



Madison United Methodist Church
MESSENGER

“Building faithful disciples, serving Jesus Christ.”

No. 6

March 24, 2021

Sunday Services, March 28, 2021

Services in the Sanctuary & Multipurpose Room at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School classes at 9:30 a.m.
Palm Sunday



Sunday, March 28

8:30 and 10:45 a.m. – Palm Sunday services [Sanctuary, Multi-Purpose Room]

- Please register for these services.
- Children will gather in the Student Lounge for the MPR services and in the Courtyard (or Choir Room if it is raining) for the Sanctuary services to prepare for their Palm Sunday Processional.

Thursday, April 1

7:00 p.m. – Older Elementary (4th—6th Grade) Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt [Anglin’s home]**

7:00 p.m. – Holy Thursday Communion Service [Sanctuary]

- Please **register for this service** online or by calling the church office.

Friday, April 2

7:00-11:30 a.m., 1:00-7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross [Sanctuary]

- We will have bulletins available for this, but we will also have an electronic bulletin for this on the front page of our website.
- Please be masked and maintain social-distancing as you go through this worship experience.

Noon — Good Friday Prayer Service [Sanctuary]

Saturday, April 3

10:00 a.m. — Preschool (2½ - K5) Easter Egg Hunt [Atrium]**

2:00 p.m. — Resurrection Trail (1st—3rd Grade) [East Parking Lot]**

Sunday, April 4

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. – Easter services [Sanctuary and Multi-Purpose Room with an overflow service in the CLC, if needed]

- Sanctuary and CLC services will be masked.
- Please register your attendance for our Easter services any time after 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 29.
- We will have the Flowering Cross in our courtyard for pictures on Easter.
- As you leave, there will be bags with Cross Cookies in them for you to take with you to enjoy.
- Sunday School classes will not meet at the church on Easter.

****Complete details of KIDS events can be found on the KIDS Ministry page of this Messenger.**

Latest Worship Updates



At our recent Administrative Council meeting, we voted to maintain our current safety protocols for the worship services in the Sanctuary. In light of decreasing COVID-19 infection, hospitalization and death statistics and with the rise of vaccinations, the Council did vote to allow for people to un-mask in the Multi-Purpose Room services once they are seated. Those in the MPR will still need to mask for singing and should maintain social-distancing. Though we are lifting mask mandates for the MPR services, we are asking that everyone please be **masked throughout the rest of our campus and buildings** since many persons are still at-risk or have not been able to schedule their vaccination just yet. Masks will also be required for those attending Easter services in the CLC.



General Conference
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The 2020 General Conference, which had to be postponed to August 2021, is now being postponed to August 2022 due to travel issues from the world-wide pandemic. Although the Council of Bishops called for a special one-day General Conference on May 8 to vote on twelve pieces of legislation, that meeting has since been cancelled. You can find updates about General Conference information on our website at www.madisonumc.org/townhall.

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



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
Barbara Christmas	James Morphis	Janet Zoble
Bob Ellis	Dupree Petty	
Katherine Fowler	Norma Richards	
Mary Frances Kelly	Elinor Rummel	
Judy McArthur	Trey Russell	
Patsy McCarty	Shauna Sansing	

PRAYER REQUESTS—FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Kate Box	Mary Blaylock's friend
Michal Ann Brown	Katie Moody's sister
Sharron Byrd	friend of MUMC
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

Taylor DeLong—3/15/21
Son of Amy and Cole DeLong
Member of MUMC

Ken Bramlett—3/22/21
Brother of Lee Bramlett

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: Emily and Peyton Spring

MUMC REPORT

	Offering		Year-To-Date
	Cash/Check	Electronic	All Giving
3/14/21	\$15,772	\$ 8,970	\$471,114
3/21/21	\$59,852	\$11,330	\$542,296

Education Building Cost: \$5,227,203.00

Education Building Mortgage

Balance (as of 3/22/21): \$1,697,342.00

Thank you

Bill & I wish to express our gratitude to our church family for your text, calls & cards during the recent passing of Bills son, Brad in Florida.

Your lifted prayers helped make the trying time easier to cope.

God Bless you all.

