

Sunday Services, February 24, 2019

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

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



2019 Special Session

General Conference

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

General Conference will be held on February 23-26. Please be praying for the delegates and for this process. Whatever happens at this General Conference, it will lead to a change on many levels in our denomination.

I want to remind everyone that, whatever you may hear reported in the media, only the General Conference as a whole can speak for the United Methodist Church. I encourage you to be patient with the process, keep your trust in the Lord, and pray continually for God's will to be done.

We will provide a briefing on the results immediately after the conference on Wednesday, February 27 at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Bishop Swanson will also provide a post-conference report and share his thoughts on Sunday, March 24 at 3:00 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church in Jackson. Our church family is invited to that meeting. Our Administrative Council has been discussing the upcoming Conference for some time now, and will be meeting on April 2 to begin considering any action that might need to be taken by Madison UMC in response to the decisions made by the General Conference. Any response our leaders recommend would be a process that would ultimately involve the participation of the whole church. Our hope is that we will not need to respond at all, but we will be preparing to do so as needed.

Please visit our church's website (www.madisonumc.org/townhall) for more information about the General Conference, and you can watch the live stream of the General Conference at www.umc.org/live. Again, please contact me if we can meet or talk together about the General Conference.

In Christ,
Rev. Barry Male

SPRING REVIVAL (MARCH 24-27) “HIGHER UP AND DEEPER IN”

GUEST PREACHER: DR. JOHN OSWALT

Visiting Distinguished Professor Old Testament at Asbury Theological Seminary

Revival schedule:

Sunday, March 24

8:30/10:45 a.m. - Morning services (Sanctuary)

9:45 a.m. - Combined Adult Class (Multi-Purpose Room)

Monday-Wednesday, March 25-27

5:15 p.m. - Supper

6:15 p.m. - Revival Service (Sanctuary)



WEDNESDAYS AT MADISON

February 27, 2019

FELLOWSHIP MEAL at 5:15 p.m. in the Christian Life Center

Adult meals are \$6.00; Children's meals are \$3.00

Reservations are needed and may be made online (www.madisonumc.org); on the pew pad on Sunday morning; or by phone (601-856-6058).

ADULT MENU:

Swiss chicken
Rice pilaf
"Bang bang" cauliflower
Tangy green beans
Broccoli romaine salad
Roll

ADULT DESSERTS:

Pineapple cake
Chocolate éclair dessert
Mixed berry cobbler

KIDS MENU:

Grilled chicken tenders
Mac & cheese
Green peas
Cupcake

KIDS

- ◆ Music: SonBeams (2½ - K5) and SonShine Choir (1st—6th grades)
- ◆ Classes for Preschool, Elementary, and Tweens

STUDENTS

- ◆ Junior High Bible Study meets in the Student Ministry Lounge
- ◆ Senior High Bible Study meets in the Student Ministry Lounge
- ◆ Student Choir meets in the Choir Room

ADULTS 6:15-7:00 p.m.

- ◆ *Madison UMC Town Hall Meeting*—Hear from our pastor about the General Conference results, Sanctuary

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Twins Bradley Russell McDill, Jr. and Annie Ruth McDill were baptized at the 8:30 a.m. service on February 17. They are shown with parents Brad and Carrie McDill.



Do you need or know someone who may need help with some minor home repair or maintenance? Madison UMC now offers a Handyman Ministry to assist seniors, disabled, and others needing help with small projects. There is no charge for this service, but donations are gratefully accepted to help fund materials for those who are unable to pay.

For assistance or to volunteer with this new ministry, call Steve Whatley at 601-613-9247.

