



Madison United Methodist Church

MESSENGER

“Building faithful disciples, serving Jesus Christ.”

No. 5

March 10, 2021

Sunday Services, March 14, 2021

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

Sunday School classes at 9:30 a.m.

Latest Worship Updates



Our Leadership Team (medical doctors, Lay Leaders, committee chairpersons, and our pastors) and our Administrative Council have routinely sought input from the Mississippi Department of Health, local schools, the Mississippi Annual Conference of the UMC, and local leaders. We will continue to amend our safety protocols as COVID-19 and vaccination numbers continue to improve.

We are announced last week through church emails and social media that our Administrative Council approved that both worship services may sing at the close of our worship services. With the new ionization air systems and worshipers wearing masks, we feel that the risk from singing at the end of the service is minimal. We know that those who are more at-risk might be concerned with this change. Because of that, please know that your church family will understand if you want to quietly exit worship following the sermon so that you are not present for the singing.

We will continue to keep our social-distancing and masking protocols for a little longer for any meetings on our campus. Our Administrative Council will meet on March 22 to review the current COVID-19 data and to decide what changes we can then make to our safety protocols.

Thank you for following our current safety protocols while worshipping and in your classes, meetings, and groups. And thank you for your continued patience in this long season. We are finally seeing some light at the end of this tunnel. Please pray for our leaders as we continue to discern which changes can occur next and please let others know of these changes.

As we have made decisions throughout this past year, we have tried our best to communicate information through a variety of means. Please visit the Communications page (<http://www.madisonumc.org/communications>) on our church's website to find many ways (texting, emails, online newsletter, social media, church app, etc.) for you to stay up to date about our church.

REGISTER

AS YOU PLAN TO COME
BACK TO CAMPUS FOR
IN-PERSON WORSHIP



Sunday Morning Worship Reminders

1. Please register for which worship service you plan to attend. We update the new registration forms every Monday by noon. You can register by calling the church office or by registering online (<https://madisonumc.thersvpapp.com/>).
2. Please consider worshipping with friends or Sunday School class members in the Multi-Purpose Room services to make room for our guests and senior adults in our sanctuary.
3. We do ask that everyone please exit the sanctuary and the Multi-Purpose Room immediately at the end of every service. We have Sunday School classes that meet in both of those rooms after the 8:45 a.m. services, and we need to promptly clean those rooms for those classes. Also, we will not be able to open those rooms for the 10:45 a.m. services until 10:30 a.m. so that we can have time to clean them.
4. Parents and grandparents with children or youth in Sunday School can go to Room 127 or Room 208 to wait for them or to “ZOOM” with your Sunday School (for those classes meeting offsite.)

Thank you for your continued patience with these requests as we try to meet the many needs of our church family, guests, and classes in this season.



ACOLYTE TRAINING IN APRIL

3rd, 4th, & 5th grade parents, does your child want to participate in the acolyte ministry at Madison UMC? We would like to start including the 3rd graders in the acolyte rotation beginning approximately April 2021. If your child is interested in serving, please email Mrs. Reneé (renee@madisonumc.org) for a registration form and return later than Sunday, March 21.

Training will be conducted with two children at a time. After we have received the names of the children who wish to participate, a training schedule will be made available for you to choose your training date/time. Children will be mailed a training/information booklet to review prior to their training session.

ALL children have to participate in training before he/she can be placed in the rotation to serve. **At least one parent** will need to attend training with his/her child. This training will help ensure that parents know how to assist their child in getting dressed, how the candle lighters work, and where the supplies are kept.

If your child is not sure he/she wants to acolyte, encourage them to attend training and then make their decision. Let me know if you have questions or need more 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	The Moody Family	Beverly Sartor
Ann Artmann	Willie Moore	Courtney Tucker
Jerry Barber	James Morphis	Janet Zoble
Barbara Christmas	Dupree Petty	
Bob Ellis	Norma Richards	
Katherine Fowler	Elinor Rummel	
Mary Frances Kelly	Trey Russell	
Judy McArthur	Billy Sansing	
Patsy McCarty	Shauna Sansing	

PRAYER REQUESTS—FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Kate Box	Mary Blaylock's friend
Michal Ann Brown	Katie Moody's sister
Ivy Coleman	Vanita McMullin's uncle
Nancy Galatas	Pam Galatas' mother-in-law
Agnes Gardner	Vanita McMullin's mother
Karen Hacker	Diane Goolsby's friend
Sandra Miller	friend of MUMC
Baxter Morris	Donna Eargle's brother
Troy Odom	Elizabeth Carr's father
Rev. Kelly Pope	Former MUMC pastor
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

