



# The Tree of Life

April 2017 | The Newsletter of Madison United Methodist Church

## Mark Your Calendar

Valley View Ministry  
April 12 & 26 @2:30 pm

Easy Wednesday  
April 12, and 26  
Bible Study at 4, 6:30 pm  
Meal at 5:30 pm  
Children/Youth 6:15 pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry  
April 9 @ 2:00 pm

UMW Meeting  
April 10 @ 10:00 am

Double Nickels  
April 11 @ 9:00 am  
April 19 @ 1:00 m  
April 28 @ 1:00 pm.

Easter Egg Hunt  
April 15 @ 1:00 pm

Easter Worship Services  
Sunday @ 8:30, 9:45, and  
11:00 am  
Easter Breakfast  
7:45 am

Ladies Night  
April 13 @ 6:00 pm

Churchwide Workday  
April 29 @ 8:00 am

Dear Madison Church,

Each week we pray those who don't have a church home or are in need of saving faith in Jesus Christ. We pray also that you will seize the moment and invite them with joy. However, so often, we invite them with a sense of awkwardness. Here are some suggestions for how to go about that invitation

**First, spend time with you friends and neighbors.** We are all very busy these days. We are so busy with work and games and practices, that often we forget to slow down and enjoy the simple pleasures of life. Let your invitation be a natural part of life like breathing. There's little more awkward than going over, inviting someone to church and rarely speaking. *These friends are not our projects. They are people who deserve both the human and the divine touch.* Walk over. Check on them. Ask how they are doing. Grill out in the warmer weather. Invest in your neighbors.

**Second, actually invite your friends.** Learning does not happen by osmosis. My biology teacher taught me that. Neither does Christian discipleship nor even Christian invitation. The Holy Spirit will create a space for your invitation. You don't have to force it. You don't have to be awkward. *Let it be like breathing.* If they turn you down, keep grilling those hot dogs and be the love and light of Christ in their life until the Holy Spirit opens another door.

**Third, stay with them while they are here.** If they accept your invitation, stay with them while they are here at worship. Introduce them to people. Let the Holy Spirit form the connections. He's good at that. Just stay with them. Enjoy the time. Enjoy the time with your church family. Enjoy the time with The Lord. That joy will be contagious.

**Fourth, follow up with them.** Remember: they are not your projects. They are people. Following up could be as simple as going out to lunch with people from church after the service. Yet at it's best, following up is about being reliable, trustworthy, and a friend.

Easter is the number one time that people are receptive to an invitation to come to a Christian worship service. I pray that you will seize the moment and bless someone's life and the life of their family. I pray that I will see you Sunday and that you will bring your friends.

Grace and Truth,

Dr. Travis N. Wilson - Pastor

# Announcements — office@madisonum.org

## ***Bake Sale by the United Methodist Women***

**Sunday, April 9**

- All money goes to local missions in Madison County.
- Between worship services in the CLC. Get your cakes and pies for Easter!

## ***Prayer Shawl Ministry***

**Sunday, April 9 — 2:00 pm**

- Meet at Flo Helman's home. Call her for directions at 256-722-2795.

## ***UMW Monthly Meeting***

**Monday, April 10 — 10:00 am — S**

- Meet at the church to go to Manna House for a tour.

## ***Double Nickels***

**April**

- Tuesday, April 11, meet at IHOP on University Drive at 9:00 am.
- Wednesday, April 19, meet at Greenbrier at 1:00 pm for lunch.
- Friday, April 28, meet at the church for lunch and games in the Youth Room.

## ***Valley View Ministry***

**Wednesday, April 12 and 26 — 2:30 pm — Valley View**

## ***Easy Wednesday — “Maundy Wednesday”***

**April 12, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. — CLC**

- Catered dinner available from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. — Adults \$9, children under 11 \$), & family cost cap \$28.
- Youth & Children's Fun & Fellowship: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Pastor's Bible Study: 4:00 p.m. & right after “Maundy Wednesday.”
- April 12 - "Seder Inspired Menu" - Mixed Green Salad, Beef Stew, Deviled Eggs, and Apple Pie
- Register @ [www.madisonum.org/demo-home/easy-wednesdays](http://www.madisonum.org/demo-home/easy-wednesdays) by April 10 @ noon.
- No Easy Wednesday on April 19th.

## ***Ladies' Night***

**Thursday, April 13 — CLC**

- All ladies and youth girls are invited to an instructor led painting event. Seating is limited, \$25.
- You must have a reservation to attend. Contact Jennifer Lockhart at 678-502-8050.

## ***Easter Egg Hunt***

**Saturday, April 15 — 1:00 pm**

- Outside on the church property. Ages thru 6th grade.
- We are collecting plastic eggs and candy (no hard candy, please).

## ***Easter Morning Breakfast***

**Sunday, April 16 — 7:45 to 10:15 am — CLC**

- Calling all MEN and male youth of the church! We will be cooking and serving a special breakfast for those who gather at Madison Church on Easter Sunday.
- MUMC are urged to sign up to help cook, clean, and/or donate items for the meal at [goo.gl/EkvvWX](http://goo.gl/EkvvWX) or e-mail Bill Maynard. Please drop off donated items in the kitchen by noon on Saturday.
- There is little more manly than frying protein and starch! So get your chef hats on and let's share the love of Jesus through food and fellowship on Easter morning.

