



Madison United Methodist Church

# MESSENGER

“Building faithful disciples, serving Jesus Christ.”

No. 15

July 28, 2021

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## Sunday Services, August 1, 2021

Services in the Sanctuary & Multipurpose Room at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School classes at 9:30 a.m.

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MUMC WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO A

# New Member Class

**AUGUST 8, 15, 22, 29 | 9:45 - 10:30 AM | MULTIPURPOSE  
ROOM-EDUCATION BUILDING, 2ND FLOOR**

An event to help you connect to members,  
pastors, staff of MUMC, and ministries that will  
help you belong, grow, and serve.

## MADISON UMC NEW MEMBER CLASS

Our next New Member Class will begin on Sunday, August 8. This class is for people who have recently joined with our church and for those considering becoming members at Madison UMC. It is a great way to meet new people, to learn how to serve through our church, to spend time with our pastors, and to explore ways to connect with various church groups. This class will meet on Sundays (August 8-August 29) during the Sunday School hour in the Multi-Purpose Room (Education Building, second floor). All sessions will be recorded if you must miss a Sunday. Make plans now to attend and contact our Senior Pastor ([barry@madisonumc.org](mailto:barry@madisonumc.org)) with any of your questions or for more information.

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## DRIVE-THROUGH COMMUNION SERVICE – THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

Since many people feel that they cannot attend in-person worship due to the recent spike in hospitalizations and infections due the Delta variant, we will restart our Drive-Through Communion Service this Sunday, August 1, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Come into the church parking lot by one of our west entrances to pick up your bulletin and communion elements.



We have a daily video devotional on our church's YouTube channel for the next several weeks as we go through our sermon series on II Corinthians. Videos are posted daily at 5:00 a.m. for you to watch at any time. Join in the Live Chat for those sessions, ask questions, or share insights in the comments section.



The Cursillo Retreat in August has a few openings, and they are still taking registrations. Several members from our church and I will be at that retreat, and we would love for you to join us. Contact our Cursillo leaders (Ron Bailey - ron.bailey@raymondjames.com, Art Starkey - astarkey1@comcast.net) about how to register. There will also be an Emmaus Retreat coming up in October. We will have many of our church members serving at that retreat, too, and we will get news out soon about how to register for that retreat

We were blessed to watch a short video from our Salt & Light Honduras Mission Team members recently at our worship services. The extended video of their testimonies has been uploaded to our YouTube channel and you will want to hear and be blessed by what they have to say about their experiences and about how much our church's support meant to them and to the people of Honduras. Please subscribe to our church's YouTube



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Chip & Caroline Haynes joined MUMC and Chris & Mary Hampton were baptized at the 8:30 a.m. service on July 18

*Thank you*

I would like to thank you for the prayers, kind words, and thoughts you gave me during Carrie's illness and passing. Your thoughtfulness and assistance will be always remembered. Although I know she has gone to collect her reward, she will be greatly missed. Everyone in the church has been such a blessing during this difficult time for me. It is heart warming to know that I have such a wonderful and caring church family.

Thank you and may God bless all of you,  
Dan Ford, Jr.

# 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.

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 – MUMC MEMBERS

Carol Ann Ables	Judy McArthur	Trey Russell
Ann Artmann	Barrie McArthur	Shauna Sansing
Leona Bishop	The Moody Family	Courtney Tucker
Larry Bourne	Willie Moore	Bryce Upshaw
Rod Coleman	James Morphis	Jim Wiseman
Betsy Cowden	Carlton O'Keefe	
Elbert Day	Phillip Perry	
Bob Ellis	Ray Phillips	
Janie Harris	Norma Richards	
Vernon Hull	Frank Riley	

