

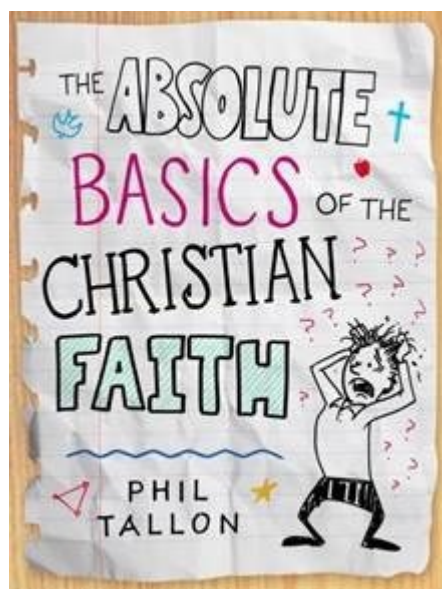
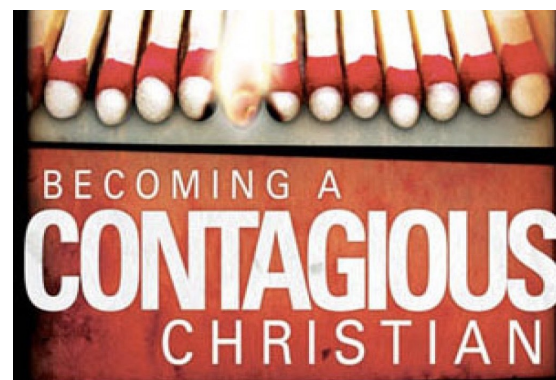
**Sunday Services, December 23, 2018**

Worship services 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School Classes for all ages 9:45 a.m.

**WEDNESDAYS AT MADISON ADULT BIBLE STUDIES RESUME JANUARY 9**

Our pastor will be leading a new study, *Becoming a Contagious Christian*. We will discuss creative ways to reach others for Christ and how to share your own faith commitment and the Gospel more clearly. This study will meet in the sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. from January 9-January 30.



Do you want to explore the basics of the Christian faith in a small group environment? To receive guidance in helping share the Christian faith with your kids? To be equipped to grow in and share your faith with others? Then come join Bro. Ben and others as we take 4 weeks to explore the big questions of WHO God is, the WORK God has done, and his WILL for each of our lives using the material *The Absolute Basics of the Christian Faith*. If you want a copy of the book, please email Ben ([ben@madisonumc.org](mailto:ben@madisonumc.org)) ASAP for him to order you one (\$12). This class will also meet from January 9-January 30.

Several adult Discipleship Groups will be meeting on Wednesdays at this time, too.



**MUMC OFFICE HOUR CHANGES**

Beginning January 1, 2019, the Administrative Offices of Madison United Methodist Church will close each Friday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. Office hours will be:

Monday	8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Thursday	8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



## WEDNESDAYS AT MADISON

Regular Wednesday meals and activities will resume on January 9.

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### **READ. PRAY. LOVE. DAILY. ...WITH YOUR MUMC FAMILY!**



Starting in early January 2019, we are inviting our church family to journey through the Bible together. Reading a chapter a day (2 chapters from a New Testament book, 5 chapters from an Old Testament book) and praying a Psalm a day, we will prayerfully read through the Bible over 3 years. There will be links within each day's post to short videos to interpret the books or sections of the Bible we are reading (The Bible Project – <https://thebibleproject.com/>) as well as other short videos and articles to emphasize the call to discipleship.

Each day's post includes some prayers, a link to the daily Psalm (as well as a way to sing it to familiar hymn tunes), a link to the daily Bible reading, additional links to the videos and Scripture readings for the Christian year, and some guidance for focus in prayer (including the Lord's Prayer).

If you want to “get your feet wet” ahead of time, go ahead and visit [www.readpraylovedaily.com](http://www.readpraylovedaily.com). You can sign-up to follow the blog by email at the bottom of the homescreen (when you scroll upward on a desktop or downward on a smart phone, a “follow” tab will appear in the lower right corner of the screen; click on it and follow the directions). Also, you can join the Facebook group “Read. Pray. Love. Daily.” (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1450141658603952/>) to look for the daily posts there.

