



The Tree of Life

February 2017 | The Newsletter of Madison United Methodist Church

Mark Your Calendar

Church Directory Pictures
February 4, 5, 11 & 12

“SOUPer BOWL” Sunday
February 5

Double Nickels @ Cracker
Barrel February 7 @ 9 a.m

Church Council Meeting
February 7 @ 6:00 p.m.

Valley View Ministry
February 8, 22 @ 2:30 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
February 12 @ 2:00 pm

UMW Meeting
February 13 @ 10:00 am

Double Nickels @ Royal
Rose Feb. 15 @ 1:00 p.m.

Children’s Lock-In
February 19 @ 6 p.m.

Double Nickels Games
February 24 @ 1:00 p.m.

Dear Madison Church,

Jesus says in Revelation 21:5, I am making everything new!”

He meant that to reveal one of his ultimate goals: to remake earth and even heaven itself; perfecting even perfection. The verse is all about ultimate renewal and remaking: creations destiny to be freed from the chaos of sin.

We are about to undertake a renewal of Madison Church. Not, it won’t be ultimate, but it will be a renewal — a renewal of our church building.

On Sunday, February 5, at both services, you are going to hear about *Regeneration* — a three-year plan to renew some parts of our historic facility that has been in need of it.

I will be joined by our Church Council chair, Ronnie Williams, a member of the Finance Committee, Wayne Koswoski, and others to share about this project.

Join us this coming Sunday as we begin the process of *Regeneration* of our campus for a new generation.

Grace and Truth,

Dr. Travis N. Wilson - Pastor

Announcements — office@madisonum.org

Join the Choir

New Season

- Raise your voice and sing to the Lord! You are invited to join Church Street Boys and/or Chancel Choir. We have started a new season and we welcome all voices.
- For more information, contact Sandy Weisner at sandy@madisonum.org or call 256-417-5672.

Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesdays @ 4:15 or 6:30 p.m. — CLC

- Before or after Easy Wednesday Night's meal, join Pastor Trav.
- Both classes will be the same, so there is no need to attend both.
- Classes will last about 50 minutes and are great for those who want to go deeper and know Jesus more.

Easy Wednesday Fellowship Meal

Wednesdays @ 5:30 p.m. — CLC

- Wouldn't it be great if Wednesday was just ... **easy**?
- Catered dinner is served from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.
- Cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children under 11. Cost cap: \$28 per family.
- Youth and Children's Ministry: 6:15 to 7:30 pm.
- **Register @ www.madisonum.org/demo-home/easy-wednesdays by MONDAYS @ Noon.**

"SOUPer BOWL" Sunday

February 5 — CLC

- Whose Sunday School Class will reign supreme and win *The Golden Ladle?*

Church Council Meeting

February 7 @ 6:00 p.m. — MPR

Double Nickels

February

- Tuesday, February 7 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel at 9:00 am.
- Wednesday, February 15 Lunch at Royal Rose at 1:00 pm, 1009 Memorial Parkway.
- Friday, February 24 Covered dish meal and games at 1:00 pm in the youth room.

New Church Directory & Family Pictures

February 4, 5, 11 and 12 — CLC

- We are working on a new church directory and so we need pictures of your smiling faces!
- Portrait sessions will be held on the weekends of February 4 and 5 & February 11 and 12.
- Scheduling for the portrait sessions will be held in the CLC on the morning of January 22, 29 and February 5, during coffee time and before and after the 11:00 service.
- Each family will receive a free digital copy of their portrait which they may reproduce.
- Check your schedules now and promptly sign-up!
- If you have a family member or friend for whom getting to church is physically challenging, please call Carolyn Edwards @ [256-830-6586](tel:256-830-6586) right away to arrange for a home visit.
- If you are interested in volunteering to help with scheduling and/or checking in families on portrait days, please contact Carolyn Edwards @ [256-830-6586](tel:256-830-6586) or email her at carolyne74@knology.net.

Prayer Shawl Ministry at Dottie Patterson's

Sunday, February 12 — 2:00 pm

- Call Maralee Swanson for information, 256-852-7069. Dottie Patterson for directions at 256-830-2493.