## PRAYER REQUESTS—FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Mike Blaine	Phil Hinton's friend
Kenneth Brown	Cindy Phillips' relative
Mary Margaret Case	Sara Reily's sister
Rankin Faler	Phil Hinton's relative
Jean Hawkins	Maritta Mullet's sister
Mac Holmes	Susan Hunt's brother-in-law
Blake Hutto	Billy/Debbie Hutto's son
Lauren Luter	Jim/Ruth Elam's granddaughter
Sandra Miller	Friend of MUMC
George Nasif	Brooke Hood's uncle
Trey & Mary Ann Odom	Elizabeth Carr's parents
Walter Robinson	Sharon Jernigan's father
Fran Sharp	Jim/Ruth Elam's relative
Aaron Sibley family	Diane LaBan's nephew
Daisy Ann Stewart	Joyce Logue's friend
Sarah Weeks	Gina Holcomb's mother

## *In Memoriam*

*Elinor Rummel—7/14/21*  
Member of MUMC

*We express our sympathy to the families.*

## Hospice/Assisted/Living/Nursing Homes

**The Blake:** Fabia Smith

**Beau Ridge:** Frankie Mitchell; Joyce Logue; Joan Winstead

**St. Catherine's Village:** Clara Derrington; Lou Jennings; Barbara Pittman; Mary Salvatore

**Home Place:** Margi Baley, Barbara Mapp

**Expectant Parents:** Beckie & Josh Lee

## **MUMC REPORT**

	Worship Attendance	Sunday School
07/18/21	393	
07/25/21	376	

	Offering		Year-To-Date
	Cash/Check	Electronic	All Giving
7/18/21	\$19,742.00	\$21,418.00	\$1,332,101.00
7/25/21	\$17,900.00	\$ 7,019.00	\$1,357,020.00

Education Building Cost: \$5,227,203.00  
Education Building Mortgage  
Balance (as of 7/03/21): \$1,668,530.00

Can't join us this Sunday? Can't find your checkbook and don't have cash on Sunday morning? Join our members who are using online giving for automated giving to Madison UMC. It is secure, convenient, has no extra cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our church. Sign up today by visiting [www.madisonumc.org/give](http://www.madisonumc.org/give). Contact our church office with any questions at [info@madisonumc.org](mailto:info@madisonumc.org).



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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

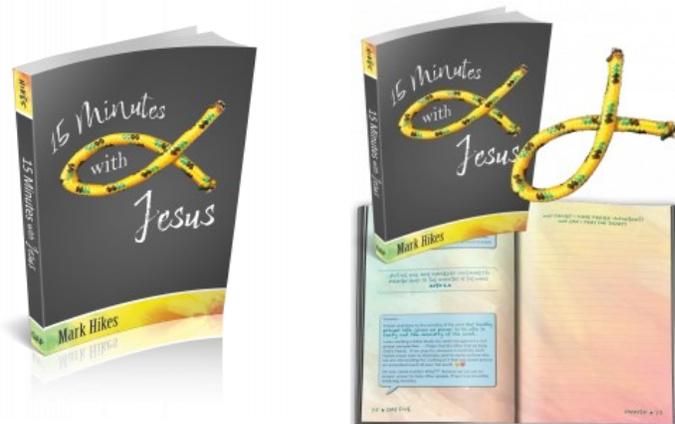
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\*\*For the 1st Year of the Plan, go to  
<http://www.readpraylovedaily.com/year-1-plan/>;  
the 3rd Year plan is below

Sun., Aug. 1 – Luke 12  
Mon., Aug. 2 – Luke 13  
Tues., Aug. 3 – Song of Solomon 8  
Wed., Aug. 4 – Isaiah 1  
Thurs., Aug. 5 – Isaiah 2  
Fri., Aug. 6 – Isaiah 3  
Sat., Aug. 7 – Psalm 133

Sun., Aug. 8 – Luke 14  
Mon., Aug. 9 – Luke 15  
Tues., Aug. 10 – Isaiah 4  
Wed., Aug. 11 – Isaiah 5  
Thurs., Aug. 12 – Isaiah 6  
Fri., Aug. 13 – Isaiah 7  
Sat., Aug. 14 – Psalm 134



## SAVE THE DATE - 15 MINUTES WITH JESUS BOOK LAUNCH

One of our own church members, Mark Hikes, has just written a book based on his work with our Student Ministry during the pandemic. The book, *15 Minutes with Jesus*, features 12 weekly themes presented in a text conversation style. Each theme helps to build a consistent relationship with our Shepherd and shows readers how their life can be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit as it applies to everyday life.

