



Madison United Methodist Church

# MESSENGER

“Building faithful disciples, serving Jesus Christ.”

No. 19

September 21, 2022

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## Sunday Services, September 25

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

Sunday School classes at 9:30 a.m.

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## MUMC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL UPDATES ABOUT TWO INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

As we reported in March, the postponed 2020 General Conference meeting of the United Methodist Church was further delayed until 2024. Since then, there have been additional developments within our denomination which have caused many United Methodist churches to explore the disaffiliation process that was passed at the 2019 General Conference. In our state alone, it has been reported that 159 churches have asked for an Exploration Meeting with conference leaders to learn about the steps and actions required for that process.

This spring our pastor met with our Sunday School classes and held a church-wide Sunday School class to discuss the current issues about General Conference and within our denomination. In June, our Administrative Council created a sub-committee to explore the options for our church family. The Council heard from that group at our meeting on September 1 and they voted to request an Exploration Meeting with our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Connie Shelton, and our Conference Treasurer, David Stotts.

This Exploration Meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 2, at 4:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary. It will be open to the entire church. It is an informational meeting only, and no vote will be held. Our conference leaders will share the steps and requirements for any church from our conference to either close or disaffiliate. They will answer questions on that specific subject, but this meeting is not about denominational issues or General Conference concerns. It is being held so we can gain an understanding of the specific requirements for churches.

In response to the 2022 annual conference petition that was approved by the membership (page 145, *Call for Vital Relational Conversations Among the Leadership and Churches of the Mississippi Annual Conference*), the Mississippi Conference Delegation is hosting an online seminar entitled, “Important Connection Conversations in the Mississippi Annual Conference.” The Zoom webinar will be on **Sunday, September 25, at 5:00 p.m.** There is no required registration to attend. You will simply join in by using this Zoom information: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89735059444> or one tap mobile: US: +13092053325,,89735059444# or +13126266799,,89735059444# Webinar ID: 897 3505 9444. The webinar will be hosted by Rev. Fred Britton, head of the delegation. Rev. Lisa Garvin will share the hopes of those who would like to change *The Discipline* to be a fully inclusive UMC denomination. Rev. Stephen Sparks will share the hopes of those that would like The UMC to remain a traditional denomination. Rev. Dr. Embra Jackson will share the hopes of those who advocate for unity and not separation. David Stotts will lead an overview of the disaffiliation process. Rev. Trey Harper will present on the related effects of clergy who choose to leave The United Methodist Church. The webinar will be recorded and can be found on the Delegation Hub (<https://www.mississippi-umc.org/delegationhub>) by Tuesday, September 27, for those who were unable to attend or would like to view the presentation again.

Call on our pastors or any of us with your concerns, questions, and ideas. Let’s continue praying for our pastors, leaders, and church in this season and continue to focus on our shared ministries and fellowship together.

The one thing our church family does better than any church is LOVE. We show love to one another; we show love to the Kingdom of God. There are a lot of views, opinions, beliefs, and thoughts as it relates to these current denominational issues. We wish that you please remember to lead and respond with love in any discussion that you have related to these matters. Thank you.

Wil Crawford, Administrative Council chairperson  
Olivia Martin and John Smith, Lay Leaders

## **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 Gospel of Luke (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](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!

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### **Details about Wednesday night plans:**

- SonShine Choir (1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 SonShine Choir, you can take your children to KIDS Play from 5:45 p.m.- 6:15 p.m. (PreSchool-5K - west playground, 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **September 28: Diner Favorites**

#### **Adult Meal**

Mama's Meatloaf with Daniel Sauce  
Open-Faced Turkey Sandwich with Gravy  
Triple Cheese Mac  
Buttered Peas & Carrots  
Broccoli Salad  
Yeast Rolls  
Super Salad Bar

#### **Kids Meal**

Meatloaf Muffins  
Mac & Cheese  
Buttered Peas & Carrots  
Yeast Rolls

#### **Desserts**

Soft Serve Custard with Toppings Bar  
Triple Berry Cobbler  
Lemon Supreme Pie  
Chunky Chocolate Brownies  
Sugar Free, Gluten Free Brownies

### **October 5: Fair Night**

#### **Adult & Kids Meal**

Walking Frito Pie  
Grilled Sausage Dogs  
Chicken & Waffles on a Stick  
Popcorn  
Totchos  
Super Salad Bar

#### **Desserts**

Frozen Giant Lemonade Pops  
Key Lime Pie on a Stick  
Ice Cream Cookie Sandwiches  
Caramel Puff Corn  
Berry Cup

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

### PRAYER REQUESTS—FAMILY MEMBERS/FRIENDS

Gilbert Abbe	Truman Abbe's father
Teri Douglas	Diane Goolsby's friend
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
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:

Elizabeth & Gerad Buffington

### NEW BABY:

Harrison Hardy Clarke, son of Lindsey and Chris Clarke, and baby brother of Campbell & Collins, was born September 6.

