

ADULT MINISTRY

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

- Naomi Ruth Circle will be selling poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary during the Christmas season.
- The plants will be \$15 and may be purchased on Sunday, December 3.
- Please make your check payable to MMC and note that it is for Poinsettias on the memo line of your check.

THE GLORY AND THE WONDER

Our annual Christmas worship service with music performed by the Chancel Choir and Orchestra will be presented Sunday, December 10 at both morning services.

GRIEF MINISTRY

- Our upcoming meeting dates will be Wednesdays, December 6th and 20th at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Room 122.
- For additional information, contact Jackie Wilson at 601-953-7455 or Linda Barker at 601-842-2971

ADOPT A CHILD

- Christmas giving ministry: Methodist Children’s Homes of Mississippi has wish lists available for the children and youth who are part of their on-campus group homes and foster programs.
- If you, your small group or Sunday school class is looking for a way to give back this Christmas and would like more information about adopting a child’s wish list, please contact Kristen Harwell at 601-383-6128 or Kris10harwell@gmail.com.
- Gifts are due (unwrapped) December 10th.

MAT WEAVER MINISTRY

- Our Mat Weavers group meets every Sunday from 3:30 p.m. in the Chapel basement to weave mats for the homeless population of the metro area.
- You can help by donating your clean, untoned plastic shopping bags. Just drop them by the church office or bring them with you and volunteer on Sunday afternoons!
- For more information contact Jenny Watson (jennymae@gmail.com) or Steve Potter (steve@madisonmc.org).

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

- Sunday morning: regular services at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. – No Sunday School
- Come & Go Communion in the Chapel 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
- Candlelight Communion Services at 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

GIVING TO MADISON METHODIST CHURCH



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 ONLINE GIVING Madisonmc.org/give
 APP GIVING
 QR CODE
 MAIL 100 Post Oak Rd, Madison MS 39110

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We rejoice at new births!

- Olivia Kathryn Sudduth, daughter of Dillon and Miranda Sudduth, was born November 20. Grandparents are Pat and Duff Sudduth.

We offer our sympathy to family of:

- Tom Ross, son of Rosalind Ross, who died November 26.

SERMON NOTES (Matthew 2:19-23)

We need Bible Time volunteers for the 10:45 a.m. worship service.

Bible Time is a special ministry during the 8:30 and 10:45 Sunday morning worship services for parents and children (ages 2 ½ through K5). The children leave the worship service after KIDS Sermon and participate in an age-appropriate Bible lesson in a child’s classroom setting. Many find the idea of “teaching/leading” Bible Time overwhelming and somewhat scary, but all you have to do is -

- Come down to the KIDS Sermon so you can assist with “crowd control” and help get the children from the Sanctuary to the classrooms.
- Read a short Bible story/activity with the children. The story and all supplies will be provided for you.
- Provide classroom supervision/monitoring.
- Put toys back on the shelves, push chairs under the tables, etc. – in other words, please leave the room neat and ready for our Monday morning classes.
- Please contact Paige Wright at 601-940-2491 to volunteer.

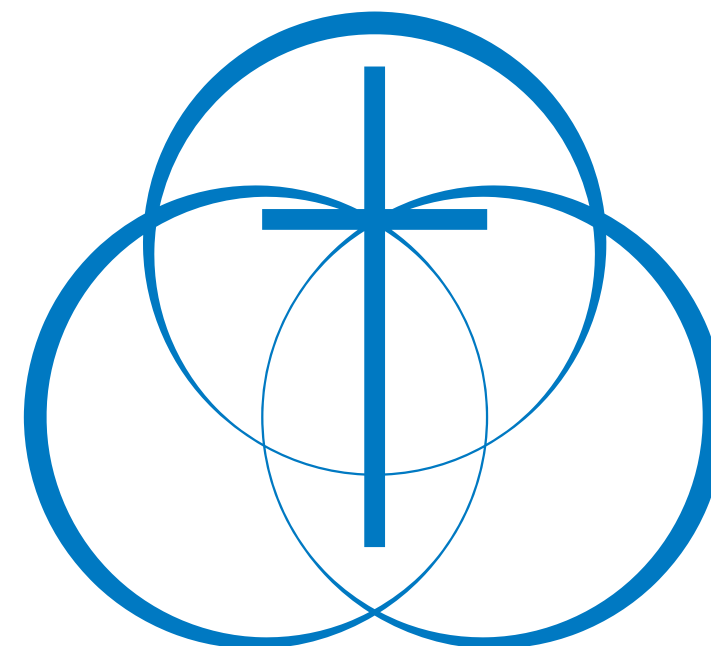
Our After School Care Program has 2 job openings

a classroom teacher & an office assistant!

- The classroom teacher must be at least 21 years old; hours are from 2:00-5:30 p.m. on Monday-Friday during the school year.
- The Office Assistant must be at least 21 years old; the hours are from 2:00-6:00 p.m. (with some flexibility) on Monday-Friday during the school year!
- Contact Gayle Hart at 601-853-7436 to apply or for more information.

