



The Tree of Life

September 15, 2017 | The Newsletter of Madison United Methodist Church

Mark Your Calendar

Sewing Circle
Tuesdays @ 9:00 am

Double Nickels
9.12 @ 9:00 am
9.20 @ 1:00 pm
9.29 @ 1:00 pm

Easy Wednesdays
9.13, 9.20, 9.27

Valley View Ministry
9.13 @ 2:30 pm
9.27 @ 2:30 pm

Children's Parents Mtg.
9.24 @ noon

Churchwide Workday
9.30 @ 8:00 am

Madison Street Festival
10.6

Harvest Festival
10.22

Dear Madison Church,

Let's put October 7 on our calendars, because the annual Madison Street Festival is coming to downtown!

MSF is a massive event in downtown Madison: food, crafts, rides, and music -- all the best of our local area.

Thousands of our neighbors will be at the doors of our church. So, we will open our church doors (and especially our bathrooms) to the entire Madison community.

Included with Easter and Christmas, this is the best time to reach out to our neighbors in faith.

Volunteers are needed in these areas:

1. Tent & Foosball Set Up (on Friday, October 6) - (Jason Noland - jason@madisonum.org)
2. Bathroom Monitoring and Mother's Nursing Room Monitoring (Trav Wilson - trav@madisonum.org)
4. UMW Bake Sale (Sue Ridgley - dridgeley@comcast.net)
5. Passing out water bottles at the Tent (Trav Wilson - trav@madisonum.org)
6. Passing out balloons to children (Amanda Woodson - amanda@madisonum.org)
7. Prayer Tent (Alice Mockensturm - alicemockensturm@yahoo.com)

What a great opportunity to share the love of Christ with our neighbors! Come on out and volunteer!

Grace and Truth,

Dr. Travis N. Wilson - Pastor

Announcements — office@madisonum.org

Upcoming Sermon Series

September

- *The Method: Worship*
- *The Method: Evangelistic and Charitable Missions*
- *The Method: Small Groups*

Double Nickels

September

- Tuesday, September 12, 9:00 am breakfast at Libby's.
- Wednesday, September 20, 1:00 pm lunch at Phil Sandoval's.
- Friday, September 29, 1:00 pm lunch and games in the Youth Room.

Valley View Ministry

Wednesday, September 13 and 27 — 2:30 pm

Churchwide Workday

Saturday, September 30 — 8:00 am

Calling all Hungry People! Easy Wednesday Returns!

Come join the food, fun and fellowship at our mid-week fellowship time *Easy Wednesday!*

- Don't worry about what is for dinner.
- Don't even rush home to cook.
- Just leave work, pick up the kids, and come to church to visit with your family and your church family.

After a good meal, you and your family have multiple options of study and service. Here is the schedule:

Pastor's Bible Study – 4:30 to 5:15 pm

Easy Wednesday Meal – 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Children's Ministry – 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 pm – Amanda Woodson

Lil' Notes Choir (K3 to K5) – 6:00 to 6:30 pm – Susan Goodson

Children's Choir (1st through 5th grade) – 6:30 to 7:00 pm – Alice Eaton

360° Youth Ministry – 6:00 to 7:30 pm – Jason Noland

Pastor's Bible Study, *Financial Peace*, and *Ray Vander Laan Study* – 6:15 to 7:30 pm

Choir Ensembles – 6:15 to 7:00 pm

Chancel Choir – 7:00 to 8:30 pm

This year, various local businesses will be catering our meals. Here is the tentative schedule:

September 13 – Main Street Café (Chick Poulet, green beans, mashed potatoes, cake)

September 20 – Lawler's BBQ (BBQ pork, sides and dessert)

September 27 – Casa Blanca

October 4 – Zaxby's

October 11 – *Out for Fall Break*

October 18 – Nothing But Noodles

October 25 – Lawler's BBQ

November 1 – Taziki's

November 8 – Chick-Fil-A

November 15 – Domino's Pizza

November 22 – *Out for Thanksgiving*

November 29 – Lawler's BBQ

December 6 – Main Street Café

However, such a meal does not happen by itself! We need volunteers in the following areas:

1. Set-Up Crew (please arrive at 5:00 pm) – 4 people
2. Reception and change making (please arrive at 5:15 pm) – 2 people
3. Food servers (please arrive at 5:25 pm) – 4 people

Contact Pastor Trav at trav@madisonum.org to volunteer.

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Sewing Circle

Tuesdays — 9:00 am — MPR

- Contact Alice Mockensturm for more information.

Ray Vander Laan Study* **Easy Wednesdays, starting September 13 — 6:30 pm — 47*

- Discover a video-based adult study written and presented by celebrated Bible teacher Ray Vander Laan called *In the Dust of the Rabbi*.
- Filmed on location in Galilee, Priene, and Didyma, these illuminating lessons give a new understanding of the Bible that will ground your convictions and transform your life.
- POC is Alice Mockensturm at alicemockensturm@yahoo.com or 512.705.1989.

Financial Peace University* **Easy Wednesday, September 13 — 6:15 pm — Room 57-58*

- How best can you manage, invest, develop and share your wealth? *Financial Peace University!*
- Steve Monger (financial.peace@madisonum.org, 256.348.2667), a member of our church who has years of financial expertise, will be leading this nine (9) week class.
- The class will meet September 13, 20, 27; October 4, 18, 25; November 1, 8, and 15.
- November 29 is a class make-up day just in case of inclement weather.
- The class costs \$93 per household (singles or couples).
- Please register by contacting Steve directly or at www.daveramsey.com.

