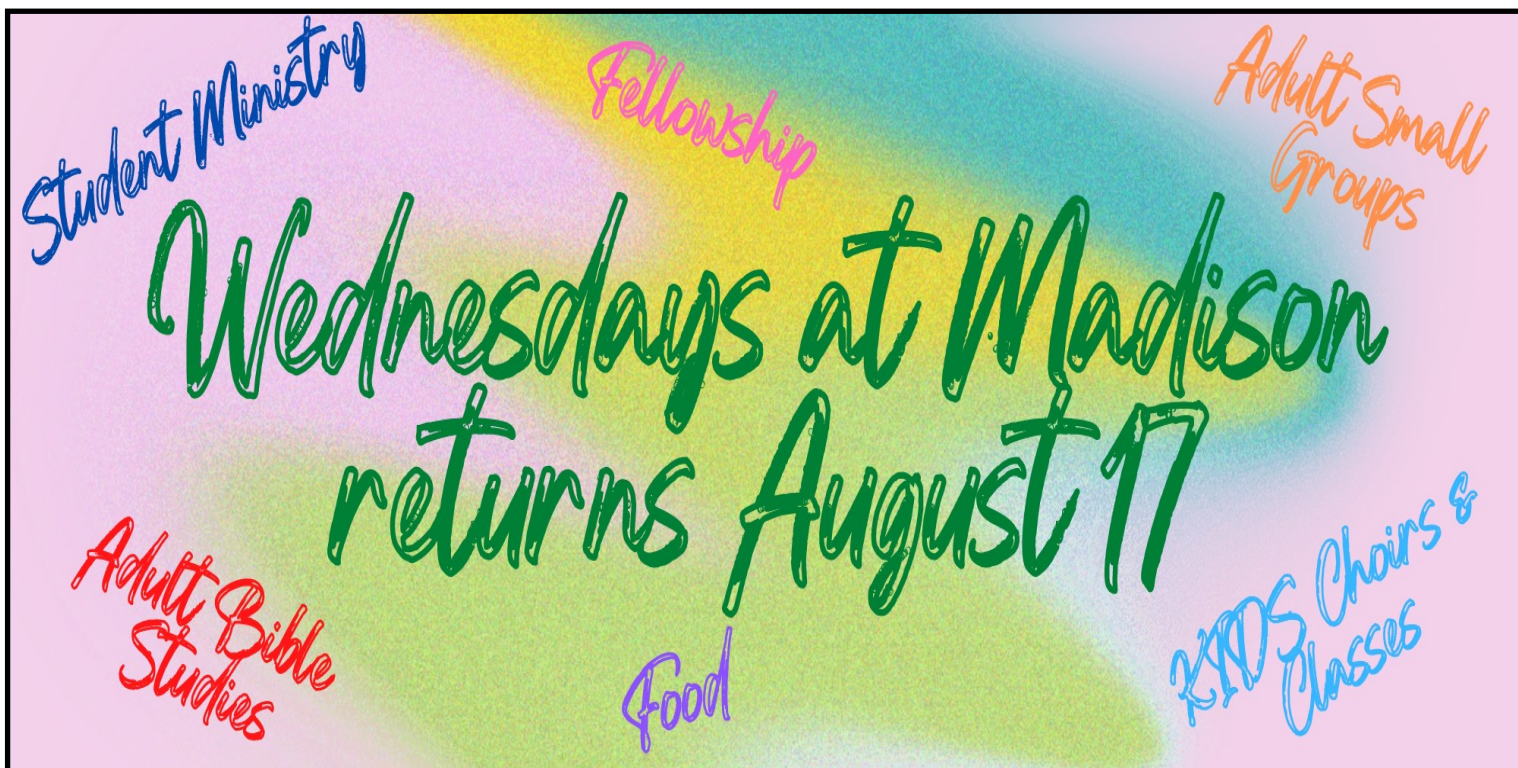
- 4 weeks (August 7, 14, 21, 28)
- Led by Rev. Barry Male (Sr. Pastor)
- Great opportunity to connect with others, meet staff & a few church members, & explore your next steps with Jesus @ MUMC
- 9:45-10:30 am in Room 402 (2nd floor, Education Building)



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We will have a four-week New Member Class, beginning August 7, at 9:45 a.m. in Room 402 (Education Building, second floor). If you miss a session, we have online videos of each session. This class is for new members or for those considering membership. It will be a lot of fun, it is a great way to meet people, and you will learn about our ministries and missions. The class will be led by Rev. Barry Male and Rev. Ben Butler.