Our church family is invited to the book launch event, which is scheduled for Saturday, August 28, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at our church. You can visit the webpage for the book (<https://www.greatamericanpublishers.com/media-kit-15-minutes-with-jesus/>) to learn more about the material and to sample several pages of the book.

**STUDENT MINISTRY**  
**Cory Phillips 601-856-6058 or email [cory@madisonumc.org](mailto:cory@madisonumc.org)**

A full schedule of Student Ministry activities may be downloaded from the Student page of the MUMC website ([www.madisonumc.org/students](http://www.madisonumc.org/students)). Text "mumcstudent" to 955-77 to get upcoming events or changes.

- Through August 1, Sunday nights are 6-7:45 p.m. 6:00-7:00 p.m. is open gym/hangout and 7:00-7:45 p.m. Bible Study
- There will be no meals served during the summer.



**JUNIOR HIGH  
LOCK-IN &  
MISSION DAY**



I teach  
**Sunday School**  
what's your  
 **superpower?**

**Can you share your superpower? Our 2021-22 Sunday School year begins on August 8!**

**Below are all the reasons teaching Sunday School is not your superpower, but ...** as I was rereading Christopher Miles Ritter's *Seven Things John Wesley Expected Us to Do for Kids*, this really hit home – “We are called to ministry with children “gift or no gift.” As wonderful and needful as spiritual gifts are to the church, the lack of these gifts is not a legitimate excuse for non-participation. To minister to children, as we ought, we are going to need to stretch ourselves. We need to move past our comfort, over our excuses, outside our perceived gifts, and beyond...”

- But, I'm not qualified ... You do NOT have to be a Bible scholar to share Jesus with our children; you ONLY need a heart for Jesus and a desire to share His love!
- But I need to attend my Sunday School class to grow in my personal faith ... the blessings you receive from sharing your love for Jesus and the relationships you develop with our children (and their parents) will help fuel your personal faith journey!
- But I don't want to teach every Sunday ... we do ask for a school year commitment (a semester a minimum) because the same teacher(s) every Sunday helps reassure the children, helps the children develop lasting relationships with Christian mentors, and helps improve the learning environment. You can always ask a friend to “team teach” with you; this allows you to work around vacations, ball games, etc.
- But ... if you have questions or concerns about teaching, the commitment, etc., please let me know!



During the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:30), children will meet their new teachers, enjoy a donut breakfast, & play some fun games. Drop-off & pick up will be from their new classrooms. Room numbers and locations for Children's Sunday School classes are available at the check-in desks in both the Nursery Hall & the KIDS Hall. Don't forget that a parent/responsible adult must pick up all kids ages 2 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade!

# 1ST GRADE

1<sup>st</sup> graders are growing and learning so fast, and we think you are ready to learn more about how we worship in the Methodist Church. One way you learn new things is to attend worship services on Sunday morning. **Beginning August 1, all of our 1<sup>st</sup> graders will remain in the Sanctuary for the entire worship service.** Come down for Children's Sermon and then go sit with your parents for the remainder of the service.



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

August 18 – Blessing of the Backpack for KIDS ages 3 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade & their Parents

August 25 – First Wednesday Night for Fall 2021 - KIDS Choirs Start & 1<sup>st</sup> Night of Classes for our KIDS (2 ½ year olds – 6<sup>th</sup> graders). **Volunteers are needed!**



### 2021-22 KIDS Ministry Contact Information Sheet

You can print this information sheet from our website ([www.madisonumc.org](http://www.madisonumc.org)). Copies will also be available at both the KIDS & Nursery Check-in Centers. **It is important for us to know about allergies and have emergency contact information!** Completed forms can be returned to the Church Office, faxed to the Office at 601-856-6061, emailed to [renee@madisonumc.org](mailto:renee@madisonumc.org), or returned to the KIDS or Nursery Check-in Center.