Our mission at MUMC is “building faithful disciples, serving Jesus Christ.” We summarize the Biblical characteristics of discipleship, through which we receive and grow in God's free gift of grace, as “faithfully supporting the people and ministries of Madison UMC by our PRAYERS, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness.” At MUMC, we are teaching people that an important part of our commitment to PRAYERS is to pursue a personal devotional life of Scripture reading and reflection and prayer to hear God's voice and grow in the grace, knowledge of, love for, and obedience to God. We encourage you to consider joining us on this communal journey in the new year!

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

**2019 ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP**

There are still plenty of opportunities for anyone interested in providing flowers for the altar in 2019. When you sign up, you will have the opportunity to sign up for both arrangements or sign up in one slot and make the second slot available if someone would like to “share” the date with you. Cost for each arrangement is \$45.

The following dates are still available: (Number represents number of arrangements needed)

June 30 (2)	September 1 (1)	October 27 (1)	December 29 (2)
August 11 (2)	September 8 (1)	November 3 (1)	
August 18 (1)	October 20 (1)	November 10 (2)	



To reserve your date or for more information, please contact Anne in the church office (601-856-6058).

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Please notice the new handicap parking spaces in the east parking lot. We are blessed to have a large parking area that can easily support the needs of those who have a vehicle requiring the extra space needed for “Van Accessible” parking. Thanks to the Board of Trustees who are responsive to special needs on our campus.

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**JANUARY VIP LUNCHEON**

Tuesday, January 8, 12:00 noon in the Christian Life Center  
\$5.00 per person (please make reservations by noon Monday, January 7)

Special guest: “Elvis” will be in the building!!!!



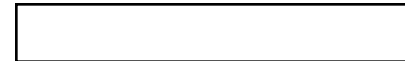
**Madison United Methodist Church**  
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Website: [www.madisonumc.org](http://www.madisonumc.org)

Dated Material  
Please deliver by: Saturday, December 22, 2018

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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**



### MUMC ADVENT SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 23	Regular Worship Services Sunday School	8:30 & 10:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m.	Sanctuary
Thursday, December 24	Christmas Eve Come & Go Communion Candlelight Communion Services	3:00-4:30 p.m. 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.	Chapel Sanctuary
Sunday, December 30	Regular Worship Services Sunday School	8:30 & 10:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m.	Sanctuary
Wednesday, January 9	Wednesdays at Madison Programming/Meals Resume		

Church offices will be closed December 31 and January 1. Due to the holiday schedule, the next *Messenger* newsletter will be published on January 9.

# Concerns of Our Church Family

**Hospice/Assisted/Living/Nursing Homes**

**The Arbor:** Leon and Catherine Williams

**The Blake:** Fabia Smith; J. D. Ingram

**Highland Home:** Betty Rosson; Hubie Simmons

**Beau Ridge:** Keith Walton; Jerry & Frankie Mitchell; Joyce Logue

**St. Catherine's Village:** Bertyle Cochran, Clara Derrington, Betty Fraiser, Junior Harvey

**Seasons Assisted Living, Canton:** Bettie Bryant

**New Babies:**

*In Memoriam*

**Bob Edwards—12/12/18**  
Brother of Cindy Keller

*We express our sympathy to the families.*

**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](mailto:jackie@madisonumc.org) if prayer is still needed.**

**Prayer Requests –**

<b><u>MUMC Members</u></b>	Willie Moore	Jeanne Walters
Vicki Blake	James Morphis	Cheryl Webb
Lori Boyles	Robin Morris	
Kate Colbert	Cathy Navarrette	
Frances Rose Cox	Anne Ramsay	
Danielle Dale	Elinor Rummel	
Susan Dodder	Trey Russell	
Heather Grovich	Shauna Sansing	
Kim Hunt	Todd Sansing	
Mary Ann McKay	Courtney Tucker	
The Moody Family	Bob Walters	

**Prayer Requests—Family Members and Friends**

Gene Barlow	Rosemanry McInnis' brother
Ruth Breithaupt	Karen Harper's mother
Kimble Brock	Craig Brock's brother
Anna Lauren Green	Phil/Susan Hinton's friend
Gary Harkins	Barbara/Billy Powell's friend
Andrea McGuffey	Marvel Allred's friend
Tucker Mitchell	Mackenzie Burns' father
	Mollie Sims' brother
Betty Rhodes	Don Dunagin's mother
Mari Anne Richardson	Gerald/Lindsey Tindle's friend
Larry Temple	Barbara/Billy Powell's friend
Peggy Vanyo	Cindy Phillips' friend
Betty Wilson	Myra Smith's sister
Debbie Young	Lindsey Tindle's mother
Jack Sistrunk	Lib Sistrunk's husband

