

**MADISON UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
Madison, MS.**



First
SUNDAY
IN
LENT

February 21, 2010

8:30 and 10:45 a.m

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

Please register your attendance on the pew pads and pass it down the row.

PRELUDE *I Call To Thee, Lord Jesus Christ* Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rend your hearts and not your clothing.

We repent and return to the Lord our God.

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness so that we may receive mercy and find grace.

*OPENING HYMN *Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed* 359

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we stand in your presence filled with regret for our many sins and failings. Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness, we often deny our better selves and refuse to hear your voice that calls us to rise to the full height of our humanity.

There is weakness in us, as well as strength. At times we choose to walk in darkness, our vision obscured, and we are unwilling to look beyond at those who need our help. Forgive us Lord. Be with us as a strong and wise friend, and teach us to walk by the light of your truth.

(Silent confession)

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM *Before the Throne of God Above* Larson

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING AND CHILDREN'S TIME

Jesus love me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong; they are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so!

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY *Softly and Tenderly; I Need Thee Every Hour* arr. Smith

Katherine Young, Georgiana Giroux, Amanda Gerard, flute trio

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING John 3:1-17

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Where He Leads Me* 338

THE GOOD NEWS "Spiritual Obstetrics" Jim Genesse

INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP AND MINISTRY

To join with MUMC by transfer of membership or profession of faith please come forward during the singing of the last hymn.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Freely, Freely* 389

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN OF BLESSING *Shalom to You* 666

*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.*

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand as able.

Concerns of Our Church Family

In Memoriam

Ralph Gray—2/17/10

Husband of Evelyn Gray and church member since 2003.

W. D. "Willie" Shoemaker—2/18/10

Father of Buzz Shoemaker

We express our sympathy to the families.

Hospitals/Surgical Centers/Hospice/Assisted Living/Nursing Homes

Surgeries Allison DeWeese, Audrey Guynes

Care Center of Clinton Sherry Jones

Chadwick Nursing Center Elta Greer

Highland Home Rehab Clarence Alexander

Nichols Center Mary Cauthen

St. Catherine's Village Siena Unit Christine Chavers, Mary Cox, Bertyle Cochran

Wilkinson Co. Nursing Center George Kidd

Montgomery Gardens, Starkville Carol Kidd

Prayer Requests—Members

Bill Banks	Noah Brown	Dot Cox	Barbara Crews
Millie DeGuire	Barbara Durgin	Dick Farr	Nellie Paul Farr
Tana Graham	Bill Hulsey	Sylvester James	Betty Lofton
Stacey McKinney	Bob Morgan	Florence Morphis	Richard Perusse
Mid Purvis	Sallie Riddell	Priscilla Smith	Terry Smith
Athalee Storment	James Ward	Catherine Williams	Leon Williams

VIP EVENTS

Our March meeting is planned for Tuesday, March 2, at 12 noon in the CLC. Hosts/Hostesses are: *Coralen Cain; **John & Janice Stenmark; Jane Coign; Chuck & Eleanor Dauenhauer; Grace Ogden; Frank & Nancy Quinn; Helen Quinn; Jim & Sandra Grissom.

CLASS OF 2010 GRADUATING SENIOR GIRLS

United Methodist Women (UMW) of Madison United Methodist Church are offering \$1,000 higher education scholarships to **two** female high school seniors who are active members of MUMC. Applicants must have a grade point average of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0; plan to graduate from high school no later than June 1, 2010; and submit a completed application with required attachments to the UMW Scholarship Committee no later than April 22, 2010. Application forms, together with criteria and additional details, may be obtained from the Church Office. The scholarships are made possible by a successful financial effort conducted jointly by the Mary Magdalene and Naomi-Ruth Circle of the Madison UMW Unit of the MS. Conference UMW.

ALTAR GUILD NEEDS YOUR HELP

Women and Men are invited and encouraged to serve in the ministry of the Altar Guild. Members decorate the altar for Sunday worship, change paraments and banners, prepare for communion and baptisms, and decorate the church for Christmas. Contact: Connie Bush for more information at 601-856-6058 or email connie@madisonumc.org.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO MAKE A MOSAIC?