Brad Hardee

Son of Bill and Debbie Hardee

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: Kayla & Chase Douglas

MUMC REPORT

	Offering		Year-To-Date
	Cash/Check	Electronic	All Giving
2/28/21	\$26,255	\$11,369	\$397,600
3/07/21	\$28,230	\$17,227	\$443,057

Education Building Cost: \$5,227,203.00

Education Building Mortgage

Balance (as of 2/4/21): \$2,100,071.00

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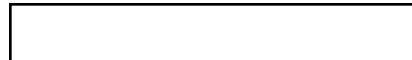
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Please deliver by: Saturday, March 13, 2021

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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., Mar. 14 – Revelation 18
Mon., Mar. 15 – Revelation 19
Tues., Mar. 16 – Job 13
Wed., Mar. 17 – Job 14
Thurs., Mar. 18 – Job 15
Fri., Mar. 19 – Job 16
Sat., Mar. 20 – Psalm 113

Sun., Mar. 21 – Revelation 20
Mon., Mar. 22 – Revelation 21
Tues., Mar. 23 – Job 17
Wed., Mar. 24 – Job 18
Thurs., Mar. 25 – Job 19
Fri., Mar. 26 – Job 20
Sat., Mar. 27 – Psalm 114

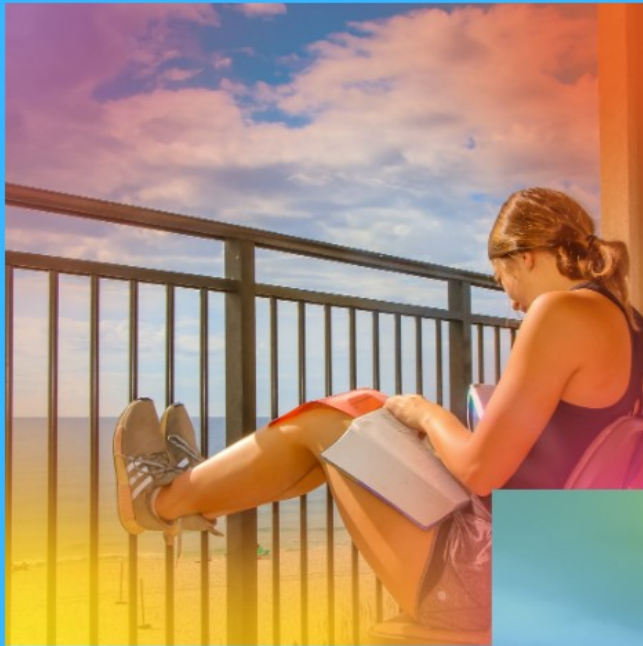
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

**Don't forget!!
Daylight Saving
Time begins this
Sunday, March 14.**

Don't be late for church!

Set your clock forward one hour.

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



May 14-16, 2021
Gulf Shores, AL
\$140/Student
Deadline May 1

RETREAT

BEACH

ENCOURAGEMENT

ACCOUNTABILITY

SACRIFICE



Register Now: www.madisonumc.org/students

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



4TH - 6TH GRADERS ...

you are invited to the home of Micah & Lisa Anglin (map will be available) on **Thursday, April 1st from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** for a Cook-out, Flashlight Egg Hunt, & Communion.

BRING: a flashlight & a basket (or something to collect eggs in)
your own chair

VOLUNTEERS: the afternoon on the 1st to hide eggs (renee@madisonumc.org to volunteer)
the night of the 1st to help serve food (renee@madisonumc.org to volunteer)
bring food - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AFAD2BA3F58-flashlight>

RSVP: to (renee@madisonumc.org) **no later than Sunday, March 29**



PRESCHOOL CHILDREN (2 ½, 3, 4'S & K5) ...

let's hunt Easter eggs & share the Story of Easter **at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 3.**

BRING: one dozen treat filled eggs to the bins outside the Fellowship Hall doors across from the church office
no later than Thursday, April 1 - write your child's name & age on the bag!

PARENTS: plan to stay with your child on April 3rd

VOLUNTEERS: egg hidiers at 9:00 a.m. on April 3rd (renee@madisonumc.org to volunteer!)



1ST - 3RD GRADERS...

