



Madison United Methodist Church

MESSENGER

“Building faithful disciples, serving Jesus Christ.”

No. 20

October 5, 2022

Sunday Services, October 9

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

Sunday School classes at 9:30 a.m.

OUR CHURCH-WIDE EXPLORATION MEETING was held this past Sunday, October 2, and we had a sizable crowd in attendance for it. It was an informational meeting only, and no vote was held. Our conference leaders shared the steps and requirements for any church from our annual conference to either close or disaffiliate. If you have questions about the meeting, please contact our pastors or any member of our Administrative Council. You can find the names of those members in our January 26th newsletter (www.madisonumc.org/newsletter).

Our Administrative Council will meet on Sunday, October 16, to consider any potential next steps. As we previously did in preparing for the General Conference in 2019 and for the postponed General Conference in 2022, we will share updates with our church family through our website (www.madisonumc.org/townhall). Also, members from our Administrative Council and our senior pastor will be available for informational meetings with our Sunday School classes, small groups, and individuals, and a Town Hall with the entire church will be held in the near future. Please contact our Administrative Council chairperson, Wil Crawford, our Lay Leaders, Olivia Martin and John Smith, or our senior pastor to schedule an informational meeting.

The General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference delegates from our annual conference hosted an online seminar on September 25 entitled, “Important Connection Conversations in the Mississippi Annual Conference.” You can view that recording here: <https://www.mississippi-umc.org/important-connection-conversations-webinar>. Those delegates will consider the questions that were asked during that meeting and will post answers to those questions to the Delegation Hub website (<https://www.mississippi-umc.org/delegationhub>) soon.



COMMITMENT SUNDAY - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

Our committees, teams, and staff have many ministries and missions planned for 2023. Please plan to be a part of those through your serving and giving. We will hear lay testimonies over the next two Sundays at our worship services and then have our Commitment Sunday on October 23.

You may turn in your Commitment Card in the offering baskets at the sanctuary exits as you leave the services on October 23 or turn them in to the church office or at another worship service soon. We will also have a link on our website to fill out your card online at www.madisonumc.org/2023. You can find out about service opportunities and register for how you will serve through our church in 2023 at www.madisonumc.org/go. We will also have printed copies of the service forms in the church office and at the sanctuary entrances.

WEDNESDAYS AT MADISON HAS RESUMED!

- 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
- 6:15 p.m.—Pastor's Bible Study—The Minor Prophets (Sanctuary)

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. We are excited to share the news that we will maintain our regular meal prices (\$7 adults & \$4 kids) for the fall!



Details about Wednesday night plans:

- KIDS Choir (1st – 6th grades) will meet from 5:45 – 6:10 p.m. in the Choir Room. If your child wants to participate in choir, please email Lori at lori@madisonumc.org or fill out a registration card on August 17.
- SonBeams Choir (3 year olds – K5) will meet as part of their class time.
- If your child is not participating in KIDS Choir, you can take your children to KIDS Play from 5:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m. (PreSchool-5K - west playground, 1st-6th graders - east playground). If it is raining, children may be dropped off at the KIDS Ministry check-in in the Atrium to be taken to their KIDS Play options. Choir kiddos will be taken to their classrooms at 6:15 p.m.



October 12:

Adult Meal

Herb Roasted Chicken Cutlets
Reuben Bread Pudding
Caramelized Vidalia Onion Bake
Southern Succotash
Balsamic Green Beans & Peppers
Super Salad Bar

Kids Meal

Grilled Chicken Strips
Green Beans
Cheesy Bread
Applesauce Packets

Desserts

Soft Serve Ice Cream & Toppings Bar
Caramel Apple Bundt Cake
Oatmeal Raisin Cookies
Pear Crisp
Sugar Free Pecan Cookies

October 19:

