



Madison United Methodist Church

# MESSENGER

"Building faithful disciples, serving Jesus Christ."

No. 24

November 30, 2022

## Sunday Services, December 4

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

Sunday School classes at 9:30 a.m.

# Your Light has Come

*A Christmas Worship Celebration*

## The Chancel Choir & Orchestra

Sunday, December 11 at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 am

## WEDNESDAYS AT MADISON

- 5:15-6:00 p.m.—Supper
- 5:45 p.m.—KIDS Choir & KIDS Play
- 6:15 p.m.—KIDS Ministry activities (KIDS Check-in)
- 6:15 p.m.—Student Ministry study (Lounge, Student Hall)
- 6:00 p.m.—Small Groups

Make sure to register for the meal **before TUESDAY** at noon by calling the church office or by filling out the online form at [www.madisonumc.org](http://www.madisonumc.org). We are excited to share the news that we will maintain our regular meal prices (\$7 adults & \$4 kids) for the fall!



### December 7

#### Adult

- Garlic Orange Roasted Pork
- Rosemary Roasted Beef
- Spinach Madeline
- Green Beans Almandine
- Lemon Poppy Seed Mashed Potatoes
- Yeast Rolls
- Super Salad Bar

#### Kids Meal

- Grilled Chicken Strips
- Veggie Ranch Crescent Squares
- Grapes
- Christmas Sugar Cookies

#### Desserts

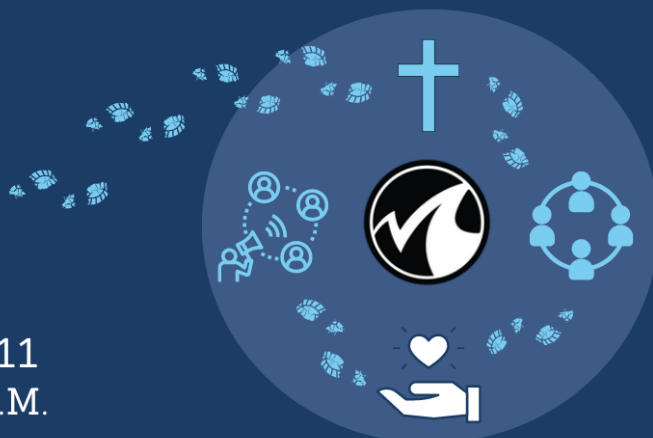
- Soft Serve Ice Cream with Toppings Bar
- Apple Gingerbread Squares
- Black Forest Dream Bars (also in Sugar Free)
- York Peppermint Brownies
- Egg Nog Cake



KIDS Christmas Music Program  
Wednesday, December 7  
6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
MEALS AND PROGRAMS  
WILL CONCLUDE  
DECEMBER 7 AND  
RESUME  
AFTER THE HOLIDAYS  
ON JANUARY 11, 2023.

## What's Your NEXT STEP?



### New Door

SUN., DEC. 11  
9:45-10:30 A.M.

An event for GUESTS to  
**CONNECT** you in **CHRIST**  
to the people, pastors,  
staff, & ministries  
of MUMC  
so you can  
belong, grow, & serve

meets in

**Room 402**

(2nd floor, Education  
Building)

# 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](mailto:prayer@madisonumc.org)**

### PRAYER REQUESTS—MUMC MEMBERS

Carol Ann Ables	Jimmy Jernigan	Willie Moore
Vicki Blake	Joanne Jones	Bob Morgan
Steve Brown	Elizabeth Manning	Trey Russell
Barbara Crews	John Mason	Gloria Thompson
Sandra Eilders	Herb Mays	Courtney Tucker
Barbara Crews	Judy McArthur	Dwayne Walley
David Goolsby	Barrie McArthur	Wayne Webb
Janie Harris	Patsy McCarty	
Phil Hinton	Johnnie Miller	
Vernon Hull	The Moody Family	

### PRAYER REQUESTS—FAMILY MEMBERS/FRIENDS

Gilbert Abbe	Truman Abbe's father
Peezie Allred	Marvel Allred's daughter-in-law
Betty Arinder	Amy Whittenton's mother
Steve Breithaupt	Karen Harper's brother
Jane Calhoun	Beth Haller's mother
Nancy Fulce	Gayle Hart's mother
Duncan Graham	Les/Sheila Jones' grandson
Russ Hackman	MUMC regular attender
Bill Haller	Clay Haller's father
Bob Keenum	Lauren Younger's grandfather
Tommy Leach	Ruth Elam's brother
Ames & Parker Lee	Christy Nettles' nephews
Lauren Luter	Jim/Ruth Elam's granddaughter
Bobby Mitchell	Maritta Mullet's friend
Bucky Murphy	Paula Stubbs' brother-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
David Steele	Beverly Harvey's son-in-law
Nancy Strickland	Les Jones' mother
Dayla Thompson	Maritta Mullet's friend