**Pray for Our Deployed Troops**

- Will Beggiani, Ann Beggiani's grandson, U. S. Army, Alaska
- Andrew DeArmond, Evelyn Palmer's grandson, U.S. Army, Middle East
- David Hale, Ray/Marsha Hale's son, U.S. Army, Europe
- Blake Holliman, Buck/Theresa Buchanan's nephew, U. S. Army, Kuwait
- Steven Meadows, Harry/Pam Hyslop's son-in-law, U. S. Army, Kuwait
- Mac Parker, Karen Harper's nephew, U.S. Air Force, Japan
- Andrew Robinson, Dave/Bobbi Robinson's grandson, U. S. Navy Aircraft Carrier Harry S. Truman
- Stephen Sherer, Debbie Trussell's grandson, U. S. Army, Jordan
- Jordan Stephens, Bill/Gayle Cooper's granddaughter, U. S. Navy, Guam

**MUMC Report**

	Worship Attendance	Sunday School	
12/09	980	410	
12/16	708	337	
	Offering	Year-To-Date	
	Cash/Check	Electronic	All Giving
12/09	\$48,881.00	\$ 6,225.00	\$1,914,661.52
12/16	\$51,200.35	\$10,510.00	\$1,976,371.87
Education Building Cost:		\$5,227,203.00	
Education Building Mortgage			
Balance (as of 12/04/2018):		\$3,009,350.00	

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



**DO YOU WANT TO ACOLYTE?**

All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders who are interested in serving as an acolyte, please let me know **no later than Wednesday, January 9**. All 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders who are currently serving need to let me know if you would like to continue to serve. If I do not hear from you, I will assume you would like to remain on the rotation.

Training is conducted on a one-on-one basis. After we have received the names of the children who wish to participate, a training schedule will be made available for you to choose your training date/time. Children will be mailed a training/information booklet to review prior to their training session. **ALL** children have to participate in training before he/she can be placed in the rotation to serve. At least one parent will need to attend training with his/her child. This training will help ensure that parents know how to assist their child in getting dressed, how to replace wicks, and where the supplies are kept.

**ARE YOU EXPECTING A NEW LITTLE ONE?**

If you and your family are expecting a new baby, please let me know. We would like to pray for you during this special time!

**SAVE THE DATES**

January 9	Wednesday Night Activities Resume
January 28	KIDS Ministry Leadership Team Meeting
February 21-23	<i>Created by God</i> Class for 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders
May 8	KIDS Choirs Spring Music Program
June 17-21	VBS

**STUDENT MINISTRY**

**Cory Phillips 601-856-6058 or email cory@madisonumc.org**  
**\*Student Ministries Text Updates: text "mumcstudent" to 955-77**

Pinnacle Sunday Night Activities Each Week 6:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m..  
Student Choir Wednesdays at 6:20 p.m.

A full schedule of Student Ministry activities may be downloaded at [www.madisonumc.org/students](http://www.madisonumc.org/students).  
NO PINNACLE ACTIVITIES ON DECEMBER 23 or 30.

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**HOST HOMES NEEDED FOR THE GATHERING WEEKEND**

The Gathering (DNow) is February 22-24, 2019. We need lots of host homes to help make this event an incredible weekend for our students. If you are willing to host a group of students at your house that weekend, please contact Cory Phillips and let him know; or if you want more info on what hosting entails, he will be happy to answer any questions!!!

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**6th GRADERS, DON'T FORGET!**

6th Grade is officially promoted to Student Ministry on Sunday, January 6th. They will meet for Sunday School in Room 401 upstairs in the new Education building. Also, we want them to be part of Sunday night student worship time, Pinnacle. Pinnacle starts with a free meal at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 8:15 p.m.

We are excited to welcome our new 6th graders!

## 2019 at Madison UMC

As a new year of ministry begins at Madison UMC, it is important that you be aware of the leadership and budget of your church. Listed below are the members of the committees and work areas that support the ministerial staff of MUMC.



