

No. 18 September 9, 2020

Sunday Services, September 13, 2020

Services in the Sanctuary at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. & Multipurpose Room at 11:00 a.m. Don't forget to pre-register! No Sunday School on campus.

GROUPS RETURN TO MUMC CAMPUS!

We are excited to announce that most groups can now return to our campus for their meetings! All groups must make a reservation by calling the church office. That way, we can ensure the specific room needed is available and the heat/cooling is on. Groups will need to follow a prescribed brief clean-up procedure following their meeting. Those who attend a group meeting on our campus must also follow current safety protocols. At this time, that includes self-screening, mask-wearing, social-distancing, no food and drink, etc. Any student or adult who has been asked to quarantine should refrain from attending services on our campus and any church activities that are off campus. If you have tested positive for COVID or do not feel well after having attended a meeting on our campus, please inform our church office immediately. Visit our website (http://www.madisonumc.org/madison-umc-reopening-guidelines-plans) for the full guidelines.

During morning and afternoons, the Multi-Purpose Room, the Education Building's upstairs classrooms, and the upstairs classrooms in the Fellowship Hall area will be available for groups and studies. Those rooms, as well as additional rooms, will also be available in the evenings.

KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL TO RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 20!!

Our KIDS Ministry Leadership Team, along with our Administrative Council, have chosen to resume KIDS Sunday School classes on Sunday, September 20. For now, the classes will meet during the 11:00 a.m. services. A parent should wait in line on either side of the Atrium KIDS desk, while practicing social distancing. A volunteer will register and receive your child and they will take your child to their classroom. A parent would return to that line after the 11:00 a.m. service to receive their child.

This is our first step toward our future goal of having all classes back on campus. Many of our children, more than our adults and youth, have not had outlets and opportunities for fellowship and group studies, so we are deferring to their needs and are giving them the first access to our campus.

The 11:00 a.m. time slot was chosen for these reasons:

- It limits the amount of time spent by children as well as their parents on our campus and that reduces additional contact and time in smaller areas, like restrooms and hallways.
- We are currently required to wait one hour before cleaning and re-entering all rooms. That means we cannot "turn-over" the air and clean the nursery after the 8:30 a.m. service in time. That issue currently prohibits these classes meeting during 9:45 a.m. time period.
- The 11:00 a.m. time slot allows for parents and grandparents with children in KIDS Sunday School to be on campus. If KIDS Sunday School met at 9:45, those parents and grandparents would not be able to attend their own Zoom Sunday School class.

Due to our safety protocols and the need to socially distance the kids, we will have more classes than normal. Also, several of our former teachers cannot help due to their at-risk issues. We will need many volunteers to teach our kids. Please contact Renee Scales soon if you can volunteer through this season.

We understand that this will cause some families who regularly attend the 8:30 a.m. service to rearrange their worship schedule. We also want to ask those persons who regularly attend the 11:00 a.m. and do not have young children to consider attending the 8:30 a.m. for a season. Thank you for your understanding and your help with this so that we can disciple, encourage, and bless our children!

WEDNESDAYS AT MADISON POSTPONED

We will continue to postpone the launch of our Wednesdays at Madison programs until October due to COVID-19. Watch for updates in our newsletter and on our social media about future plans to restart WAM.

We will continue to have our Summer Bible Study every Wednesday night at 6:15 p.m. on our YouTube channel, Facebook page, and website. We plan to continue to live-stream and upload that study once we can return to our campus for Pastor's Bible Study for those who cannot attend.

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM ADDED FOR MORE WORSHIP SPACE THIS SUNDAY

Our worship service registration numbers for the sanctuary have reached maximum capacity for several of our worship services. To provide an opportunity for more people to worship in person, we will have an additional service at 11:00 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room on the second floor of the Education Building, along with our two services in the sanctuary. If our numbers continue to increase, we will then add an 8:30 a.m. service in the Multi-Purpose Room.

