



The Tree of Life

March 2017 | The Newsletter of Madison United Methodist Church

Mark Your Calendar

Valley View Ministry
March 8 and 22 @ 2:30 pm

Easy Wednesday
March 8, 15, 22, and 26
Bible Study at 4, 6:30 pm
Meal at 5:30 pm
Children/Youth 6:15 pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry
March 12 @ 2:00 pm

UMW Meeting
March 13 @ 10:00 am

Double Nickels
March 14 @ 9:00 am
March 22 @ Noon
March 31 @ 1:00 pm

Youth Adventure
March 17-18

Directory Pictures
March 26 9:00am-12:30pm

Fellowship Supper
March 26 @ 5:30 pm

Dear Madison Church,
“We are more than we think we are.”

That word from Rev. Paul Lawler on Sunday has emboldened my heart. After preaching on prayer and fasting, Paul walked around our building Sunday marveling and praising God for what The Lord is doing among us. Here’s just a sample: “Look at all those youth in Sunday School! Do you know how many churches struggle to get that many youth in Sunday School? Look at all those volunteers working with your children’s ministry! Look at this building! Wow! You mean this is paid for?” Afterward, I shared all that we are doing this spring and summer through evangelistic and charitable mission efforts. Then Paul really started praising The Lord.

Friends, we are indeed more than what we think we are. But this is not a cause for pride but a cause for praise. As followers of Jesus, we are taking action that requires not natural power – the force of our bodies and will – but supernatural power. That power can be revealed and given through prayer and fasting.

This Lent take up the call to prayer and fasting. Let this prayer be a guideline:

- *Father, show us how we can fully realize all that you have called and made us to be.*
- *Lord Jesus, deliver us from anything that might fix our mindsets or limit our faith..*
- *Holy Spirit, fill us that our mindsets be focused on faith in You without limits.*

We are truly more than we think we are. It’s a cause for praise. Let’s praise the Lord with questions. How are you called to be a part of God’s work among us? Are you called to disciples and teach youth, children or adults? How is the Lord calling you to give to our building *Regeneration Campaign* to renew our facilities for a new generation? How is He calling you to support our mission efforts this spring and summer in Belize, East Asia, Africa and right here at home? How is the Lord calling you to lead your peers that perhaps a new Sunday school class (or three) might be born and each Sunday School class take up a charitable local mission, not just to give to financially, but also with sweat equity?

This Lent and always, we are more than we think we are. How are you called to be a part of all that God is doing among us?

See you Sunday. Bring your friends.

Grace and Truth,

Dr. Travis N. Wilson - Pastor

Announcements — office@madisonum.org

NEW Church Door Access Codes

March 1

- Codes were emailed out on March 1. If you did not receive the code by email and think you should have it, please contact Deborah in the church office at 256-772-9761.

Valley View Ministry

March 8 and 22 — 2:30 pm — Valley View

Double Nickels

March

- Tuesday, March 14, Breakfast at Mia's at 9:00 am, County Line Road at University Hwy 72.
- Wednesday, March 22, Mystery Lunch Trip. Meet at the church at 12:00 noon to go on the bus.
- Friday, March 31, Lunch and Games at 1:00 pm, Youth Room.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sunday, March 12 — 2:00 pm

- Meeting at Sandy Fopiano's at 1314 Madison Park Drive, Madison, call for directions 678-464-6076.

UMW Monthly Meeting

Monday, March 13 — 10:00 am — S

- V.P. Sue Ridgley will be speaking on "Putting on the Armor of God".

Church Office Hours for Spring Break March 13-16, 8:30 to noon, closed Friday, Mar 17.

Spring Break Adventure

Friday, March 17 and Saturday, March 18

- The youth will be traveling to Birmingham, AL. to experience the **Winter Jam** concert and then on to Atlanta, GA. for a day at **Six Flags**.
- Registration is \$80 and due by March 12, 2017. Payment can be made in the forms of: cash, check, credit/debit card (via madisonum.org or the My Church App).
- Contact Jason for more information at jason@madisonum.org

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.**

Make-up sessions for Church Directory Sunday, March 26 — 9:00 am-12:30 pm — CLC

- Call Carolyn Edwards at 256-830-6586 or text 256-683-2430 after March 8 to schedule your photo appointment. This will be the last opportunity to have your photo taken for the new church directory.