**Administrative Council:** Pat McNulty, chair; John Smith, vice-chair; Paul Young, Lay Leader; Cary Breedlove, Rodger Wasson, Bob Hughes, Jimbo Bearden, Guy Martin, Bob Matthews, Wayne Webb, Fran McRae, Lisa Anglin, Allen Taheri, Jennifer Nelson, David Coon, Kristin Harwell, Maren Hutto, Kathy Mowdy, Shad Pope, Stacey Lindley, Cathy Cauthen, George Taylor, Sue Lauderdale, Greg Weber, Tanya Brieger, Bobby Henry, Nita Henry, Diane Goolsby, Ron Bailey, Leon Stewart, Elbert Hilliard, Olivia Martin, Karen Harper

**Staff Parish Relations Committee:** Jimbo Bearden, chair; Beth Brown, Marcy Scoggins, Bo Harwell, John Anderson, Kate Eddy, Joe Adams, Darrell Martin, Vickie Graves

**Board of Trustees:** Beverly Phillips, Larry Bourne, Brian Nettles, Josh Faulkner, Monica Saulters, Clark Moore, Jay Fowler, Neil Osborne, Amy Green (Chair will be selected in January)

**Finance Committee:** Guy Martin, chair; Mike McNeese, Stacey Lindley, Katye Reece, Richard Chisolm, Nell Wyatt, Natalie Hikes, Bob Atkins, David Ellis, Wayne Webb, Pat McNulty, Paul Young, Cary Breedlove, Ron Bailey, Jimbo Bearden, Greg Weber, Leon Stewart, Dave Robinson, Barry Male, Ben Butler, Bob Matthews

**Lay Leadership/Nominations:** Barry Male, chair; Fran Fowler, Todd Morris, Melanie Crawford, Carrie Ainsworth, Brock Herron, Patricia Stanfield, Carole Armstrong, Michelle Guy, Cody Chew

**Missions Committee:** Diane Goolsby, chair; Sheila Jones, Rick Campbell, Carolyn Schussler, David Coon, Peter Giroux, Cathy Giroux, Dianna Boring, Patsy McCarty, Bob Morgan, Jackie Wilson, Phil Hinton, Lisa Anglin, Jay Atkinson, Kathy Long

**Altar Guild:** Patricia Stanfield, chair; Theresa Buchanan, Connie Bush, Jim Grissom, Sandra Grissom, Judy Honeycutt, Angela Ingram, Pam O'Keefe, Julie Smith

**Lord's Acre Committee:** Greg Weber, co-chair; Leon Stewart, co-chair; Elbert Hilliard, Marc Lauderdale, Olivia Martin, Ray Phillips, Dorothy Terry, Bob Matthews

**Montgomery Cemetery:** Diane Goolsby, chair; Barbara Atkins, Frances Rose Cox, Jim McCarty, Patsy McCarty, Cindy Phillips, Ray Phillips, Dorothy Terry, Jackie Wilson



Staff Parish Relations	\$940,447
Worship	3,600
Music Ministry	99,090
Adult Ministries	62,900
KIDS Ministry	56,750
Student & College Ministry	72,540
CLC Ministry	6,000
Other Ministries	5,000
Missions	81,800
Office Expenses	60,100
Technology Team	30,500
Buildings & Grounds	174,900
Utilities	106,500
Insurance	86,641
Miscellaneous	37,766
Mortgage Interest	127,500
Mortgage Principle	115,000
Apportionments	232,966
Total Expense	\$2,300,000

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### FINANCIAL UPDATE

As the end of 2018 fast approaches, we want to thank everyone for their very generous donations made this year. The Lord's Acre giving totaled \$48,106, while year-round giving to Lord's Acre totaled \$103,749 (for a total of \$151,855.) Funds received directly for the New Building totaled \$133,033 throughout the year and principle applied in our monthly mortgage payments totaled \$10,509. We will have reduced our mortgage principle by \$395,397 by the end of 2018.

We are closing in on our Operations Budget of \$2,200,000 by collecting \$1,960,802 (as of 12/14/2018) with three Sundays remaining in December.

A reminder that all donations given to the church to be counted toward your 2018 taxes **MUST** be received and dated on or before **December 31, 2018**. Thank you again for your support of the missions and ministry of Madison United Methodist Church.

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