Carts4Hearts Adventure 5K (Urban Iditarod)

February 11 @ 9 AM — Downtown Hsv

- Supports ministry to the homeless and hurting in Madison County through Downtown Rescue Mission.
- Register at www.carts4hearts.tk Contact Dave Palmer 256-656-9541 or dcpalmer@knology.net.

Valley View Ministry

Feb 8 and 22 — 2:30 pm — Valley View

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MPR (Multi-purpose Room) — CHR (Choir Room)

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A Special Message of Thanks from Pastor Trav and His Family ...

Dear Madison Church, we continue to be overwhelmed by your love and care for us. Thank you so much for the more than generous gift for Christmas. You are such a blessing to all of us. It is our extreme joy and privilege to be in ministry with all of you. We are looking forward to spending many more years with you to reach our community and build His kingdom. Blessing to you all! — Trav, Becca, Alex, and Lucy

United Methodist Women's 2016 Year-End Report

These donations were made possible with the support and participation of our church family and friend, plus the hard work of our UMW members. We sincerely thank all for your continued support. A balance of \$202.00 remains in the bank for the start of 2017. Our giving for 2015 & 2016 is as follows:

<u>Mission/Purpose</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
<i>MUMC Youth Missions</i>	\$500	\$500
<i>MUMC Children's Ministry</i>	\$500	\$500
<i>MUMC Benevolence Fund</i>	\$500	\$500
<i>Camp Sumatanga</i>	\$500	\$500
<i>The Well House</i>	\$300	\$300
<i>Upper Sand Mountain Parish</i>	\$300	\$500
<i>Scottsboro UM Home for Girls</i>	\$400	\$500
<i>NE District UMW</i>	\$100	\$100
<i>United Methodist Committee on Relief (Flooding)</i>	\$500	\$500
<i>Inside Out Ministries (2106—First Day of School)</i>	\$500	\$500
<i>Lincoln Village School</i>	\$500	*
Allocated Totals	\$4600	\$3400
True Mission Totals, Noting Two \$500 Donations Given Earlier in 2016	\$4600	\$4400

* — Lincoln Village will be considered again for 2017 by June 30, 2017 in order to continue to fund certain programs.

— Katie McAlister, UMW President

UMW Meeting with Marjorie Palmer, Speaker Monday, February 13 — 10:00 am — S

Madison Community Orchestra

Mondays — 6:30 p.m. — CLC

Director: Sandy Weisner. Contact her at sandra.o.weisner.ctr@mail.mil to get involved.

From The Tech Team: Website Updates

The Tech Team has rolled out some exciting new features on the website and smartphone mobile app to keep you connected to the life of the church:

- **Online Payments:** Scheduled donations can be made securely via electronic check, or credit card, through the member portal on the website, or through the smartphone app.
- **Media Center:** Easily catch up on sermons you may have missed from the media center on the webpage, or in the smartphone app.
- **Event Calendar:** Want to know what is going on when and where it is happening? Check the event calendar in the smartphone app.
- **Member Directory:** All members have access to directory information (with photos!) in the member portal on the website, or in the smartphone app. Click to call, text or even route.
- Visit www.madisonum.org, and click the "Member Portal" button at the top of the page for details on all of these new features. Questions? Send an email to tech@madisonum.org.

February Anniversaries

February 12	Neil and Jayne Daly	February 16	Ed and Sherry Pruett
February 12	Tony and Sandy Weisner	February 27	Joe and Luann Gillenwaters
February 14	John and Linda Baucom	February 27	Charles and Janice Mason
February 14	Don and Florence Helman		

February Birthdays

February 2	Kevin Mackay	February 24	Elizabeth Tedrick
February 3	Karen Mockensturm	February 25	Amanda Jackson
February 3	Randall Jackson	February 26	Jimmy Russell
February 4	Christine Stoffer	February 27	Connie Blackwell
February 7	Isabella Spires	February 27	Cindi Sanderson
February 8	Jean York	February 28	Sherry Sexton
February 8	Linda Baucom		
February 9	Flo Helman		
February 9	Charles Sturdivant		
February 9	Nancy Walker		
February 10	Chris Lott		
February 13	Isaac Jones		
February 15	Scotty Robiinson		
February 18	Walt Collier		
February 19	Zane Frazier		
February 22	Sallie Timme		