Location Key — CLC (Christian Life Center) — S (Sanctuary) — YR (Youth Room)
N (Nursery) — CMR (Children's Ministry Room) — P (Parlor) — CFR (Conference Room)
MPR (Multi-purpose Room) — CHR (Choir Room)

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Lenten Project Coloring Posters

- Embark on a journey following the footsteps of Christ. Immerse yourself in the biblical account of the last days and hours of Jesus' life.
- All ages are invited to join in and help color these eight beautiful posters starting on Ash Wednesday and all through Lent, in the CLC.

Mission Support Opportunity

- Steve Edwards will be participating in Belize with the Emmaus Community Men's Walk #2 the weekend of March 16-19, 2017. He needs your help in support of both the Men's Walk and the Women's Walk, which follows on the weekend of March 23-26, 2017.
- **Calling all prayer warriors!** He will post prayer vigil signup lists in the CLC and hopes that you will be led to sign up for at least one half-hour slot. It is not necessary to come into the church or be in any other special place for this, just include this time in a quiet place of your own choosing.
- Steve will include sheets of prayer suggestions with the sign-up lists that you are welcome to take with you. Your prayers are crucial and the most important contributions you can make to these efforts, as they are dependent completely on the Holy Spirit's presence, love, and direction.

New Adult Sunday School Class

Starts Sunday, March 26

- "Folks Over 50" will study a variety of topics by well-known Christian authors.
- Come and help choose our ministries, our class name, and our future path to being the hands and feet of The Lord in our church and community.
- We will meet in room 54 at 9:45 am. Call Bethann Grace for more information at 256-677-3066.

Register Now for MUMC 2017-2018 Preschool

- Preschool in a loving and caring Christian atmosphere. 9:00 am to 1:00 pm daily.
- The preschool will be in newly remodeled classrooms offering 2-day, 3-day, 4-day and 5-day options.
- Contact Allison Edgecomb for more information at allison@madisonum.org or at 256-772-9880.
- Preschool Sunday, late service March 26.
- Check out our Facebook page at "Madison United Methodist Church Preschool"

Madison Community Orchestra

Mondays — 6:30 p.m. — CLC

- Director: Sandy Weisner. Contact her at sandra.o.weisner.ctr@mail.mil for more information.
- Spring Concert will be at James Clemons High School on May 5.

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.

March Anniversaries

March 1 Don and Sue Ridgley
March 4 Michael and Susie Jordan
March 10 Larry and Charlene Wright
March 12 Brent and Sue Bailey

March 23 Bill and Margaret Maynard
March 23 Robert and Nancy Perry
March 24 Chip and Sallie Timme
March 31 Bryan and Erica Hampton

March Birthdays

March 1 Amy Bailey-Williams
March 3 Larry Wright
March 3 Charles Mason
March 4 Cynthia Stewart
March 5 Patricia Starling
March 5 Kendall Sturdivant
March 6 Annette Wassell
March 6 French Salter
March 6 Deb Jaramillo
March 10 Scott Motz
March 10 Lee Hammons
March 12 Claudette Greene
March 12 Quin Frazier
March 13 Kim Sloan
March 14 Donnie Spencer
March 14 John Sloan
March 15 Wayne Koswoski
March 16 Judy Miller

March 16 Robbie Edwards
March 16 Eric Bean
March 17 Charlene Wright
March 18 Sue Ridgley
March 19 Pam King
March 24 Luke Sanderson
March 25 Eric Petersen
March 26 Destiny Stokes
March 28 Lynn Lee
March 28 Keith Williams
March 28 Hanna Hammons
March 29 Sarah Mockensturm
March 30 Johnnie Becton
March 31 Deliah Graham
March 31 Mia Slone

Prayer Focus for March

- 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
- Kathryn Shade
- Carolyn Taylor
- Bob Beamer
- Heather Westfall
- Dru Goss
- Cody Ford
- 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
- Chris, April and Baby Effie Nesin
- Pauline Summit
- Matthew Lockhart

YOUTH MINISTRY — jason@madisonum.org

360° Youth Sunday Night

Sundays — 5:30—7:30 pm — YR

- All students 7th-12th grade are welcome!

Wednesday Night

Wednesdays — 6:00-7:30 pm — YR

- All students 7th-12th grade are welcome!

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.

Spring Break Adventure

Friday, March 17—Saturday, March 18

- \$80 registration now. Winter Jam and 6 Flags over Georgia. See Jason for more information.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY — cynthia@madisonum.org

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
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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
April 1, 2017	March 27, 2017
May 1, 2017	April 25, 2017
June 1, 2017	May 25, 2017
July 1, 2017	June 26, 2017

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



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