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

GENERAL CONFERENCE 2019 PRAYER GUIDE

In 2016 the United Methodist Church established a Commission on a Way Forward to look at issues concerning human sexuality, particularly as related to clergy, and bring forth proposals to be considered at a called General Conference, which will be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, MO. God is at work in our Wesleyan movement and we ask for your prayers this week during this important gathering of the United Methodist Church.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - GATHERING TOGETHER

Pray for safe and easy travels for the delegates and those leading and attending, especially for those making the difficult journey from overseas. *“The LORD will keep you from all harm - he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore (Psalm 121:7-8).”*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - DAY OF PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Pray for the Holy Spirit to bring peace and purpose to this day set apart for prayer and worship. *“[Jesus said] the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid (John 14:26-27).”*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - OPENING AND ORGANIZATION

Pray for the organizing efforts to be accomplished smoothly and in a spirit of cooperation. *“For God is not a God of disorder but of peace - as in all the congregations of the Lord’s people (1 Corinthians 14:33).”*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - LEGISLATIVE REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Pray that the presentations and discussion will be marked by Christian love for one another and informed by God’s wisdom. *“Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ (Ephesians 4:15).”*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - CLOSING DEBATES AND DECISIONS

Pray that the debates and decisions of the General Conference delegates will be guided by truth and in accordance with God’s will for his Church. *“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight (Proverbs 3:5-6).”*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 - RETURN AND REPORT

Pray again for safe and simple travels and for grace filled reporting regarding the work of General Conference 2019. *“Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen (Hebrews 13:20-21)”*

For further information you can check out the following websites:

Mississippi Annual Conference <https://www.mississippi-umc.org/gc2019>

General Conference <http://www.umc.org/topics/general-conference-2019-special-session>

YOU ARE INVITED! CELEBRATE RECOVERY STEP STUDY

A men’s group (Room 118) and a women’s group (Room 122) meet every Monday night at 6:00 p.m. to work through the Step Study. These groups are still open to any newcomers. Anyone who desires to be a team leader or a small group facilitator when our Celebrate Recovery program launches must be a part of the Step Study. Please call Jim Wiseman with any questions about these groups (307.267.4787).

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Dated Material
Please deliver by: Saturday, February 23, 2019

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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., Feb. 24 – Luke 11
Mon., Feb. 25 – Luke 12
Tues., Feb. 26 – Genesis 21
Wed., Feb. 27 – Genesis 22
Thurs., Feb. 28 – Genesis 23
Fri., Mar. 1 – Genesis 24
Sat., Mar. 2 – Psalm 5

Sun., Mar. 3 – Luke 13
Mon., Mar. 4 – Luke 14
Tues., Mar. 5 – Genesis 25
Wed., Mar. 6 – Genesis 26
Thurs., Mar. 7 – Genesis 27
Fri., Mar. 8 – Genesis 28
Sat., Mar. 9 – Psalm 6



February 22—24 DNOW Student Gathering
March 6 Ash Wednesday
March 10 Daylight Saving Time begins
March 11-15 Spring Break for Madison Co. schools
March 15-16 Delta Grace Mission Weekend
March 24—27 MUMC Spring Revival
March 29—31 The Happening Student Retreat at MUMC

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,

Seasons Assisted Living, Canton: Bettie Bryant

Expectant Parents: Kristen & Bo Harwell

New Baby: Leila Rose and Lily Grace Taheri, daughters of Michelle and Allen Taheri and baby sisters of Mina, born February 7. Grandparents are David and Carolyn Schussler.

In Memoriam

Thomas Rowland—2/11/19
Grandfather of Josh & Hannah Rowland

Betty Rhodes—2/12/19
Mother of Don Dunagin

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 if prayer is still needed.

Prayer Requests—Family Members and Friends

Connie Cooper	Leona Bishop's niece
Madeline Gullekson	Kathy Long's mother
Chris Hill	Susan Hinton's cousin
Mary Frances Kelly	Pat/Bonnie Patterson's grandmother
Vic Smith	Myra Smith's son
Paul Staples	Bonnie Patterson's father
David Stokes	Myra Talley's brother
Patsy Taylor	Connie Bush's mother

Prayer Requests –

MUMC Members

Vicki Blake	James Morphis	Cheryl Webb
Kate Colbert	Robin Morris	Frances Williams
Danielle Dale	Cathy Navarrette	
Susan Dodder	Anne Ramsay	
Dick Farr	Elinor Rummel	
Susan Hinton	Trey Russell	
John Mason	Gloria Thompson	
Mary Ann McKay	Courtney Tucker	
The Moody Family	Bob Walters	
Willie Moore	Jeanne Walters	

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
02/10	687	386
02/17	717	383

	Offering		Year-To-Date
	Cash/Check	Electronic	All Giving
02/10	\$36,013.00	\$ 3,475.00	\$218,567.00
02/17	\$22,528.00	\$ 6,940.00	\$248,035.00

Education Building Cost: \$5,227,203.00
Education Building Mortgage
Balance (as of 2/04/2019): \$2,705,848.28

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

NO PINNACLE ACTIVITIES SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, DUE TO DNOW/GATHERING.