### **MUMC REPORT**

Worship Attendance

09/11/22 574

09/18/22 600

Finances

2022 Budget: \$2,500,000

Given to Date: \$1,795,081

Education Building Mortgage

Balance (as of 09/01/22):

\$1,394,019.00

### *In Memoriam*

*David Lee—9/3/22*  
 Husband of Debra Lee  
 Member of MUMC

*We express our sympathy to the families.*

# WAYS TO GIVE



madisonumc  
[.org/give](https://www.madisonumc.org/give)



in-person



text

601-255-1836



app

Madison UMC



QR code



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](http://www.madisonumc.org)

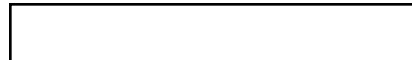
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MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP

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., Sept. 25 – Romans 13-16  
Mon., Sept. 26 – 1 Corinthians 1-4  
Tues., Sept. 27 – 1 Corinthians 5-8  
Wed., Sept. 28 – 1 Corinthians 9-11  
Thurs., Sept. 29 – 1 Corinthians 12-14  
Fri., Sept. 30 – 1 Corinthians 15-16  
Sat., Oct. 1 – 2 Corinthians 1-5

Sun., Oct. 2 – 2 Corinthians 6-10  
Mon., Oct. 3 – 2 Corinthians 11-13  
Tues., Oct. 4 – Galatians 1-3  
Wed., Oct. 5 – Galatians 4-6  
Thurs., Oct. 6 – Ephesians 1-3  
Fri., Oct. 7 – Ephesians 4-6  
Sat., Oct. 8 – Philippians 1-4

**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](mailto:ben@madisonumc.org)) with questions

**FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP WORKSHOP.**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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, September 25 at 6 p.m. in the CLC. Everybody needs their Bible and folder!



**KIDS Ministries Leadership Team (KMLT) Meeting**

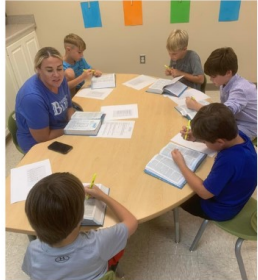
Our KIDS Ministries Leadership Team will meet on **Monday, September 26 at 6:00 p.m.** in the ACR. If you have an interest or heart for helping our children grow in their faith in meaningful & real ways, please join us!



» UPCOMING EVENTS

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|---------------------|--|------------------------|
| 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 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:renee@madisonumc.org)



# CONFIRMATION KICK-OFF

September 18, 2022



**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!

**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](mailto:cory@madisonumc.org).

**BEACH**  
LAGUNA BEACH CHRISTIAN RETREAT  
Panama City Beach  
**RETREAT**  
OCTOBER 8-10  
\$200/PERSON  
Signups Open Now!  
**STUDENT MINISTRY**

We have kicked back off family groups on Sunday nights, and it has been so good worshipping and hanging out together again! If you're a student & haven't joined us yet, what are you waiting for!

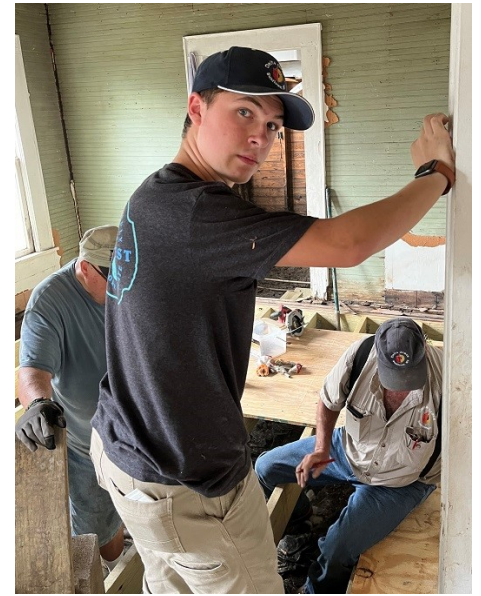
We are excited to be going back to Laguna Beach Christian Retreat in Panama City for our Beach Retreat this year. I wanted to make a correction on the dates, we are leaving **Saturday, October 8** for the beach **not Friday, October 7** so that way our students involved in extra-curriculars on Friday are able to come! We will return around dinner on Monday, October 10.

Sign ups are live on the Student page of MUMC's website: [www.madisonumc.org/students](http://www.madisonumc.org/students).