Adult & Kids Meal

Mustard Glazed Pork Tenderloin
Country Captain Chicken
Brown Rice
Butternut Squash Casserole
Roasted Brussel Sprouts & Bacon
Apple Pecan Kale Slaw
Super Salad Bar

Kids Meal

Cheeseburger Cups
Waffle Fries
Carrot Sticks & Ranch

Desserts

Soft Serve Ice Cream & Toppings Bar
Brown Sugar Pound Cake
Big Earl's Chocolate Torte
Sugar Free Chocolate Torte
Monster Cookies

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	Margaret Mason	Donna Walley
Ann Artmann	Herb Mays	Wayne Webb
Vicki Blake	Judy McArthur	
Steve Brown	Barrie McArthur	
Sandra Eilders	Patsy McCarty	
David Goolsby	The Moody Family	
Janie Harris	Willie Moore	
Vernon Hull	Trey Russell	
Joanne Jones	Gloria Thompson	
Elizabeth Manning	Courtney Tucker	

PRAYER REQUESTS—FAMILY MEMBERS/FRIENDS

Gilbert Abbe	Truman Abbe's father
Betty Arinder	Amy Whittenton's mother
Teri Douglas	Diane Goolsby's friend
Nancy Fulce	Gayle Hart's mother
Russ Hackman	MUMC regular attender
Bob Keenum	Lauren Younger's grandfather
Tommy Leach	Ruth Elam's brother
Ames & Parker Lee	Christy Nettles' nephews
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
Nancy Strickland	Les Jones' mother

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

NEW BABIES:

- ◆ Betsy Gwin Buffington, daughter of Gerad and Elizabeth Buffington, was born September 20.
- ◆ Bridgette Marie Murphy, daughter of Kristen & John Murphy, was born October 3. Grandparents are Scott & Kate Eddy.

MUMC REPORT

Worship Attendance

09/25/22 558

10/02/22 520

Finances

2022 Budget: \$2,500,000

Given to Date: \$1,868,961

Education Building Mortgage

Balance (as of 10/01/22):

\$1,388,846.00

WAYS TO GIVE



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601-255-1836



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Madison UMC



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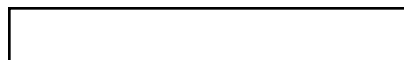
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Please deliver by: Saturday, October 8, 2022

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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



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Sun., Oct. 9 – Colossians 1-4
Mon., Oct. 10 – 1 Thessalonians 1-5
Tues., Oct. 11 – 2 Thess.; 1 Timothy 1-3
Wed., Oct. 12 – 1 Timothy 4 -2 Timothy 2
Thurs., Oct. 13 – Titus-Philemon
Fri., Oct. 14 – Matthew 1-4
Sat., Oct. 15 – Matthew 5-7

Sun., Oct. 16 – Matthew 8-10
Mon., Oct. 17 – Matthew 11-12
Tues., Oct. 18 – Matthew 13-14
Wed., Oct. 19 – Matthew 15-17
Thurs., Oct. 20 – Matthew 18-20
Fri., Oct. 21 – Matthew 21-22
Sat., Oct. 22 – Matthew 23-24


FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP WORKSHOP.



FIVE-MINUTE FAMILY
EQUIPPING BUSY PARENTS FOR
INTENTIONAL FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

MUMC Parents of 3 year olds-3rd grade: You are invited to **REGISTER** (Scan QR code below) for our 1st **"Five-Minute Family" Family Discipleship Workshop** - Saturday, October 29 (8 am-4 pm).

- a time of encouragement & equipping for Intentional Family Discipleship that includes teaching, discussing and planning with others in groups, & resourcing
- an opportunity to continue in groups with other parent peers & have coaching conversations with Ben or Renee



Email **Ben Butler** (ben@madisonumc.org) with questions

For more information or to register online,
Use the QR code above or
go to: www.madisonumc.org/5mf

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



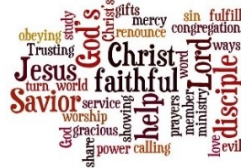
We still need rotation teachers for our 2 year olds, 4 year olds, K5, and 1st grade Sunday School classes. If you are interested in serving every other month, please let me know!