### HOSPICE/ASSISTED LIVING/NURSING HOMES/

#### RETIREMENT HOMES

The Blake: Fabia Smith

Beau Ridge: Frankie Mitchell; Joyce Logue; Joan Winstead

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; Eddy Johnson

The Orchard: Maggie Hart; Frances Williams

Ridgeland Place: Phillip Perry

### *In Memoriam*

**Harold "Hal" Mitchell—11/19/22**  
Father of Mollie Sims

*We express our sympathy to the families.*

### **MUMC REPORT**

Worship Attendance

11/20/22     497

11/27/22     750

Finances

2022 Budget: \$2,500,000

Given to Date: \$2,293,719

Education Building Mortgage

Balance (as of 12/01/22):

\$1,378,042.00



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## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

"COME AND GO" COMMUNION  
2:00-3:30 P.M. (CHAPEL)

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CANDLELIGHT AND  
COMMUNION SERVICES

4:00 & 6:00 P.M.

100 Post Oak Road     [www.madisonumc.org](http://www.madisonumc.org)

**Madison United Methodist Church**  
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Madison, MS 39110  
601-856-6058  
Website: [www.madisonumc.org](http://www.madisonumc.org)

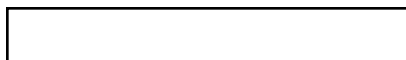
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Please deliver by: Saturday, December 4, 2022

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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**



\*[www.readpraylovedaily.com](http://www.readpraylovedaily.com) - Subscribe in the lower right corner of the screen or visit the site daily

Readings for the week of the  
2nd Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19  
Romans 15:4-13  
Matthew 3:1-12

Readings for the week of the  
3rd Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 35:1-10  
Psalm 146:5-10  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11



Thanks to Pam O'Keefe of the Altar Guild for the beautiful Thanksgiving Altar table decorations. Pam has decorated the Thanksgiving altar for the past 26 years!

**KIDS MINISTRY**

Renee Scales 601-856-6058 or email [renee@madisonumc.org](mailto:renee@madisonumc.org)



**Polar Express Family Night**  
Friday, December 9  
6-8 p.m.

**Multi-Purpose Room**

Families are invited to join us for pizza  
and The Polar Express movie.

RSVP – [renee@madisonumc.org](mailto:renee@madisonumc.org)

**Preschool Happy Birthday, Jesus Party**  
Saturday, December 10

10-11:30 a.m.

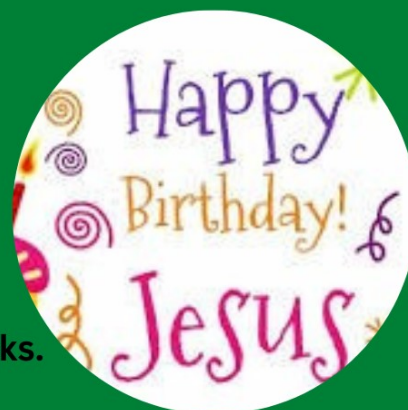
KIDS Hall

Ages 2 ½ - K5



Please bring adult size gloves, hats, scarves, or socks.

RSVP – [renee@madisonumc.org](mailto:renee@madisonumc.org)



**Gingerbread Mangers for 1st – 3rd Graders**  
Wednesday, December 14  
6-7:30 p.m.

**Christian Life Center (CLC)**

Join us for dinner, assembling gingerbread  
mangers, & games.

RSVP – [renee@madisonumc.org](mailto:renee@madisonumc.org)



**Live Nativity at Park Place Christian Academy**  
& Dinner at El Ranchito for 4th & 5th Graders

Friday, December 16

Meet at the Church

(KIDS Hall Check-in area) at 5:30 p.m.

Pick up at the church at 8:00 p.m.

(parking lot on playground side)

Please bring \$5.00 for dinner.