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

**CELEBRATING DELTA GRACE**

Madison UMC went to Delta Grace on Saturday, September 10th. We worked on the “Madison House”, because of the work we have and will continue to put into it. Delta Grace is a multi-denominational, faith-based organization that matches mission teams with those in need of home repairs. To find out more information about Delta Grace, visit <https://deltagrace.org>, contact Matthew Thompson at [wmatthewt@gmail.com](mailto:wmatthewt@gmail.com) or Steve Potter, Director of Outreach Ministries at [steve@madisonumc.org](mailto:steve@madisonumc.org).



**Come hear missionaries to  
North Africa share their  
experiences in a predominantly  
Muslim area.**

**Sponsored by Journey Of Faith Sunday School  
Class but all are welcome to attend.**

**Sunday, October 2  
9:45 a.m.  
in the Multipurpose Room**

"Our names are J and A and we have 4 kids (J, K, JD, & D). We have lived in North Africa for 8 years, working amongst and ministering to a predominantly Muslim people group. Engaging our people group in a natural way can be difficult. Therefore, we opened a branch of a sports consulting company. We do baseball and basketball programs, physical education programs for schools, train local coaches and teachers, and implement various types of sports and diversified camps as a way to engage our people group. This has allowed us to live in a difficult place and be ambassadors for the Lord amongst our people group. The Lord has allowed us to see individuals and groups come to faith in Jesus, be baptized, and churches be planted. We continue to pray for the Lord to expand the work He is doing amongst our people group and flood the nations with the Good News of Jesus!"



## ADULT MINISTRY

Rev. Ben Butler 601-856-6058 or email [ben@madisonumc.org](mailto:ben@madisonumc.org)

### 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](mailto:pgs50@comcast.net)) or Laura Isbell (601-942-9817, [lauraisbell25@yahoo.com](mailto:lauraisbell25@yahoo.com)) for more information.



DISCIPLES  
COMMIT TO  
*Community*  
Sunday School & Small Groups

REACH OUT TO **BEN BUTLER**  
[ben@madisonumc.org](mailto:ben@madisonumc.org)  
For help finding a class/group

It's not too late to attend an **Open Small Group** (Fellowship Hall Rooms 204, 206, & 208) as we finish up the **CONTENDER** study in September. We will offer another study in October-early November. Additionally, we will likely have some "Five-Minute Family" Small Groups forming in anticipation of the "Five-Minute Family" Workshop (Oct. 29; see ad in this newsletter). Got questions? Email **Ben Butler** ([ben@madisonumc.org](mailto:ben@madisonumc.org)).



# 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 16.**



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

**VIP's of Madison United Methodist Church  
Program provided by  
Amy Lancaster with We Will Go Ministries  
Tuesday, October 4 at noon**

**Reservations MUST be made by  
noon Thursday September 29**

**Call the church office at 601-856-6058**

**Sign up on the pew pads or email [jone@madisonumc.org](mailto:jone@madisonumc.org)**

**Cost of lunch is \$5.00 per person.**

**Please have exact cash or check.**

**One lunch per VIP, please. NO take outs, please.**

**MENU:**

Creole Tomato Pork Chops

Savory Corn Pudding

Garlic Parmesan Green Beans

Autumn Salad

Cornbread

Carrot Cake



**LAMBUTH DAY TO BE HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6,  
AT MADISON COUNTY'S PEARL RIVER CHURCH**



All are invited to celebrate Methodist missions and history at the annual Lambuth Day service at Madison County's Pearl River Church on Oct. 6 at 2:30 p.m. The scenic church, designated in 2016 as a UMC Heritage Landmark, will be the site of the gathering to honor the legacy of the Lambuth missionary family, complete with preaching, singing, cemetery tours, and refreshments following the service.

Pearl River Church is located on Pearl River Church Road, just off of Green Oak Rd., in Madison County. From its beginnings in 1833 as a school and church for the area, it became a launching point for Methodist missionaries to China and Japan and for Methodist ministers throughout the world. One of only 49 world-wide UMC Heritage Landmarks, it is the first site to be so recognized in Mississippi.

**Directions: From Madison exit at I-55:** Travel east on Highway 463/Madison Parkway to Hwy. 51. Turn left and go north on Highway 51 to Green Oak Lane. Turn right and continue straight for 3 miles. Turn right onto Pearl River Church Rd. Pearl River UMC will be ahead ¼ mile on the right with grounds enclosed by cyclone fence.

# *WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!*

*Becoming members of the MUMC church family on September 18 were:*



Rob & Lindsey McClure and daughters Lily and Hadley



Jenny Watson



Donna Lyon



Libby Gillenwater



Carla Brittain



Olivia Walker



George Edward Hogg was baptized on September 18. He is pictured with parents Jay & Hannah and siblings Gates and Preston.

Reed Ford (son of Chris & Courtney Ford) professed his faith in Christ and was baptized at an afternoon service in Montgomery Chapel on September 18!

