

**ATTENDANCE**  
**Sunday, 1/5/25**  
10 AM: 173

**STEWARDSHIP**  
**1/5/25**  
General Fund: \$22,528.00  
January Mission Emphasis  
Morgan Cares: Total: \$450.00

**Financial Giving:** It is an honor to do God's ministry together. Please make checks payable to "Madison FUMC." Madison FUMC also offers online payment options through the church website - [www.madisonfumc.com](http://www.madisonfumc.com).

## Happening this Week

Sunday, January 12th	Location
9 AM Contemporary Worship Service	Wesley Building
10 AM Sunday School	All day
10 AM Madison 101 Class	Wesley Building
11 AM Traditional Worship Service	Asbury Building
4 PM Polar Plunge for Youth	Cardwell's Home
5 PM First Kids for Children	Wesley Building
Monday, January 13th	
6 PM Cub Scout Pack 5391: Den Meeting	Epworth Youth Center
Tuesday, January 14th	
6 PM Trustee's Meeting	Epworth Youth Center
Wednesday, January 15th	
1 PM Dominos	Epworth Youth Center
6 PM YogaFaith: Gentle Yoga	Wesley Building
7 PM Chancel Choir practice	Asbury Building
7:30 PM Praise Band practice	Wesley Building
Thursday, January 16th	
10 AM The Wisdom Seekers/Ladies Bible Study	Epworth Youth Center SS Class

## BECOMING A MEMBER

If you are considering becoming a member of Madison First United Methodist Church, please email Pastor Zack at [zack@madisonfumc.com](mailto:zack@madisonfumc.com) or call the church office: 706-342-3325. You may join by transferring your membership from another United Methodist church or from another denomination or on Profession of Faith. Any Sunday is a great day to join!

## CASSEROLE MINISTRY NEEDS DONATIONS

The Casserole Ministry is in need of casseroles and soups. You can also make a donation of breads and cookies for visitation. If you have questions about the Casserole Ministry please call Gwen Desselle at 229-873-3033.



## Have you downloaded the Instant Church Directory App?

This App is a great tool to get to know your congregation. If you haven't done so, submit your email address to the church office, so that you can have access to the directory. For more details, contact the Church office at 706-342-3325.

**January 12, 2025**

## 9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Greeting  
Opening Song "The Lion and the Lamb"  
Welcome and Announcements  
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
Children's Moment  
Praise Set and Giving of Tithes and Offerings  
"Rest On Us" "What a Beautiful Name"  
Prayer  
Scripture Reading: Luke 3:15-22  
Sermon "The Serious Business of Baptism" by Rev. Zack Martin  
Remembering Your Baptismal Liturgy  
Closing Song "Great Are You Lord"  
Passing of the Peace  
Benediction

## 2025 Flower Calendar

The flower calendar is available online to sign up for altar flowers in 2025. Go to [www.madisonfumc.com](http://www.madisonfumc.com), click on Calendars & Events or call the church office to sign up.

## Save the Date for a Church Wide Retreat January 25<sup>th</sup> ~ 9am - 3 pm

You're invited to join our church leadership and staff for our second annual church-wide retreat on Saturday, January 25th 9am to 3pm in the Wesley Building. At the beginning of the year, we gather as a church to plan strategic ministry priorities for the upcoming year. Together, we will take time to prayerfully consider what we would like to strengthen, change, or leave as is in our church programming. Examples include, changes to worship services, education opportunities, nurture programs and mission work. We will also discuss our campus buildings and grounds maintenance structure. Come and be a part of this creative and focused work session! A complimentary soup and sandwich lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by Sunday, January 19th so we can be prepared for you. Call 706-342-3325 to RSVP or email [debbie@madisonfumc.com](mailto:debbie@madisonfumc.com).



I want to say an extra special thank you to those who helped make the Asbury Sanctuary shine this season! From purchasing poinsettias, a beautiful Advent wreath, set up and take down of all Christmas Decorations and the quilt makers who have added the handmade banners in the Gathering Room!  
Brenda Edwards, Traditional Worship Chair



**MADISON FIRST**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## WELCOME

It is a joy to worship with you today. If this is one of your first visits to Madison First United Methodist Church, please fill out a Communication Card and place it in the Offering plate or give to staff person.

A nursery is available for small children and a Children's Church program for ages 3 years to 2nd Grade during worship; the greeters can direct you to these programs if you are interested. Children are equally welcome to stay with their parents during the worship service.

## WORSHIP SERVICES

9 AM Contemporary ~ Wesley Building  
11 AM Traditional ~ Asbury Building  
Senior Pastor ~ Rev. Zack Martin

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

9 AM - 4 PM  
Monday-Thursday  
Church Office: 706-342-3325

296 South Main Street  
Madison, GA 30650

[www.madisonfumc.com](http://www.madisonfumc.com)



For our guests, new members and current members— let us know how we can help you! Scan the QR code to complete a communication card today! This will help us connect and get you plugged into the life of the church! Or simply use this to let us know how we are doing, drop a song request or suggestion!

**Baptism of the Lord ~ January 12, 2025**

**Pianist:** Lenae Rose **Organist:** Alexandra Dunbar

**Acolytes:** Patrick Johnson and Taylor Johnson

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD ~ 11 AM**

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER

\*OPENING HYMN NUMBER 139 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NUMBER 881 "The Apostles' Creed"

\*THE GLORIA PATRI NUMBER 70

OFFERING

As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

ANTHEM "Create In Me a Clean Heart"

\*THE DOXOLOGY NUMBER 95

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

\*\*CHILDREN'S CHURCH for children 3 years old through 2nd grade

SCRIPTURE READING ~ Luke 3:15-22

"The Word of God for the people of God."