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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## ***Holy Week, Easter Events, and Easter Breakfast***

**Various**

- “*Maundy Easy Wednesday*” on 4/12 — fellowship meal, communion & special speaker Rev. Bert Breland
- *Good Friday* — April 14 — a special worship service held in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.
- *Easter Egg Hunt* — April 15 — Easter fun for our children and families.
- *Easter Sunday* — April 16 — worship services in the sanctuary at 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 a.m.
- *Easter Sunday Breakfast* — the men and youth of the church will cook & serve 7:45 to 10:15 a.m.

## ***Lenten Project Coloring Posters***

- The posters are on the wall outside of the restrooms in the CLC. Thank you to everyone who participated.
- Take time to review the Stations of the Cross with these beautiful depictions of Christ’s sacrifice.

## ***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](http://www.madisonum.org/demo-home/easy-wednesdays) by **MONDAYS @ Noon.****

## ***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](mailto:allison@madisonum.org) or at 256-772-9880.
- 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:tech@madisonum.org).

## April Anniversaries

April 8	Lee and Michelle Hammons	April 17	George and Judith Jones
April 9	Ronald and Angie Fortenberry	April 17	Patricia and Gary Broadrick
April 9	Doug and Sheryl Hemphill	April 24	Bruce and Katherine Imsand
April 14	Mike and Patsy Ryan	April 25	Brian and Joanna Todd
April 16	Chris and Megan Henry	April 26	Thomas and Barbara Evans
April 17	Charlie and Chris Irrgang	April 30	DJ and Jaclyn Acree Klein

## April Birthdays

April 1	Jayne Daly	April 13	Maddie Spencer
April 1	Mike Spires	April 15	Debbie Whitaker
April 1	Clifford Phillips	April 16	Beckie Becton
April 2	Scott Carden	April 16	Fabiana Spires
April 2	Monica Noland	April 17	JoAnn Gore
April 3	Carolyn Willis	April 17	Dana Aycock
April 3	Toni Johnson	April 17	Catherine Perry
April 7	Matthew Mockensturm	April 18	Justin Bean
April 8	Sydney Richardson	April 18	Caleb Sloan
April 9	Barbara Whitman	April 20	Gwen Russell
April 9	Peter Anderson	April 20	Kayla Wilson
April 9	Carolyn Edwards	April 21	Sabrina Glover
April 10	Eric Stewart	April 23	Fairee Bridges
April 11	Jean Kizer	April 25	Natalie Frazier
April 11	Curtis Dinkel	April 26	Jerry Whitman
April 11	Katelyn Dinkel	April 26	Lynn Phillips
April 11	Susanna Edgecomb	April 29	Richard Whitmark
April 12	Jim Futch	April 29	Pat Weaver
April 12	Ricardo Jaramillo		

## Prayer Focus for April

- The United Methodist Church
- Commission on The Way Forward
- Madison United Methodist Church
- More of the Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts
- The One Person or Family
- Our country, state, city & Leaders
- Our elderly and our young
- Our military, police, first responders, families
- All unspoken concerns
- Michael Ballard
- Kathryn Shade
- Carolyn Taylor
- Bob Beamer
- Heather Westfall
- Kayla Wilson
- Michael Whitmark
- Beth Swanson
- Jim Phillips
- Anne Erwin
- Becky Becton
- Cody Ford
- Gary Broadrick
- Evelyn Gambrel
- Denise Rhyan
- The Coates Family
- The Ministry of John Shade and Chad McClemore
- Paul "Kid" Richardson
- Nancy Flurry
- Chris, April and Baby Effie Nesin
- Pauline Summut
- Aaron King
- Barrett Rittenhouse

## YOUTH MINISTRY — [jason@madisonum.org](mailto: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.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY — [cynthia@madisonum.org](mailto: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.

### *Easter Egg Hunt*

Saturday, April 15 — 1:00 pm

- Outside on the church property. Ages thru 6th grade.
- We are collecting plastic eggs and candy (no hard candy, please).

### *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](mailto: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](mailto:allison@madisonum.org)

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- Please remember that if you come into the church during preschool hours, you must enter thru the church office door only. You will need to sign in and let Deborah or Allison know where you will be in the building. This is a requirement for our Safe Sanctuary Policy.

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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](mailto:trustees@madisonum.org)

## Newsletter Article Due Dates — [office@madisonum.org](mailto:office@madisonum.org)

To have an article placed in the newsletter, please send an e-mail to [office@madisonum.org](mailto:office@madisonum.org).

<b>Upcoming Newsletter Mail-out Dates</b>	<b>Articles Due</b>
May 1, 2017	April 25, 2017
June 1, 2017	May 25, 2017
July 1, 2017	June 26, 2017
August 2, 2017	July 24, 2017

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



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