



# The Tree of Life

June 2017 | The Newsletter of Madison United Methodist Church

## Mark Your Calendar

**NA Annual Conference  
June 4-6**

**Church Council Meeting  
June 4 @ 6:00 pm**

**Student Leadership  
June 5-15 @ 9: am**

**Youth Parent Meeting  
June 11 @ noon**

**Double Nickels  
June 13 @ 9:00 am  
June 21 @ 3:00 pm  
June 29 @ 1:00 pm**

**Valley View Ministry  
June 14 @ 2:30 pm  
June 28 @ 2:30 pm**

**Youth Mission Week  
June 18-23**

**VBS  
June 26-30 @ 9:00 am**

A Time for Everything

- 3** There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
- 2** a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- 3** a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,
- 4** a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- 5** a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
- 6** a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- 7** a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- 8** a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.

As many of you know my season of Children's Ministry Director is coming to an end. God has opened the door for me to return into the technical world of engineering. I have started working at Science Engineering Systems. God has amazing things planned for all of us. I pray yours will be to introduce yourself to our new children's director (only God knows who that is at the moment), and volunteer your time. Our children are so precious and it's all of our responsibilities to nurture and raise them to love the Lord and live for Him. If you grew up in the church I'll bet you can remember your Sunday School teachers and the impact they had in your life. After VBS I will officially no longer be on the staff. I thank you for the great support you have given me with encouragement, smiles, willingness to help and of course your prayers. I love you all,  
Cynthia

# Announcements — office@madisonum.org

***North Alabama Annual Conference***

**June 4 thru 6 — VBCC**

***Church Council Meeting***

**Monday, June 5 — 6:00 pm — MPR**

***Modified Summer Church Office Hours thru July***

- Generally scheduled Monday thru Thursday 9:00am — 3:00 pm.
- Friday 9:00 am — noon.

***Student Leadership Summit***

**June 5-15**

- Monday thru Thursday, June 5-8 and 12-15.

***Double Nickels***

**June**

- Tuesday, June 13, breakfast at Cracker Barrel at 9:00 am.
- Wednesday, June 21, dinner at Top O' the River, Guntersville. Meet at the church at 3:00 pm.
- Friday, June 29, lunch and games in the Youth Room, 1:00 pm.

***Valley View Ministry***

**Wednesday, June 14 and 28 — 2:30 pm — Valley View**

***Youth Mission Trip Parent Meeting***

**Sunday, June 11 — YR**

- Short meeting after the second worship service.

***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](mailto:cynthia@madisonum.org)
- Register children online now at [www.madisnum.org](http://www.madisnum.org)

***VBS Robot Making Contest***

- You are invited to make a robot to help decorate for the upcoming VBS week.
- All robots must be over 3 foot tall.
- We will judge in two categories: Most artistic/creative and Best automated/moving robot
- Bring your robots to the stage at Madison Church on June 25.
- Winners will be announced the first day of VBS.
- All robots will be put on display.

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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## *ReGeneration Update*

- Proceeding at full force, lots of workers and wonderful progress.
- The new exterior door is in place and the new air conditioning system is being installed.
- The sheet rock walls are being put up.
- Please remember that during hours of 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday thru Thursday and Friday 9:0 am to noon, enter the church only thru the Church Office door on Arnett Street.

## *Preschool Updates*

- 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](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.

## *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).

## June Anniversaries

June 4	Brad and Alice Eaton	June 19	Jerry and Barbara Whitman
June 5	Bryson and Mary Prichard	June 23	Clifford and Maxine Phillips
June 13	David and Marjorie Palmer	June 26	Craig and Kimberly VanPamel
June 15	Steve and Carolyn Edwards	June 29	Will and Dana Aycock
June 16	Jay and Carolyn Willis		
June 18	James and Cindi Sanderson		

## June Birthdays

June 1	Charlie Irrgang	June 21	Alex Dinkel
June 4	Deborah Bray	June 23	Judy Davis
June 4	Adam Sanderson	June 23	Pete Allen
June 7	Amanda Strickland	June 24	D J Klein
June 7	Catherine Irrgang	June 25	Shane Kirby
June 7	Charlie Colo	June 26	Denise Rhyan
June 8	Hollis Bridges	June 27	Pat Williams
June 12	Jonathan Cochran	June 27	Ivan Cowie
June 12	Erica Colo	June 28	Nancy Whitmark
June 13	Kaitlyn Kennard	June 28	Kay Koswoski
June 15	Mable Sexton	June 29	Jacqueline Ruhl
June 16	Andrew Mockensturm	June 29	Gene Strickland
June 17	Patricia Broadrick	June 29	Elizabeth Conner
June 17	Mike Ryan	June 30	James Apperson
June 17	Jessica Osterloh		
June 18	Florence Garman		
June 18	Dianne Gilpin		
June 18	Ginny Fichten		
June 20	David Palmer		
June 20	Donna Blackwelder		
June 21	Marc Skelley		

## Prayer Focus for June

- 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
- Roy Roberts
- Griffin Stewart
- Eugenia Atkins
- Beth Swanson
- Jim Phillips
- Anne Erwin
- Gary Broadrick
- Chris, April and Baby Effie Nesin
- Pauline Summut
- Aaron King
- Barrett Rittenhouse
- Jimmie Wiggins
- Barbara Klapp
- Ashlie Brazelton
- Sallie Timme
- Chris, Shannon, and baby Lott
- Stephen Robinson
- Juanita Lamb
- Jane Allen
- Sue Kula

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

### *360° Youth Sunday Night*

- On Summer Break. Will resume meeting August 13, 2017.

### *Wednesday Night*

**Wednesdays — 6:00-7:30 pm — YR**

- All students 7th-12th grade are welcome!
- Games and group discussion.

### *White Water Rafting*

**Friday, July 14 –Saturday, July 15**

- The Ocoee River.
- Email Jason to sign up at [jason@madisonum.org](mailto:jason@madisonum.org)
- Cost is \$70 and includes rafting, two meals, and lodging.
- \$25 deposit is due June 18 with balance due July 2.

## 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.

## NURSERY MINISTRY — [nursery@madisonum.org](mailto: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.

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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).

**Upcoming Newsletter Mail-out Dates**

July 1, 2017  
August 2, 2017  
September 1, 2017  
October 2, 2017

**Articles Due**

June 26, 2017  
July 24, 2017  
August 28, 2017  
September 25, 2017

**Summer Office Hours: M—Th 9am—3pm, Friday 9 am—noon**



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