MADISON METHODIST CHURCH

Madison, Mississippi



December 3, 2023

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“Building faithful disciples, serving Jesus Christ”

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

December 3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

STUDENT MINISTRY

Contact Cory Phillips (cory@madisonmc.org)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* arr. Uehlein

HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs 1, 2, 4 and 6)* 162

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

8:30 a.m.: Chris, Britney, Sutton and Grace Madison

10:45 a.m.: Adam, Lindsey, Hayden and Lola Briscoe

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHORAL WORSHIP *Morning of Promise* J. Martin

GREETING

A TIME MOSTLY FOR CHILDREN

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere!

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

OFFERTORY *Come, Emmanuel* T. Paris
Elizabeth Carr, soloist

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:19-23

SERMON

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

SONG OF BLESSING *Shalom to You*

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends. May God's full mercies bless you my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*** Seating of additional worshipers

Senior Pastor Rev. Barry Male

Pastor of Congregational Care Rev. Linda Rickman

Director of Music Ministry Lori Blount

Director of Student Ministry Rev. Cory Phillips

Director of Kids Ministry Renee Scales

Director of Outreach Ministries Steve Potter

Organist Rosemary McInnis

Pianist Donna Banks

Acolytes (8:30 a.m.) Madeline Gaspard and Pierce Gaspard

Acolytes (10:45 a.m.) Claire Guynes and Caroline Hutcheson

BIBLE TIME VOLUNTEERS:

No Bible Time today. We request that children remain in the Sanctuary with their families on Communion Sundays and experience this special and meaningful sacrament together.

The flowers in the Chancel Area are presented to the Glory of God by Lindsey and Gerald Tindle in honor of Debbie Young, Gerry and Lynette Tindle, Amne Richardson and Sara Beth Eakins.

MADISON MC WELCOMES ALL CHILDREN

- A Nursery (infants, crawlers, and toddlers) is available during both worship services as well as during the Sunday School hour. The Nursery is located in the Nursery Hall, Rooms 103, 105, and 107.
- All children are invited to come down for Children's Time during the worship service. Children K5 and younger may then exit to the Nursery Hall Rooms 112 & 114 for Bible Time. On Communion Sundays, we request that children remain in the Sanctuary with their families and experience this special and meaningful Sacrament together.
- Children's Bulletins are available at the doors entering the sanctuary.

WELCOME GUESTS!

We would love an opportunity to get introduced personally!

Scan the QR code below to access an online Connection Card.

Please share your name, best contact info, and any areas of the life and ministry of MMC you want to know more about. Then SUBMIT the form, and we will follow up with you in the coming week.



- STAY CONNECTED! Please make sure you are on the text plan by texting "mmcstudent" to 866-998-3838.
- Also, follow our Instagram page for updates and pictures from events: @mmcstudents.
- Madison MC Student Ministry invites all students in grades 7-12 to join us for our Sunday night worship. Each week we meet from 6:00-8:15 P.M. for dinner, games, worship, small groups, and prayer. It is an awesome experience, and we would love to have you be a part of it!
- ELEVATE Ski Retreat sign-ups are live! Ski trip January 12-15, 2024. Gatlinburg, TN. There will be 3 Worship Sessions and 2 Ski Sessions. Deadline to register December 10. Please use this QR code to register.
- Church League Youth Basketball sign-ups are going on now. Please email me with names and grades of those interested! There are three divisions: Middle School; 9th and 10th grades; and 11th and 12th grades.
- Christmas Party @ the Farm, December 10. Family groups will play Dirty Santa 5-10\$ gifts. Dress warm as this is an outside event.



KIDS MINISTRY

Calendar

- Dec. 6 6:10 p.m. SonBeams & KIDS Choirs Christmas Music Program
- Jan. 25-27, 2024 TBA Created by God for 5th Graders
- June 17-21, 2024 8:30-11:30 a.m. VBS

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

- Milk & Cookies for 2 ½ - K5, Saturday, Dec. 9, 10-11:30 a.m.-KIDS Hall
- Merry & Bright Activities for 1st – 3rd Graders, Wednesday, Dec. 13, 5:30-7:00 p.m.-CLC
- Hunting for the Good News for 4th & 5th Graders, Friday, December 15, 6:00-7:30 p.m.-Madison Area
- Ugly Christmas Sweater Party for 6th Graders, Date & Time to be Determined
- Register for any event by Scanning the QRC



WEDNESDAYS AT MADISON

December 6 - last WAM until January

Adult Meal

Chicken & Dumplings, Apple Cider Pork, Buttered Green Peas & Carrots, Caramelized Onion Bake, Chili Roasted Sweet Potatoes, Grape Salad

Super Salad Bar

Desserts

Chocolate Peppermint Cake Roll, Christmas Sugar Cookies, Sugar Free Almond Cinnamon Butter Cookies, Snickerdoodle Cheesecake Bars, Egg Nog Cake, Soft Serve Ice Cream

Kids Meal

Pigs in Blankets, Buttered Green Peas, Grapes, Christmas Lights Cupcakes