



The Tree of Life

May 2017 | The Newsletter of Madison United Methodist Church

Mark Your Calendar

Last Easy Wednesday
May 3
Bible Study at 4, 6:30 pm
Meal at 5:30 pm
Children/Youth 6:15 pm

UMW Meeting
May 8 @ 10:00 am

Double Nickels
May 9 @ 9:00 am
May 17 @ 1:00 pm
May 26 @ 1:00 pm

Valley View Ministry
May 10 & 24 @ 2:30 pm

Preschool Graduation
May 11 @ 6:00 pm

Nursery Remodel Starts
May 15

UMW Luncheon
10:00 am

Graduating Senior
Recognition Sunday
May 21 8:30/11:00 am
Fellowship Supper
5:30 pm

Dear Madison Church;

As Spring begins to transition into summer, we get the chance to celebrate the achievements of our high school and college students. Our high school students have worked very hard and are going on to great things in higher education. Here are the Madison Church High School Seniors for the Class of 2017:

Claire Connor — Bob Jones High School, to Auburn University in the fall

Ashley Jordan — James Clemens High School, to University of Alabama at Birmingham this fall

College students are people that are deeply on my heart. In many churches they are forgotten, but not at Madison Church. I was the recipient of a great deal of ministry and time during my college years. So, I have personally gone to campuses in two states visiting our students, to take your love and greetings to them, as well as taking them out to dinner. Visiting with them has been a joy each time. These are the Madison Church College Graduates for the Class of 2017:

Julie Groover — Troy University — Undergraduate

Anna Huddleston — University of Alabama at Birmingham — Undergraduate

Drew Jones — University of North Alabama — Undergraduate

Annie Jordan — Mississippi State University — Undergraduate

Jennifer Lockhart — Athens State University — Undergraduate

Audrey Miller — Auburn University — Undergraduate

Mike Spires — Pennsylvania State University — Ph.D.

Join with me in prayer and celebration for each of them. The weeks to come will be times of change: high school to college, college to finding the next step in their calling. However, also new beginnings! Joyous new beginnings! Isaiah said, "Behold, I am doing a new thing; oh, it springs forth, do you not perceive it? (Isaiah 43:19). Yes, The Lord is! Let's pray for our graduates as The Lord does His work among them.

Grace and Truth,

Dr. Travis N. Wilson - Pastor

Announcements — office@madisonum.org

Emergency Contact in Trav's absence

Thru May 15

- Contact Rev. Marjorie Palmer at 256-426-1567.

Prayer Vigil

- Be a part of supporting our international missionary teams with your prayers.
- Sign up for a time to pray in the CLC between services.
- For more information contact Alice Mockensturm at 512-705-1989.

Final Easy Wednesday —

May 3, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. — CLC

- Catered dinner available from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. — Adults \$9, children under 11 \$5, & family cost cap \$28.
- Youth & Children's Fun & Fellowship: 6:15 to 7:30 p.m.
- Pastor's Bible Study: 4:00 p.m. & right after "Maundy Wednesday."
- May 3 menu: BBQ pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw and desserts.
- Register @ www.madisonum.org/demo-home/easy-wednesdays by May 1 @ noon.
- May 3 is last Easy Wednesday until September.

Double Nickels

May

- Tuesday, May 9, breakfast at Libby's, 9:00 am.
- Wednesday, May 17, lunch at 88 Buffet on University, 1:00 pm.
- Friday, May 26, lunch and games in the Youth Room at 1:00 pm.

Valley View Ministry

Wednesday, May 10 and 24 — 2:30 pm — Valley View

Our Nursery is Moving!

Starting May 14

- **ReGeneration** remodeling starts May 15. The nursery will be temporarily relocated to the Bear Room (room #3, 4,5) across from the sanctuary hallway entrance.
- Check-in and check-out will be at the far north door (#3) next to the church office.
- New pager system and safety clips have been integrated to help with the smooth transitions and safety.

UMW Monthly Meeting

Monday, May 15 — 10:00 am

- Spring luncheon Connie Blackwell's. Bring a salad to share.

Graduating Senior Sunday

Sunday, May 21

Graduating Senior Recognition Fellowship Supper

Sunday, May 21 — 5:30 pm

- Church-wide celebration of our graduating high school and college seniors.

