



The Tree of Life

August 2017 | The Newsletter of Madison United Methodist Church

Mark Your Calendar

Back to School Bash
August 6 @ 3pm

UMW to Sand Mt.
August 7 @ 9am

Sewing Circle
Tuesdays @ 9:00 am

Double Nickels
August 8 @ 9:00 am
August 16 @ noon
August 25 @ 1:00 pm

Preschool Open House
August 9 @ 10:00 am

Valley View Ministry
August 9 @ 2:30 pm
August 23 @ 2:30 pm

Church Staff at GLS
August 10-11 all day

Youth Birthday Celebration
August 13 @ 5:30 pm

Preschool Starts
August 14 @ 9:00 am

Dear Madison Church,

Amazing things are happening! This month our preschool launches into a new era. On August 14, our preschool goes from three days (from 9 to 1 p.m.) to five days per week (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

As a church, our Preschool (formerly Mother's-Day Out) has ministered to children and young families in Madison and beyond through our preschool for more than 30 years. Many of you have been a part of this ministry. Many of you have entrusted the early education and early discipleship of your children to this ministry. Our preschool has such a reputation, that recently the children of former students began sending their children to our preschool. When your preschool starts effecting multiple generations, then you know that you are a part of something that is making an eternal impact.

So, what does this mean for you and others? There are some child-safety procedures that we ask you to recognize going forward:

1. During preschool hours, access to the building needs to be funneled only to the Arnett Street Entrance on the northside of the building will be accessible for entrance. Alas, no other entrance will be available. Please part in the small parking lot on the northern side of the building.

2. You will be asked to check in when you enter the building, just like in the Madison City Schools.

3. You will also be asked to wear a simple visitor sticker, while you are in the building, just like in the Madison City Schools.

Our Preschool is one of the primary means that we deploy to minister to local families with young children. It is legally and financially separate from the church, however, it is an integrated part of the ministry of Madison Church. You may feel called to volunteer to help with our preschool. So, how can you help?

1. We are always looking for more students. If you know anyone who is looking for part-time preschool care for their children, please ask them to contact our preschool director Allison Edgecomb for more information: [256.772.9880](tel:256.772.9880) or at allison@madisonum.org.

2. If you would like to discuss the possibility of coming on board as a volunteer for our preschool, please contact Allison Edgecomb, also. However, this is a specialized ministry: you would need to apply; you would have to undergo training and a multi-state background check; and there is a chance that you would be asked in another area of ministry other than the preschool. However, there are many of you with very special gifts, given by the Lord, for the purpose making eternal impact in the lives of children. So, if you believe you are called, if you are willing to apply, if you are will to be trained, if you are willing to trust the spiritual discernment of the preschool staff, then please step forward to volunteer by contacting Allison.

I ask you to pray for our preschool: its success in ministry, in success in discipleship, in success in education, and its successes in reaching out to young families in our area. God bless our preschool indeed.

Grace and Truth,

Dr. Travis N. Wilson - Pastor

Announcements — office@madisonum.org

Upcoming Sermon Series

August

- *Is the Trinity True?* -- Thru August 13
- *Moana - The Deepest Tradition* -- August 20 & 27.

UMW Collecting School Supplies

Now thru August 6 — CLC

- Supply list for students and teachers is on the bulletin board in the hallway. Supplies will be delivered on August 7 by the UMW to the Upper Sand Mountain Parish.
- Contact person is Amanda Strickland.

Double Nickels

August

- Tuesday, August 8 Breakfast at IHOP at 9:00 am.
- Wednesday, August 16, meet at noon at the church to go to Mystery Lunch on the bus.
- Friday, August 25 Lunch and Games at the church, 1:00 pm in the Youth Room.

Valley View Ministry

Wednesday, August 9 and 23 — 2:30 pm — Valley View

***MUMC Men Fantasy Football Draft* Thursday, August 31 — 6:30 pm — Youth Room**

- Contact Griffin Stewart to register at griffinstewart@gmail.com

Music Ministries at MUMC

- MUMC is blessed to have many individuals who give of their time and talents to enhance our worship experience.
- We have numerous musical groups for ages 3 through Senior Adults. A variety of musical styles are presented by our various groups and all have an active fellowship with rehearsals and musical events.
- The only requirement to join is a love of music and a willingness to serve. Help us worship The Lord in song! Contact Sandy Weisner at sandy@madisonum.org or 256-417-5672 for more information.

Madison Community Orchestra

Mondays — 6:30 p.m. — CLC

- Director: Sandy Weisner. Contact her at sandra.o.weisner.ctr@mail.mil for more information.