- There will be a different order to the worship services in the MPR and the sanctuary, but all services will have the same worship elements. Each Sunday, the sermon, various worship elements, and the special music will be presented live by our pastors, staff, and volunteers in the MPR services and not through prerecorded or streamed videos.
- Registration for all services can be found on the same website (https:// madisonumc.thersvpapp.com/). Deadline for signing up for the nursery is Friday at 6:00 p.m.
- We will maintain identical safety protocols for all services. Please visit our website for those protocols and make sure that your mask covers both your mouth and your nose.
- If you do not have a preference for the room in which you worship, please register for a service in the Multi-Purpose Room.
- Please park on the west side of the campus if you are worshipping in the sanctuary and on the east side of the campus if you are worshipping in the MPR. If there is inclement weather, attenders of both services can enter the church through the east entrance under the covered drive-through.
- In the initial weeks, the attendance might be low in the MPR, so please be patient as the attendance for these ser-

CHURCH OFFICE REMINDER

Our church staff is now working full-time from the church office. We ask staff and office visitors to follow the recent office safety protocols. Since we have many visitors to our office who are not members and because our receptionist can be away from her desk for her work, we are currently locking the office doors to insure that no visitors will enter our office without following our safety protocols. We apologize for this inconvenience.

- Staff members should meet with each other and with members of our church family in the Conference Room and not in their offices. Larger groups of people need to meet in the Fellowship Hall area for better ventilation and for proper social distancing.
- Please make an appointment when you desire to meet with a member of our staff to ensure that we have a room available in which to meet.
- Contact our staff by emailing them using their first name and then "@madisonumc.org" or by calling the church.

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.

<u>Prayer Requests –</u> <u>MUMC Members</u>

<u>MUNIC Members</u>		
Gene Albrecht	Judy McArthur	Mary Salvatore
Martha Kate	Margaret Mason	Shauna Sansing
Brumfield	Jerri Lynn Mitchell	Paul Slone
Cathy Cauthen	The Moody Family	Courtney Tucker
Charles Coghlan	Willie Moore	Keith Walton
Betsy Cowden	Florence Morphis	Connie Wiseman
Bob Ellis	James Morphis	Janet Zoble
J. D. Ingram	Robin Morris	
Brenda Johnson	Dupree Petty	
Hershel Johnson	Barbara Pittman	
Mary Frances Kelly	Elinor Rummel	
Marc Lauderdale	Trey Russell	

Pray for Our Deployed Troops

- Will Beggiani, Ann Beggiani's grandson, U. S. Army, Germany
- Mac Parker, Karen Harper's nephew, U.S. Air Force, Japan

Hospice/Assisted/Living/Nursing Homes

The Arbor: Leon Williams
The Blake: Fabia Smith

Beau Ridge: Keith Walton; Jerry & Frankie Mitchell;

Joyce Logue; Joan Winstead

St. Catherine's Village: Clara Derrington; Lou Jennings

Home Place: Margi Baley, Barbara Mapp

Expectant Parents: New Babies:

Prayer Requests—Family Members and Friends

Chris Clark Gina Holcomb's son Pam Johns Emily Herron's mother Bob Mason Marsha Petty's father Troy Odom, Jr. Elizabeth Carr's father Marvin Pepper Gary Brown's friend Maxwell Skelton Jone McCollum's father Bob & Margaret Tarlton Michelle Lane's parents Eric Weill Kathy Long's brother Jacob Willis Linda Barker's grandson

MUMC REPORT

	Offering		Year-To-Date
	Cash/Check	Electronic	All Giving
08/30/20	\$18,106.00	\$12,780.00	\$1,396,451.86
09/06/20	\$22,848.00	\$17,075.00	\$1,436,374.86

Education Building Cost: \$5,227,203.00

Education Building Mortgage

Balance (as of 8/03/2020): \$2,143,933.46

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

MUMC OUTREACH NEWS

Thank you's:

I wanted you to know a little bit of the big impact you are making. We have received several thank you letters from ministries that you have found a way to support even during a pandemic. Below are a few examples.

MadCAAP: You gave enough food and donations to provide well over four items for 100 families for five weeks. They said "...would like to thank you...Your gift is even more appreciated during these uncertain times."

The Good Samaritan Center: Cory and the youth served the center on one of their Mission Mondays. They said, "Your volunteer work directly impacts our Social Service and Food Distribution teams during this extremely sensitive health crisis."

Habitat for Humanity: Our church was able to provide some critical service hours before the pandemic hit and financial support after that so "another family was able to purchase a safe, decent, affordable home... we could not have done it without your church."

More: There have been many more people and ministries that you have been supporting with time and finances as well. THANK YOU!

Outreach and Mission Team:

We would love for you to share your ideas and passion for others as a part of our missions or Outreach Team. Please email steve@madisonumc.org to find out more.