We need volunteers to help with Wednesday night activities for our lower and upper elementary classes. All that is required is having a heart for kids, some prep time and an hour on Wednesday nights! Email me for more info or to volunteer!



We ask that ONLY adults who are checking in or picking up children enter the Nursery Hall. rooms. There are several reasons for this: safety/security for all children, disruption for other children, and space limitations. We do not allow elementary age children to check in or pick up their siblings.



Confirmands (our 6th graders), we will meet at 9:45 a.m. for Sunday School in Room 304 in the KIDS Hall.

Confirmands & mentors, we will meet on this Sunday night, October 9, at 6 p.m. in the CLC. Everybody needs their Bible and folder!



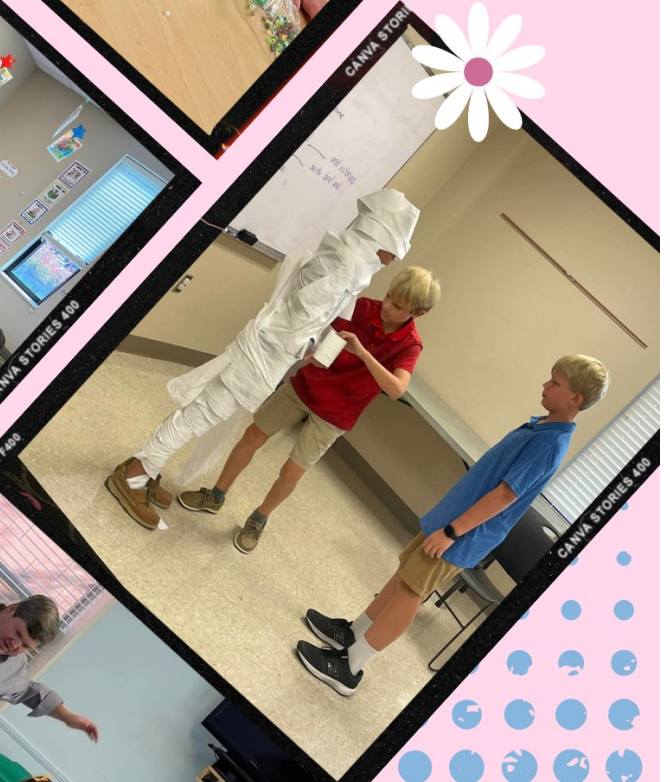
» UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Oct. 16	KIDS Choir Sings	8:30 & 10:45 services
Sunday, Oct. 30	SonBeams Choir Sings	8:30 & 10:45 services
Sunday, Nov. 13	Confirmation Sunday	8:30 & 10:45 services
Wednesday, Dec. 7	KIDS Christmas Music Program	6:15 p.m.
February 9-11, 2023	Created by God (5 th Graders)	Times to be Determined
June 19-23, 2023	VBS 2023	8:30-11:30 a.m.

KIDS MINISTRY

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

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT FUN
THINGS ARE HAPPENING
AT SUNDAY SCHOOL!
JOIN US AND
FIND OUT!



STUDENT MINISTRY

Cory Phillips 601-856-6058 or email 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!

FAMILY GROUPS ARE BACK!

We are back to normal schedule for our Sunday nights!

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.

WE NEED PARENTS' HELP!

We feed our students every Sunday night that they meet and we need parents to help us make that possible. We ask for parents to help pay for a meal and serve a meal throughout the year, if each set of parents signed up for ONE Sunday we would have it covered! If you would like to help us out, contact cory@madisonumc.org.



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

MAT WEAVERS

There are over 2000 homeless in the Metro-Jackson area. We make sleeping mats for them out of plastic shopping bags. And we could use your help. If you can flatten out a bag, cut the tops and bottoms off the bag, string them together like rubber bands, or weave them together like potholder looms, we can use you!!