Prayer Focus for February

- Madison United Methodist Church
- More of the Holy Spirit
- More Spiritual Gifts
- The United States of America
- Our elderly and our young
- Our military personnel
- All unspoken concerns
- The One Person or Family
- Michael Ballard
- The Family of Rodney Dinkle
- Kathryn Shade
- Carolyn Taylor
- James and Doris Miller
- Bob Beamer
- Jack Reid Defurio
- Becky Becton
- Roy Roberts
- Heather Westfall
- Kayla Wilson
- Deborah Dawson
- Dawna Turner
- Stephanie Murphey
- Michael Whitmark—Cancer
- Beth Swanson—Chemotherapy
- Jim Phillips
- Anne Erwin
- Juanita Lamb
- Rachel Finch and her child
- Gary Broadrick
- Evelyn Gambrel
- Bishoff Family
- Doug Hemphill
- Florida Borchner

YOUTH MINISTRY — jason@madisonum.org

360° Youth Sunday Night

Sundays — 5:30—7:30 pm — YR

- All students 7th-12th grade are welcome!
- Next meeting, Sunday, February 12.

Wednesday Night

Wednesdays — 6:00-7:30 pm — YR

- All students 7th-12th grade are welcome!
- Next meeting, Wednesday, February 8.

Youth Choir

Sundays — 4:45 to 5:30 pm — CR

- Come praise The Lord with us! Bring a love of music, a willingness to learn, and a heart to serve!
- 6th to 12th graders invited. For more information contact Jennifer Salter at 334-549-4939.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY — cynthia@madisonum.org

Children's Lock-In

Sunday, February 19 — 5:30 pm to 7:00 am

- Ages 3-K may stay until 10:00 pm or all night with a parent. 1st grade –6th grade may stay all night.
- Games, fun, crafts, fellowship, movies, and food. Free event! Friends are welcome.

Children's Sunday School

Sundays — 9:30-10:30 am — CMR

- Sunday School begins in our Children's Ministry Room then go to small groups.
- Pre-K and K in the CMR. 1st thru 3rd grade in the Library, room 8. 4th thru 6th grade upstairs, room 77.

Children's Church

Sundays — CMR

- Children aged preschool through sixth grade are invited to join us after the Children's Moment.

Easy Wednesday Nights

Every Wednesday

- Join us for the Easy Wednesday Nights 6:15 to 7:30 pm, which is replacing the monthly Wonderful Wednesdays.
- Great new opportunity for food, fellowship, fun, and Christ-centered activities every Wednesday.

Children's Choir

Sundays — 4:45 to 5:30 pm — CMR

- Worship The Lord in song! Ages K thru 5th grade invited. For more information contact Alice Eaton.

NURSERY MINISTRY — nursery@madisonum.org

Two Nurseries: Infant & Toddler

Sundays — 8:15 am-Noon — N

- Nurseries are located outside the Youth Room for infants through the age of 4.

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY — allison@madisonum.org

Preschool Updates

- 2017-2018 Registration information and forms available in the hallway outside of the sanctuary.

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Madison Church Staff

Lead Pastor — Dr. Travis Wilson
Office Manager — Deborah Bray
Worship & Youth Director — Jason Noland
Choir Director — Sandy Weisner
Children's Ministry Director — Cynthia Stewart
Lead Worship Pianist — Kirk Durbin

Children's Music Dir./Pianist — Alice Eaton
Youth Choir Dir./Pianist — Jennifer Salter
Nursery Supervisor — Jolene Farlow
Preschool Director — Allison Edgecomb
Maintenance — trustees@madisonum.org

Newsletter Article Due Dates — office@madisonum.org

To have an article placed in the newsletter, please send an e-mail to office@madisonum.org.

Upcoming Newsletter Mail-out Dates	Articles Due
March 1, 2017	February 24, 2017
April 1, 2017	March 27, 2017
May 1, 2017	April 25, 2017
June 2, 2017	May 25, 2017

Office Hours: Monday—Friday 8:30 am—4:00 pm



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