

No. 25 December 14, 2022

Sunday Services, December 18

Worship Services in the Sanctuary at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday School classes at 9:30 a.m.



Madison United Methodist Church

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

"COME AND GO" COMMUNION 2:00-3:30 P.M. (CHAPEL)

CANDLELIGHT AND
COMMUNION SERVICES
4:00 & 6:00 P.M.

100 Post Oak Road www.madisonumc.org

Masked Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service

We will live-stream the sanctuary service to the Multi-Purpose Room for a mask-required worship service on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. We will have pastors present for that service, and we will celebrate communion and the candlelight service together.

Christmas Eve Online Service

We will once again offer an online Christmas Eve service for those who are ill or are out of town. You can pick up communion cups and candles from the sanctuary entrances on Sunday, December 18, or at the church office from December 19-23 for that online service. The video will be posted by noon on Christmas Eve on our YouTube channel.

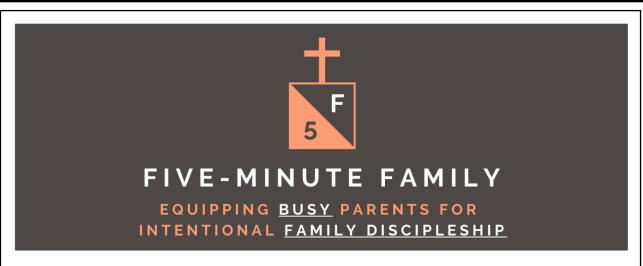
Christmas Day and New Year's Day worship services

We will have one worship service at 10:00 a.m. on Christmas Day and on New Year's Day. We will have a regular nursery both days for children, ages 4 and under. Feel free to dress casually for these services. Sunday School classes will not meet for those Sundays. Lastly, children are encouraged to bring one toy with them for the children's sermon on Christmas Day.



5-Minute Family Outreach (December 11)

Christmas cards were prepared for all Home Place residents by 9 families who will be praying for them by name. A number of the families got to visit with the residents, deliver the cards, and sing some Christmas carols.



MUMC Parents of 3 year olds-3rd grade: You are invited to <u>REGISTER</u> (Scan QR code below) for our next "Five-Minute Family" Family Discipleship Workshop - <u>Saturday</u>, <u>January 21 (8 am-4 pm)</u>.

- 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 Register with QR Code or at www.madisonumc.org/5MF

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 Joanne Jones Trey Russell Terry Smith Vicki Blake Jana Manlove Barbara Crews Elizabeth Manning Jeanne Tew Sandra Eilders John Mason Courtney Tucker Barbara Crews Judy McArthur Dwayne Walley David Goolsby Barrie McArthur Johnnie Miller Janie Harris Phil Hinton The Moody Family Willie Moore Vernon Hull Jimmy Jernigan Bob Morgan

PRAYER REQUESTS—FAMILY MEMBERS/FRIENDS

Peezie Allred Marvel Allred's daughter-in-law Betty Arinder Amy Whittenton's mother **Buddy Dubose** Linda Barker's friend Susan Duke Patsy McCarty's sister Nancy Fulce Gayle Hart's mother Duncan Graham Les/Sheila Jones' grandson Paula Stubbs' brother-in-law **Bucky Murphy** Mary Ann Odom Elizabeth Carr's mother Thames Pemberton MUMC regular attender Mary Angela South Rosemary Taylor's daughter

<u>HOSPICE/ASSISTED LIVING/NURSING HOMES/</u> RETIREMENT HOMES

The Blake: Fabia Smith

Beau Ridge: Frankie Mitchell; Joyce Logue; Joan

Winstead

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; Rose-

mary Taylor; Eddy Johnson

The Orchard: Maggie Hart; Frances Williams

Ridgeland Place: Phillip Perry

MUMC REPORT

Worship Attendance 12/04/22 728 12/11/22 981

Finances

2022 Budget: \$2,500,000 Given to Date: \$2,293,719

Education Building Mortgage Balance (as of 12/01/22): \$1,378,042.00



December can get busy for everyone! Don't forget about year-end giving. You can mail a check to the church, drop a check in the offering plate, text, click on our QR code or give online. Online giving is secure, convenient, has no extra cost to you, and provides a great benefit to our church. Sign up today by visiting www.madisonumc.org/give. Contact our church office with any questions at info@madisonumc.org.

For those turning in year-end giving, please make sure your check is dated in 2022. You can mail it to the church or place it in an offering plate.

In Memoriam

*Ken Beebe—12/2/22*Husband of Tracy Beebe
Member of MUMC

Tommy Boykin—12/4/22Husband of Tammy Boykin
Member of MUMC

Steve Brown—12/6/22 Husband of Beth Brown Father of Ian Brown Member of MUMC

Steve Breithaupt—12/7/22 Brother of Karen Harper

Ann Beggiani—12/7/22 Member of MUMC

Bill Haller—12/11/22 Father of Clay Haller

Mike Greenhill—12/11/22 Husband of Debbie Greenhill Father of Lindsey Goolsby

We express our sympathy to the families.