Mission Trip to Dominican Republic

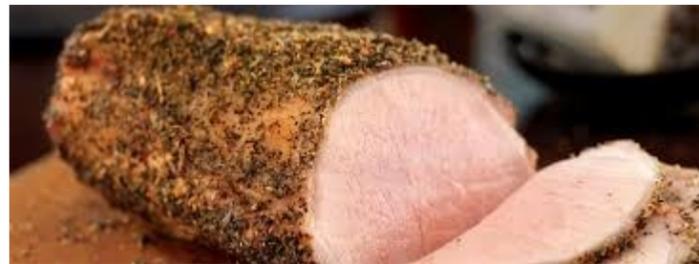
STUDENT MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

Saturday, March 2, 10:00 a.m. to noon
Christian Life Center

\$25 per ticket

Each ticket purchases 2 home-cooked pork tenderloins

Tickets can be purchased on Sunday morning, February 24
From any member of the mission team.



CHURCH-WIDE BIBLE READING PLAN/BIBLE PROJECT

Featured Videos to Help You Understand the Bible Reading & Discipleship



If you are accessing our MUMC Church-Wide Bible Reading Plan electronically (either by visiting/following the blog directly at www.readpraylovedaily.com, or accessing it through the MUMC mobile app's "Bible" tab), you will see a brand new post every day. The daily Bible reading is listed below the section "We Listen to God's Word." The Bible passage can be read directly from the blog post, or you can follow the red hyperlink to read the daily Bible chapter from Bible Gateway (where you can switch translations if you desire).

Beneath the daily Bible reading link/passage is a **featured video**. We will primarily feature videos from "**The Bible Project**" (<https://thebibleproject.com/>) or "**Seedbed**" (<https://www.seedbed.com/videos/>). These videos will primarily have to do with understanding a book of the Bible or theme we are covering. Periodically, they will be videos focusing on an aspect of Biblical discipleship not necessarily highlighted in that week's Bible reading. **You could listen to the audio of these short videos on your commute or while you are working out, etc.** To see a growing master "playlist" of videos we anticipate featuring over time, please go to www.youtube.com, and search for "Read. Pray. Love. Daily. – Bible".

These featured videos will not necessarily change from one day to the next. For instance, on the week of January 20-26, we featured the following videos: Sunday (the Luke 1-9 Bible Project video), Monday (the Luke 1-2 "Mini-Series" Bible Project video), Tuesday-Thursday (the Genesis 1-11 Bible Project video, posted three successive days), and Friday-Saturday (the "Image of God" theme Bible Project video, posted two successive days). On Thursday, January 31, 2019, we featured our former MUMC member Dr. Sandy Richter's Seedbed video on "Genesis 1." Remember, you can always click back to older posts at the bottom of the blog home screen ("Older Posts"), or you can click on the "Menu" tab near the top of the blog and then click on "Restart 3-Year Bible Plan" tab to find past Bible reading links and that week's featured videos.



A new Discipleship Group will be starting in February/March 2019, led by Ben & Melissa Butler. Please contact Ben (ben@madisonumc.org) if you are interested in exploring being in a D-Group.

MUMC NEW MEMBER CLASS BEGINS FEBRUARY 10TH

We will begin a four-week New Member Class during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, February 10. This class will be led by our senior pastor and it is designed for anyone interested in becoming a church member and for those who have joined our church in the past few years, too. This class will be a great opportunity to meet other people, to learn about our church's DNA, to have some fun and to discover ways to plug in to our missions, groups and ministries. This class will meet in the Multi-Purpose Room and you do not need to register to attend it. We will record each session for those who have to miss a Sunday.