Inside-Out Ministries Ongoing Collections

- Needs include: jelly, peanut butter, canned meats of tuna, salmon, chicken, Vienna sausages, Spam, canned vegetables, cereals, crackers, pancake mix, syrup, soups, popcorn, tea bags, coffee bags, child-sized juice drinks, family sized juice, spaghetti and sauce, dried potatoes, bags of dried beans, toilet paper, paper towels, child and adult diapers, laundry and dish detergent, cleaning supplies, Toothpaste, shampoo, bath soap bars or liquid, and razors.
- May be taken directly to Inside-Out at 103 Gin Oaks Court, Madison, or placed in basket inside Discussion Classroom, or given to Claudette Greene.

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

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Sewing Circle

Wednesdays — 9:00 am — MPR

- Contact Alice Mockensturm for more information.

Back to School Bash

Sunday, August 6 — 3:00 –6:00 pm

- Inflatables, Human Foosball, food trucks, homemade ice cream, horseshoes, and much more!

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.

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”

New Room Conference

September 20-22 — Franklin, Tennessee

- *New Room* is a multi-denominational organization in the Wesleyan-Arminian tradition.
- The purpose of this conference is to gather pastors and church leaders under one roof, convene conversations, curate content, call to prayer, and inspire a new generation of men and women who long to be a part of a great awakening.
- **Pastor Trav hopes to lead the church staff and at least ten people from Madison Church to this event. The cost will be \$155 plus hotel and food. Tickets will be bought through the Madison Church office.**

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.

August Anniversaries

August 8	Davis and Donna Blackwelder	August 22	Larry and Nancy Walter
August 12	Charles and Anne Erwin	August 30	Bob and Sue Defurio
August 13	Andrew and Sue Kula	August 31	Jimmy and Gwendolyn Russell

August Birthdays

August 2	Joe Wassell	August 19	Sam Maynard
August 3	Cameron Sturdivant	August 19	Kimberly VanPamel
August 5	Griffin Stewart	August 19	Brad Eaton
August 6	Larry Walter	August 22	Sue Defurio
August 7	Suzie Glover	August 25	Jan Mason
August 10	Karen Graham	August 25	Rachel Weaver
August 13	Evelyn Gambrell	August 25	Catherine Henry
August 13	Karissa Edgecomb	August 26	Dolores Nichols
August 14	Amy Maynard	August 26	Paul Barrett
August 15	Terry More	August 26	Jack McFalls
August 15	Jason Noland	August 27	Alice Eaton
August 16	George Jones	August 28	Michael Signorelli
August 18	Alan Payne	August 28	Grace Rivers
August 19	Bob Defurio	August 29	Annie Jordan
August 19	James Eaton		

Prayer Focus for August

- 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
- Carolyn Taylor
- Michael Whitmark
- Griffin Stewart
- Stuart & Lillie Whitaker, and son Truett Anders
- The Waite Family
- Denece Cote
- Peggy Salter
- Sueann Watson-DeFurio
- Mable Sexton
- Pat Knackstedt
- The Family of Scott Giambrone
- Rachel Ryan
- Bill McElyea
- Jim Phillips
- Anne Erwin
- Gary Broadrick
- Pauline Summut
- Aaron King
- Barrett Rittenhouse
- Jimmie Wiggins
- Barbara Klapp
- Ashlie Brazelton
- Chris, Shannon, and baby Lott
- Stephen Robinson
- Jane Allen
- Sue Kula
- Judy Spencer
- Carolyn Willis
- Matthew Shook
- Kim Clark
- The Family of Bill Blackwelder
- The Family of Heather Westfield
- Denise Rhyan
- Colleen Drake
- Deliah Graham (in Tanzania)
- The Family of Michael Hord

YOUTH MINISTRY — 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. Resumes Wednesday, August 9 at 6:00 pm with Game Night in the YR.
- Bring your friends and enjoy the games (some edible!).

Special Event Coming Up on Sunday, August 20!

- Mark your calendars. 4:45 to 5:30 pm.
- Come ready to “Dive In”!!!!

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.

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
Interim Children's Director — Amanda Woodson

Children's Music Dir./Pianist — Alice Eaton
Lead Pianist/Youth Choir Dir. — 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

September 1, 2017
October 2, 2017
November 1, 2017
December 1, 2017

Articles Due

August 28, 2017
September 25, 2017
October 25, 2017
November 24, 2017

Office Hours: M—Th 8:30 am—4:00 pm, Friday 9 :00 am—1:00 pm



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