DISCIPLES
COMMIT TO
Community
Sunday School & Small Groups

REACH OUT TO **BEN BUTLER**
ben@madisonumc.org
For help finding a class/group

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.

Please send all prayer requests to: prayer@madisonumc.org

PRAYER REQUESTS –MUMC MEMBERS

Carol Ann Ables	Herb Mays	Mary Ann Stotts
Ann Artmann	Judy McArthur	Courtney Tucker
Vicki Blake	Barrie McArthur	Donna Walley
Gwyn Bourne	Rosemary McInnis	Wayne Webb
Sandra Eilders	The Moody Family	
Philips Godwin	Willie Moore	
Rebecca Godwin	Cathy Navarrette	
Janie Harris	Carlton O'Keefe	
Vernon Hull	Trey Russell	
Margaret Mason	Paul Slone	

PRAYER REQUESTS—FAMILY MEMBERS/FRIENDS

James Barnes	Kirk Barnes' brother
Donna Bryant	Beverly Phillips' mother
Teri Douglas	Diane Goolsby's friend
Tommy Leach	Ruth Elam's brother
Ames & Parker Lee	Christy Nettles' nephews
Matt Livingston	Lib Sistrunk's son-in-law
Mary Ann Odom	Elizabeth Carr's mother
Thames Pemberton	MUMC regular attender
Neil Smith	Leslie Ezelle's father
Mary Angela South	Rosemary Taylor's daughter
Sophie Spence	Bob/Debbie Merchant's granddaughter
Rebecca Whatley	Steve/Marcia Whatley's daughter-in-law

HOSPICE/ASSISTED LIVING/NURSING HOMES/ RETIREMENT HOMES

The Blake: Fabia Smith
Beau Ridge: Frankie Mitchell; Joyce Logue; Joan Winstead; Bonnie Hoy
St. Catherine's Village: Lou Jennings; Cappy Paine; Rosalind Ross; Barbara Pittman; Mary Salvatore; James Potts; Jerry Zoble
Home Place: Barbara Mapp; Evelyn Palmer; Peggy Maddox; Rosemary Taylor
The Orchard: Maggie Hart; Frances Williams
Ridgeland Place: Phillip Perry

EXPECTANT PARENTS:

Megan & David Cretella; Jason & Katie Leist; Lindsey & Chris Clarke; Elizabeth & Gerad Buffington

In Memoriam

Roland Comeau—7/9/22
 Father of Nicolle Wasson

Frances Booth—7/21/22
 Mother of Jeff Booth

We express our sympathy to the families.

MUMC REPORT

Worship Attendance
 07/17/22 497
 07/24/22 628

Finances
 2022 Budget: \$2,500,000
 Given to Date: \$1,431,495

Education Building Mortgage
 Balance (as of 07/01/22):
 \$1,406,009.00

WAYS TO GIVE

- online: madisonumc.org/give
- in-person
- text: 601-255-1836
- app: Madison UMC
- QR code
- mail: 100 Post Oak Rd, Madison, MS 39110

Madison United Methodist Church
100 Post Oak Rd.
Madison, MS 39110
601-856-6058
Website: www.madisonumc.org

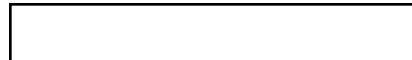
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Please deliver by: Saturday, July 30, 2022

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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



SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

*www.readpraylovedaily.com - Subscribe in the lower right corner of the screen or visit the site daily

Sun., July 31 – Psalm 104
Mon., Aug. 1 – Psalm 105
Tues., Aug. 2 – Psalm 106
Wed., Aug. 3 – Psalm 107
Thurs., Aug. 4 – Psalms 108-109
Fri., Aug. 5 – Psalms 110-111
Sat., Aug. 6 – Psalms 112-113

Sun., Aug. 7 – Psalms 114-115
Mon., Aug. 8 – Psalms 116-117
Tues., Aug. 9 – Psalm 118
Wed., Aug. 10 – Psalm 119
Thurs., Aug. 11 – Psalms 120-121
Fri., Aug. 12 – Psalms 122-123
Sat., Aug. 13 – Psalms 124-125

The Chancel Choir returns in August!