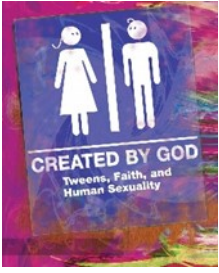
come walk the Resurrection Trail with us on Saturday, April 3 from 2:00-3:30 p.m.
We will discover what a donkey, prayers, vinegar, and stones have to do with the Easter story!

VOLUNTEERS: at 12:30 p.m. to help set-up (renee@madisonumc.org to volunteer)
during the event to help with the centers (renee@madisonumc.org to volunteer)

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KIDS MINISTRY

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



CREATED BY GOD IS MARCH 25-27, 2021

All 5th grade students & their parents/grandparents are invited to participate in an upcoming event called *Created by God*. Registration is limited to 25 students on a first-come-first-served basis, and members/regular attendees of Madison UMC will be given first priority. In order for your child to participate, you or another caregiver must attend the Parents Session as well as the Students/Parents Session.

The schedule is as follows:

Required Parents/Grandparents Thurs., March 25 – Time to be Determined

Students Fri., March 26, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Sat., March 27, 8:30a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Students & Parents/Grandparents Sat., March 27, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

There is a \$10.00 charge for the book. Checks can be made payable to Madison UMC.

Please let me know if you need a registration form (renee@madisonumc.org)! **The deadline for registration is Thursday, March 11.** After the 11th, registration will be open to non-church members.

CONFIRMATION 2021



Our Kickoff Event is Sunday, March 21 at 6 p.m. and is an event for our 6th graders, their parents, & their mentors. Watch for details about location. If you did not receive an information email let me know! If have not returned your information card, please get it to Mrs. Renee!

To help in your future planning, we will meet each Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour (without mentors) & each Sunday night from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (with mentors).

We will NOT have Sunday night class on April 4 or May 9. Confirmation Sunday is May 23. If you have any questions, please let me know.



DO YOU WANT TO BE A CONFIRMATION MENTOR?

Sometimes we are asked to help a 6th grader select a mentor, and it is important to have a list of people who are interested in serving during Confirmation! What is a mentor? A mentor is someone who supports & encourages their Confirmand as they develop/continue a unique relationship with him/her. Being a mentor does not mean that you know all the answers. It does mean that you will share your faith in an authentic way & that you will be a good listener. If you are interested in serving or have questions, please let me know!



ARE YOU EXPECTING A NEW LITTLE ONE?

KIDS Ministry Leadership Team (KMLT) Meeting
Vacation Bible School

March 22
June 28-July 2

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!

ADULT MINISTRY

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

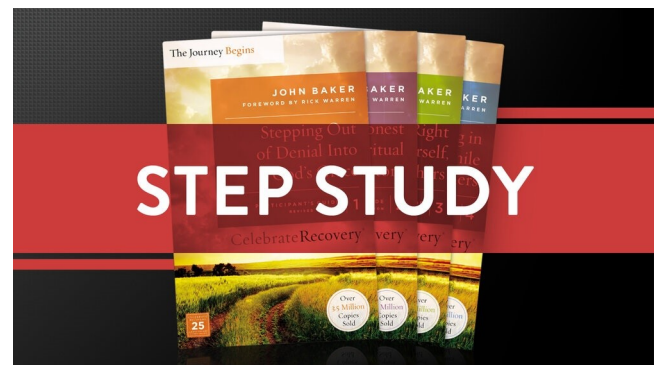


In-Person Holy Communion – Sunday, March 21

We plan to have our first celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion at our in-person worship services on Sunday, March 21. Our ushers will lead you in this, and the communion elements will be distributed in a way that will not require contact with other people. We will have detailed directions for this in our next newsletter and in future emails and social media posts. A Drive-Through Communion Service will also be held on from 3:00—4:00 p.m. March 21 for those who cannot yet attend in-person..

LENTEN GATHERINGS

- Nightly 7:00-7:20 pm Zoom meetings; logon as early as 6:45 pm for extra fellowship; No prep required, come as often as you wish
- ZOOM ACCESS found at www.madisonumc.org/lent2021 (Click on **JOIN MEETING HERE** in 1st sentence)
- Reading, praying, reflecting on, singing, and discussing Psalms selected for Lent by J.D. Walt in his devotional SOUNDTRACK



NEW STEP STUDY

Tuesday nights at 6:30

Step studies are for anyone dealing with hurts, habits or hang-ups and those who would like training to be a group leader at Celebrate Recovery. Celebrate Recovery is a much needed ministry to our members and our community. For more information, please contact the church office at 601-856-6058 or email steve@madisonumc.org