Classes have been scheduled at the Mosaic Shop, 1625 E. County Line Rd., Suite 210. (Pear Orchard Village) The dates scheduled are March 20 and March 27 starting at 1 p.m. and ending around 3 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person and covers all supplies for 1 craft and refreshments. Call the Church Office (601-856-6058) to sign up. Special thanks to Shelia Malone for setting these up. Visit their website at mosaicmississippi.com



Welcome New Member!

Sadie Margaret Wise

Daughter of Jonathan and Michelle Wise

We rejoiced in her baptism at the 8:30 service Sunday, February 14, 2010

THIS WEEK AT MUMC

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2010

7:00 a.m. Men's Club
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship
2:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Den 7, EA301
3:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Den 8, EA 301
4:30 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal, FH
4:30 p.m. Student Orchestra
5:30 p.m. Student Choir
6:00 p.m. Youth
6:00 p.m. Bible Study, ACR
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Kick-Off, CLC

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, ACR
7:30 a.m. Walking, CLC
8:30 a.m. Preschool
12:00 p.m. Walking, CLC
1:00 p.m. FLEX Exercise Group, FHRec
2:15 p.m. After School Care
6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Leadership Team, ACR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:30 a.m. Walking, CLC
8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, ACR
8:30 a.m. Preschool
12:00 p.m. Walking, CLC
2:15 p.m. After School Care
5:30 p.m. Basketball Practice, CLC
6:00 p.m. 11-12 Boys BB Tournament
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Den 9, EA305
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 279, FHRec+FH114

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:30 a.m. Walking, CLC
7:30 a.m. Rosa Scott Breakfast Club, ChickFilA
8:30 a.m. Preschool
9:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry
11:00 a.m. Friends in Faith Bible Study, ACR
11:00 a.m. Lectio Divinia, Chapel
12:00 p.m. Walking, CLC
2:15 p.m. After School Care
3:30 p.m. 10th Grade Girls' Bible Study, Chapel Basement
5:15 p.m. Fellowship Supper, CLC
5:45 p.m. SonShine Choir
6:15 p.m. Children and Youth activities
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice, CR
7:30 p.m. 12th Grade Boys Bible Study, Parker Harrison's

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study, ACR
7:30 a.m. Walking, CLC
8:30 a.m. Preschool
9:00 a.m. Sister's Bible Study, ACR
12:00 p.m. Walking, CLC
1:00 p.m. FLEX Exercise Group, FHRec
2:15 p.m. After School Care
6:00 p.m. 9-10 Grade Boys Basketball Tournament, CLC
6:30 p.m. SPRC Meeting, ACR
7:00 p.m. 11-12 Grade Boys BB Tournament, CLC

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:30 a.m. Walking, CLC
8:30 a.m. Preschool
12:00 p.m. Walking, CLC
2:15 p.m. After School Care
4:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. 9-10 Grade Boys BB Tournament, CLC
9:00 p.m. Cason Baptist Youth Group, CLC

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

6:00 p.m. Wedding Jensen/Rodgers, Sanctuary

Madison UMC 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 Children's Wing, Rooms 101, 102, and 103.

All children are invited to come down for Children's Time during the worship service. Afterwards, children, ages 2 ½ to 5 years, are invited to attend **Bible Time** on **Non-Communion** Sundays. We go to Rooms 107 and 106 in the Children's Wing where we enjoy Bible lessons, snacks, games, and playtime. Parents will pick-up their children from these rooms at the end of the worship services.

USHERS

8:30

***Joe Forsythe
Jim Miller
Dan Ford
Larry Bourne
Ed McNeil
Jerry Sloan**

10:45

***Lloyd McRae
Pam O'Keefe
Max Thomas
Hank Baley
Steve Houck
Larry Rowlett**

BIBLE TIME VOLUNTEERS

8:30

Stephanie & Rod McCormick

10:45

**Katie & Todd Moody
Laura Beth & Gavin Guynes**

ACOLYTES

8:30

**Elizabeth Knotts
Maddie Gall**

10:45

**Kathryn Scoggins
Molly McCormick**

GREETERS

8:30

Gwyn Bourne

10:45

John and Gail Dunn

Flowers in the Chancel Area are given

by

Pat and Duff Sudduth

*Glory be to God for the birth of our granddaughter, Macie Catherine Cavender,
born February 5, 2010 to proud parents, Ginna and Matt Cavender.*