Rehearsals resume Wednesday, August 3, at 6:00 p.m.

New members are welcome!

Come give choir a try!

**For more information, contact
Lori Blount.**

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

2022-23 KIDS MINISTRY CONTACT FORM




You may complete this form by clicking on this QR code. This form has been emailed to families with children. This info is also available on our website (www.madisonumc.org). **It is important for us to know about allergies and have emergency contact information!** Please complete form no later than August 7.



PLEASE RSVP BY JULY 31



During the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:30) on August 7, children will meet their new teachers, enjoy a donut breakfast, & play some fun games. Drop-off & pick up will be from their new classrooms. Room numbers and locations for KIDS Sunday School classes are available at the check-in desks in both the Nursery Hall & the KIDS Hall. Don't forget that a parent/responsible adult must pick up all kids ages 2 – 3rd grade! PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOUR CHILD HAS A FOOD ALLERGY – renee@madisonumc.org!

I teach
Sunday School
what's your
 **superpower?**

Our 2022-23 Sunday School year begins on August 7! I know you have “reasons” for believing teaching Sunday School is not your superpower, but ... as I was rereading Christopher Miles Ritter’s *Seven Things John Wesley Expected Us to Do for Kids*, this really hit home – “We are called to ministry with children “gift or no gift.” As wonderful and needful as spiritual gifts are to the church, the lack of these gifts in not a legitimate excuse for non-participation. To minister to children, as we ought, we are going to need to stretch ourselves. We need to move past our comfort, over our excuses, outside our perceived gifts, and beyond...”

- ◆ 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 Sunday School class 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!
- ◆ But I don’t want to teach every Sunday ... we do ask for a school year commitment (a semester a minimum) because the same teacher(s) every Sunday 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!



**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS -
FAMILY EVENT FOR KIDS AGE 3 – 6TH GRADE & THEIR PARENTS**

- Wednesday, August 10, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center & Sanctuary
- Dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. (Please RSVP for the meal to renee@madisonumc.org)
- Bring your backpack, your Chromebook, I-Pad, or other back-to-school bags!
- A nursery will be available for younger siblings

First Grade

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

Our 1st graders will receive their Bibles **Sunday, August 14**. Bibles will be presented both at **the 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. worship services**. **Please let me know no later than Tuesday, August 9** which service you prefer (this is a firm deadline due to the time frame we have to get bulletin info to the printers).

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

1st graders are growing and learning so fast, and we think you are ready to learn more about how we worship in the Methodist Church. One way you learn new things is to attend worship services on Sunday morning. **Beginning August 7, all of our 1st graders will remain in the Sanctuary for the entire worship service**. Come down for KIDS Time and then go sit with your parents for the remainder of the service.



3RD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Our 3rd graders will receive their Bibles **Sunday, August 28**. Bibles will be presented both at **the 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. worship services**. **Please let me know no later than Tuesday, August 23** which service you prefer (this is a firm deadline due to the time frame we have to get bulletin info to the printers).



WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

August 10 – Blessing of the Backpack for KIDS ages 3 – 6th grade & their Parents

August 18 – First Wednesday Night for Fall 2022 - KIDS Choirs Start & 1st Night of Classes for our KIDS (2 ½ year olds – 6th graders). **Volunteers are needed!**



KMLT Meeting
Confirmation Kick-off
Confirmation Sunday

August 22
September 18
November 13

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



Pump It Up & Splash!



HELP!

These adorable kids need Sunday School teachers for the 2022-23 school year for younger 2's, older 2's, 4 year old's, & K5 classes!

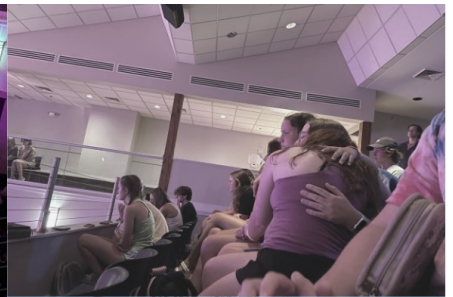


Email Mrs. Renee (renee@madisonumc.org) for more info or to volunteer.

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

Summer Sunday Night Activities Each Week 6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. No meals are served in June or July.

