



The Tree of Life

October 1, 2017 | The Newsletter of Madison United Methodist Church

Mark Your Calendar

Madison Street Festival
10.6

UMW Meeting
10.9 @ 10:00 am

Sewing Circle
Tuesdays @ 9:00 am

Church Council Meeting
10.3 @ 6:00 pm

Double Nickels
10.10 @ 9:00 am
10.18 @ 1:00 pm
10.27 @ 1:30 pm

Easy Wednesdays
10.4, 10.18, 10.25

Valley View Ministry
10.11 @ 2:30 pm
10.25 @ 2:30 pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry
10.15 @ 2:00 pm

Harvest Carnival
10.22 @ 3:00-6:00 pm

Youth Hayride
10.28 @ 5:30 pm

MCCO Concert @ JCHS
10.29 @ 7:00 pm

Dear Madison Church,

Madison Street Festival is happening within days!

We need each and every one of you who is able and not out of town to show up.

If you have an "Orange" MUMC T-shirt, please be sure to wear it.

If you don't have a t-shirt, one will be provided for you. We have an assortment of sizes.

This is our big chance to reach out to our neighbors, help those who don't have a church home find one, and perhaps share the Gospel.

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

For the many who have volunteered, thank you! 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)

This is also a time to hear our Madison City Community Orchestra. So come on out, "orange up" cheer and volunteer!

Grace and Truth,

Dr. Travis N. Wilson - Pastor

Announcements — office@madisonum.org

Upcoming Sermon Series

October

- *Who Says So?*
- *TBD*
- *Key Christians No. 6—Lincoln Village Ministry—Mark Stearns*
- *The 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation*

UMW Meeting

Monday, October 9 — 10:00 am — S

- Coleen Drake will be speaking about her call to Kairos ministry with focus on forgiveness, God's grace, and Christian action. She will introduce Donafay Parker, an ex-inmate, whose testimony includes how Kairos ministry helped her and her involvement in doing God's will since being released from prison.
- Meet in the sanctuary. Contact Sue Ridgley for more information at dridgley@comcast.net

Valley View Ministry

Wednesday, October 11 and 25 — 2:30 pm

Double Nickels

October

- Tuesday, October 10, 9:00 am breakfast at Cracker Barrel.
- Wednesday, October 18, 1:00 pm lunch at Posey's.
- Friday, October 27, 1:00 pm lunch and games in the Youth Room.

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:

October 4 — Apple Lane Farms

October 11 – *Out for Fall Break*

October 18 – Nothing But Noodles

October 25 – Lawler's BBQ

November 1 – Main Street Cafe

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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Fall Break Church Office Hours 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

October 9-13

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sunday, October 15 — 2:00 pm

- Meeting at Claudette Greene's home, call her at 618.830.0961 for more information.

Sewing Circle

Tuesdays — 9:00 am — MPR

- Contact Alice Mockensturm for more information.

Ray Vander Laan Study

Easy Wednesdays — 6:30 pm — Room 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 Wednesday thru November 15 — 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 continue to meet 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!

Sunday School Coffee Rotation

October

- 10/8: Discussion Class
- 10/15: Mere Christianity Class
- 10/22: Stepping Stones/Faith Weavers Classes
- 10/29: Discoverers/Celebration Classes

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.

October Anniversaries

October 21 Jeff and Alice Mockensturm
October 24 Stan and Beth Johnson
October 27 Jeff and Karen Clark

October Birthdays

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| October 2 | Byron Phillips | October 13 | Nicholas Spencer |
| October 3 | Brian Todd | October 16 | Alex Weisner |
| October 5 | Stephanie Stoddard | October 18 | Lindsey Barrett |
| October 5 | Casey Kula | October 18 | Davis Ouriel |
| October 6 | Janice Vick | October 19 | John Bean |
| October 6 | Juanita Lamb | October 20 | Karen Motz |
| October 7 | Colleen Drake | October 22 | Allen Barrett |
| October 10 | Robert Perry | October 22 | Genie Riddle |
| October 11 | Ronnie Williams | October 26 | Robert Friend |
| October 11 | Robert Barrett | October 26 | Marjorie Palmer |
| October 11 | Sandy Weisner | October 26 | Patrick Rhyan |
| October 11 | Alex Wilson | October 27 | Julie Sanderson |
| October 12 | Teri Stokes | October 28 | Martha Daniel |
| October 12 | Johnny Lamb | | |

Prayer Focus for October

- Revival
- The United Methodist Church
- Hurricane victims
- *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
- Peggy Salter
- Sueann Watson-DeFurio
- Linda Wilson
- Judy McKinley
- Matthew Shook
- Sandra Robinson
- Dorothy Bishoff
- The Family of 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
- Pat Knackstedt
- Richard Claus
- Ashlie Brazelton
- Jan Wilson
- Colleen Drake
- Sheryl Hemphill
- Burma Dell Vaught
- Barbara Klapp
- Nicholas and Rasa Sarabia
- Kim Clark
- Maralee Swanson

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.

No Youth Activities October 8 and 11 during Fall Break

Fundraiser Help Needed

Saturday, October 14 — 9:00 am — CLC

- Prepare and serve food for the Hot Wheels Event in the CLC. Proceeds go toward future youth trip.
- If you work, you benefit!

Youth Hay Ride

Saturday, October 28 — 5:30-9:00 pm — Spencers'

Mac and Cheese Contest

Sunday, October 29 — 5:30 pm — YR

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.

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

- 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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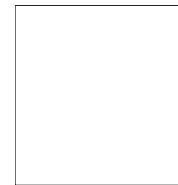
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Upcoming Newsletter Mail-out Dates

November 1, 2017

December 1, 2017

January 1, 2018

February 1, 2018

Articles Due

October 25, 2017

November 24, 2017

December 15, 2017

January 25, 2018

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