**Altar
Flowers**

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Building Faithful Disciples Serving Jesus Christ

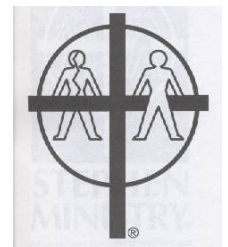
Phone: 601-856-6058 Fax: 601-856-6061 email@madisonumc.org

Church website: www.madisonumc.org youth website: www.mumcyouth.com

Information on joining our congregation: please contact Rev. Susannah Carr

Jim Genesse, Clergy
Susannah Grubbs Carr, Clergy
William A. Barksdale, Clergy

Pastoral Ministries
Adult Ministries
Youth Ministries



Children's Ministries

Renee Scales, Director
Gayle Hart, Weekday Ministries Director
Jennifer Nelson, Nursery Coordinator

Office Staff

Karen Harper, Secretary
Bob Matthews, Treasurer
Mary Ann Slone, Secretary

Buildings & Grounds

Ric Stanfield, Director
Susie Johnson, Custodial, Kitchen, Nursery
Dennis McGee, Custodial Care
Willie Moore, Custodial Care

Church Hostess/Wedding Coordinator

Cynthia Lauderdale

Music Ministries

Lori Blount, Director
Donna Banks, organist/pianist
David Harrison, organist
Rusty Holcomb, sound technician

Christian Life Center

Royce Harms, Director

WAM Wednesdays at Madison

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2010

"Freedom from Unholy Living-Part I" Rev. Bill Barksdale
Fellowship Meal 5:15-6:00 p.m. SonShine Choir 5:45 p.m.
Children and Youth activities 6:15 p.m.
Chancel choir practice 7:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

Adults \$5.00

Chicken enchiladas
Garden rice
Pinto beans
Steamed broccoli
Creole cabbage
Tortilla chips

Dessert

Brownie mint pie
Butter pecan cake
Strawberry shortcake

Children \$2.50

Beef tacos
Refried beans
Nachos
Cookie & ice cream

***Please remember to sign up on the pew pads,
make reservations online or call the church office!!!**

Children's Ministry Opportunities

Reneé Scales 601-856-6058 or renee@madisonumc.org

Confirmation Kick-off

Confirmation Kick-off for our 6th graders is **tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the CLC**. If you are 6th grader who is not currently attending Sunday School or have not received information, please feel free to join us tonight! I need **help decorating the CLC tonight at 5:00 p.m.** Please let me know if you are coming to help!

Children's Ministries Leadership Team Meeting

We will meet Monday, February 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room. Bring your favorite appetizer and join us! We will be approving Preschool fees for the 2010-11 school year as well as planning for Easter. Childcare will be provided.

Ways Our Children Might Experience Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes at midnight on Easter morning. It is a time of repentance, that is, of recognizing our sin and making changes to become more what God created us to be. This repentance is undertaken as preparation for Easter. The season lasts for forty weekdays before Easter. The six Sundays that fall within those forty weekdays are not counted because every Sunday is a little Easter celebrating Jesus' resurrection.

Carolyn Brown in her book *Sharing the Easter Faith with Children* suggests that it is in the "keeping with the spirit of Lent to give ourselves up to something for Lent." This means it is important to do something that reminds us of what it means to be like Jesus - kind and loving. Being kind and loving is a way of life that even our youngest child can practice!

Below are some Lenten disciplines we can introduce our children to not only during the Lenten season but each and every day.

Work on our prayer life - Make time for daily prayer. If you don't currently pray before meals add a simple "thank you" prayer. At bedtime "examine" your day. Tell God about the good/happy and bad/sad things that happened. If you don't already know the Lord's Prayer or the Apostle's Creed, commit to learning it during Lent.

Become daily Bible readers - For younger children this can be reading Bible stories. Our older children might commit to reading one Gospel during Lent. Families may choose to do a Lenten devotional study together.