RSVP – [renee@madisonumc.org](mailto:renee@madisonumc.org)



# Administrative Council “Next Steps” Discernment Reminders

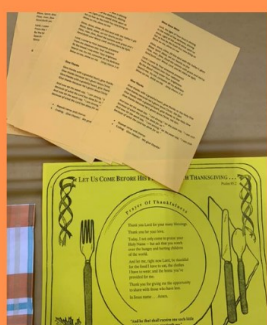
- Next Steps Resource Guide and Website ([www.madisonumc.org/nextsteps](http://www.madisonumc.org/nextsteps))
- **Coffee & Conversation meetings**
  - ◇ January 8 and January 15 (Sanctuary – 2:30-3:30 p.m.)
- **Sunday School class Coffee & Conversation meetings** – January and February
  - ◇ Email us at [nextsteps@madisonumc.org](mailto:nextsteps@madisonumc.org) to schedule a Coffee & Conversation meeting for your class or small group.
- **Congregational Email Pulse Survey** – January 15-22
- **Annual Conference Bible Study** – January 18 (Sanctuary – 6:00 p.m.)
- **Administrative Council meeting** – January 23



We are pleased to announce that Rev. Dr. Stephen Cook, the District Superintendent of the West Jackson District, will also be our **District Superintendent** until June 2023. He is taking on our District because Rev. Dr. Connie Shelton was elected as a bishop and will be moving to serve in the North Carolina Conference.



Special thanks go to everyone who attended our Lord's Acre supper and to all who set up for the event or prepared additional food. The amount raised this year for the Lord's Acre offering was \$56,000. If you have yet to turn in a Lord's Acre offering, you can do that online or bring a check to the office or to any upcoming service.



## STUDENT MINISTRY

Cory Phillips 601-856-6058 or email [cory@madisonumc.org](mailto:cory@madisonumc.org)

Stay Connected with us! We post updates and changes regularly to our Instagram (@mumcstudents) and via our text plan (text "mumcstudent" to 866.998.3838). Don't miss out on events by not connecting!

### SUNDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

6:00—6:30 pm Free dinner

6:30—7:15 pm Large group games and worship

7:15—8:00 pm Family groups

8:00—8:15 pm Closing prayer in chapel.

- ⇒ **Sign-ups are going on now for our STUDENT SPRING BASKETBALL LEAGUE. We hope to have a team for each age group from our church (7/8<sup>th</sup> grades, 9/10<sup>th</sup> grades, and 11/12<sup>th</sup> grades.) Games are played Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from January to March. If interested, please let Cory know your student's name and grade.**
- ⇒ **Parents, we still need your help and support for meals on Sunday Nights. Contact Cory to see how you can help!**



**ELEVATE  
SIGNUPS ARE LIVE!**

**JAN. 13-16, 2023**

\$295 to ski  
\$330 to snowboard  
\$230 for conference only

Registration Deadline is Dec. 1



Spots fill up fast so make sure you register ASAP! Shoot Cory any questions you have! Sign up on the Student Ministry Page of the MUMC website ([www.madisonumc.org](http://www.madisonumc.org)).

MISSION/OUTREACH MINISTRY  
Steve Potter 601-856-6058 or email [steve@madisonumc.org](mailto:steve@madisonumc.org)

## Celebrate Recovery®

A CHRIST-CENTERED 12 Step program

### Celebrate Recovery News:

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

We have encountered many challenges over the past three years. Many of the challenges were un-found opportunities in which Madison UMC could grow and be the hands and feet to more people around the world! Others have resulted in the need to make changes.

Times of transition are moments which hold high potential for opportunities to witness to God's ongoing compassion and love. Madison was blessed to offer a ministry to individuals struggling with a variety of hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Madison UMC's Celebrate Recovery ministry began approximately five years ago and has ministered to over a hundred individuals. In fact, this ministry has saved lives.

For a variety of reasons, Madison's Celebrate Recovery is going to pause its ministry at the end of this year. Our leaders will continue to pray and will regroup later to see if we can resume a recovery ministry in the future. Thanks go to all the volunteers, Sunday School classes and staff who have wonderfully supported this ministry.

If you have an interest in knowing more about a potential recovery ministry in the future, contact Steve Potter at [steve@madisonumc.org](mailto:steve@madisonumc.org) or Rodger Wasson at [rodger.wasson@live.com](mailto:rodger.wasson@live.com)

## *WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!*



Linda and Steve Williams became members of the MUMC church family on November 20.

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

To anyone unable to attend Sunday School in person, the Pathfinder Sunday School class continues to offer Zoom sessions so that others can join us. If you are unable to attend on Sunday mornings, we'd be glad for you to join us. For more information, please call Leon Stewart at 601-473-7060.