Response— "Thanks be to God."

SERMON "The Serious Business of Baptism" by Rev. Zack Martin

REMEMBERING YOUR BAPTISMAL LITURGY

\*CLOSING HYMN NUMBER 420 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

\*BENEDICTION

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

\*Those that are able please stand.

**Listen Devices Available**

Listen Devices for hearing assistance are available in the Asbury building for worship services. Please see Brandon Rose on Sunday mornings in the sound booth to pick one up.



**FIRST KIDS FOR CHILDREN**

3 years old up to 5<sup>th</sup> graders

Jen Zappa, Director of Children's Ministry and Preschool

Jen@madisonfumc.com • 404-451-7380

**First Kids | Sundays | 5 pm - 7 pm**

Bible lessons, crafts, yoga/games and supper

**Parent Meeting | January 26<sup>th</sup> | 5 pm**

**First Kids Friend Day | February 2nd**

Bring a friend to church today!

**YOUTH GROUP**

Middle & High Schoolers

Jen Buzbee, Director of Youth Ministries

Jenb@madisonfumc.com • 404-434-3766

**Youth Polar Plunge | TODAY | 4 pm**

Hosted by Joe and Kathryn Cardwell

Meet at the Cardwell's, 1000 Brownwood Road, Madison

Bring a change of clothes, towel and be ready to take the plunge!

Dinner is provided!

**Youth High School Devotion | January 14<sup>th</sup> | 7 am**

Meet at Chick-fil-a!

**Youth Play and Dinner | January 26th**

Meet at the Church at 3pm. Come and support our very own Drama Dogs.

**Confirmation begins January 26th for all 6th Graders and for those who have not been confirmed.**

**Parent Meeting | January 26<sup>th</sup> | 6:30 pm**

**Youth Spiritual Retreat | March 14-16**

Details coming soon! Male chaperone needed.

**First Kids & Nursery Volunteers Needed**

If you would like to volunteer with our First Kids program on Sunday nights, be added to the children's Sunday School teacher rotation or the Nursery rotation please reach out to Jen Zappa.

**PRESCHOOL NEWS!**

The preschool has openings in the Threes and Pre-K classes for the current school year. School starts again on January 7th. Contact Jen Zappa to enroll at Jen@madisonfumc.com.

**Women's Book Club | March 2nd | 5 pm—7pm  
Epworth Youth Center Rm 202**

Next book - A Journey of Faith by Jimmy Carter  
For more information contact Jami Yinger  
at jnicole2911@msn.com



MORGAN CARES  
CENTER

**January Mission Emphasis:**

**Morgan Cares Center**

The Morgan Cares Center was created to bring area churches together to lessen the burden of independently taking care of people in our community in crisis.

This group plans to provide many tangible resources, not just monetary handouts to people asking for help. Along with monetary support, they also need weekly volunteers to help on Mondays and Thursdays, 9 am—noon. If you are interested in volunteering contact Cindy Tingle at [ctingle@bellsouth.net](mailto:ctingle@bellsouth.net), Laree Zant at [llzant@yahoo.com](mailto:llzant@yahoo.com) or Toni Joiner at [fivejoiners@gmail.com](mailto:fivejoiners@gmail.com).

**The Friends in Faith Bible Study**

begins Wednesday January 15 at 6PM in the Epworth Building. They will be starting a 7-week study on the book, Isaiah: Striving Less and Trusting God More, by Melissa Spoelstra. Contact Cecily Pennington with any questions! Childcare is provided in Wesley.

**The Wisdom Seekers | Ladies Bible Study**

The Wisdom Seekers Bible Study will begin Thursday, January 16th at 10 am in the Epworth Youth Center Sunday School Classroom.

The study will be "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha Word" by Joanna Weaver. For more information about this Bible Study contact Cindy Tingle at [ctingle@bellsouth.net](mailto:ctingle@bellsouth.net) or Claire Zant at [clairezant@gmail.com](mailto:clairezant@gmail.com).

**Prime Timers Meeting | January 23rd | 12:30 pm**

The Prime Timers will have a guest speaker from the Boys & Girls Club and there will be a tour after the program. Prime Timers is a Senior Ministry that meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at noon for a luncheon and special program. The group also plans day trips and overnight trips to exciting places. Each lunch is \$13/person. For more information about Prime Timers, contact Gwen Desselle at [jgjdess@yahoo.com](mailto:jgjdess@yahoo.com).

**Active Adults Group Meeting**

**Next Meeting in February. Details coming soon!**

Leaders of Active Adults Group: Kathy Edwards, Karen and Alan Murray, Mary and Bill Simmons  
For more information contact Karen Murray at 404-229-1295.

**Disciple Fast Track - The New Testament**

Join Rev. Zack Martin in a 12-week study and dive into the books of the New Testament. This "fast track" version is ideal for busy people who want to fit a comprehensive Bible study into their schedule. Whether you are a long time Bible reader or it's your first time diving in, this study is for you! Orientation meetings are Wednesday January 22nd at 10AM or Monday January 27th at 5:30PM in the Asbury Gathering Room. You can purchase your books online and scholarships are available! Scan the QR code here or visit our website to register today!