If you are interested in working in the Nursery on Sunday mornings, Wednesday nights, and other scheduled times, please contact Paige Wright ([melpaigew@yahoo.com](mailto:melpaigew@yahoo.com)) for an application or for more information. Applicants must be at least 21 years old and will be required to obtain CPR/First Aid Certification as well as pass a background check.



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| Promotion Sunday                   | August 8    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Sunday | August 15   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Bible Sunday | August 29   |
| Confirmation Kick-off              | September 8 |
| Confirmation Sunday                | November 10 |
| KIDS Fall Music Program            | November 17 |

**KIDS MINISTRY**  
Renee Scales 601-856-6058 or email [renee@madisonumc.org](mailto:renee@madisonumc.org)



***WATER FUN DAY***



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



**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR PARENTS:**

We are starting a new Sunday school class for parents on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Led by Steve & Betsy Potter and others, this class will focus on growing in our relationship with God, and learning to love and serve God, our spouses, our children, and others. We will be studying, discussing and applying the bible and an occasional biblically based book/study on marriage and/or parenting. We will meet in room 415 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor Education Bldg.) at 9:45

**Class Makeup: Parents of children, birth to graduation, who are seeking to grow in their faith, their marriage and their parenting.**

**Location: Room 415 (2nd Floor Education Bldg.)**

**Start Time: 9:45 am**

**Mission Statement: We seek to grow in our love for God, our spouses, our children, and others through bible study, life application, prayer, and discussion.**

**Teaching: A mix of content and discussion based on bible study and occasional book/study on marriage and/or parenting.**

**Current Study: We will begin this class by looking at who God is and his design for faith and family.**

**Missions and activities: TBA as this is a brand new class**

**Contacts: Steve Potter ([steve@madisonumc.org](mailto:steve@madisonumc.org) / (601) 573-2144) & Betsy Potter ([betsteve98@gmail.com](mailto:betsteve98@gmail.com) / (601) 506-2708)**

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**8:30 A.M. MASKED VIDEO WORSHIP SERVICE REMINDER**



We want to remind everyone that the 8:30 a.m. worship service in the Multi-Purpose Room is solely for people who are **wearing masks**. The services in our sanctuary are “mask optional.” Thank you for your cooperation with this.

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



We are grateful to be partnering with First Baptist Church of Madison in their Grief Share ministry. If you have lost a loved one, you have felt the struggle of grief. Grief Share is there for you to help journey through with the support of God's Word and others who understand. We look forward to welcoming Martha Thames on Sunday, August 8 for her to share a Ministry Moment and be available to meet those who are interested in the support of, or serving in, this ministry. Please email Ben Butler ([ben@madisonumc.org](mailto:ben@madisonumc.org)) if you want to know more.

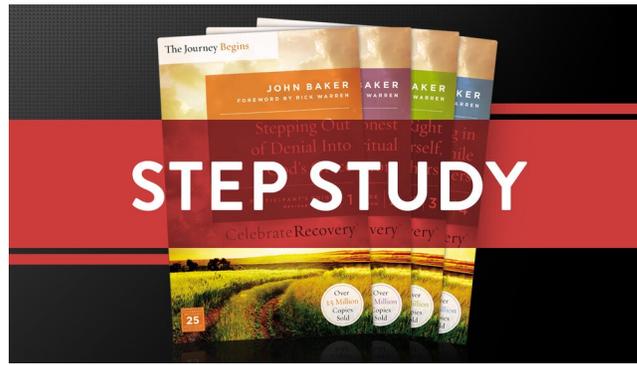


**The Wesley Institute** is a 9-month program that equips everyday Christians with serious, affordable, and trusted biblical training. The program is taught by WBS professors who are experts in their fields.

Here's what participants from your church will get:

- 9 months of **seminary-caliber** biblical training (overview of all 66 books of the Bible plus discussion of key topics of discipleship/Christian belief)
- Access to **all course video recordings**
- **High quality student notes** for all course content covered, including all 66 books of the Bible
- Teacher notes for course content, including **charts and book outlines**
- Grounding in **key theological concepts**
- **Lifetime access** to the Wesley Institute course you took, so you can take a refresher at any point

Wesley Institute meets every Tuesday, September-May from 5:45-7:45am CDT. Participants can join [on campus](#), [via real-time video](#), or [watch the recordings on their own time](#). For more info, visit <https://wbs.edu/institute/>.