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Dated Material Please deliver by: Saturday, December 17, 2022

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MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP

Rev. James E. Swanson, Sr., Resident Bishop Rev. Dr. Stephen Cook, District Superintendent

Rev. Barry Male, Senior Pastor Rev. Ben Butler, Associate Pastor

Rev. Linda Rickman, Congregational Care

BIBLE READINGS

Readings for the week of the 4th Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25

Consider joining your MUMC family in reading the Bible according to one of the MUMC Bible plans in 2023. For more details: see the "bible.groups.you"





Special thanks go to our Chancel Choir, orchestra, accompanists, Conner Smith (narrator), and Lori Blount for this past Sunday's Christmas Cantata. Thanks go to our greeters and ushers for wonderfully serving our church and visitors this past Sunday, too!

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

CHRISTMAS DAY'S BLESSING OF THE TOYS

On Christmas Day, we will have one worship service at 10:00 a.m. Children are welcome to wear their PJ's, and adults may dress casual. At KIDS Time there will be a Blessing of the Toys! Children may bring 1 favorite, non-scary, non-noise-making toy down with them at KIDS Time! Don't forget that there is NO Sunday School and there is NO Bible Time. There will be a nursery for ages 4 and under.





Confirmation was held on December 4 for these 7 Confirmands:

Back row - Lily McClure, Lydia Mayo, Lele Taylor

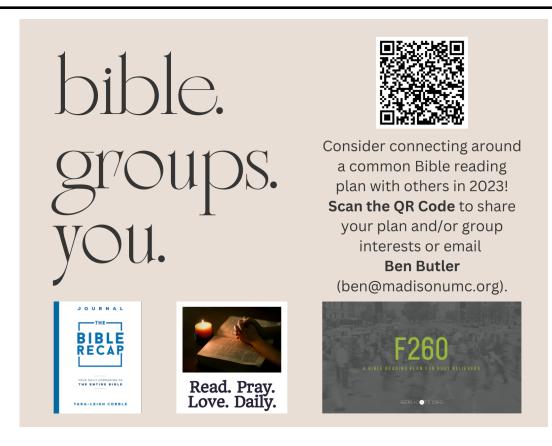
Front Row - Rev. Barry Male, Rivers Wansley, Linley Fisher, Parker O'Reilly, Hunter Bearden, Reneé Scales



Administrative Council "Next Steps" Discernment Reminders

- Next Steps Resource Guide and Website (www.madisonumc.org/nextsteps)
- Coffee & Conversation meetings
 - ♦ January 8 and January 15 (Sanctuary 2:30-3:30 p.m.)
- Sunday School class Coffee & Conversation meetings January and February
 - ♦ Email us at nextsteps@madisonumc.org to schedule a Coffee & Conversation meeting for your class or small group.
- Congregational Email Pulse Survey January 15-22
- Annual Conference Bible Study January 18 (Sanctuary 6:00 p.m.)
- Administrative Council meeting January 23





- **Bible Recap** (a 1-year chronological plan that covers the entire Bible; there is a companion podcast a person can listen to that "recaps" the day's reading and includes insights the host gleaned from her reading)
 - ♦ BIBLE RECAP JOURNALS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR \$5!!! Email Ben Butler (ben@madisonumc.org) to reserve a copy.
- **Read. Pray. Love. Daily.** (a 3-year plan to read through the entire Bible, a chapter a day; this will be posted daily at www.readpraylovedaily.com along with resources to encourage prayer)
- Foundations 260/F260 (a 1-year, 5 day a week plan that guides readers through the main narrative of the Bible, reading approximately half the Bible)

Interested in participating in a <u>WEDNESDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP focused on your chosen Bible reading plan?</u>

If so, please scan the QR Code in the graphic above to fill-out the online survey, or email Ben Butler (ben@madisonumc.org) to let him know which Bible plan you would like to follow as well as if you would like to be in a group around that plan if possible.

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!

Sunday Night student activities have ended for this semester. We will resume our regular Sunday night schedule on Sunday, January 8.

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



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

Celebrate Recovery®

A CHRIST-CENTERED 12 Step program

Celebrate Recovery News:

For a variety of reasons, Madison's Celebrate Recovery is going to pause its ministry at the end of this year. Our leaders will continue to pray and will regroup later to see if we can resume a recovery ministry in the future. Thanks go to all the volunteers, Sunday School classes and staff who have wonderfully supported this ministry.

If you have an interest in knowing more about a potential recovery ministry in the future, contact Steve Potter at steve@madisonumc.org or Rodger Wasson at rodger.wasson@live.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Mark & Gloria Warren became part of the MUMC church family on December 4.

Wednesdays at Madison resumes January 11

WAM has concluded for 2022. Special thanks go to our those who have taught our classes, participated in studies, and provided our wonderful meals. We will resume WAM on January 11, and adults will have a combined meeting for a Bible study with Dr. Gary Cockerill to begin the new year.