Kickoff to Clean-Up Challenge

Now thru November 26 — CLC

- UMCOR distribution center in Decatur is in need of assistance restocking their shelves with cleaning kits with the recent devastation of Hurricane Harvey and Irma in its wake.
- We are having a competition between fans of Auburn, Alabama, and other football teams to see who can collect the most completed cleaning kits. They need very specific supplies, so be sure to pick up a list in the CLC.
- Place supplies in the bucket of your choosing in the CLC. May the best team win!

Mere Christians Sunday School Class New Study

Begins September 17

- New five-week study starts September 17, “Half Truths” by Adam Hamilton. Learn what’s Biblical and what’s a popular saying.
- Room 57 on the second floor.

Volunteers Needed for Madison Street Festival

Saturday, October 6

- Calling Prayer Warriors! You are needed in the Prayer Tent during the Madison Street Festival. We were blessed to pray with our community last year and hope to do so more this year.
- Contact Marcy McKinley or Alice Mockensturm for more information. Sign up during Coffee Time Sunday in the CLC.

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.

September Anniversaries

September 2	Lee and Genie Riddle	September 18	Byron and Lynn Phillips
September 3	John and Kim Sloan	September 19	John and Stephanie Bean
September 9	David and Lora Conrad		
September 10	Justin and Kathryn Johnson		
September 12	Walter and Kara Petersen		
September 16	Chris and Barbara Thomas		

September Birthdays

September 1	Dottie Patterson	September 12	Jennifer Salter
September 2	Steve Edwards	September 12	Rhonda Boaz
September 2	Wes Slone	September 14	Barbara Evans
September 2	Bret Ferrara	September 14	Barbara Evans
September 3	Tim Wilson	September 16	Heather Boaz
September 5	Stan Johnson	September 20	Flossie Hughes
September 6	Trav Wilson	September 20	Olivia Price
September 6	Sara Cochran	September 21	Reba Jacobs
September 7	Bethann Grace	September 21	Nancy Perry
September 8	Joanna Todd	September 22	Bennett Perry
September 9	Dori Carden	September 24	Alexis Hamilton
September 9	Michael Jordan	September 24	Maxine Phillips
September 9	Tim McFalls	September 25	Will Aycock
September 9	Laurie McFalls	September 25	Kevin Glover
September 9	Grace Marenka	September 26	Roy Roberts
September 10	Adalyn Edwards	September 29	Dee Moseley
September 12	Marty Porch		
September 16	Heather Boaz		

Prayer Focus for September

- The United Methodist Church
- *Commission on The Way Forward*
- Madison United Methodist Church
- More of Holy Spirit, Spiritual Gifts
- The One Person or Family
- Our country, state, city & our leaders
- Our elderly and our young
- Military personnel and their families
- Police, firefighters, first responders, families
- All unspoken concerns
- Michael Ballard
- Carolyn Taylor
- Michael Whitmark
- Griffin Stewart
- Peggy Salter
- Sueann Watson-DeFurio
- Linda Wilson
- Judy McKinley
- Matthew Shook
- Sandra Robinson
- Dorothy Bishoff
- Mable Sexton
- Patricia Gabel
- Kim Clark
- Jim Phillips
- Anne Erwin
- Gary Broadrick
- Pauline Summut
- Aaron King
- Barrett Rittenhouse
- Chris, Shannon, and baby Lott
- Stephen Robinson
- Jane Allen
- Sue Kula
- Judy Spencer
- Carolyn Willis
- Denise Rhyan
- The Family of Olean Downs
- Pat Knackstedt
- Richard Claus
- David Palmer
- Ashlie Brazelton
- The Anderson Family
- Jan Wilson
- Rick Jaramillo
- Colleen Drake
- Sheryl Hemphill

YOUTH MINISTRY — jason@madisonum.org

Youth Sunday Night

Sundays — 5:30—7:30 pm — YR

- For 7th thru 12th grades.
- Free dinner provided.
- Basketball at 4:30 pm.

Wednesday Night

Wednesdays — 6:00-7:30 pm — YR

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

Junior High School Sunday School Class

- For grades 6-8.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY — amanda@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.

Calling All Church Members!

- Ages 19-99. Children's Ministry needs you. Every moment you invest in the life of a child is for an eternal purpose. Volunteer your time and talents in Singing, Arts and Crafts, Bible Reading, or just being friendly face! See Amanda Woodson or contact her at amanda@madisonum.org

Harvest Carnival

Sunday, October 22

- Food, fun, games, and fellowship for all ages.
- 3:00 to 6:00 pm in the CLC.

Children's Ministry Parents Meeting

Sunday, September 24 — noon — CMR

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

Madison Church Preschool is in Session! Monday thru Friday — 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

- Thank you for your support and for all that helped and are helping to ready and prepare the rooms.
- Madison Church has had a Mother's Day Out/Preschool Ministry for more than 30 years.
- Some slots still open for 2, 3, 4 and 5 day options. Contact Allison Edgecomb for more information at allison@madisonum.org or at 256-772-9880.

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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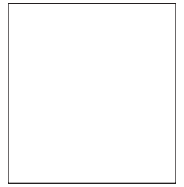
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Upcoming Newsletter Mail-out Dates

October 2, 2017

November 1, 2017

December 1, 2017

January 1, 2018

Articles Due

September 25, 2017

October 25, 2017

November 24, 2017

December 15, 2017

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