North Alabama Annual Conference

June 4-6 — VBCC

Prayer Shawl Ministry

- Will not meet this month.

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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Vacation Bible School

June 26-30 — 9:00 am to noon — CLC

- **Maker Fun Factory!** 4 year-olds thru 6th grade kids will discover they are lovingly created by God. Interactive adventure, curious kids will become hands-on inventors and experience God, the ultimate Maker, in new and wildly creative ways.
- Kids will learn one important Bible point each day reinforced thru Bible adventures, key Bible verses, songs, snacks, and hands-on explorations that will let them know they were created by God for a purpose.
- Volunteer opportunities available, contact Cynthia Stewart at cynthia@madisonum.org
- Register children online now at www.madisonum.org

Student Leadership Summit

June 5-15

- See Jason to register *today*.

Preschool Updates

- Preschool Graduation ,Thursday, May 11, 6:00 pm in the CLC.
- Preschool Open House, Wednesday, August 9, 10 am to noon.
- First day of preschool, Monday, August 14. Five day a week program starts, Monday thru Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** The Safe Sanctuary Policy requires that during preschool hours, Monday thru Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, entry to the church must be thru the Church Office door ONLY, and will require sign-in. Additionally, anyone who will be using the church premises during these hours, will be asked to submit an application for a background check this summer. More information regarding this will be forthcoming.
- Thank you to all who came out to help with the church workday on Saturday, April 29. The preschool playground drainage issue was tackled and CLC stage and lighting problems were addressed.

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.
- 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.

May Anniversaries

May 6	Wes and Mia Stone	May 24	James and Karen Mockensturm
May 7	Robert and Lindsey Barrett	May 30	Donald and Loree Sperncer
May 7	Adam and Julie Sanderson	May 31	Bob and Vanda Beamer
May 10	Roger and Debra Whitaker	May 31	Edward and Laurie Lawrence
May 15	Gene and Amanda Strickland	May 31	Steve and Joan Monger
May 22	Kevin and Patricia Glover		

May Birthdays

May 4	Stephanie Bean	May 22	Lisy More
May 4	Elijah Stewart	May 25	Jeff Williams
May 6	Becca Wilson	May 26	Dillon Collier
May 6	James Mason	May 28	Jessie Sloan
May 10	Frances Touchon	May 29	Andrew Kula
May 11	Cal Hamilton	May 29	James Edgecomb
May 12	Beth Johnson	May 30	Cooper Skelley
May 13	Alexandra Collier	May 31	Laurie Lawrence
May 13	Ashley Jordan		
May 15	Elizabeth Lavender		
May 15	Mac Varnadore		
May 15	Alyssa Weisner		
May 17	Williams Porch		
May 17	Kylee Edwards		
May 20	Marcy McKinley		
May 20	Michelle Hammons		
May 21	Jeff Mockensturm		
May 21	Jeff Clark		

Prayer Focus for May

- 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 & our leaders
- Our elderly and our young
- Our military, police, first responders & families
- All unspoken concerns
- Michael Ballard
- Kathryn Shade
- Carolyn Taylor
- Heather Westfall
- Michael Whitmark
- Betty Roberts
- Roy Roberts
- MariJane McKinsey
- Beth Swanson
- Jim Phillips
- Anne Erwin
- Gary Broadrick
- Chris, April and Baby Effie Nesin
- Pauline Summut
- Aaron King
- Barrett Rittenhouse
- Jimmie Wiggins
- The Family of Charlotte Brislen
- The Family of Ron Vaughn
- Carolyn Willis
- The Family of Milton Rowe
- MaryJane McKinsey
- Barbara Klapp
- Ashlie Brazelton

YOUTH MINISTRY — jason@madisonum.org

360° Youth Sunday Night

Sundays — 5:30—7:30 pm — YR

- All students 7th-12th grade are welcome! May 7 is final meeting until fall.

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

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.

Save the Date for VBS

June 19-23

- Register now online at www.madisonum.org
- Volunteer opportunities available. Contact Cynthia Stewart at cynthia@madisonum.org

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 behind the sanctuary in rooms #3, 4, 5 starting May 14.

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY — allison@madisonum.org

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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
June 1, 2017	May 25, 2017
July 1, 2017	June 26, 2017
August 2, 2017	July 24, 2017
September 1, 2017	August 28, 2017

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



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