Work on a mission - Jesus commands us to love God and other people. Prayer and reading the Bible help us love God. Loving or helping others is a good way "to give ourselves up to something." Share what you have with others. Clean out your closet, your food pantry, toy boxes and share with those who need. Surprise someone with a homemade card or treat to show your appreciation or to show a shut in they are not forgotten. Give up desserts or afterschool treats for a week and donate the money to Stewpot.

YOUTH NEWS

Bill Barksdale at 601-856-6058 or
revbill@mumcyouth.com

Today, Sunday, February 21, 2010

Character: Redemption & Blessing.
Ruth 1:1-18; 2:8-13; 3:6-13; 4:13, 17
Memory verse: Philippians 2:3-4

Student Orchestra & Praise Band Rehearsal 4:30 p.m.

Student Choir 5:30 p.m.

Youth 6:00-8:15 p.m.

Reverb: Everyone Blows It, Romans 3:21-24
Memory verse: Romans 3:23

Summer Youth Ministry Calendar

Save these dates:

June 6-10, 2010 Mission Fest (current 7th-college)
June 29-July 4, 2010 Lake Junaluska (current 8th-12th)

Skillet/Toby Mac Concert

Justin White is coordinating a group of ten youth who want to attend the Skillet/Toby Mac Concert in the Jackson Coliseum on Saturday night April 3. Cost is \$35 per ticket. Those who want to go, please text Justin at 601-941-2210.

2010 Graduates

Save these dates:

May 2 Senior Wisdom night at Liberty Park
May 16 10:45 a.m. Graduate Recognition Service
May 16 12 noon Graduate Luncheon

Thank you to the entire church for your participation, donations and prayers for this past week as we held our fundraiser events for our youth ministry. While the Silent Auction, Heartfest Games and Heart for Youth Valentine Dinner are designed to raise funds for our youth they are also opportunities for us to be in service with you, our own church membership and family. Special thanks to Connie Bush, Julie Sosebee, Donna Walley, Katie Moody, Cindy Keller and Cynthia Lauderdale for organizing and making all the events special for all of us. They, along with their committees, helped us raise in excess of \$9,000 which will go toward funding mission trips and the many spiritual growth events over the summer. Thank you from all the youth and the Youth Ministry Team Happening Weekends coming up. We have two Happening Weekends in the next two weeks and will have many of our youth participating. Please keep them in your prayers:

2/19 - 2/21 Davis Holaday, Courtney Purvis, Alex Shelton
2/26 - 2/28 Channing Osborne, Dylan Baas, Bethany Keller,
Frances Gilbert, Sarah MacInnis, Shannon Sullivan, Rivers Mills,
Athena MacInnis, Matt Thames, Vickie Graves

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

All women of the church are invited!

Naomi Ruth Circle will meet Monday, March 1, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The program presented by Janice Stenmark is titled "Food and Faith". Hostesses are: Kathy Fullerton, Ruth Fullerton, Claire Hilliard, and Barbara Powell.

Mary Magdalene Circle will meet Monday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m. Dale Barnes will present an Easter program. Hostess is Deborah Shirley.

SIGN UP FOR CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD
Women's Spiritual Life Retreat

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Payment enclosed \$ _____

Please return in offering plate or mail to the Church Office at 100 Post Oak Rd. Madison, MS 39110.

Created In The Image of God

A Women's Spiritual Life Retreat

April 30th-May 1st

Gray Center

Camp and Conference Center

1530 Way Road

Canton, MS

Led by Reverend Susannah Grubbs Carr

God created us male AND female...that means as women, our feminine nature is a gift from God that reflects the very nature of God. Come be a part of an overnight weekend experience where we will gather as women of faith to worship, study, rest, and celebrate what it means to be created in the image of God.



Reservations are required. Limited numbers of spaces are available. Cost for retreat (which includes overnight lodging and meals) is \$55.00 per person. Please contact Rev. Susannah or Karen Harper for more information.

Registration deadline is April 12th, 2010.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

316 Wilson St., Canton, MS

Saturday, 2/27, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Meet at MUMC East Parking Lot at 7:30 a.m.

Parking is tight at work site.



I am interested in helping with this project. Please call me or email me with more information.

I can help at the sight, cleaning and removing items.

I can help with plumbing projects.

I can help with general construction.

I can help provide water and meals for workers.

I can work on the house during the work week.

Name: _____ Phone/email: _____

Please place in offering plate.