A full schedule of Student Ministry activities may be downloaded at www.madisonumc.org/students



**MISSION
MONDAY
at
Wingard
Home**



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



**Junior High
Mission Trip
Arlington, TX**



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



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RECYCLE BUILD

- Madison UMC will be having a Habitat work day on Saturday, August 13th. Projects include tearing out and replacing cabinets, replacing rotted wood, painting, yardwork, and more.
- We have 8 morning slots (7:45-Noon) and 8 afternoon slots (12:45-4:00) available.
- Use QR code at right to sign up.
- Contact Dave Coon at coondw@bellsouth.net or Steve Potter at steve@madisonumc.org for more information.



THE CONNECTION

The Connection is a Ridgeland based-youth group with children ages 5-18 started by Chuck and Katie Meador over 17 years ago. We meet the children where they are, creating a safe place for them to just be themselves-some have a home church, most of them do not. An average of 30-40 kids each Wednesday night have free time, eat a meal, have a Bible lesson and discuss the lesson in small groups.

We meet from 5-6:30 at Holmes Community College in Ridgeland most Wednesdays. Our volunteers are from different area churches (First Baptist Madison, Vertical Church, Christ United Methodist, Madison Methodist).

For more information contact: Sarah Largen at sarah@largendesign.com 601-506-5265

The Wednesday night Connection schedule will resume in September. Serving opportunities:

- Van driver in September (Pick up at 4:45 and return at 6:30)
- Provide meals on Wednesday nights (Sign Up Genius coming soon)
- Visit and get to know the kids and the ministry



METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF MISSISSIPPI MINISTRY

- On July 30th from 1-5 pm, MUMC will host a Back to School Luau & Pool Party on the campus of MCH in Jackson. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kristen Harwell at kris10harwell@gmail.com.
- Towel & Bedding Drive - MCH is in need of NEW towels of all sizes and NEW twin-size bedding sets for the youth and young adults living on campus. Neutral colors requested. There will be a table set-up in the Fellowship Hall through the end of August for these donations.



ADULT MINISTRY

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Sophia Camille Provenza was baptized on July 17. Her parents Lindsey and Stephen Provenza also became members of the MUMC church family.



Tucker Franklin Tartt was baptized on July 24. He is shown with parents Michael & Kelsey Tartt and big sister Peyton.



After a short stay in Pennsylvania, Chris, Leslie, Cameron, and Grayson Leon re-joined the MUMC church family on July 24.

MISSISSIPPI ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022 REPORT

Our Annual Conference lay delegates this year were Bob Hughes, Gay Hughes, and Cary Breedlove. Rodger Wasson also served as a delegate through his position as the East Jackson District Co-Lay Leader. We were proud to have church members making presentations at this year's Annual Conference. David Stotts, the Conference Treasurer, and Dale Barnes, the chairperson for United Women in Faith (formerly UMW) both did an excellent job.

There were several significant votes at this year's Annual Conference. There were proposed resolutions to recognize the Global Methodist Church as a denomination by our Annual Conference and to request transparency and consistency in the application of the 2019 disaffiliation process in the Book of Discipline. The Resolutions Committee recommended that those two resolutions be referred to committee due to the potential and numerous implications of those decisions to the operations of the Annual Conference, and the delegates voted to refer them to committee. Those reports will come back to us next year at Annual Conference.

The Annual Conference did vote to have informational meetings in every District of our Conference in the fall of 2022 or in the spring of 2023. Those meetings will have a transparent forum where differing options about remaining in the UMC or disaffiliating from the UMC will be presented. That vote also called for an extra Annual Conference to be held in the fall of 2023 so that churches can have more time to consider, and communicate to their churches about, potential disaffiliation.

We do want to remind our church that the Judicial Council ruled in April that Annual Conferences may not disaffiliate as a whole conference from the denomination. There were twenty closures and fourteen disaffiliations of church this year in our Annual Conference. The current total for churches in our Annual Conference using the 2019 General Conference provision, which created a disaffiliation process, is now at fifty-five churches.

We did get word that Bishop Swanson will extend his time with us and that he will serve with us through December 2022, so we will not need to receive an interim Bishop. Our new Bishop will come to us in January of 2023. We are grateful to have served our church by being your delegates to our Annual Conference. Please continue to pray for our Bishop and our Annual Conference leadership.