Bill & Debbie Hardee

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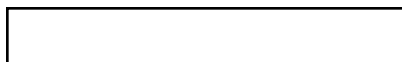
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Please deliver by: Saturday, March 27, 2021

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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. 28 – Revelation 22
Mon., Mar. 29 – Mark 1
Tues., Mar. 30 – Job 21
Wed., Mar. 31 – Job 22
Thurs., Apr. 1 – Job 23
Fri., Apr. 2 – Job 24
Sat., Apr. 3 – Psalm 115

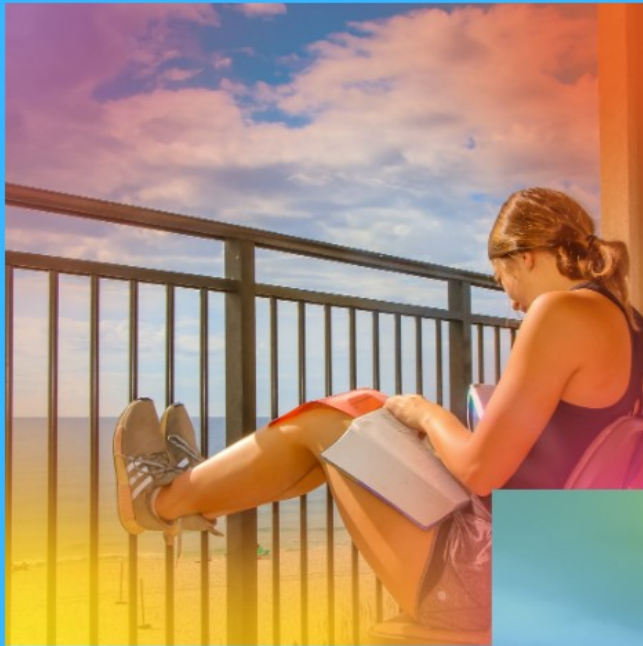
Sun., Apr. 4 – Mark 2
Mon., Apr. 5 – Mark 3
Tues., Apr. 6 – Job 25
Wed., Apr. 7 – Job 26
Thurs., Apr. 8 – Job 27
Fri., Apr. 9 – Job 28
Sat., Apr. 10 – Psalm 116



MUMM'S FRANK WILSON SCHOLARSHIPS

The Madison United Methodist Men (MUMM) are pleased to announce their 13th annual program for the award of the Frank Wilson college scholarships to two qualified young men who are members of our church. Applicants must graduate from high school no later than August 2021, with a grade point average of 3.0 or above, and have participated in church, school and community programs. Applications are available in the church office. Application deadline is April 30, 2021. This year the scholarships will be for **\$3,000.00** payable over four years. All men of the Church are invited to participate in this project for our young men. Questions – call Scott Catington at 601-497-9995 or email madisonummen@gmail.com.

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)

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

KIDS MINISTRY
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Vacation Bible School will be June 28-July 2! Details about registration & volunteer opportunities coming soon!

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. Renee (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.

ALTAR GUILD MINISTRY
Jone McCollum 601-856-6058 or email jone@madisonumc.org

Would you like to help provide the beautiful altar flower arrangements in our sanctuary on Sunday mornings?



The Altar Guild would like to give church members the opportunity to once again grace the Sanctuary with arrangements in honor or in memory of loved ones.

You may purchase one or both arrangements at \$65 each by calling the church office at 601-856-6058. While Covid protocols are still in place and no printed bulletins are being used, the donors will be acknowledged in the on-line bulletin.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH MINISTRY
Steve Potter 601-856-6058 or email steve@madisonumc.org

OUTREACH TEAM:

If you have a heart for the least, the lost and the lonely, inside and outside the walls of our church, please consider serving as a member of the Outreach Team. We meet 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays. We serve as an accountability group and a service group. If you would like more information, please contact Steve Potter at the church office or a team member: Diane Goolsby, Dawn Steed, Rick Campbell and Carolyn Schussler.

LET'S GET BACK OUT THERE:

It is time for us to get going again! The needs that were there when COVID hit us a year ago are still there... and then some. If you are ready to get out there, or are almost ready, please let us know. You can see what missions we are currently involved in by going to <http://www.madisonumc.org/missions>

Please Email Steve Potter at steve@madisonumc.org with your contact info, specific missions and ministries that you have a heart for, availability, and any specific skills and resources you may have.




ADULT MINISTRY

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

JOSEPH BIBLE STUDY
April 7, 14, & 21 - 6:00 p.m.

Renowned Old Testament scholar **Dr. John Oswalt** will be leading a three-week series on Joseph.

We will meet via Zoom for this study. Meeting ID# - 842 8274 3921, passcode - JOSEPH



Dr. John Oswalt will be with us via Zoom on three Wednesdays (April 7, 14, & 21) to finish up his three-part Genesis study. In the past we looked at Abraham and Jacob. This study will focus on the life of Joseph. Since these will be live studies, you can use the “Chat” function to ask Dr. Oswalt any questions that you have. Here is the Zoom information for this study: Meeting ID# - 842 8274 3921, passcode – JOSEPH. These sessions will be recorded and later added to our YouTube channel, too.

ONLINE CHURCH BULLETINS ADDED TO OUR CHURCH APP

We have had our worship bulletins on our church website, but we have now added them to our church app. The bulletins show the entire service, and they contain many church announcements, too. Search “madison umc” in the Google Play Store or Apple App Store to find and to download our church app.