## Missions and Outreach News

Step Studies at MUMC:

**What is a step study?:** A step study is a time tested, proven path to sustainable recovery and change from your hurts, habits and hang ups. A Celebrate Recovery step study is based in faith in Jesus and wisdom from the bible. You will walk through this study with a leader and other participants in a weekly group meeting.

Finishing a Step Study will also open up opportunities for you to serve in the future as a small group leader or as a team leader with Celebrate Recovery.

**When?:** We have a Men's study beginning very soon on Wednesday mornings at 7:00 am at MUMC in Fellowship Hall Room 122. If this time does not work for you, or you are a woman looking for a step study, please email [steve@madisonumc.org](mailto:steve@madisonumc.org). We will start new step studies when we have enough interest and can fit people's schedules.

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **CELEBRATE RECOVERY:** Every Tuesday 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
(Help with food, music, & small group leaders needed)
- **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Renovation: August 2021  
Contact Dave Coon (coondw@bellsouth.net)
- **RISE AGAINST HUNGER** Food Packing: Sunday morning, September 19
- **DELTA GRACE** Trip: October 1 & 2
- **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** boxes available: October 17
- **METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME** "Little Light of Mine" ordering kick-off October 17
- **KAIROS OUTSIDE:** November 12 - 14
- **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** Deadline for returning boxes: November 14
- **SALT & LIGHT** Mission Trip to Honduras: June 9 - 16, 2022
- **MOODY (LEGACY)** Mission Trip to Honduras: Summer 2022

***If you would like to sign up for any of these mission opportunities or have any questions, please contact Steve Potter at [steve@madisonumc.org](mailto:steve@madisonumc.org)***

**SENIORS & WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**  
**Rev. Linda Rickman 601-856-6058 or email [linda@madisonumc.org](mailto:linda@madisonumc.org)**

**EXCITING NEW OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR FALL 2021 WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

The Women's Ministry of Madison UMC will offer 6 Bible studies and two special events this fall.

The 6 Bible study groups are:

- ◆ Sunday evening group for all ages, Sunday evenings resuming September 12, 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room; Study: Jennie Allen's *Get Out of Your Head*; Contact: Camie Young (601) 622-2904
- ◆ Faithful Friends for ages approx. 50s-60s, Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall Room 204, resumes September 20, study to be determined; Contact: Vickie Graves (601) 942-7023
- ◆ Redeemed Tuesdays 9:30-11am; resumes August 24 in the multipurpose room; study: *Ruth and Galatians*; contact: Tracey Thompson (601) 906-1744
- ◆ Redeemed 2: Wednesdays, 6:15-7pm in room 122 off fellowship Hall; begins August 25; study: *The Names of God*; contact: Tracey Thompson (601) 906-1744
- ◆ Friends in Faith: for ages 50+; resumes on Wednesday, September 8 at 11am in the multipurpose room; study *Psalms* by Dr. Sandra Richter; Contact: Rev. Linda Rickman at (601) 856-6058 or [linda@madisonumc.org](mailto:linda@madisonumc.org)
- ◆ Sisters: for ages 60+; resumes Thursday, August 26 in room 204. Study: TBD; Contact: Patricia Stanfield (601) 259-0280

Fall Women's events:

- ◆ REDEEMED WOMEN on Monday, September 13, 6:00—8:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room (upstairs in the Education Building)
- ◆ SEASONS OF FAITH on Thursday, October 14, 6:00—8:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center (CLC)



**VIP IN-PERSON LUNCHEONS  
TO RESUME ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

**Due to the uptick in the number of cases of the Delta variant of Covid, plans to resume in-person VIP luncheons have changed. The luncheon has been rescheduled for Tuesday, September 14, at noon. As always, there will be a delicious meal, great fellowship and an informative or inspirational program. New Directions from St. Dominic's will present the September program. Check the newsletter and social media in August for further updates!**