We meet on Sunday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:00. We would love to have you join us! If you need more information, contact Donna Peyton at 601-519-8002 or at peytondonna@gmail.com.



MISSIONARIES TO NORTH AFRICA VISIT MUMC



A large crowd gathered during the Sunday School hour on October 2 to hear from missionaries who are serving in North Africa and are connected to members of our church. The missionaries also briefly shared about their work during our worship services but, due to the danger of where they live, we had to mute the livestream for that report.

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP



Come to **Fellowship Hall Rooms 204, 206, or 208 by 6 pm on Wednesday nights** to join an Open Small Group. We began a new series on HEBREWS from Right Now Media by former NFL Safety and now pastor Dr. Derwin Gray this past Wednesday (Oct 2) but it's never too late to dive in!

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

Again this year, the New Spirit Sunday School Class is sponsoring a Fall Crafts Sale to benefit the Moody Family Ministry in Honduras.

The sale will take place **Sunday, October 30**. We are looking for crafters who would like to donate **handmade** items such as **woodworking, sewing, jewelry making, painting, pottery, needlework, etc.** to help raise funds for the work this family does for the cause of Christ.

There will also be a **bake sale**, and we would happily accept baked goods!

Please contact Patricia Stanfield (601-259-0480, pgs50@comcast.net) or Laura Isbell (601-942-9817, lauraisbell25@yahoo.com) for more information.



Seasons of Faith

MUMC Women's Ministry Event

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

6:00-8:00 pm in the CLC

Inviting all ladies to join us for an evening of fellowship, food, and faith as three women of our church will share about a season of their faith journey.

Featured speakers:

Amy Whittenton, Sarah Largen and Diane Goolsby.

Registration is \$15 and available on church website.

Please register by *Sunday, October 23.*



You may also register by clicking on the QR code at left.

Join the Christmas Choir!

WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 p.m. BEGINNING OCT. 12

For Singers Ages 16 and up



Our program is
Sunday morning
Dec. 11!

SPECIAL LUNCH/REHEARSAL SUNDAY, OCT 23 AFTER CHURCH UNTIL 2:00pm

To sign up, contact Lori Blount at Lori@madisonumc.org

FAITHBUILDERS BBQ SCARECROW CAR SHOW

Faithbuilders Sunday School Class is setting up a tent at the Scarecrow Cruise and Car show October 21-22. We plan to sell BBQ plates. All proceeds will benefit the many mission projects we work on throughout the year. *We need your help!* You can help us with your time, monetary donations and food donations. As always, we need your prayers for beautiful weather and a successful weekend. Scan the code below to volunteer or sign up.



Please bring all donations to Doug Owens in the church office. If you wish to donate money, our paypal is Faithbuildersmumc@gmail.com and our Venmo is [@Faithbuilders-MUMC](https://venmo.com/@Faithbuilders-MUMC). If you have questions, please contact Doug Owens at 601-985-8357.

ATTENTION: ALL METHODIST MEN

Please join us at the Madison UMC Men's Club for our monthly meeting Sunday, October 16th, in the CLC. We start at 7:00 a.m. with a **great breakfast**.

The program will be presented by **Greg Weber** and will deal with abortion, Roe v. Wade, Dobbs v. Jackson Woman's Health Organization, and where do Christians go from here.

If you are not getting e-mail communication from Methodist Men we would love to add you to our mailing list. Send your e-mail address to: madisonummen@gmail.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Wes Johnson (far right) was received on baptism and profession of faith on September 25. His wife Stephanie Johnson and her parents Steve and Holly Ratcliff were received by transfer, along with Jacob and Luke Johnson as baptized members.



Laura Phillips joined by transfer on October 2. She is shown with husband Mason (who is already a member of MUMC) and son Foster.