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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



Sun., Sept. 13 – Hebrews 6 Mon., Sept. 14 – Hebrews 7 Tues., Sept. 15 – 1 Chronicles 7 Wed., Sept. 16 – 1 Chronicles 8 Thurs., Sept. 17 – 1 Chronicles 9 Fri., Sept. 18 – 1 Chronicles 10 Sat., Sept. 19 - Psalm 87

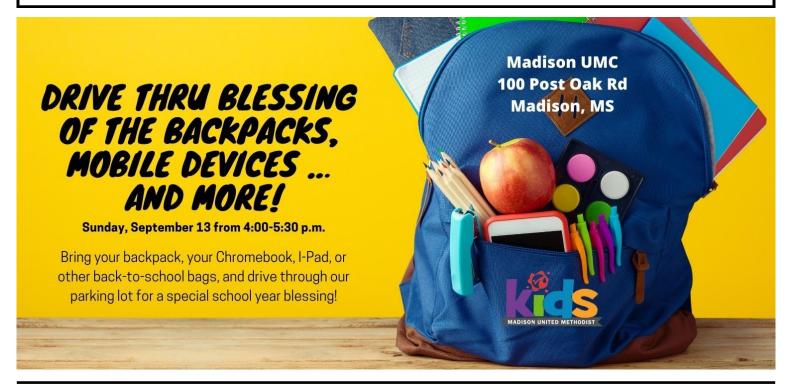
Sun., Sept. 20 – Hebrews 8 Mon., Sept. 21 – Hebrews 9 Tues., Sept. 22 – 1 Chronicles 11 Wed., Sept. 23 – 1 Chronicles 12 Thurs., Sept. 24 – 1 Chronicles 13 Fri., Sept. 25 – 1 Chronicles 14 Sat., Sept. 26 - Psalm 88

HOW TO PRE-REGISTER FOR NURSERY (starting Sept. 13) & SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

In order to plan well for safe, hospitable gathering for worship on campus, we ask that you plan and pre-register your worship attendance & nursery needs by going to https:// madisonumc.thersvpapp.com. Once you are there, you simply:

- 1) click on the blue **SIGN-UP NOW** button;
- then <u>CHOOSE</u> which location you would like to go for worship (Sanctuary or Multi-Purpose Room [MPR may be 11 AM only depending on sign-up numbers])
- then <u>CHOOSE</u> the date and time you plan to worship (8:30 AM or 11:00 AM);
- 4) then use the <u>+/-</u> buttons to add the number of general admission seats needed and click <u>CONTINUE</u>;
- IF YOU HAVE NURSERY AGE CHILDREN (if you do NOT, click the gray SKIP THIS > button), please input the FIRST & LAST NAME, RELATIONSHIP, & CELL # for at least one parent, and use the + PARENT/GUARDIAN tab beneath the form to add an additional parent or responsible adult; please add the NAME, SEX (Boy or Girl), and BIRTHDATE of each child who will be in the nursery, using the + CHILD button beneath the form for each additional nursery-aged child, then click CONTINUE >; Deadline for signing up for the nursery is Friday at 6:00 p.m.
- 6) Scroll down and input your **BASIC CONTACT INFO** then **SEND RSVP**. You should see a confirmation message and receive a confirmation email.
- 7) TO CANCEL AN RSVP, please see your confirmation email that includes a link you can click on to make the update directly in the registration system.
- 8) Please contact the church office (601-856-6058) or **Ben Butler** (ben@madisonumc.org) if you have any problems.

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



KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL IS COMING ... WITH YOUR HELP!!

Beginning September 20th, during the 11:00 a.m. service we will have KIDS Sunday School. BUT for this to happen we will need a minimum of 44 volunteers. Why do we need so many? With social dis-

we will need a minimum of <u>44 volunteers</u>. Why do we need so many? With social distancing guidelines in place, we will have a maximum of 10 students in each classroom.

So we need people to come out of retirement, to take on a new challenge, and/or continue to serve for this "short" season. If you committed to teach during the "regular" school year, please let me know if you are available to teach at 11:00 a.m.

You can sign up to volunteer by emailing me at <u>renee@madisonumc.org</u>. Please call me if you have questions or need more info!



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

SUNDAY NIGHTS ARE BACK SEPTEMBER 13!

Things are going to look at little different, instead of meeting on campus as a large group our family groups are going to meet off-campus at their leaders houses! Make sure you connected with your family group and Cory (cory@madisonumc.org) so you know the address of your meeting home! Small groups are from 6-8pm and food is provided. There are a couple of new protocols we need you to be aware of and follow.

- Each student must have a mask and when indoors it must be worn properly.
- ♦ When your student is dropped off or arrives they will have their temperature taken, if it reads 100.4 or above they will be asked to go home. Parents please don't drive off until your student has been checked.
- If you have had symptoms of Covid or been in contact with someone who does we ask that you not come until the two week period is up.
- If you are under required quarantine from school, that quarantine applies to church activities well.

These protocols are for everyone's safety and we all hope that we only have to follow them for a season. We want to get back together as a whole group when it is safe until then our family groups will just have to have youth in the yard. We look forward to seeing you all September 13.



MADISON UMC STAFFING NEEDS

Due to recent personnel changes, MUMC is looking for a **FULL-TIME** maintenance and custodial person. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please contact Ric Stanfield at 601-856-6058 ext. 230 or email ric@madisonumc.org.

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

MARRIAGE NIGHT 2020 @ MUMC: Calling All Married Couples & Preparing Persons to INVEST & INVITE

MUMC, with our *Right Now Media* subscription, is able to serve for no additional cost as a virtual host site for *RNM's MARRIAGE NIGHT*, simulcast live on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>September 12 from 6:00-9:30 PM</u>. Visit our *MN* page (<u>www.madisonumc.org/marriagenight</u>) to learn about this one night event (watch live or later as a replay), to find out how to <u>INVEST</u> in your marriage (an event registration link can be found there), & to <u>INVITE</u> other people in your life to do the same (social media/text message promo materials are on the page). Contact **Ben Butler** (<u>ben@madisonumc.org</u>) if you have questions.



ARE YOU TAKING ADVANTAGE OF YOUR FREE RIGHT NOW MEDIA ACCOUNT THROUGH MUMC?

Right Now Media is a streaming Bible study resource MUMC has secured for our members and guests. We will be getting to the New Testament book of James soon (early October) in our MUMC Bible reading plan (which you can find each day at www.readpraylovedaily.com). This might be a great opportunity to do a deep dive in James personally, as a family, and/or with your Discipleship Group or Sunday School class. RNM offers a series on the book of James featuring respected Christian teacher **Francis Chan** that could enrich your reading and study. If you want to receive an email invitation to access RNM, please contact Ben Butler (ben@madisonumc.org).



ADULT MINISTRY Lori Blount 601-856-6058 or email lori@madisonumc.org



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY TO BE OFFERED BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 21

When Covid-19 hit last March...like all of you, Chris and I were in a state of shock. The economy was shutting down, the stock markets were in free-fall, people were being furloughed left and right, and we were uncertain how our own employers were going to fare. As the pandemic continued to escalate, I watched helplessly as leisure travel came to an abrupt halt and all of the bookings from my side business....which is a travel planning business... evaporated into thin air! But in the midst of ongoing disappointments, loss of income and lingering uncertainty, we have been largely **spared the crushing weight of financial stress**. Had this pandemic come on the scene 15 years ago....our stress levels would have been off the charts! Thankfully, the simple steps we embraced to reshape our financial future back then, has paid off in lots of financial peace now!

I believe that **financial peace is within everyone's grasp**...and we at MUMC want to help people get the tools they need to get there. Now, more than ever, we need some hope and encouragement as we look to the future. That's why we are offering **Financial Peace University** this fall.

I (Lori Blount) will be hosting the ZOOM virtual class on **Mondays at 6:30 p.m. beginning September 21**. The course is open to adults age 18+. It is not limited to our church family, so I hope you will invite anyone you think could benefit.

Through **nine lessons rooted in biblical wisdom**, we'll learn from Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts their **proven strategies for taking control of our money** and our financial futures. The cost of the class is \$130. Visit **fpu.com/1124300** to sign up. Those who are committed to taking the class but just can't manage the full cost at this time, should reach out to me at lori@madisonumc.org. Some scholarships are available.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or would like more information about Financial Peace University.

Blessing!
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DRIVE-THROUGH COMMUNION

We had hundreds of people from our church family and also visitors turn out for our first-ever Drive-Through Communion Service today. Thanks go to our facility staff, student volunteers, Altar Guild volunteers, and program staff for their work.







